



## Commander's Column

by Dick Juhl

As I sit down to write this little piece of my mind, I try to look at the events that are happening around us for inspiration. Some months finding that inspiration is harder than others. This month was easier than most.

Recently, the nation paused to remember the events of September 11, 2001. It was an event that will be recorded forever in the history books as the most horrific, unbelievable attack ever perpetrated on Americans in their homeland. It wasn't just the viciousness of the attack; it was the incomprehensible idea that someone could do this to innocent civilians that shocked many people. Those who have served in the military may not have been as shocked because we have seen the mentality of war.

Make no mistake! This was an act of war as surely as the events that led us into World War I, World War II and many others since. The difference is we don't know or understand the enemy. Our men and women find themselves on unfamiliar turf. What is a terrorist? How is he different from a soldier?

A soldier wears his uniform with pride.

A terrorist wears the clothes of a civilian so he can hide.

A soldier defends the rights of the civilians.

A terrorist kills innocent civilians.

A soldier lives by a code of conduct.

A terrorist twists the words to defend his conduct.

A soldier fights for the rights of others.

A terrorist fights to suppress the rights of others.

A soldier shows compassion, even for the enemy.

A terrorist knows no compassion, because the world is his enemy.

And most importantly

A soldier believes in a God of mercy and justice and equality for all.

A terrorist, well, he doesn't believe in that God!

Let us remember that the men and women who are serving our country today are not like these people we are fighting. They are our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and yes, even grandfathers and grandmothers. They form the core of our nation, not the fringe. They are the rock, not the quicksand.

May God protect them and all that they represent.

As Legionnaires, we have a responsibility. That is to continue to serve our community, state and nation. Let us never forget why our organization was formed and dedicate ourselves to helping veterans, their families and the communities we live in.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER **The**  
2010

# Clofer Leaf

**FREE BREAKFAST**

**For All Members**

**Sunday, October 17th**

**9 a.m. – Noon**

if your dues are paid or you pay that day...Breakfast is on us!!

**Guests \$5.00**

**Happy Veterans Day**

**November 11th**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED AND  
ARE CURRENTLY SERVING!

JOIN US NOVEMBER 14TH FOR OMELETS!

**Get out and VOTE**

**Tuesday, November 2nd**

**If you are in need of transportation  
please contact Boone at the club**

**952-474-3982**

★ *In Remembrance* ★  
★ **Richard Ersbo** ★



## Auxiliary News

By Dawne Juhl, President

The year has officially begun. We've had two meetings and discussed ideas for things to do. We still need ideas for fund raisers, though. It would be good to do something either completely new or something we haven't done for a while.

The membership breakfast will be on October 17. As usual, if you have already paid your dues or pay them that morning, breakfast is on us. Guests are asked to pay \$5. Come in and watch your Legion, Auxiliary and SAL officers in action.

Also, please join us for the first Auxiliary dinner on October 23. As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, we're serving pork chops. We got rave reviews last time. There won't be an Auxiliary dinner in November or December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 2. It may be a mid-term election, but it's very important and "the pundits" say it will have a big impact on the 2012 elections. This is how we are a part of our government.

Be sure to set your clocks BACK on November 7 (or when you go to bed on the 6th). This is also the ideal time to change batteries in your smoke and fire alarms and make sure your gutters have been cleaned out, your snow blower runs and your lawn mower is winterized. You should also make sure your dryer vent is cleared. If you use daylight saving time beginning and end to do some of these chores, you won't have to remember the last time you did them.

If you watch much TV, you see commercials. Please note that Progresso soup labels now have box tops for education. Some Totino's products have double box tops. You can go to [huddletofighthunger.com](http://huddletofighthunger.com) for coupons on Oreo, Oscar Mayer DeliFresh, Kraft Ritz and other products for Feeding America—one coupon, one meal.

Keep bringing in the can tabs, milk caps, coupons and soup labels. I cut, trim, weigh and count and then turn them in to the appropriate entity. If you're saving them on your own, please give me a count toward our annual reports. The numbers are a big deal at the end of the year to show what our members and friends do to help our community.

Thank you for all you do to help our community, state and nation. Most important, thank you for all you do for our veterans.

## S.A.L. News

Chris Hogel, SAL Commander

The Squadron is off and running as you can see by the ads inside this newsletter. We have our Fish Fry's and Omelet breakfasts coming up and can use all the volunteers we can get and there is an incentive to volunteering. The Squadron, typically at the end of the year/beginning of the next, invites all of our volunteers (you need to work at last 4 functions) to a complimentary dinner and party as our way of saying "Thank You" for all you do. This year that event was held on September 25th and what a wonderful time we had!! So if you would like to come next year, we would love to have you and look forward to having you help at any of our upcoming functions. Finally, on behalf of the whole Squadron, CONGRATULATIONS! To Steve Sullivan and his VERY successful ride for the Department of Minnesota American Legion Riders, tour of the state on the way to National Convention in Milwaukee, to raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. We are all very proud!!

**Join us**  
**Saturday, October 23rd**  
**for a Pork Chop Dinner!**  
**5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
Sponsored by The Auxiliary.  
Choice of 1 or 2 - 8oz bone-in chops, apple side dish, mashed potatoes and gravy and a roll.  
\$9.50 for 1 chop \$13.00 for 2 chops



Congratulations Ladies! The filly shoes for Susan G. Komen raised over \$4,200. That's over \$10,000 in 3 years! Our winners were Amy Fyrlund & Molly Sorenson



Minnetonka Alumni Party - Beer tent volunteers! Thank you!  
We earned \$4,000 to put towards our programs and projects!



The thirsty crowd!

## Auxiliary Bake Sale



**Saturday,  
November 20th**  
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

## S.A.L. FAMOUS Omelet Breakfast



Sundays, October 10th  
& November 14th

\*Veterans with military ID or Post membership  
will eat for free on November 14th!  
Sponsored by you SAL and Auxialiry unit.

Omelets made your way with all the fixin's!  
8:30 - Noon • \$9.00

## S.A.L. Fish Fry

(all you can eat - \$12.00)

**Saturdays**  
**October 2nd**  
**November 6th**  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



**Charitable Gaming**

**Pull Tabs**

**Minnesota Lottery**

**Scratch Offs**

License #229

**Clarence Clofer-**  
American Legion Post 259  
24450 Smithtown Road  
Excelsior, MN 55331  
952-474-3982  
**Change Service Requested**

Nonprofit Organization  
BULK RATE  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Excelsior, MN  
Permit No. 83

**Free Membership Breakfast October 17th!**

**Texas Hold'em Tournament**

## **Saturday Nights**

October 9 & 16  
November 13 & 20  
Registration 7:30 P.M.  
Start Time 8:00 P.M.

## *For Sick Call or Taps*

- Service Officer •  
Charlie Thompson  
612-210-5342
- President •  
Dawne Juhl  
952-955-3665
- SAL •  
Arden Krueger  
952-474-7958

## **POST 259 MEMBERS**

*Bring a Friend*


**Noon Lunches**  
(Monday-Friday)  
11 am-1:00 pm  
Daily Specials  
and Regular Grill

## **LUCKY STRIKE Drawing**

Sign up every Monday  
2:00 p.m. – Close  
  
Drawings held  
every Wednesday  
between 7 - 8 p.m.  
  
Must be  
present to win.

## **Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?!!**

Join us for Vikings Football all season long!  
Bring a dish to share.  
Come hungry and have some fun!  
Free drink everytime the Vikings score a touchdown!  
(1 per quarter)



## **POTLUCK THANKSGIVING DINNER**



**Thursday, November 25th, 2010**  
Club open 11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
**Potluck at 3:00**

If you need a ride, call the  
club at 952-474-3982 and  
we will gladly take care of you.