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APRIL - MAY, 2010 **The**
Clofer Leaf

**Memorial Day Events
 May 31st!**



Commander's Column

by Todd White

Hard to believe that it is spring already and we have already celebrated another American Legion Birthday. I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming spring and summer activities at the club. Again, I need to say thanks to our volunteers for making the February and March events such a success. Our Post Family really shined over the past months due all of the hard work of the volunteers, especially the additional above and beyond work the S.A.L. and new Sportsman's Club have provided.

As for our Post business, we are having some great discussion on making every penny count in donating to our community and The American Legion Programs. I hope more of our members get more involved in our regular meetings on the first Thursday of the every month. We can always use another point of view and the expertise that many of members.

During the next few month we will be electing new leadership for the year, if you are interested in a role as an officer or becoming a committee member let me or our nominating committee chair Boone know. These leaders will be facing some of the toughest issues the Post and Club have had in a while, so having strong leadership is very important.

I want to send out congratulations to American Legion Baseball Manager Mr. Peck for his recent award and thank him for all of the years of service and wonderful work he does with our local youth. Also, a special wow and thanks needs to go to John T. Huber for hitting the 60 continuous year mark as a member in good stand of the American Legion. Lastly, please look at the enclosed calendar to see the upcoming events as many members go to great efforts to make these things happen.

**Memorial Day Schedule of Events
 Monday, May 31st**

6:30 am	Meet at the Club
7:00 am	Bus Leaves
7:30 am	Graveside Service Woodside
8:00 am	Graveside Service Resurrection
9:00 am	Graveside Service Groveland
9:45 am	Service at the Excelsior Nursing Home
10:00 am	Memorial Program at Excelsior Elementary
11:00 am	Parade from School to Oak hill Cemetery
11:30 am	Graveside at Oak Hill

Social Gathering at The American Legion following.
 Everyone is Welcome!

texas Hold'em Tournament
**Saturday
 Nights**
 All of April and
 May 8th & 22nd
 Registration 7:30 P.M.
 Start Time 8:00 P.M.

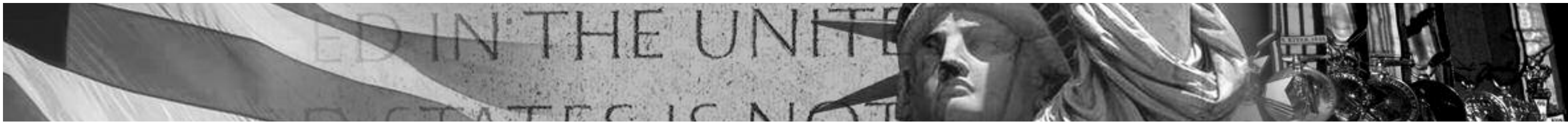
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**POST 259
 MEMBERS**
Bring a Friend
Noon Lunches
 (Monday-Friday)
 11 am-1:00 pm
 Daily Specials
 and Regular Grill

**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.

JOIN US!
Saturday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.
 For our Flag Disposal Ceremony performed by Voiture 390 of the 40/8 - if you have flags that need to be retired, bring them along, if you have never been to one of these ceremonies we encourage you to join us.

In Remembrance
 Art Ahlm, Steve Johnson, Arden Luke, Sr., Harold Lyman and Ted Rix



Auxiliary News

By Dawne Juhl, President

It's Sunday, March 7. The weatherman says it's going to be sunny and warm for at least another week. I grew up with the in like a lamb theory, so I'm a little nervous about what the rest of the month will be like.

Before I forget, we will need the usual help with Memorial Day activities. That means Color Guard, marchers, food and representation at the cemeteries. Everyone is welcome to participate in any and all. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Post, which will make organizing a little easier, but please feel free to jump in wherever you feel you can help. The Commander's job will be a lot easier, though, if you let him know you're available for the Color Guard.

The Auxiliary has proposed an idea that came from Department Commander Al Davis. Our veterans' homes have vans to transport clients to and from doctor and other appointments. Budget constraints don't allow money for car washes. At least one of the homes can get the vans washed for half price, but even the \$4 cost is a stretch. We have proposed a jar in the club to collect pennies for car washes. If we check our pockets every now and then we can wash at least one van a week. I cleaned out my change jar this morning and probably have fifty cents already.

The economy is tough for a lot of us. It's hard to maintain a positive outlook with the bad news we're faced with on TV every day. I've started a new habit that helps a little. We were told growing up that you should hum or sing Happy Birthday to time washing your hands and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star to time brushing your teeth. How about taking that time to count the blessings in our lives? I'm still crazy about my husband after 35 years, I have three great kids and three amazing grandchildren. And the water isn't even warm yet. I'm off to a great start.

So . . . I'm done preaching. We are coming up on electing a new slate of officers. If you think you might be interested in a position, please contact a member of the nominating committee, which is made up of past presidents—myself, Robin Day, Diane Sullivan and Sally Bergman. The recommendations will be made at the April meeting and actual voting is at the May meeting.

One piece of not so good news is that we are—reluctantly—raising our dues to \$25 effective with the next renewal this summer. The fees we're required to pay to Department of Minnesota and National are being increased and we need to cover our own local unit expenses.

We also need to continue our donations to the food shelf. So far we've donated about 75 pounds and I know we can do more. We're also collecting socks for the Stand Downs around the state. Both men and women are in need of new white socks and if you have an extra \$8 for a six-pack you will really make the day of a veteran. We also made our annual gift of two cases of Girl Scout cookies to be sent to our troops serving overseas.

I hope you all remembered to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. It's a small thing, but the reward is enormous.

Take care of yourselves, love each other and may the wind be always at your back.

Honor the Dead. Aid the Disabled.

★ Poppy Day ★
May 14th & 15th

Support our Veterans and wear your poppy proudly!

SAVE THE DATE
3rd Annual Ladies Day
"Filly Shoes"

August 14th

11:30 Sign-up • Shoes @ Noon

LAST ONE OF THE SEASON!

STEAK FRY
Saturday

April 24th

5:30 - 7:30

Sponsored by The Auxiliary

Club Clean-Up Day!

April 10th • 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

We want the place to shine for Memorial Day!

Charitable Gaming
Pull Tabs
Minnesota Lottery
Scratch Offs
License #229

Ode to Our Poppy
Dear little red flower with petals so red,
The symbol of blood of our soldiers dead,
The green is the grass in the valley where you grew.
The black of the seeds for birth to renew,
May you ever be worn with pride every day
As we honor that fellow for the price he did pay.

S.A.L. Fish Fry
(all you can eat - \$12.00)
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Good Friday
April 2nd

S.A.L. News

By Patrick Rutledge, SAL Commander

If you missed out on the Polar Bear Horseshoes, you missed a great time! Wow! What a day we had. I hope you will consider this next year we would love to have you join us. The SAL is coming to the end of another great season of Fish Fry's and Omelet Breakfasts. But don't worry! These events will return this Fall. Stop up at the Club and see what's going on. The Sportsman's Club is going great, we are running the grill on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 during the meat raffles so come on up for some munchies and some fun and support your Club!

Meat Raffles!
Will continue in June,
Saturday's at 3:00pm
Join us for the fun!

Last One of the Season!
S.A.L. FAMOUS Omelet Breakfast
Sunday, April 11th
Omelets made your way with all the fixin's!
8:30 - Noon • \$9.00