



Shaddrick Labeau Post 303 Fridley American Legion-Auxiliary-SAL-Riders



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4 Chaplains



At the February 3 meeting night, we remembered those who lost their lives on board the USS Transport ship Dorchester with our annual 4 Chaplains programs honoring the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the transport ship by a German U-boat bound for England on that historic day, February 3, 1943. As the Dorchester slid beneath the cold north Atlantic waves, the four Army chaplains calmed frightened men and led as many as they could to safety. When life jackets ran out, they gave away their own. Those swimming in the water and floating in nearby rafts never forgot their last glimpse of the chaplains: all four – Methodist minister, Jewish rabbi, Reformed Church in America reverend and Roman Catholic priest – were linked arm in arm, praying and singing hymns as they went down with the ship. Only 230 out of the 902 men on board survived that night.

Sandy Locker, Malcolm Watson, Kathy Bourdeaux, and Dorothy Jacobson were the voices of the 4 brave chaplains with Bob Locker narrating the program.



Four Chaplain's Portrait



Legion Commander Robert Locker

I am sure many of you are feeling like me, 'let's get this winter over with'. We had our Red Cross Blood Drive with Fridley VFW at their post and it was a great success. The next one is scheduled for April 14th, from 12:30 to 6:30 at the Fridley VFW Post. I want to thank everyone who helped put on our Four Chaplain program on Feb. 3rd. We have been doing this program every February Post Meeting night for many years.

We are having bands on Fridley nights and Karaoke on Saturday nights and the crowds are growing and I am having a lot of fun getting out dancing and maybe sometime I will get the courage to sing something.

We are now starting to plan and schedule our spring and summer events and if you have ideas of things we could do let us know. Watch our calendars both in the newsletters, website (fridleylegion.org) and Face book ([AmericanLegionPost303](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost303)) page for current information. I want to start a regular email blast of events and information as they change between newsletters. Please send me your email to mine (lockerrg@comcast.net) and we will get current information to you. Please let me know of information you know that would be of interest to other legion, auxiliary, SAL and rider members and we can blast that out to others. We would especially like to know when members are sick, life changing events, pass away and news of member's family who are in the military. It is very sad when we hear of a legion family member who has passed away and we never heard about it.

We are planning a lot of events for the next couple of months. Events like, garage sale fund raiser, pool and bean bag tournaments, appreciation days with all types of activities and with emails we will be able to get the information and last minute changes to you.

We have started celebrating each of the military service birthdays and put together a table for the Marines on their birthday. We would like pictures of members to display on the birthday of their service so send them to me or contact me if you have something we could display.

March 16th is The American Legion Birthday and we are having a Customer and Member Appreciation Day so again if you have items we might display get in contact with me.

We are here to serve all our veteran families and the communities so let us hear from you. When you stop in ask if Cmdr. Bob is in, I would love to meet and talk with you.

Bob Locker. 1601 Onondaga St. Fridley, MN 55432, lockerrg@comcast.net, 763-786-5415.

Auxiliary President Kathy Bordeaux

The winter months are flying by. I hope everyone weathered the extreme cold and almost daily snowfall. We are on the downhill slide to Spring. I for one am definitely ready for Spring. Despite the cold, we have been keeping busy. We have done well with our Friday night Steak Fries and Meat spins. We spent one evening playing Bingo with the patients at the VA Hospital. It was quite enjoyable and the patients had a great time. In addition, the Post hosted one leg of the snowmobile rally, which was well attended.

As we look forward to Spring other events are in the planning stages. March 16th is the annual Customer Appreciation Day at the Post. Meat spins, drink specials, prize giveaways and music are planned in addition to a light lunch served by the Auxiliary. There will be a Spring Children's' Carnival held on 4/6/14. We will again have a Bake Sale in conjunction with the SAL Pancake Breakfast being held on 4/27/14. We will be having our annual Style Show and Silent Auction in April. Details for these events are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Lastly, let me urge any members who have not paid this year's dues yet to please do so. We have hope to reach 100% by year's end.

Chaplain Malcolm Watson

In March we move into the spring season as we if Irish ancestry celebrate St Patrick's Day on Monday March 17 with our special lunch and musical entertainment at our Post. St Patrick's was the Bishop of Ireland who converted thousands to acceptance of eternal life through faith in Christ as our Savoir.

An Irish Blessing said:

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home

May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam

May peace and plenty bless your world with the joy that long endures

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours

April is a month of rebirth throughout our land. Easter Sunday is on the 20th, Good Friday is on the 18th.

As we read in the Gospel of Luke, Christ's followers stood back some distance from him at the Crucifixion. Too often this has been true of us when the opportunity is presented to witness for our faith, and we find excuses to avoid such witnessing. We tend to say and believe that others can do it better. Our Heavenly Father has blessed all of us with individual talents, and we are admonished to use these talents in service to God.

We are directed to put spiritual vales ahead of material. May we be amenable to acceptance of our calling to see opportunities for service utilizing the talents bestowed upon us.

Lord help us to trust you, as we walk through the Good Friday of our lives, believing that through our Savior you have a wonderful future for us, now and for eternity.

SAL Commander Jim Hennessey

Spring is now here with all of the things that pop up. The SAL will be having a Pancake Breakfast on April 27th between 8:30 and 12:00 noon. You can purchase tickets in advance for \$5.00 or pay \$6.00 at the door. This is a great value and all of the proceeds go to good causes. Please come and enjoy breakfast and visit with your Legion friends and family. Those going to the casino can have a bite before leaving. Have a great spring.

New Years Eve

Over Seventy members and guests filled the bar area on the afternoon of December 31, 2013 to partake in our Post's annual PreNew Years Eve party from 2:00-5:00 PM. Twelve games of an in-house bingo version were played with winners picking out prizes from a table full of donated items by our beverage vendors and local businesses. Guests also took their chance at fifteen meat spins packages through out the event.

Gene Kisch displays his winning bingo card and Kay Larson picks out her meat package she won.



Flag etiquette

One can show your patriotism by flying a United States Of America Flag any day of the week during daylight hours.

Remember to proudly fly your flag on the following special days.

April 20—Easter

2014 Membership totals 02/16/14

Legion—395/415 = 93.0%

Auxiliary— 226/246 = 91.9%

SAL— 39/60 = 65%

2nd annual Garage Sale

The post is holding our second annual Garage Sale on Thursday thru Saturday April 24-26 in the east parking lot, rain or shine.

Donations are needed to make this a great success. We all have many extra items in our houses that we are no longer in need of or are not using. Please drop off your items at the post starting Monday April 23.

Workers are needed for all 3 days, especially Thursday morning.



SAL Pancake and French Toast Breakfast 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Sunday April 27.

All-U-Can-Eat menu includes: pancakes, french toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, orange juice and coffee. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, kids 5 and under eat free.

Auxiliary bake sale will run concurrently.



Legion Riders Director Rick Miezwa

Greetings from your ALR. First of all I would like to thank all of our American Legion Family Members and non-members alike for all the support you give to our legion and to your riders. With your support and along with our auxiliary, we were able to hopefully make better Christmas for a family.

We are changing the time of our Bacon spins on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:00 to new time of 5:30 starting March 11th.

Reminder that we meet on the second Thursday @7:30, we are still looking for more Riders to join us.

Rick

A digital copy will be posted on our web site at www.fridleylegion.org and on face book at FridleyAmericanLegion.Post303. Bob Locker is running the web site and it is full of information about the Post.

Gambling Donations

January \$1,350

1. Dept Foundation Commander project (Legion Riders) \$100
2. Rise \$500
3. Fridley Middle School (6th grade Humanities) \$150
4. Fridley Winter Festival \$600

February \$800

1. Stevenson Elementary \$200
2. Hays Elementary \$200
3. Friends of Anoka Library \$100
4. Auxiliary Department Scholarship \$300

The listed donations are for informal purposes only. Please see the monthly gambling tax return filed with the MN Department of Revenue for the official copy. Post Gambling Office has copy on file.

Marino's Membership meeting meal —\$3.00

March 3 — cooks choice

April 7 — chicken

Bar Manager Madeleine Saltness

Please join us for Appreciation Day, Sunday, March 16, from 2:00-5:00 PM. Free food, happy hour drink specials, meat spins, prizes and entertainment. Come to dance, visit, or just enjoy the fun. Sunny and 40 degrees I predict, I do hope I am correct.

Call the bar for BANDS OF THE MONTH.

Come on in and enjoy your favorite beverage.

Madeleine

Chartable Gambling—Steve Linder Manager

Gambling is doing well. You may have read in the paper about our e-tab company Express MN and Acres 4.0 and the problems they are having. We are staying with them for now.

In the month of December, we landed in number 24 of the top 25 e-tabs sale locations across the state. Pull-tabs are doing well averaging 55 games per month along with tri-wheel and bingo is doing well. Look for some changes in Bingo in the next month.

Stop by and try your luck at the pull-tab booth.

Steve Linder

Blood drive

Fridley VFW and American Legion are co-sponsoring another American Red Cross blood drive on April 14 from 12:30—6:30 PM at the VFW hall. Walk ins are welcomed.

TAPS

Ardys (Sis) Dinsmore—Dec
Margaret Persgard—Jan

Donated Time and Talent of Members

It is time for the Legion and Auxiliary to tabulate and submit our annual Consolidate Post and Unit Report to Department of MN and National. Events occurring from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 are included in the 2013-2014 report. Some categories may result in our Post or Unit 303 to be recognized at state or national level with a certificate or plaque.

We need each of your input to get a true picture of the time and support you, our members, donate to the community and our veterans.

We are looking for your time and/or monetary donation amount you spent supporting our veterans by driving them to appointments, ministering to family, funeral support, community service, scholarships, Memorial Day and July 4th services, VA volunteer service, pints of blood donates, girls and boys state, legion baseball, scouting, or any of our many Legion programs. These are just a few, any information is better than none.

Please contact Post Adjutant Paul Orson, 612-325-2899, paulorson@comcast.net, or Unit Secretary Anita Costello, 763-786-5518, anitacostello@q.com, or mail information to the Post with attention to either of us by June 15, 2014. All reports are due to National no later than July 1st.

Membership Legion Family

Legion

We are getting close to our goal. Membership now is at 395 of 415, for 95.1%, with only 20 to go, I am sure we can be at 100% by the time the May newsletter is in your hands. To those of you that have renewed, Thank You, To those that have not I'll be expecting your renewal very soon.

Till next time,

Bernie

Auxiliary

I would like to thank everyone that has paid their 2014 membership dues. We have 226 members that have paid to date. Therefore, we still have dues that have not been paid. Your dues are what make it possible for our Auxiliary to continue to do what we do for our veterans and their families. We have lots of programs and projects that your dues help support. We would also be happy to welcome any new members and helpers to our Auxiliary. So if you know anyone that has an interest in joining or helping our veterans, please call me at 763-571-6151 or go to the Legion. They have applications at the bar.

Bonnie

Membership Bernie Chenoweth, 1st Vice President Bonnie Eells, 1st Vice SAL Commander Mike Doolittle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March	April	2014				1 Bar Bingo 2:00 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM
2	3 Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM Light supper 6:30 PM	4	5 Bar Bingo 6:45 PM Golden Living Health Care Center Bingo-Aux 7:00 pm	6 Polka dance— Marino's 5:00-9:00 PM	7 Meat Spins 5:30 PM Band-Resonators 8:00 PM	8 Bar Bingo 2:00 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM
9 Omelet Breakfast 8:30 AM-12:30 PM	10 Bar Bingo 6:30 PM	11 Bacon Raffle 5:30 PM	12 Bar Bingo 6:45 PM	13 Polka dance—5-9 PM SAL Meeting 7:00 PM Riders Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Meat Spins 5:30	15 Bar Bingo 2:00 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM
16 Customer Appreciation 2:00-5:00 PM	17 Social Club Committee 4:30 P m Bar Bingo 6:30 PM	18	19 Bar Bingo 6:45 PM	20 Polka dance— Marino's 5:00-9:00 PM	21 Meat Spins 5:30 Aux Steak/Fish fry 5:30-8:00 PM Band-Bad Kitty 8:00	22 Bar Bingo 2:00 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM
23	24 Donations 4:30 PM Bar Bingo 6:30 PM	25 Gambling Opns/ Executive Board 3:30/4:30 PM Bacon Raffle 5:30	26 Bar Bingo 6:45 PM	27 Polka dance— Marino's 5:00-9:00 PM	28 Meat Spins 5:30 PM	29 Bar Bingo 2:00 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM
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Midwinter Conference

Five Legionnaires, six Auxiliary and three SAL dual members attend the 2014 Mid-Winter conference at the Anoka Post 102 on Saturday Jan 4. Attendees listened intently during the joint session to Civil Air Patrol Cadet Courtney Rogat, a Junior Auxiliary member, speak on her cadet inspirations. MAC-V and St Cloud VA also presented.

Legion, Auxiliary and SAL held separate meetings in the afternoon.



Children's Spring Carnival

The Auxiliary is hosting a children spring carnival on Sunday April 6th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Carnival games, snacks, prizes and fun are planned for all.

Kids under 10 are free with adults and children 11 and over are \$1.00 each.

Contact Kris Miller for more details.

Current Friday Bar Bands

8:00 PM start

Mar 4—Resonators

Mar 21—Bad Kitty

Call bar for other Friday nights not listed

Veterans Day at the Hill

Monday March 17 is Veterans Day at the MN State Capital. Show your support for current Veterans issues by wearing your Legion hat or other clothing on this day.

This is a good time to find out what veterans issues our state is working on, what your legislators are supporting and who is working hard for our veterans issues.

Legacy Run 2013

Commander Locker accepts a plaque for the Posts donations to the 2013 American Legion Riders Legacy Run from Past District ARL Director Steve Sullivan during the January 25, 2014 Snowmobile Rally turn-in at Hopkins. The plaque was presented to the Post during the February 3 membership meeting.



Housing Corporation

Housing Corporation President John Litchy presided over our annual meeting on Monday Feb. 3 at 7:00 PM. Over 35 Legion and Auxiliary members were present. Minutes of the two yearly meeting and finance report were read and approved by those present. President John Litchy reported on the years events.

Main business for the annual meeting is the 2014 Election of the corporation officers with an unanimous ballot being cast for the following officers:

President—John Litchy

Vice President—Malcolm Watson

Secretary—Anita Costello

Treasury—Robert Saltness

At Large members—Dorothy Hegna, Bill Larson and Paul Orson.



Omelet Breakfast 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Sunday March 9 and April 13. (2nd Sunday of month)

You pick your ingredients for 3 egg omelet, hash brown, toast, milk, orange juice and coffee. \$7 at the door, kids 5 and under eat free. Bloody Mary \$2.50 after 10:00 AM.



Your 2014 Officers for Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders

	Post		Auxiliary		SAL		Riders
Commander	Robert Locker	President	Kathy Bourdeaux	Commander	Jim Hennessey	Director	Rick Miezwa
1st Vice	Jon Litchy	1st Vice	Bonnie Eells	1st Vice	Mike Doolittle	Asst Director	Jim Hennessey
2nd Vice	Kevin Tikkanen	2nd Vice	Sandy Locker	2nd Vice	Ed Matthes	Membership	Dan Freund
Adjutant	Paul Orson	Secretary	Anita Costello	Adjutant	Ken DeYoe	Secretary	Tanya Hendrix
Chaplain	Malcolm Watson	Chaplain	Dorothy Jacobson	Chaplain	Wayne Holcombe		
Finance	Robert Saltness	Treasurer	Dorothy Hegna	Finance	Tom Miller	Treasure	Kathi Hennessey
Sergeant at Arms	Ray Hegna	Sergeant at Arms	Dee Moren	Sergeant at Arms	Dave Knollmeier	Sergeant at Arms	Garrett Hendrix

Snowmobile Rally

The 43 annual 10 District Membership Snowmobile Rally got a warm welcome as one leg started off Saturday morning January 25, at our own Fridley Post, co-sponsored by the Tri-City Post 513. Over 25 Legion family members were served a great warm breakfast of ham and eggs, biscuits and coffee to kick start the event. Memberships were turned in from those in attendance.

When this rally was in its infant stages, members actually rode their snowmobile between posts, especially in the rural counties of the district. There were a couple posts this year that had snowmobiles on hand with pictures take by some members.

All 5 legs stopped at between 5-7 posts on Saturday with many of the Posts offering food and beverages. Two legs also had 3-4 stops on Friday night. Hopkins Post corralled us for the final stop of the day. Over 500 Memberships were turned-in by the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.



Our Sunday omelet breakfast proceeds have re-upholster 26 worn and torn bar stools over the last 12 months with the last 10 currently at the shop getting new vinyl applied. New stools with the partially cut out back are in the \$400-450 range while we reupholster for \$75-140.

Casino Trip

Treasure Island is the destination for the next Past Presidents Casino Bus trip on Sunday April 27. Bus departs at 12:00 noon and will spend 4 hours at the casino.

Preregistration is required with sign-up sheet located at the bar. Cost for this wonderful bus ride is only \$10, but do not forget your casino donation.



Style Show



The Fridley Auxiliary will be hosting a Style Show with models showing clothes from the Dress Barn.

When: April 5, 2013

Where: Fridley American Legion

Time: 12:00 Noon

Reservations: \$12.00

Tickets sold in advance only.

A silent auction will be held along with lunch and plenty of fun!
Call Sandy at 763-786-5415 or get tickets from auxiliary members.



2013-2014 Membership Renewal Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ ID # _____

EMAIL _____

Remember: If you pay your dues at the bar you are entitled to a free drink!

2014 Dues schedule

Legion—\$35

Auxiliary—\$25

Juniors—\$5

SAL—\$16

SAL Dual—\$10

Riders—\$ 20

Please circle group you are paying for.

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