

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

March/April 2023

A Message from the Legion Commander, Vince Reynolds hayfieldmnlegion.org

After a couple of years of not having an event in Hayfield to support the **Eagles Cancer Telethon**, the **Oaks Country Club** held the event this year with the support of a few of our Legion members. They did an amazing job raising **\$36,000 for cancer research!** We plan to work even closer with them next year to make it even more successful.

The **Friday night dinners** have been doing OK, but the past two Steak and Shrimp nights (second Friday of the month) have done great! We served 81 meals in January and 95 meals in February! I want to extend a **"Thank You"** to our **Hayfield Legion Baseball and Softball teams** for helping with our Friday night dinners. One athlete and a parent are now helping us serve and clean up on Friday nights. It's a great way for the kids to give back to the Post that supports them through their summer Baseball & Softball Legion season.

We have worked through most of the membership issues, but I'm sure there are more out there just waiting to surface. The sooner we are made aware of an issue, the quicker we can get it taken care of. **Our membership renewal numbers are looking pretty good**, but we have a few members that we have not heard from. We will be reaching out to those who have not renewed for 2023 in the coming weeks.

We need to make every effort to increase traffic in the Club. We have a couple of ideas that are being "flushed out," but at the end of the day, the Club exists for the members, and I would like to encourage all of our members to take advantage of our Club and support the Post.

Interested in Purchasing a Paver?

- Pick up an order form at the Legion
- OR
- Download an order form at: hayfieldmnlegion.org

A Message from the SAL Commander, Matt Nelson HayfieldMNSAL.com

The SAL (Sons of the American Legion) will be holding their first annual **Membership Night** on **Wednesday, March 1st** at the Legion Clubrooms. All SAL members are invited to attend with their significant other. We also encourage anyone who is eligible, and would like to join SAL, to attend. We will be serving a **FREE Windsor Chop Dinner (plus a couple free drinks) for SAL members and a guest, and any perspective, eligible members and a guest. Social hour 5:30 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM; SAL meeting at 7:30 PM.**

We will be giving away two **\$500 Scholarships** to graduating Hayfield High School Seniors again this year.

Come play **Bingo** on Thursday nights! It's a great way to have a little fun while supporting the Legion.

Our monthly meetings are held the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 PM at the Legion Clubrooms.

***Daylight Savings Time starts on
Sunday, March 12th.
Remember to turn your clocks
ahead one hour.***



Listed below are the members that are known to have passed away since the last Newsletter:

- Sharon Scharberg 34 years

Our sincere sympathy to their families & friends.

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Leah Milburn

We are starting to gain back daylight, hopefully that means Spring is just around the corner.

We had two of our Junior members, **Reese Bauman and Sydney Risius**, receive the **National Good Deed Award**. Reese & Sydney served as leaders at Hayfield Community Schools in promoting a mental health awareness and suicide prevention campaign. Congrats to both Reese & Sydney! We are so proud of you!

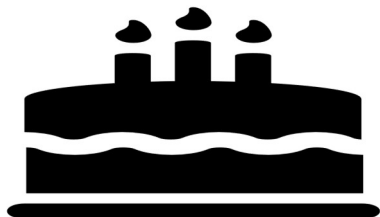
March is Community Service Month. Our Unit members participate in so many various community projects and services. (Don't forget to keep track your hours). Chairperson, Judy Kaczmarek, combines all of the work and effort our Unit puts forth so that we can show Department the good work that is being done by our members. Girls State Chairperson, Leah Milburn, will be visiting with the Junior Girls' class to seek participants for this year's Girls State held at Bethel College in June.

April is Children and Youth Month and Chaired by Madison Edgar. We do many things throughout the year to support our local children and youth including the Halloween Carnival, a Flag Contest, and the Veterans' Program. Madison has jumped right in and will be a great new Chairperson!

We are always looking for **new members**. You can download a membership form today at: <https://www.mnala.org/membership/>. **Our next meeting** will be **March 14th at 7:00 PM** at the Legion. Come join us! Take care and be safe.

**May/June Newsletter articles
are due to Sue Anderson by
April 10th.**

*Happy Birthday to the American Legion
on March 15th!*



A Message from the Clubhouse Manager, Sally Mindrup

Well, here it is almost March. I hope it comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lamb. By the time this Newsletter comes out, we will have had our second **500 Card Marathon**. The first game in January had three full tables and we had a good time. The second one was February 18th. We had a good turnout at this one as well. Our **third 500 Card Marathon will be on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 PM.**

The Lions Club will hold their Silver Dollar Supper at the Legion on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM.

Sorry, but we are **discontinuing Wednesday evening Burger Nights**.

Bar Specials:

Wednesday's ... **4:00-6:00 PM** **"Shake A Day"**
Four of a kind = a "FREE DRINK"

Thursday's ... **5:00-7:00 PM** ... **"50 cents off Drinks"**

Friday's **"Happy Hour from 5:00-6:00 PM"**

Saturday's **"Drink Tickets 5:00-7:00 PM"**

Match your **membership number** to **our number** and your **second drink is "Free."**

Bring in a **new member** and get a **"Free Drink"** every week for four weeks.

A Message from the Legion Chaplain, Frank Moon

ATTENTION VETERANS & FAMILIES,

I'm sure you know that when you die, your family is entitled to a **"burial flag"** from the US Government. However, in order for the funeral director to get your flag, they need a copy of your **DD-214 (Separation Papers)**. Our flags are distributed through the Hayfield Post Office ... **AND** they need a copy of your DD-214 to account for each flag given out! I have gotten several calls from family members hoping we have a copy of your DD-214 ... we do not!

So, please make a copy available to your family, or at least tell them where they can find it when needed. Thank you!

Duane Anderson March Veteran of the Month

Duane Anderson graduated from Hayfield Community Schools with the class of 1967, and went directly to work at the Land O'Lakes elevator in Brownsdale. He and a group of guys were renting an apartment above the hardware store in Brownsdale. All of their "numbers" were coming up soon, so they all volunteered to be drafted. They began their basic training at Fort Campbell, KY in February 1968. After basic they were split up, with Anderson doing his AIT in Infantry at Fort Polk, LA. Near the end of his training, the Sergeant told them the top five guys in a PT test would have a weekend pass! Duane qualified, but found out that it really meant he was fit for jungle duty in Vietnam!

Following a 30 day leave back home, he arrived in Saigon July 24, 1968. They "processed" at Camp Bear Cat where he was promoted to PFC. Anderson was assigned to "E" Company, with the 2/39th Brigade of the 9th Infantry Division. (Located at Rach Keim, 35-40 miles SE of Saigon) The Viet Cong were sending 70 mm mortars at them, and we were firing "four-duce" (4.2) mortars back at them. Much of their action was at night, using "Starlight Scopes" (early infra-red thermal imaging) to see what the enemy was doing. He asked a combat vet what he needed to know to stay alive. He replied "Follow me, do what I do, and stay off those nice dry rice patty dikes, walk in the mud!" Duane made Spec-4 a few months later.

Anderson had about six months to serve in Vietnam when he qualified for 5 days of R & R in Sidney, Australia. That was good duty! In October of 1969, he lost a friend from Austin and was asked to accompany the body home, but the CO nixed the idea. Duane did manage to stay in touch with the family.

Anderson was sent to Dong Tam for processing after his year of service "in country". They were loaded on a troop ship and measured for new uniforms for their arrival home. They flew home in five huge planes where they were "disinfected" with hand garden sprayers to make sure they weren't bringing back "something" to our country! After a 30 day leave, he spent six months at Fort Benning as an instructor in bayonet and hand-to-hand combat for OCS trainees. He was released as a Sergeant Feb. 20, 1970.

Anderson worked in sales for Hormel for five years, and Crowley Beverage for eight years, and began farming on his own in 1976.

Duane married Sally Crowley/Christenson of Austin in August 1970 and they raised two children: Heather and Neal.

Wayne Otterbein April Veteran of the Month

Wayne Otterbein graduated from Hayfield High School in the spring of 1969 and drove a semi tractor trailer for a year. His draft number was getting close, so he and Doug Kiser (Sargeant) talked to an army recruiter. They enlisted in December 1970, but didn't have to report until after the holidays!

They left Minneapolis in a blizzard and flew to Fort Campbell, KY to begin their eight weeks of basic training. Then it was off to Fort Polk, LA for eight weeks of AIT with 81mm Mortars. Otterbein was trained as a Forward Observer and also in the Fire Directional Center which directs the coordination of the mortars. The weather was very hot and humid. The training also included speed marches, artillery training, and jungle combat training, plus operation and maintenance of APC (Armored Personnel Carriers). He recalls the drill sergeant warning them to watch out for "Jake the Snake"! They were told they would all likely receive orders for Viet Nam upon completion of their training! Later, they learned that President Nixon was conducting an infantry draw down in Viet Nam, so most of them received orders for Germany!

Following a short leave back home, Wayne flew to Fort Dix, NJ for processing before flying to Berlin, Germany. He was assigned to McNair Barracks located near the Berlin Wall. Otterbein was attached to the Berlin Brigade with Company B, 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry. He made PFC shortly after arriving. That unit was later retired, and they became Co. B, 4th Battalion, 6th Brigade. Wayne's main job was in the FDC (Fire Directional Center) as Assistant Computer and eventually Chief Computer. They would determine the precise settings for firing the 81 mm mortars. He made Spec. 4 in July 1971.

Every four months their outfit was assigned to stand guard at Spandau Prison in Berlin, which held one prisoner, Adolph Hitler's chief deputy, Rudolf Hess! (He had been sentenced to life in prison for war crimes.) Otterbein recalls seeing him a number of times while on guard duty.

During the 1972 Olympics in Munich, a number of Israeli athletes were massacred. Wayne's Battalion was put on alert and lockdown for days for fear of rioting.

Otterbein was released from active duty at Fort Dix, NJ in Dec. 1972 with the rank of E-5. He drove truck for about 10 years, and then worked for Akkerman Manufacturing building and operating underground boring machines. After retiring from the union, he worked at Mayo Clinic for another 18 years.

Wayne married Vicky Lonergan in 1972 and they raised 3 children: Trevor, Angela, and Nicole. He is now married to Pamela Lickteig of Brownsdale.

We are again offering ***“In Memory of”*** or ***“In Honor of”*** crosses for a donation of \$5 each. These crosses will have the name of the person you are memorializing, or someone you wish to honor...living or deceased. (The person need not be a Legion member). Each individual named will have a cross. We would like to have these donations soon, so we can begin to create a wall ***“In Memory”*** and ***“In Honor”*** with these crosses at the Legion Club. All proceeds from this project will benefit Legion Veteran’s programs. Please return the bottom portion of this letter, including your donation, in the enclosed envelope to:

Andrea Reynolds - 70776 220th Ave - Hayfield, MN 55940

Checks Payable to: Hayfield American Legion Auxiliary

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Name _____

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I/We would like to order the following crosses:

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Thank You For Your Donation!

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Open at 4 PM Wednesday thru Saturday

KITCHEN MENUS ... Serving Every Friday 5:00-7:00 PM

March, 2023

March 3rd Country Fried Steak
March 10th Steak and/or Shrimp
March 12th **TURN THOSE CLOCKS AHEAD!**
March 17th Corn Beef & Cabbage
March 24th Toro or Taco Salad
March 31st Hot Pork Sandwich

April, 2023

April 7th Fish and Chips
April 14th Steak and/or Shrimp
April 21st Country Fried Steak
April 28th Lasagna

Regular Legion & Auxiliary Meetings
Second Tuesday of Each Month ... March 14th & April 11th
At 7:00 PM ... Legion Clubrooms