

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

March/April 2024

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

Spring is just around the corner and the first event we will have is **Memorial Day**. We are looking to have a member be the point of contact for each of the cemeteries in our area. This person would be responsible for identifying the Veterans who are buried there, placing the US Veteran markers, and putting flags out for Memorial Day and then taking them down. Like many things, this has been done by the same people for so long that we just assume that it will get done. Unfortunately, we had a couple fall through the cracks last year and we cannot let that happen again. If anyone would like to volunteer to be the point of contact for one of these cemeteries, please let me know or sign up at our March meeting.

We will have the **Dodge County Veteran's Service Officer** speak at our March meeting. He will talk about what is available for Veteran's **health care benefits** as well as the **VA Disability Claim Process**. He will speak to both the Post and Auxiliary members at 7 PM. We will begin our regular meetings at the conclusion of his presentation.

I am happy to announce that we have increased the number of Scholarships we are awarding this year. We will be giving **four \$500 Scholarships** to four graduating seniors from Hayfield High School who will be attending a post-secondary education or training program. They must submit an essay about **"How a Veteran has impacted their lives."** Students are encouraged to pick up an application at the high school office.

The **Department of Minnesota** sent out **postcards** in an effort to update their database. I received more than two dozen calls from members, mostly expressing concern about what it was all about. I reached out to the Department of Minnesota and got a response from the Department Adjutant. He confirmed that they are updating their database, but are also working with a book company to collect Veteran's stories and publish a book. Know that when you make that phone call, you will be asked to tell your story, and then be asked to purchase that book. I am not discouraging anyone from making that phone call, but I wanted to communicate to everyone what is actually going on. *****

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

The SAL (Sons of the American Legion) Scholarship application is open. We will be giving away **two \$500 Scholarships** to eligible graduating seniors from Hayfield High School.

Recently we donated to the following:

- Hayfield Holiday Fest
- Eagles Cancer Telethon
- Share Christmas
- Miscellaneous causes

The **AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine**, that the SAL purchased, has been mounted in the Legion.

We had a SAL bowling outing on February 4th with 14 members participating. Congrats to Jake Jorgenson for recording the highest score and Jim Burmeister for earning the most improved bowler.

A Message from the Legion Chaplain, Frank Moon

ATTENTION VETERANS & FAMILIES,

I am 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!



**A Message from the Auxiliary President,
Andrea Reynolds**

The days are getting longer and it feels so much like **Spring!** I have seeds for my veggie garden, but I am sure we can still expect more snow before it is time to plant.

March is Community Service Month. Please remember to **track those hours you donate to projects and services within your community!** Chairperson, Judy Kaczmarek, gathers this information from all the members who log their hours and shares that with Department, reflecting the work done and impact made by our members. This is important, and our Unit numbers are part of the larger picture when the American Legion is lobbying in Congress for our Veterans.

Come out for some fun on **March 9th**, beginning at 2PM, for a **St. Patty's Day Gnome Painting Party!** Your \$35 dollar registration fee supports the **Hayfield American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Fund** which provides Scholarships for Hayfield High School seniors. Registration and payment are due by March 1st. Contact Leah Milburn at (507) 272-2133 if you have questions.

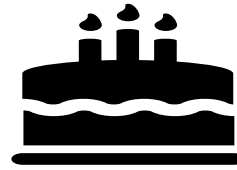
Girls State Chairperson, Leah Milburn, will be sharing information with this year's **Junior girls** to seek participants for **Girls State** to be held at Bethel University June 9-15, 2024.

April is Children and Youth Month. This committee is chaired by Madison Edgar and does many things to support our children throughout the year. The Cake/Cookie Walk at the Halloween Carnival, a Flag Contest, and Veteran's Day program are all ways in which this committee serves our area youth.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting! We are always happy to receive new members as well. Reach out to your eligible friends and neighbors and bring them along to join! We meet the **second Tuesday every month at 7PM** at the Legion Club in Hayfield.

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

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



**Daylight Savings Time starts on
Sunday, March 10th
Remember to turn your clocks
ahead one hour.**



Interested in Purchasing a Paver?

- Pick up an order form at the Legion

OR

- Download an order form at: hayfieldmnlegion.org

Michelle Towey has taken over the Legion's Medical Equipment Supply. The supplies consist of:

- Walkers
- Canes
- Wheelchairs
- Commodes
- Shower Chairs
- Tub Benches
- Hospital Beds
- Bed Railings

If anyone from the Legion Club, or from the community, needs such items on a short-term basis, please contact Michelle at:

507-421-4768

St. Patty's Gnome Painting Party

Saturday, March 9, 2024 ... 2PM
Hayfield American Legion
See flyer included in this Newsletter
for more info.

Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL Upcoming Events

MARCH 2024

- March 1 Auxiliary Members: Completed Community Service Hours sheets are due to Judy Kaczmarek today.
- March 6 SAL meeting @ 7PM
March 7 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
March 9 St. Patty's Gnome Fundraiser Painting Party @ 2PM @ Legion
- March 12 Legion & Auxiliary Joint Mtg. @ 7PM @ the Legion – The County Veteran's Services Officer will talk about health care benefits available to Veteran's & also the VA Disability Claim Process
- March 14 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
March 15 The American Legion's Birthday
March 16 District Junior Conference at LeRoy
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 19 First Day of Spring
March 21 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
March 24 Palm Sunday
March 28 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
March 29 Good Friday
March 31 Easter

APRIL 2024

- April 3 SAL meeting @ 7PM
April 4 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
April 9 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings @ 7PM
April 10 "Veteran's Day on the Hill 2024" beginning at 10AM @ the Capitol
- April 11 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
April 18 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
April 25 Bingo @ Legion @ 7PM
April 27 Testimonial Dinner Honoring Dept of MN President, Sharon Cross, at Melrose Legion Post
- April 15-17 National Commander's Tour of MN
April 28-May 2 National President's Tour of MN

Norm Hauschildt March Veteran of the Month

Norm Hauschildt graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1965. He worked at Maple Island Dairy until February 1966 when he signed up for a 3-year enlistment in the army with a guaranteed assignment to Alaska!

Norm did his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and his AIT in armor was at Fort Knox, KY. He was "held over" after completing his AIT and eventually sent to Drill Corporal School to become part of the cadre for basic trainees. His mission was as an assistant to the drill sergeant, which came with a rank of E-3. Eventually Norm was sent to the NCO academy and in the summer of 1967, he was promoted to E-5 (Buck Sergeant) and was issued the coveted "Smoky Bear" hat as a Drill Sergeant. Hauschildt was assigned to Basic Training Company D, 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Brigade to train new recruits at Fort Knox, KY

Hauschildt received orders to Vietnam in December 1967, and had a 30 day leave at home in Wanamingo. Following overseas processing at Fort Lewis, WA he flew to Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam which came under fire after they landed. They didn't have any equipment yet, so were instructed to get under bunk mattresses for protection!

Norm was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, II Corp as a replacement at Camp Enari near Pleiku, in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. He was assigned to B Troop 1st squadron with the 10th Cavalry as a "tanker"!

In June, 1968 his tank commander completed his tour, and Norm moved up to an M-48 tank commander. He was promoted to E-6; however his paper work never caught up with him. He did receive a copy of those orders after his release from active duty in January 1969!

Norm enjoyed a 7-day R & R to Sydney, Australia in Oct. '67. The Red Cross notified Norm that his dad had a heart attack, so he boarded a C-141 Transport at Tan Son Nhut Air Base for the states. They landed in Alaska in a snowstorm, and that's how close he came to his "guaranteed Alaska" assignment!

After his leave back home, Hauschildt had about 30 days left on his enlistment time. He received orders to a Nike Missile base near Fort Snelling, though he never actually served there. He was separated from active duty in January 1969 as an E-5.

Norm married Jeanette Post from Zumbrota in September 1969 and they raised two daughters; Sara and Martha.

He had several jobs after the service, including Heavy Equipment operator with Ulland Brothers and later as an instructor for the Operating Engineers at the Rosemont training site.

Bill Fahrenholz April Veteran of the Month

Bill Fahrenholz graduated from Winona High School in 1963. He helped his dad on the farm, and also did construction work.

Bill was drafted into the army in February 1968, and did his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He credits his Sharpshooter badge honors to his hunting experiences back home on the farm!

About the first of May, he was sent to the 369th Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon, GA for his AIT in communications. They were trained to provide, and maintain communication networks. Midway through this training, Fahrenholz was sent to Fort Sill, OK for training on the Pershing Missile systems. By August 1968, he was shipped back to Fort Gordon for additional Signal Corp training. He was promoted to E-4 in late August 1968.

He was home on leave, for 16 days, in September and then reported to Oakland Army Base, California for overseas processing. They refueled in Greenland, and landed at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam in September 1968.

Bill was assigned to the 1st Signal Brigade. He remembers the 115-120 degree heat and extreme humidity. You were constantly wet with sweat!

His squad of 5-7 men, plus a native Vietnamese Montagnard, would be sent into the jungle to search for signs of Viet Cong activity, such as campfires, or troop movement, and report to headquarters. Each man carried a backpack, weapons, ammunition, radios, and MREs. When the MREs ran out, you lived off the land as best you could!

They communicated using wire strung between outposts. However, they also used PRC-77 which was a transistorized system. It utilized a radio signal beamed up into the atmosphere and "bounced" back to Earth bypassing extreme terrain. Bill recalls that when you fired a weapon, you did it on the move, so the Viet Cong couldn't pin point your position. He was 4-5 years older than most of the troops, so the others relied on his judgment when under stress!

Fahrenholz was released from duty in February 1970, at Oakland Army Base, California as an E-5.

Bill married Ruby Staton on Oct. 28, 2003, and they raised two children Katrina and Pernell. She died of a brain tumor April 8, 2011.

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 _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

I/We would like to order the following crosses:

“In Memory of”

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

“In Honor of”

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Thank You for Your Donation!

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Regular Legion & Auxiliary Meetings
Second Tuesday of Each Month ...
Next Meetings ... March 12th & April 9th
7:00 PM ... Legion Clubrooms

Come join the fun!