

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

May/June 2023

**A Message from the Legion Commander,
Vince Reynolds**
hayfieldmnlegion@gmail.com

We are all looking forward to the warmer weather that May and June will bring, and with that, will bring opportunities to take part in our traditional summer Post activities such as Memorial Day Commemoration, parades, and the Field of Flags. I would ask that we all try to take part in as many of these activities as we are able to. Everybody seems to get a little busier as time goes on and I will be the first to admit that my other responsibilities have gotten in the way of me participating as much as I would have liked over the years. If we all take the opportunity to participate, when we can, Rothie Post 330 will continue to be the symbol of patriotism and service that our community has come to know and respect.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29th. We will be having our program at 11:30 AM at the **Veteran's Memorial Park** in downtown Hayfield, as well as visiting the local cemeteries to pay respect to our fallen comrades. Look for more info and a schedule within this Newsletter.

We will be honoring the **Hayfield Elementary School Patrol** kids before our **Tuesday, May 9th** Legion & Auxiliary meetings. The kids will get ice cream sundaes at 6:45 PM and we will present them with their "**Certificates of Appreciation**" at 7:00 PM.



At this time, only one Legionnaire member is known to have passed away since the last Newsletter:

Walter (Red) Nelson ... 55 years of Membership
Our sincere sympathy to Red's family and friends.

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

The SAL "**Fly the Flag**" Project is back! Just like in previous years, you will get four holidays (**Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day**) for a one-time payment of only **\$25**. If you have received a flag in the past, you are automatically on the list to receive one this year unless you tell us to take you off. Please pay by the first holiday. New people wishing to have a flag put up, should contact one of the following people:

- Curt Heydt 507-951-3936
- Kasey Krekling... 507-259-0192

If you live at Brownsdale, contact:

- Terry Foster 507-481-8280

Checks can be mailed to:

- Jim Burmeister
PO Box 63
Hayfield, MN 55940

The SAL (**Sons of the American Legion**) will be presenting **one \$500 Scholarship** to a qualifying senior at Hayfield High School at the May Awards Program. Congratulations!

Harry Kerr, a Vietnam Veteran, is going to come to Hayfield High School on **Monday, May 15 at 8:15 AM** to speak to the 7-12 graders. **He is a great speaker!** SAL is sponsoring this and we are donating \$250 in his name to the Purple Heart Chapter 7110. **All are welcome to come listen to him.** Just check in at the High School Office. We are doing this as part of our Memorial Day celebration.

The **SAL Field in Hayfield** is ready for lots of use again this summer with a **new irrigation system** installed recently. We continue to make upgrades on the field so the Hayfield Community youth have a nice place to play Baseball.

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Leah Milburn

Happy Spring to All! The warmer temps make everything seem just a bit better and brighter and the Auxiliary will be jumping right into spring as we begin working **Thursday night Bingo in mid-May**. We always are in need of card sellers and callers for these nights, so please reach out if you would like to help any Thursday at 7 PM.

Crosses for Flanders Field are available for purchase to honor or to remember someone important in your life. **Order forms** were included in the **last Newsletter** or you can pick one up at the Legion. Crosses are \$5 each.

May is Poppy Month. Start looking for poppies around our communities and please consider donating. In May we wear the poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

Finally, after 2 years, I will be stepping down as our Unit's President. I have fully enjoyed my time learning and helping with our organization. I know our next President will continue the success of our Hayfield Legion Auxiliary.

Take care, stay safe, and **God Bless the USA!**

<p>Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find this year's information about the "Field of Flags." Your continued support will be appreciated.</p>

For a donation of \$5 each, the Auxiliary is offering individual crosses to be designated "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" any individuals on our Flanders Field Wall Display located in the Hayfield American Legion dining area. (Veterans and non-veterans). Forms were included in the previous Newsletter mailing, or are available at the Post Clubrooms. You can mail your requests to: Andrea Reynolds, - 70776 220th Ave - Hayfield, MN 55940. (Please print clearly)!

A Message from the Clubhouse Manager Sally Mindrup

Well, it seems like the long winter might be over. The last few days make a person want to get out into the garden. A couple weeks ago my brother asked if he could tap our maple trees. Actually, I don't pay too much attention to what kind of trees we do have out back. Well, he tapped half of the trees and got Brooke involved, and they boiled off sap to make real maple syrup. It sure takes a lot of gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup!

May brings the **Legion's Memorial services** and the **chicken dinner**. We will start serving at **11:30 AM** and go **until 2:00 PM**. Graduation is always a happy, sad, and exciting time. Calli will be graduating this year. I have always had grandkids to help with the Friday suppers. Calli works at the nursing home now. But I have had the ball players and their parents helping and that has worked out really well.

The Hayfield American Legion will be holding **Memorial Day Services** at area cemeteries on **Monday, May 29, 2023** at these approximate times:

POST 330 MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY APPROXIMATE TIME SCHEDULE

8:05 AM	Trinity @ Waltham
8:25 AM	St. Michael's @ Waltham
8:50 AM	Greenwood S. of Brownsdale/Hwy 56
9:15 AM	Waltham, S. of Waltham-Hwy 56
9:35 AM	St. Johns-S. of Sargeant (Coffee)
10:10AM	Evanger
10:25AM	West St. Olaf (Coffee)
11:10AM	Fairview, Hayfield
11:30AM	Memorial Day Program in Hayfield at Veteran's Memorial Park

In case of **inclement weather**, the program will be moved to the **Hayfield High School Gym**. A **chicken dinner** will be **served** at the Legion from **11:30 AM-2:00 PM**. The **bus** for the "**Legion Marchers**" will leave the Legion at **7:30 AM**

“Field of Flags” - Saturday, June 24, 2023

Hayfield American Legion Post 330 is proud to again sponsor a “Field of Flags” during the Hayfield Fire Department Chicken Fry and Dance. This “Field of Flags” will be located on the lawn at Hayfield's Field Crest Care Center on Highway 30. **A short ceremony will be held at that location at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 24, 2023.**

These flags are dedicated to all Americans - not just for our Veterans. Please help us by dedicating a flag to someone special in your life or for a family member ... living or deceased. If you would like a flag placed at the “Field of Flags,” we are asking for a **\$20 donation**. (Other contributions will be accepted also). **Please send your donation, along with the form at the bottom of this page to:**

Hayfield Legion Post 330 – PO Box 448 - Hayfield, MN 55940

Checks can be made payable to: Hayfield Post 330

If you have questions, feel free to contact Commander Vince Reynolds at 507-251-6919, Mike Stasko at 507-696-1406, or Pat Towey at 507-421-4770.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the flags (June 21st @ approximately 4:30 PM) and take them down the week after.

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Dedicate flag(s) to: _____

Dedicated by: _____

David Haukom May Veteran of the Month

David M Haukom graduated from Hayfield in the spring of 1959 and worked with a young Air Force veteran who highly recommended he join the Air Force. So, he talked to a recruiter and went to Minneapolis for his physical on October 6, 1959. He passed the test, and while they were waiting, a sergeant asked "Who wants to go right now?" Dave thought "Why not". So he walked across the street to the train depot and three days later he was at Lackland AFB near San Antonio!

In November 1959 he made E-2, and had orders for Chanute AFB at Rantoul, IL for Ground Power School.

In March, 1960, he received orders for Minot AFB in ND. Someone there discovered he could type (thanks to HHS and Miss Blanche Thronson!) Dave was assigned to Special Weapons as a Clerk Typist! He discovered Blaine Jenson from Hayfield was stationed there and Blaine took Haukom "under his wing" and helped him get settled in.

The Weapons Section, where Haukom worked, was a nuclear site with "air to air" missiles for the F-106 fighter planes. Nearly everything Dave handled was "Top Secret" and had to be absolutely perfect. Make a mistake...start over! In Sept. '61, Haukom was transferred to the Strategic Air Command and was clerk for the Bomber/Tanker squadron. Their job was to keep the KC-135 aerial tankers and the B-52 bombers ready to fly. The Cuban Missile crisis kept them "on Alert" with planes constantly in the air to Turkey and Alaska. Dave's assignment was to keep track of all the personnel involved!

In 1963, Haukom was assigned TDY as a clerk to Eielson AFB (Fairbanks, AK) for 90 days. He was released from active duty on Oct. 4, 1963 as an Airman 1st Class. and discharged Oct. 4, 1965. He spent one year as SSgt (E5) in the Army Reserves in Rochester and one year in the Air Force Reserves in Mpls as a SSgt (E-5).

David was part of an Honor Flight to Washington DC Sept. 2022. Haukom has two children: Lori and Lanny

Charles Williams June Veteran of the Month

Charles Williams graduated from Hayfield High School in 1961. He worked numerous jobs including "railroad section gang" prior to his induction into the army on March 1964. Williams remembers riding the bus from Austin to the induction center in Minneapolis and shipping out later that same day!

Williams did his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO with Company E, 5th Battalion, 3rd Regiment. In May 1964, he was sent to Fort Gordon, GA for AIT (Advanced Individual Training) with the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion. They were trained in heavy equipment, and building bridges, roads and runways. He was also trained as a demolition specialist with a MOS 12-B-20.

Charles had a one-week leave to come home before shipping out for Vietnam in Sept '65. Williams was selected to be part of a 50-man "Advance Party" whose mission was to secure and set-up a brand new campsite near Qui Nhon, Vietnam for the 299th Combat Engineers Battalion. The flight of more than 9,000 miles took 43 hours in a C-130 (cargo transport), with stops at Travis Air Force Base, Honolulu, Wake Island, Okinawa, Guam, and finally landing at the Quivam Air Strip in Vietnam.

Williams was selected as "Soldier of the Month" for the 299th Combat Engineers while in "the states" and again in Vietnam. He also received a special commendation from the battalion commander for a job well-done while helping to develop their new campsite out of the jungle in Vietnam!

Charles was released from active duty at Oakland, CA, in March 1966, with a rank of Sergeant (E-5). He returned home to farm with his dad until David passed away. He farmed for 30+ years while holding down full-time jobs with numerous employers. Several years after release, he was called (in error) to Camp McCoy, WI for two weeks of "Reserves" training!

Charles married Judy (Johnson) on October 29, 1966 and they raised a son, Mike. Judy passed away October 7, 2019.

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LEGION HOURS

Open at 4 PM Wednesday thru Saturday

KITCHEN MENUS ... SERVING 5:00 – 7:00 PM

May, 2023

Friday, May 5 Meatloaf
Friday, May 12 Steak & or Shrimp
Friday, May 19 Country Fried Steak
Friday, May 26 Windsor Chop

June, 2023

Friday, June 2 Hot Pork
Friday, June 9 Steak & or Shrimp
Friday, June 16 Country Fried Steak
Friday, June 23 Windsor Chop
Friday, June 30 Meatball & Mushroom Gravy

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day Chicken Dinner ... Served from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Regular Legion & Auxiliary Meetings are held the second Tuesday of
each month at 7:00 PM ... Next meetings ... **May 9th & June 13th**
Hayfield Legion Clubrooms