

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

November/December 2022

A Message from the Legion Commander, Vince Reynolds

Over the past couple of months, we have been working on putting together our **Constitution and By-laws**. If you have not yet had a chance to see the latest draft version, you can download it from our website. We will be voting to approve them at our November meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know and be sure to be at the November meeting to vote.

I continue to receive communication from members who are upset that their **Membership Cards** do not reflect the accurate years of continuous membership. This is a problem that we can easily correct if we know about it. Please send an email and we will get an accurate membership card to you right away.

I hope to see many of our members at our **Veteran's Day Program** at the Hayfield School on **Friday, November 11th**, and at our **Post Everlasting Ceremony on Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 PM**. Our Veteran's Day Program will be held at **8:30 AM** for the **High School** students and at **9:15 AM** for the **Elementary** students. The **speaker** is going to be **Mike Parry, 1st District, Area Two Vice Commander**.

Visit the Legion Website at:
Hayfieldmnlegion.org

Send the Legion an E-Mail at:
Hayfieldmnlegion@gmail.com

A Message from the SAL Commander, Matt Nelson

We have scheduled our annual **SAL Liver & Onion Dinner** for **Saturday, November 5th** at the Legion Clubrooms. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 PM. **Free-Will** offering for all you can eat.

A "**Big Thank You**" to all that bought a flag for our **Fly the Flag Project** this year. We had great success with it. We will be doing it again next year. SAL has sent invoices to those who have not paid for this year's flags. If you received an invoice, but have already paid, please ignore. Others may send your \$25 payment to: **Jim Burmeister – PO Box 63 – Hayfield MN 55940**

Please visit our **SAL website**. Check it out at: **Hayfieldmnsal.com**

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

Please consider joining the **SAL (Sons of the American Legion)**. We can always use new voices and support. SAL meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Legion Clubrooms. The next meeting will be November 2nd.

**Post Everlasting Ceremony
Hayfield Legion Clubrooms
Sunday, November 13th ... 6PM**

**A Message from the Auxiliary President,
Leah Milburn**

The fall is quickly fading away and our Auxiliary Unit has been busy. We ended October by participating in the Halloween Carnival with a Cake Walk. The area children always enjoy the cupcakes they can win by playing. Halloween coloring books were also distributed to the Hayfield Elementary students for some added fun.

Happy 102nd Birthday to the Hayfield American Legion Auxiliary on November 10th.

The Auxiliary will be participating in **Veteran's Day** activities in several ways. We'll be joining the Legionnaires for the program at the school on Friday, **November 11th** at 8:30 AM. At Field Crest Care Center, they currently have six Veterans. We will be giving them gifts as a **Thank You** for their service to our country.

Post Everlasting is set for Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 PM in the Legion Clubroom. This ceremony is to honor our departed Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL members that have passed the last year.

Poultry Bingo is slated for Monday, November 14th beginning at 7:00 PM. Come out for twenty-five cent Bingo and a chance to win a turkey or ham.

The week of November 15-19 we will celebrate **American Education Week** and our Education Chair, Lori Kindschy, will be busy with honoring our local education staff and the importance they serve in educating our area youth.

Then it's gobble till you wobble ... **Happy Thanksgiving** on Thursday, **November 25th!**

As we enter December, we are excited to be providing **Family Bingo** again for **Hayfield's Holiday Fest** slated for Saturday, **December 3rd**. This was such a fun community event last year! We hope to see you out and about and stop in to the Legion for **Bingo** from **3:00-5:00 PM**.

Our annual **Holiday Party** will be **Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM**. Please join us for a great night of camaraderie, laughter, and fun. We ask everyone to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament (under \$5) for a fun gift exchange, a snack/dish to share, and an item to donate to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry. Highly needed items are: salad dressing, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, cake/muffin/brownie mixes, brown and powdered sugar, pudding/jello, baking soda/powder, spices, snacks, canned

salmon, Spam, canned beans/fruits/vegetables, jelly, alfredo sauce, ramen noodles, and juice.

**A Message from the Legion Chaplain,
Frank Moon**

Listed below are the Legionnaire, Auxiliary, & SAL members that are known to have passed away since the last Newsletter:

- Tom Hanson
- Mary Demmer

Our sincere sympathy to their families & friends.

A Message from the Auxiliary Membership Chairperson, Marcia Bungum

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who have paid their membership dues for 2023.

Let's try to get 100% paid up members by the end of December. You can pay your dues by sending a \$30 check to: Marcia Bungum - 27491 State Hwy 30 - Hayfield, MN 55940 **OR** by paying online by going to www.mnala.org Thank You!



**A Message from the Club Manager,
Sally Mindrup**

Lots of things coming up! **November 5th** is SAL's famous **Liver and Onions Dinner**, (with meatballs too) at the Legion.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Dave & Judy Kaczmarek!

Don't forget to get out and **VOTE** on Tuesday, **November 8th**. I've been on the Waltham election board every election for a long time. It's really great to see everyone when they get out and VOTE!

Friday, **November 11th** is **Veterans Day**. The kids at school really enjoy the Veterans coming to the school.

Sunday, **November 13th**, is **Post Everlasting**. Coffee, cookies and hot apple cider will be served.

Poultry Bingo will be Monday, **November 14th**. Everyone welcome, so come and play for twenty-five cents a card. It's always a fun night.

Saturday, **November 19th**, is **Area Rally Day** from 10AM to 2PM. Lunch at noon. Chili, grilled cheese, and a bar. Free will offering.

Flip the calendar page and Saturday, December 3rd, is **Holiday Bingo** from **3:00 - 5:00 PM** at the Legion.

Tom and Jerrys ... Friday, **December 23rd** starting at 4:00 PM at the Legion.

New Year's Eve will be an open juke box night. Party favors and champagne at midnight ... if I can pop the champagne cork!!! I'll have to do it as Brooke will be in Florida for her son, and my Grandson, Cody's wedding. Megan will be in Florida too, for the holidays, and Diane is "Grandma's Day Care" for New Year's Eve. So, the Legion is looking **for one or two "on-call" bartenders**. If interested in the position, stop in or give me a call.

Watch for **500 cards** to start again in January.

Danette has been doing a great job in the kitchen. We've started **Burger Baskets on Wednesday Night** from 5:00-7:00 PM. Stop in & have a burger and fries.

The kitchen will be open for **appetizers** from 8-10:00 PM on **Friday night, after home games**.

Listed below are a few different things we are going to try out in the bar:

- Bring in a **New Member**, get a free drink every week for a month.
- Have your **Membership Card** and match the last number(s) with our number and get a free drink.
- **Wednesday ... Shake-a-Day**
4:00 – 5:00 PM
4 of a kind = a free drink
- **Thursday ... Happy Hour**
5:00 – 7:00 PM
50 cents off per drink.
- **Friday ... Happy Hour**
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Half price bar pour drinks & \$1.00 off call drinks.
- **Saturday ... Tickets**
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Full price...1/2 price... \$1.00

I hope everyone has a **Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!**

Articles for the January/February Newsletter
are due
December 10th to Sue Anderson

Regular Legion & Auxiliary Meetings are scheduled for the SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 7:00 PM.

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Legion Hours

Open @ 4:00 PM Wednesday thru Saturday

Kitchen Menus ... Serving Every Friday ... 5:00-7:30 PM

NOVEMBER, 2022 MENUS

Nov. 4th Meatloaf
Nov. 11th Steak and/or Shrimp
Nov. 18th Toro or Taco Salad
Nov. 25th Philly Steak & Fries

DECEMBER, 2022 MENUS

Dec. 2nd Hot Pork Sandwich
Dec. 9th Steak and/or Shrimp
Dec. 16th Goulash W/Garlic Toast
Dec. 23rd Country Fried Steak
Dec. 30th Chicken Tender Melt & Fries

Dallas Ausrud Nov. '22 Veteran of the Month

Dallas Ausrud graduated from Hayfield High School in 1964. He attended Austin Vocational School in the Machining Program while working as a milk truck driver and later as a lab assistant at the Hormel Institute. Ausrud was hired by IBM in March of 1966.

His draft number was getting close, and he wanted to serve in the Air Force. He enlisted in the Air Force on February 20, 1967. Dallas remembers riding the bus from Rochester to Minneapolis and staying at the Andrews Hotel. After processing, they rode a bus to Lackland AFB near San Antonio. He recalls they arrived about 3:00 am and were back up at 5:00 am for PT and processing! The first week was mostly "Detail" and KP duty while the company waited for the full complement of troops to arrive to begin Basic Training. He was promoted to Airman 3rd Class upon graduating from basic.

Ausrud was assigned to Radio Equipment Tech School at Keesler AFB at Biloxi, Mississippi. Dallas and Carol (Rocek of Hayfield) had been married in Sept 1966, and she was able to join him at Keesler. They lived near the post and Carol worked for an attorney. Dallas was promoted to Airman 2nd Class upon completion of this training.

After completing his schooling, Ausrud was assigned to the 5th Mobile Communications Group at Warner Robbins AFB south of Macon Georgia. They were expected to be ready for deployment anywhere in the world in 24 hours. They experienced numerous "alerts", but were never deployed. Dallas was promoted to Airman 1st Class at the completion of this training. They have fond memories of a leave he had before shipping out to Korea. They traveled to Florida to take in the sights of Cypress Gardens and Cape Canaveral.

The next assignment for Ausrud was at Eglin AFB (East of Mobile, AL) for Combat Survival training in preparation for deployment. At this point, Carol moved home with her parents. Dallas got orders for Korea in June 1969. He flew to McChord AFB, Washington for more processing before flying to Japan, and eventually to South Korea. He arrived at Tacheon AFB, (SE Korea) and worked with a small Communications Group (a total of seven troops) and later was moved to Osan AFB (not far from the DMZ). Dallas recalls the extreme heat and humidity that summer.

Ausrud was released from active duty on October 13, 1969 at McChord AFB as an E-4 (Senior Airman), flew back to Minnesota and returned to work at IBM at Rochester in January 1970.

Dallas and Carol raised three children: Craig, Chris and Becky.

Chet Boyd December '22 Veteran of the Month

Chet Boyd was a member of the class of 1975 at Blooming Prairie High School, though he signed up for a two-year enlistment with the army in November of 1973!

Boyd did his basic training in the rain, drizzle, snow and ice at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He had a two-week leave to spend Christmas at home with his family, and then finished his basic training in early March.

Chet's AIT was at Fort Sill, OK on the "Honest John" missiles, plus the next class of missiles, called the "Lance" missile system. They were both nuclear-capable surface-to-surface rockets. The training was intense as they assembled, loaded and launched these track-mounted missiles. He made E-2 upon graduation.

Following a 30 day leave, Chet went to Fort Dix, NJ for processing, and then boarded a plane for Germany. He was assigned to the First Infantry Division at Hurlzelganera, a small military base 20 miles S.E. of Nuremberg. At the time, they were phasing out of the "Honest John" missile system and replacing them with the "Lance" system. Boyd was responsible for training the team in the new rocket system. He made Spec. 3 shortly after he completed the change-over.

Chet was sent to White Sands, NM for a week of training where their crew actually fired the "dummy" warheads. His team came within 20 feet of the intended target! Upon return he was put in charge of 18 men and given Sergeant Stripes...but not Sergeant pay!

In 1974, Boyd's older brother Calvin, was stationed at Nuremberg for a short time, but unfortunately their schedules never matched up for a personal get-together!

In late '74, the entire 1st Division was put "on alert", to get ready for shipment to Vietnam as they were still using old "Honest John" missiles there. Chet was thankful that order was eventually canceled!

Early 1975, they were sent to Crete for more training. A time of high stress for Boyd's nuclear rocket team occurred the day they were given the order to stop "assembly" and cover the weapon. It turned out a Soviet sub had surfaced just off-shore! He also remembers making numerous scary trips to Spain in Huey and/or Chinook helicopters to bring back nuclear warheads for their rockets!

In November '75, Boyd flew to Fort Dix, NJ to be mustered out as an E-4. He joined the National Guard at Austin and completed his 8-year commitment with that Transportation company. He worked several jobs, spending 20 years with Jerome Foods at Dodge Center.

Chet married Michonne Nelson in August of 1979 and they raised three children: Jesse, Derek, and Emily