

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

September/October, 2022

A Message from the Legion Commander, Vince Reynolds

I am humbled and honored to be the next **Commander of Rothie Post**. I hope the next two years continue to see our Post grow and stay as committed to our members and the community as we have been for the past 100 years. The most present issue for our membership is the membership renewal process. The Department of Minnesota, and National, are working through the pain of going to a new membership system. "The years of membership being 1 and member since 2022" were poorly worded on the renewal letter sent out. Your new membership cards do reflect the accurate information. We also received renewal notices that still had Richard Jensen's address on them. This has been corrected with the submission of an updated form called a Post Data Report. Renewal notices being sent to Richard are being forwarded to his daughter, Cheryl, and I will get them from her as they arrive. Future membership renewals will be sent to our post office box in Hayfield ... **Hayfield American Legion – PO Box 448 – Hayfield, MN 55940**. I would recommend that members establish an on-line profile and account through **mylegion.org**. This allows you to easily renew and track your membership.

We have hired a new person to take care of our kitchen. **Danette Harvey** will be planning and preparing meals starting on Friday, September 2nd. We look forward to having her on board and resuming our Friday night meals. Sally Mindrup will continue to serve as Club Manager, taking care of the business side of the bar and kitchen.

I hope to see you at the Legion!

Message from the SAL Commander, Matt Nelson

Our last **Fly the Flag** holiday will be **Labor Day** weekend. Thanks to all who participated again this year. The proceeds go to help our communities. If you haven't already paid, please send your \$25 check to: Jim Burmeister – PO Box 63 – Hayfield, MN 55940.

The SAL will be helping with Thursday night **Bingo** during the months of **August thru October**. It's a great way to have a little fun while supporting the Legion family.

Congratulations to the **Legion Baseball and Softball teams** on a great season-ending tourneys!

Plans are in the making for our annual **Liver & Onions Dinner** on Saturday, November 5th. More info later.

The SAL meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Legion Clubrooms.

Listed below is a member that passed away since the last Newsletter:

Daryl McGowan ... 49 Year Member

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Daryl and his family and friends.

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Leah Milburn

The summer always slips by so quickly, but fall is always one of my favorite seasons.

A huge **Thank You** to our Auxiliary members who volunteered to work Thursday night **Bingo** from June until the beginning of August. This is a great fundraiser event for our Unit to support our mission, so we greatly appreciate those who donate their time.

We want to **Welcome our Officers** for the **2022-2023** year.

President	Leah Milburn
1 st Vice	Pat Nelson
2 nd Vice	Andrea Reynolds
Treasurer	Deb Towey
Secretary	Lana Mindrup
Sargent @ Arms	Sue Hyland
Exec. Committee	Betty Moon & Barb Oakland
Chaplain	Diane Boley
Parliamentarian	JoAnn Buck

September brings Junior Activities Month and our **Chair, Michelle Towey**, always does a great job of keeping our Junior Auxiliary members busy. **October is Education Month** and I want to **Thank Betty Moon** for her many years as serving as our **Education Chair** and doing an absolute phenomenal job. **Lori Kindschy** will be stepping into the role starting this year and we know she will continue to maintain the same excellence Betty did in the past. I also want to **Thank JoAnn Buck** for serving as the **Service to Veterans Chair** for many years. We are currently still seeking an individual to fill this role. If you would like to become more involved, please consider this **Chairmanship**.

Don't forget our **Membership Dinner** is set for **Monday, September 26th**. Come enjoy great food and friendship and the meal is free with a paid membership, and \$5 for others.

Happy Labor Day! Take a break & celebrate the American worker!

A Message from Community Service Chairperson, Judy Kaczmarek -

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our Auxiliary members for all they do for our communities & veterans. I once again submitted over 3000 volunteer hours to the District/State offices. There's been some confusion on how to report hours, but hopefully President Leah and I have figured things out. For now, use the forms you received with your membership materials. We may make a few changes for next year, but it doesn't look like it will be anything significant. What you do is very important, not just for the individuals/group you are helping, but also for the American Legion and Auxiliary on a State & National level. If you have any questions, need another form or want to give me your hours, please call me anytime at 507-365-8889 or 507-259-7386.

A Message from the Club Manager, Sally Mindrup

The Legion has hired a **new cook ... Danette Harvey**, from the Brownsdale area. She will be doing the Friday night suppers beginning September 2nd. I will be staying on as **Club Manager**. Retirement wasn't all it was cracked up to be! HA! HA!

The **Membership Supper** will be **Monday, September 26th**. Social Hour from 5-6PM and dinner at 6PM. Take-outs are available.

SAL is planning to have their **Liver and Onions Supper** on Saturday, November 5th. Everyone looks forward to that.

On Saturday night, **October 29th**, we will be participating in the second annual **Halloween Costume Party/Halloween "Pubkin" Crawl** along with the Oaks (start), Uncle Mony's, the Legion, & the Village Pub. Specialty drinks and prizes. We had a great turnout last year and hope you all come join the fun again this year! See you at the Legion!

The Field of Flags Committee would like to Thank the Post, the Auxiliary, and all those who showed support by dedicating flags.

A big Thank You to the SAL for the use of their flags and for helping with the set-up of the flags. One hundred forty-six flags were dedicated in honor or in memory of someone. We appreciate all the support given for another successful Field of Flags! THANK YOU!

*Galen & Marcia Bungum
Dale & Susie Anderson*

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October 27-29, 2022

Doug Elias Sept. Veteran of the Month

Doug Elias graduated from Hayfield High School in the spring of 1963. He enrolled in the Machinist/Tool & Die program at the Vo Tech School at Austin, and upon graduation, he went to work for OTC.

Elias was drafted into the Army September 27, 1965 and did his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. About four or five weeks into his basic training, he was called out of formation by the captain who informed Doug he was AWOL from the Air Force! He had talked to an Air Force recruiter while at the Vo Tech, and had unknowingly agreed to a 4-year enlistment with the Air Force! He could be released to the Air Force if he wanted. Elias turned that down! He qualified as "Expert Rifleman"!

After basic, Doug had a two-week leave, and then reported back to Fort Leonard Wood for his AIT as a crane operator. In late '65, he received orders for Germany. They flew in a 707 to London, and then to Wurzburg, Germany. He was assigned to Merrell Barracks with the 42nd Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company located at Nuremberg, Germany. He was promoted to Spec-3 in May 1966.

In mid-summer he was re-attached to the 3rd Armored Division at Johnson Barracks in Furth, Germany (NW of Nuremberg). They were assigned to CC&S (Collection, Classification, and Salvage), which meant they were a "scrap yard" for any equipment that had been damaged. They removed everything which could or might be re-used from damaged tanks, trucks, and jeeps.

Doug did some traveling while overseas to Paris, Munich, Berlin, Normandy, Omaha Beach, and Dachau (the infamous concentration camp where thousands of Jews were exterminated by the Germans.)

In the spring of 1967, they asked for volunteers to train as helicopter pilots and Doug raised his hand! He was put into a "Huey" helicopter, and allowed to fly it awhile and then came the "pitch" to "extend for two years in order to complete Warrant Officer, and Helicopter Pilot schooling. He turned it down. Though, he did volunteer to fly on helicopters as a door gunner/observer while patrolling the German-Czechoslovakia border. One day he crossed paths with 1st Lt. Les Evjen, of Hayfield. It was fun talking with Les.

Elias was released as an E-4 from active duty at Fort Dix, NJ in September of 1967. He went back to work at OTC and later he went to Winona State, on the GI Bill, for his degree in Business.

Doug married Bev Hillmann September 10, 1972 and they raised one son, Ryan.

Donny Moore Oct. Veteran of the Month

Donny Moore graduated from Hayfield School with the class of 1965. Earlier that Spring he had gone to the Navy recruiter in Austin and signed up for the reserves.

He was called to active duty on July 29, 1965. Moore completed his Boot Camp at the Great Lakes Training Center. After that he enjoyed a 10 day leave back home. He says he spent every night at the Brownsdale Roller Rink.

Don was assigned to twenty weeks of radioman school at the US Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, MD. Because he could type, he was also schooled in telegraphy. He was promoted to E-2 upon graduation.

Moore was assigned to the USS Albany CG10; a heavy "Guided Missile" cruiser based out of Norfolk, Virginia. However, he flew to Madrid, Spain, and then took a bus to Barcelona, Spain, where he joined the crew of the Albany. Once on board he was given the label of "Extra Crewman"! This meant he worked in every department including the missile bay, lifeboats, on the deck and the mess hall. Eventually he was assigned to the Bridge as a Sound Powered Radio Operator.

Donny says they trained with nearly every outfit in Europe as they toured the Mediterranean and the Caribbean seas. They visited ports in the Mediterranean such as Valencia, Palermo, Capri, Milano, Naples, Sicily, Trieste, Rome, Pompeii, Istanbul, Athens and the island of Crete. In 1966 they spent over 2 weeks just off of Palermo's while they helped the Seabees recover an unarmed "H" bomb which had been inadvertently dropped from a plane. The bomb and thousands of yards of sand had to be removed from that area before it could be declared "clean and clear" again!

Moore was then sent to Yeoman's school at Bainbridge, Maryland, and transferred to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, (CVA-60). This is a larger ship with about 5,000 personnel. He worked directly for the commander who oversaw operations. Most incoming and outgoing correspondence came through Moore's desk, which meant he required "top security" clearance.

Don returned to the states in the fall of 1968 because the Saratoga had gotten damaged in rough weather. He was soon sent to Firefighters School in Philadelphia, PA, learning fire control techniques for all areas on the ship.

Moore was released from active duty on July 3rd, 1969, in Jacksonville, FL, as an E-3. He worked for Larson Products at Sargeant, MN, raising hogs, turkeys, and cattle for 30 years. He then decided he wanted a change, so he worked for McNeilus Manufacturing his last 16 years of employment.

Donny married Carol Silva in 1968. They had 2 children: Donna and Charmaine. They later divorced. He was married to Julie Ames for 30 years until she died from COPD. They had a daughter, Marie. They raised Donny's children, Julie's children, and a grandson. Her 2 boys are Tim and Kevin Yeadon Don is now married to Bonnie King, and they finished raising Donnie Moore together. Bonnie has 2 adult children, Debbie and Doug.

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Legion Hours ... Open at 4:00 PM Wednesday thru Saturday

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

September, 2022 Menus

Friday, Sept. 2	Country Fried Steak
Friday, Sept. 9	Steak and/or Shrimp
Friday, Sept. 16	Meatloaf
Friday, Sept. 23	Toro or Taco
Friday, Sept. 30	Hot Pork

October, 2022 Menus

Friday, Oct. 7	Country Fried Steak
Friday, Oct. 14	Steak and/or Shrimp
Friday, Oct. 21	Lasagna & Garlic Toast
Friday, Oct. 28	Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes