

American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota

November/December 2024

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

As we begin the transition into Fall, we are all busy wrapping up the summer projects we did not find the time to complete and prepping for winter. Rothie Post has had a busy couple of months also. **The Membership Dinner was a huge success serving 144. Thank You** to the **Village Pub Staff** for putting on a delicious meal! We have also been busy with football games, the Homecoming Parade, and a Flag Retirement Ceremony. **Thank You** to all who have participated and made these events possible. Sadly, there are many towns that no longer have Color Guards at the home football games. We have a lot to be proud of in Hayfield. Our Legion Family is very active and involved in our community. Right away in November, we are looking at **Post Everlasting at the Legion (11/10)** and the **Veteran's Day Program at the school (11/11)**. These two events are back-to-back before our **Next Meeting (11/12)**.

Membership Renewal is going well. I have had some questions about the three-year renewal option. This option is only available if you renew online. The only benefit is to avoid any dues increases during that period. If you are one of the 34 members who have not renewed for 2025, I would ask that you do so by December.

We are in the process of getting bids on a couple of **Improvement Projects** and hope to approve them at the next meeting. We can use up to 5% of our net gambling proceeds on building updates. We intend to maximize those dollars. Projects we are looking at include updating the restrooms, replacing the digital message board above the front door, and making the front entrance more handicap friendly. Long range projects include replacing the drop ceiling in the bar and hall, repairing the ceiling upstairs, and making that space more usable for groups to meet, and

repairing/replacing the exterior siding. If you have other suggestions or insight, please let us know.

In closing, this will be the last Newsletter that Sue Anderson will put together for us. We cannot **Thank her** enough for her work and commitment over the past decade ensuring all our members stayed informed. We have not had anyone volunteer to take her place yet. If interested, please let me know.

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

We had our **2nd annual Golf Outing** in August and it was a big success!

We have scheduled our annual **"All You Can Eat Liver & Onions Dinner/Meatball Alternative,"** for **Saturday, November 2nd** at the Legion. Serving will be from 4:00 - 7:00 PM ... (Goodwill Donation).

We sponsored **"Punt, Pass, and Kick"** at Hayfield High School before a home football game. We had approximately 60 participants.

We donated a "chainsaw," plus other items, to the **"203 Foundation Auction."**

If you have not paid for your flag from this summer's **"Fly the Flag Project,"** please do so as soon as possible. Send your \$25 to: Jim Burmeister - PO Box 63 - Hayfield, MN 55940. Thank you!

We **"Welcome New Members,"** Arlin Brigham & Donnie Haugstad! *****

Post Everlasting Ceremony

Hayfield Legion Clubrooms

Sunday, November 10, 2024 ... 6 PM

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Andrea Reynolds

The gorgeous warm temperatures we have been having make it hard to believe that Fall is here though the shorter days remind me it is time to shift into the upcoming holiday schedule! As we wrap up October, Children and Youth Chairperson, Madison Weis, will be treating our area youth to a Cookie Walk at the annual (free!) **Halloween Carnival**, which will be held at Hayfield High School from 7-9 PM. Send your kids, grandkids, neighbors! ALA Halloween coloring books will also be distributed to Hayfield Elementary students.

Please join us at the **Legion Club on November 10th** at 6 PM for a ceremony honoring Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members who have died in the past year, marking their passage from active membership to **Post Everlasting**. On **November 11th** we invite you to join us in recognizing the service and sacrifice of our armed forces with a **Veteran's Day Program** at the **Hayfield School beginning at 8:30 AM**. Our Unit Chaplain, Diane Boley, will also deliver gifts to **Thank Veterans** at the **Field Crest Nursing Home & The Villa** on that day. (Don't forget to attend our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12th).

Roll out your quarters for 25 cent **Turkey BINGO** on Tuesday, **November 19th**, beginning at **6 PM**! This event is open to players of all ages, with prizes including turkey, ham, herring, or pie, just in time for Thanksgiving!

During **American Education Week, November 18-22**, our Education Chairperson, Lori Kindschy, will provide breakfast treats in recognition of the important role that our **entire local school staff, including bus drivers & cooks**, contribute to the education of our area youth.

As part of your **Hayfield Holiday Fest** plans on **December 7th**, please join us for 25 cent **Family BINGO** at the Legion from **2:30-4:30 PM**. This event is open to players of all ages and is a fun way to ring in the season!

Please don't forget to attend our December Auxiliary meeting, which includes our annual **Auxiliary Holiday Party** on **December 10th**. Please bring a wrapped gender-neutral gift (less than \$5) to exchange, a treat to share, and item(s) to donate to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry. Highly needed items this year include cereals and any/all items found in the baking isle.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful holiday season!

**A Message from the Auxiliary
Membership Chairperson, Marcia Bungum**
Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who have paid their membership dues for 2025.

Let's try to get 100% paid up members by the end of December! You can pay your dues by sending a \$35 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 Legion Chaplain, Frank Moon

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

- Larry Sparks
- Donald Bungum (Non-member)
- Richard Root (Omitted from previous Newsletter)

Our sincere sympathy to their families & friends.

I have nearly completed the "**Vietnam Veteran of the Month**" articles for those individuals listed as Vietnam Vets on our Legion roster. If you were missed, it is probably because I could not contact you by mail or by phone. Or perhaps you originally "turned me down" and now you are willing to be interviewed. We do not want to miss anyone so please contact me. We will start the new group of **Lebanon/Grenada "Veterans of the Month"** early next year, based on seniority by year of Legion membership. Frank Moon - PO Box 306- Hayfield, MN 55940 ... 507-259-8347.

Phil Baudoin - November Veteran of the Month

Philip Baudoin graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1954. He worked on the farm with his dad (Edward) until he was drafted into the army on June 7, 1955. He reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for his Basic Training. Baudoin recalls the terrific heat and humidity while they were training. He had a brief leave at home and returned back to Fort Leonard for AIT (Advanced Individual Training) as a mechanic. He made PFC upon completion.

Phil was assigned to a Nike Missile site on the top of a mountain in Southern California. During the Cold War, in the mid to late '50s, army specialists monitored the skies from this high point between Malibu Beach and the Pacific Ocean, looking for Soviet air strikes. The technology at the site could both detect enemy aircraft and assist anti-aircraft missiles launched from a nearby facility. Their base was very small with a total of 90 personnel. (Understandably there was very little "spit and polish"!)

Baudoin was assigned to the motor pool where his first responsibility was to drive a semi tractor with a tanker down a very narrow, winding mountain road every day, to bring back a full load of water for the entire base! Eventually he was assigned to be a "driver" for the Captain and occasionally for the Major too! Of course, this position required "Top Security Clearance". In time Baudoin was assigned to the mail room, so he made numerous trips down the mountain each week to pick up the mail for the base, and distribute it to the troops.

In 1955, Phil met Catherine Ford at a movie, while stationed in California. They were married off-post by a Catholic Priest in 1956, and they lived "off -base" for the rest of his assignment. They did some "touristy" things in their free time, though money was always scarce they spent some of their free days at the ocean beach, though the water temperatures were usually too cool to enjoy swimming!

Baudoin was released from active duty on March 25, 1957 and as was customary at that time, he assigned to the "inactive reserves" for another six years. He started farming on his own that spring and continued for the next 50 years.

Phil and Kay raised five children: James, Debra, Pamela, Donald and Christina

Richard Haukom - December Veteran of the Month

Richard Haukom graduated from Hayfield High School in 1964 and attended Austin Junior College for two years. He was registered for Mankato State University in the fall of 1966 when he received his draft notice. He asked for, and received, a deferment to continue his college training. He married Vicki Fichtner in 1967.

In March 1969, Haukom graduated with a BA in Chemistry and started his career with The Gillette Company as an analytic chemist at their plant in St. Paul. A few months later he received his draft notice and was inducted into the army on October 2, 1969.

Richard did his Basic Training at Fort Bragg, NC with two hundred other inductees. The old adage of "don't volunteer for anything in the Army". . . Haukom volunteered twice. First time he was put on a bus and taken to a USO show at the base theater. The next time, they were asked if anyone knew how to drive a duce-and-a-half truck. Richard said he did and got to drive the truck back to the barracks from the overnight bivouac area, while everyone else in the platoon slept on the ground, in tents, in 32-degree temperatures!

The night before leaving for his AIT assignment, the Company Commander called Haukom into his office, and said "I understand you have a chemistry degree. Would you like to go to Dugway Proving Ground in Utah as a chemist?" His response was "Absolutely"! No AIT! Dugway Proving Ground is larger than Rhode Island and is located on the edge of the Great Salt Lake salt flats about 80 miles SW of Salt Lake City. Richard was allowed to have on-base housing for his family as an E-1! He worked in the chemical testing lab 10 miles from the housing area. Haukom tested chemical nerve agent simulants that are sprayed from an aircraft onto a grid of "agent collectors" on the ground. Open air testing of real nerve agents GB and VX was stopped the year before due to the killing of 5,000 sheep that were off post, but near the test grid for aerial nerve agent spray testing. DOD denied fault for this for 25 years!

Haukom made Specialist E-5 in 14 months and was co-author of a DOD research paper that proved that the use of canaries and parakeets as nerve agent "leak detectors" in the labs was not effective and was dangerous. Yes, the "canary in the coal mine" scenario in 1970!

Richard was released from active duty in Sept, 1971 without any Army Reserve requirement and went back to work for Gillette in St. Paul. In 1973 he moved to Gillette's headquarters in Boston to run a testing lab. Then he changed to "IT support". Haukom retired from Gillette in 2005 with 38 years of service. In 2014, Richard married Gail Pierce and now lives in Rockland, MA. They raised his daughter, Kristen and step-children, Tracey and Mark.

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LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SAL UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 2	SAL Liver & Onions Dinner...4-7 PM
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Turn clocks "back" before going to bed).
Nov. 4	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM
Nov. 6	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7PM
Nov. 10	Post Everlasting Ceremony @ 6PM
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Program @ Hayfield High School @ 8:30 AM
Nov. 11	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov. 12	Legion & Aux.Mtgs. @ 7 PM
Nov. 18-22	American Education Week
Nov. 18	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov. 19	Turkey BINGO @ Legion @ 6 PM
Nov. 25	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 2	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Dec. 4	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7 PM
Dec. 7	Hayfield Holiday Fest
Dec. 7	BINGO @ Legion 2:30-4:30 PM
Dec. 9	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Dec. 10	Legion & Aux. Mtgs.@ 7 PM
Dec. 10	Auxiliary Holiday Party @ 7 PM
Dec. 16	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Dec. 23	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 30	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM