

# Hasso Briese American Legion, Post #473



Ladies  
Auxiliary



## Newsletter



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### Commander's Column

Lowell Huston

Fellow Citizens and Comrades

Rice Fun Day is over and the ball tournament went well. I would like to thank all of the people who helped run the concessions stand this year. It was a lot of fun and a complete success. We also send a special thank you to the Scouts for taking care of the clean-up of the ball park grounds

Also I heard we had a full compliment of Color Guard Personal to fill all the positions required for the parade. I would like to say a hearty well done and thank you to all who participated.

Progress is being made with the New Legion property issue. We have presented the proposed plate showing the property split/rezoning of the cemetery to the Planning and Zoning Committee and they have moved it forward to the City Council for Public Hearing. The committee also gave us a few pointers on what to display on the plate for the upcoming meeting.

This months meeting dates are Membership = Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at the RCH at 7:30 instead of 7:00 due to the 911 ceremony. The time for the Membership Mtg. will be back to 7:00 as always next month BOD=Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at RCH. Well I guess this about covers September so until next month may God bless all of us.

Cmdr Lowell Huston

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING TIME IS  
CHANGED FROM 7:00 - 7:30 P.M.  
Rice City Hall.**

### Chaplains Column

Emil Williams



There was a little touch of fall in the air the other morning when it dipped to 49°. What a contrast to the hot, hot days we had a short while ago. Before we know it, the wonderful signs of fall will appear with the kaleidoscope of colors, a bit of chill in the air, and the final gathering in of the garden produce.

I would like to quote a prayer in poetry from The Chaplain's Prayer Manual., page 56.

*GOD KNOWS BEST:*

*Our Father knows what's best for us, So why should we complain. We always want the sunshine but He knows there must be rain.*

*We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer. But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear.*

*Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow. He tests us, not to punish us, But to help us meet tomorrow.*

*For growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm; and the sharp cut of the chisel*

*Gives the marble grace and form. God never hurts us needlessly, and He never wastes our pain,*

*For every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gain. And when we count the blessings That God so freely sent, We will find no cause for murmuring And no time to lament.*

*For our Father loves His children, and to Him all things are plain; so He never sends us pleasure when the soul's deep need is pain.*

*So whenever we are troubled and when everything goes wrong it's just God working in us to make our spirit strong.*

*By Helen Steiner Rice*

Those still on sick call are Marlen Johnson, Bud Hartfiel, and a handful of others whom I have mentioned in the past but are improving. For sick call, dial up 393-2203.

## **Color Guard Column**

Fabulous turnout for the Rice Parade. Including members of Co. D., 1/194th C.A.B, Mn Army National Guard of Sauk Rapids, eighteen members comprised our Color Guard that lead the parade. David Redfield was new on the drum and we had the talents of our piccolo player, Sarah Mo. A new member and soldier with the MNARNG Matthew Barnard was present to carry a flag along with LeRoy Cekalla in his new dress greens. Thank you all for participating. Too many individuals to mention. You need to know that our Legion received a lot of complements for your efforts.

A new element present was Chaplain Emil Williams carrying the Christian Flag with the clergy of each of our three area churches. I'm told that they had such a good time that next year they are thinking of handing out info about their respective churches.

**9-11 (Patriot Day) we'll need the color guard to meet at the post NLT 1830 hrs (That is Monday) to participate in a short ceremony honoring the many lost souls on 9-11, 2001. We need to leave the post by 1845 hrs. We'll need a bugle for that. If you can make it, we can use you. I did not build in latecomer's time.....**

## **Post Donations**

Donations for the month of August totaled \$3,150.00. Those receiving \$\$\$ were: Your post Color Guard for events and uniform maintenance; Benton County 4-H for shooting sports; Flags for the Rice City Hall; An individual in need; And, of course, lots of \$\$\$ for our units of government who do not get enough money from all their other sources. We appreciate your efforts at the post with pull-tabs and bingo. Without your support our ability to help people and organizations would be severely curtailed.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

Jim Hovda, U.S. Army (Retired)

It was my honor and privilege to converse EXTENSIVELY with soldiers from the Mn Army National Guard (MNARNG) who participated in our parade. All were from the Rice area and one is a member of our post, PFC Matthew Barnard. I was impressed with their honest and sincere commitment to the army. Regardless of their time in the army, each had a story to tell.

Relating to that, I need to impress on each of our members (we all are veterans) the importance of welcoming each one, whether or not they are a member or not, to our post. Not with just a "thanks for your service" or other well meant greeting, but to take the time (over a beverage or quality time when you can focus your total attention to the new soldier) to ask them about their specific job they do. Where they have served, the different posts they trained at etc. One story deserved one in return. The experiences we all had in the military were certainly unique. Difficult to share with anyone else but another veteran. In one-way or another, we all but up with the same B.S.. It was just at a different time. These young warriors are no different than we were thirty or more years ago. (I went in the army in 1960!)

If we can cut short our not so important local and friend issues and take our golden opportunity to learn what our young warriors are doing and what they have done, we'll bring aboard our future members and leaders. Invite them to join your group of veteran friends. I remember when the WWII folks didn't have much to say to us Vietnam warriors. Forget about the notion "our war was harder than your war." We all share a common bond in the warrior community; It's up to us.

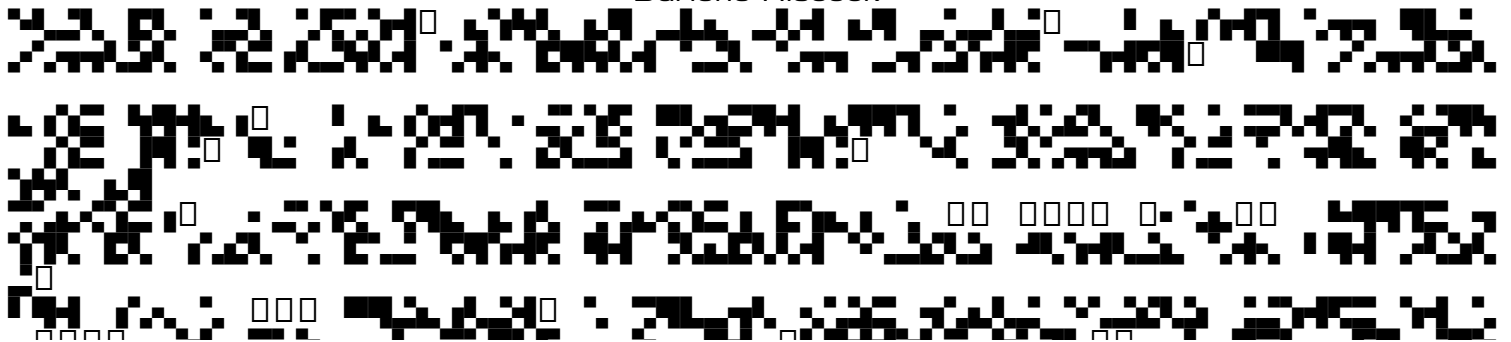
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We are now at 110 paid members for the year. 5 of them are new members.

They are Matthew Barnard, Kevin Backman, Kayla Saldana, Donald Allord, and Mike Smieja, all Rice residents. Keep up the good work recruiting!

Jim Wolf  
Membership

### Auxiliary Dinner

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM  
Beef Stew w/Bread bowl  
Salads, Desserts,  
Coffee & Milk  
Take Out Available

Adults \$6.00                      Children under 10 \$3.00

Everyone Welcome