RALPH GRACIE
American Legion Post #14, Bemidji, Minnesota

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"They continue to serve in peace who served so nobly in time of war"

March/April 2018 Newsletter **Vol. 34 No.8**

LEGION OFFICERS May 2017 TO May 2018

Commander	Claude Sand	820-4839
1st Vice Comm.	Chris Settle	467-9229
2nd Vice Comm.	Bill Pagel	759-7279
Adjutant	Rachel Buttenhoff	759-7279
Finance Officer	Richard Robinson	444-8992
Historian	Jim Haskell	444-7777
Chaplain	Gabe Wakonabo	308-4624
Service Officer	Kathy Ramos	308-3421
Sergeant at Arms	Glen Desizlets	444-8427
Past Commander	Tom Annonson	751-9549
Gambling Manager	Harry Settle	209-1804

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Bob Aitken, Kenny Dunlap, Patrick Winkler

40 & 8 OFFICERS

Chef-de-Gare	Gabe Wakonabo
Chef-de-Train	Bob Matheny
Correspondent	Bob Aitken
Commis Voyageur	Bob Aitken
Aumonier	John O'Boyle
Conductor	Bill Pagel
Lampiste	Bruce Malterud
Guard-de-Laporte	Wayne Johnson

S.A.L.

Commander ..... Doug Zarling

Committee Members have been appointed. If you have information or questions in any of those areas contact the members listed. They are:

Americanism: Boys State/BS/CAP/JROTC/Safery Patrol Legionville and Oratorical. Members: Chris Settle, Gabe Wakonabo, Pat Winkler, Kathy Ramos
Honor Guard: Bill Pagel, Bob Aitken
Events/Housekeeping: Rachel Buttenhoff, Tom Anonson, Bob Aitken (Bonspiel), Kathy Ramos, Connie Aguilla
Membership: Rachel Buttenhoff, Kathy Ramos, Joe Vene
Finance: Dick Robinson, Bob Aitken, Roger Heger
Gambling: Harry Settle, Ken Brandt, Steve Modich
Information Technology: Harry Settle, Mike Deer
Resolutions: Jim Haskell, Mike Deer

MISSION STATEMENT

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Commander's Corner

We have made the move totally out of the old legion and are now resting at Lazy Jacks in total. During January several of our members helped to move the last of our stored items out of the downtown location and to our new storage facility at Lazy Jacks. Pat Winkler took lead on removing shelving and replacing it to our new facility. He created a wall to separate the gambling items from all other storage items. It looks fabulous. Thanks Pat. It will need some organizing however, due to the weather, that will be completed this spring.

Wendell Affield has initiated a State-wide writing program for High School students. It requires the students to research and write an essay about WWI. He is collaborating through the WWI Centennial Committee. Bob Aitken has volunteered as our contact person for the Post to help in the collaboration of events. For more information please contact Wendell or Bob directly.

The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame will induct Ralph Gracie, WWI Aviator and our namesake, into this most prestigious society. Reservations need to be made no later than 7 Apr. Only 300 hundred reservations will be accepted. There are 5 other inductees so you can see the space will be limited. The function will be at Hyatt Regency Bloomington. A block of rooms have been made in the name of this event if you are interested in staying on site. Make sure you mention this event to get those rooms. The cost for the ceremony is $55.00 per person. Enclosed is an information fact sheet and the reservation request. Also, mention you would like to be seated with the Ralph Gracie contingent. Jim and Becky Haskell will be

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attending so please coordinate with him.

We had a bake-a-thon for the Bonspiel 16-18 Feb at Commander Sand's house. The ladies (Marilyn Hodapp, Petra Dekrey, Michelle Sand, Rachel Buttenhoff, Mary Settle and Darlene Benson) had a wonderful time getting this done. Also a little time for socializing. They enjoyed themselves so much they want to do it again next week. But they'll have to find a cause to give them to. I sincerely hope everyone had a chance to attend this one and if not will really to make the Bonspiel coming on Friday and Saturday March 16-17, 2018.

I just got off the phone with the 6th District Commander, Ken Johnston. He will be visiting us at our Mar meeting. So if anyone has any questions for him or would just like to meet him, make sure you make plans to attend the 22nd Mar meeting.

Sincerely, Claude Sand, Commander

Not sure if this is something that we will keep up, but here it goes:

Navy SEALS Rules:
1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

U.S. Army Rules:
1. Select a new beret to wear.
2. Sew patches on right shoulder.
3. Change the color of beret you decide to wear.

U.S. Army Rangers Rules:
1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from "Higher" to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.

U.S. Army Special Forces Rules:
1. Always look cool.
2. Always know where you are.
3. If you do not know where you are - look cool.

US Navy Rules:
1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Watch porn.
4. Deploy the Marines.

US Air Force Rules:
1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on HBO.
4. Ask "what is a gunfight?"
5. Request more funding from Congress with a "killer" PowerPoint presentation.
6. Wine & dine 'key' Congressmen, invite DOD & defense industry executives.
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
8. Declare the assets "strategic" and never deploy them operationally.
9. Hurry to make 1345 tee-time.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN 2016-2017

President	Stella Wakonabo	218-556-3971
First Vice President	Martha Schmidt	218-444-4455
Second Vice President	Cheryl Fredenburg	218-760-2219
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Treasurer	Sharon Thiemecke	218-209-1124
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Historian	Darlene Lind	218-444-5424
Sergeant-at-Arms	Darlene Peterson	218-751-3415

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Edythe Christianson, Darlene Lind, Sharon Thiemecke

CHAIRMEN

Americanism	Darlene Lind
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Education	open
Girls State	Kay Mack
Leadership	open
Legislation	Stella Wakonabo
Membership	Stella Wakonabo
Memorial	Karen Jacobson
National Security	open
Parliamentarian	Darlene Lind
Past Presidents Parley	Stella Wakonabo
Poppy	open
Public Relations	Cheryl Fredenburg
Service to Veterans	Martha Schmidt
Sunshine	June Roxstrom
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Martha Schmidt

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families

To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion

To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship

To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy

To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government

To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities

To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through Service Not Self

Values

Our statement of values is predicated on the founding purposes:

Commitment to the four founding principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy, Loyalty

Service to God, our country, its veterans and their families

Tradition of patriotism and citizenship

Personal integrity and family values

Respect for the uniqueness of individual members

Truthful open communication in dealing with the public and our members

Adherence to the adopted policies and rules

VETERAN MEMORIAL WALL TILES

AMERICAN LEGION ROOM

EXAMPLE 1: (DATES SERVED)

MMC HARRY D. SETTLE JR
UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED
Served
JANUARY 1968 - OCTOBER 1992

EXAMPLE 2: (BIRTH & DEATH)

BMC HARRY D. SETTLE
UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED
B: January 3, 1916
D: August 22, 2012

Make checks payable to: Ralph Gracie Post 14

American Legion Post 14 (Veterans Tiles)

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Cost:

Ralph Gracie Post 14 Members $10.00

All Others: $15.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY **(use separate form for each tile desired)**

LINE 1:_____

LINE 2:_____

LINE 3:_____

LINE 4:_____

CONTACT INFO: **EXAMPLE#**_____

NAME:_____ **PHONE:**_____

ADDRESS:_____

EMAIL:_____

Questions?? Email us at: memorials@mnralphgraciepost14.org

Other questions: post14bemidji@mnralphgraciepost14.org

Legion phone number: 218-760-3750

MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME, 6905 12th Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423

29 th ANNUAL MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018
Location: Hyatt Regency Bloomington, 3200 East 81st Street, Bloomington, MN 55425
952-922-1234

The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame suggests that if you are staying in town overnight, you could book at the Hyatt Regency. Contact them directly. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms for, so be sure to mention that you are with the Aviation Hall of Fame event. The Hyatt is nearby the Mall of America and IKEA, across from the International Airport. Reservations with the Hotel should be made separately from the payment for banquet dinners.

Times: Social Hour – 4:45 pm. There will be cash bars.
Dinner -seating begins at 6:00 pm in the Main Floor Ballroom.
Induction Ceremony follows dinner.
Entre: Salad, Pan Roasted Range Chicken, Heirloom Polenta, Asparagus with herb jus and chocolate tuxedo gateau for desert.
Dress: Coat and tie
Ticket Cost per person: $55 (Make checks payable to MAHOF, send to Hall of Fame – (address above)

Being inducted on the 21st will be: **Darrell Bolduc**, engine rebuilding specialist, FBO, float flyer; **Ron Fagen**, aerobatic performer, owner and operator of Fagen Fighters Museum at Granite Falls; **Lt. Ralph Gracie**; pioneer WWI fighter pilot from Bemidji; **Bob Jasperson**, C-141 navigator, F-4 Phantom crewmember, manager of Wings of the North Museum at Flying Cloud Airport; **Joseph Killpatrick**, Honeywell electronics engineer, holder of patents on the ring laser gyro; **Bob Leaders**, general aviation mentor, aircraft repairman and FBO at Clear Lake, Minnesota.

In addition to the inductees, the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame will present awards to **David Matheny** for Best Aviation Writing by a Minnesotan for 2018 and to **Minnesota Department of Transportation- Office of Aeronautics** for Best Aviation Art in Minnesotan for 2018. The well-known **Al Malmberg** will be emcee.

Banquet reservations can be made using the separate form attached. We expect a capacity crowd of around 300 persons, so the earlier your reservations are in, the better your seating will be. We will attempt to seat friends of each inductee in the same general area, on a first come, first served basis. **Do not send reservation forms to the hotel**, but to the address of the Treasurer listed above. **No tickets are issued but reservations will be confirmed by e-mail or snail mail.** Name tags can be picked up at the registration table on the night of the banquet. This is "the" aviation event of this time of the year, we hope to see you there.

For reservation form, go to the Hall of Fame website: mnaviationhalloffame.org.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN APRIL 7, 2018

Please note: If seats are available after the deadline, there will be no seating preference. Seating is by reservation only, NO seats will be sold at the door. There is no "standing room".

Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame
Treasurer: Pete Gavin, 6905 12th Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423

MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE Saturday, April 21, 2018

Hyatt Regency Bloomington, 3200 East 81st Street, Bloomington, MN 55425

To: Friends of Hall of Fame Inductees

I will be attending the Induction Ceremony to support inductee _____.

My Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address for confirmation _____

Significant other _____

The dinner price is $55 per person. We ask that those you will be paying for be listed below and a check for their reservations be included with this form. Make checks payable to MAHOF, and send this form to the Treasurer at the address listed above. Nametags will be available at the check-in table the evening of the banquet. You will receive a confirmation by mail or e-mail. Please bring that with you when you check in at the banquet. For other guests, they can find the reservation forms on our website: mnaviationhalloffame.org. On-line reservations can be made by going to: www.eventbrite.com.

Please note if there are dietary requirements, (ie: non-allergenic, gluten-free or vegetarian meal.)_____

Reservations to be included with this payment. List other guests for which you have enclosed dinner ticket payment. Please print!

Use backside or another sheet if there is not enough room above. If you have any questions, contact the Treasurer at 612-866-6676.

NOTE: Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Deadline: April 7, 2018

Gambling News

Here's all of the up to date news involving the Posts first month of gambling, at Lazy Jack's.

We received all of our required permits and licenses from the Minnesota Gambling Control Board which put us into full operation on New Years Day, at Lazy Jack's Bar and Grill. I would like to say that everything went smoothly, and without hiccups, but that would be a stretch. Being inexperienced at gambling operations, as a Gambling Manager, I would have to say that the month of January ran a full gamut of highs and lows. When the first two boxes of $2 games almost ran the bank inside-out, I was ready to shut down, and move to Phoenix. However, I managed to hang on, and things ended up well. I still have lots of work on dealing with all of the numbers, regulations, taxes, and new software. WE DID END UP MAKING MONEY, and began on an upturn for the month of February. As of this writing, February is running smoother than January, and things are looking much better.

At the first of the month Commander Sand, Bob Aitken, Jim Haskell, Tom Annonson, and myself, had a sit-down meeting at the Cabin Coffeehouse that was requested by the Leach Brothers. You'll remember that they are the group that purchased the old Legion building. The subject of the meeting was what we expected our needs to be for setting up a Booth for pull-tab sales when they open. We carved out the rough details and concluded with a tour of the current construction going on. One thing that was firmed up was our storage requirements, and it appears that we will retain possession of our old arms storage area.

Commander Sand and myself attended a second meeting with the Leach Brothers and got all of the required signatures on the premises forms that need to be approved by the City of Bemidji, and the Gambling Control Board. At the same time, we had a discussion with them about gambling at the Turtle River Chophouse, which will be a 2 box Bar Operation pull-tab sale. I had the forms ready, and got all of the signatures on both required forms. Both forms still need to go before the Port Hope Township Board for signatures, approval by Beltrami County, and the Gambling Control Board. (back into the dark hole of board meetings for me.)

So, now with gambling expanding into the Bar 209, and the Chophouse, we find ourselves in need of an ASSISTANT GAMBLING MANAGER, and employees to man the booth operation at the Bar 209.

ASSISTANT GAMBLING MANAGER, would be a salaried position, salary to be decided by the Post Executive Committee, and whose duties would be outlined, and shared by the Gambling Manager, myself.

BOOTH SALES PERSONS, salary would be decided by the Post Executive Committee, and duties would be outlined, by the Assistant Gambling Manager, and the Gambling Manager, myself.

If you are interested, or you know someone, retired, semi-retired, student etc. that may be interested in one of these positions, give us their information and we will make arrangements for interviews.

Our future outlook right now is to use our monetary resources in order to get set up at the Bar 209 and Chophouse, and build a little padding for salaries, and gambling product. As soon as things settle out, we plan to start giving back to the community, Veterans, and Youth. Commander Sand has planned to form a committee that will screen options for future donations.

Harry Settle,
Gambling Manager

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Upcoming Events March-April 2018

11 Jan Executive Meeting (call of the Vice Commander)

25 Jan Regular * Membership meeting

8 Feb Executive Meeting (call of the Vice Commander)

16-18 Feb Bonspiel (at the Bemidji Curling Rink) (need help for these call Adjutant)

22 Feb Regular * Membership Meeting

8 Mar Executive Meeting

16-17 Mar Bonspiel (Bemidji Curling Rink) (Need help for these call Adjutant)

22 Mar Regular * Membership Meeting

Regular Meeting start at 7PM – preceded with meal at 6PM – 40/8 at 5 PM

Executive Meeting start at 6PM

We will continue to hold our promenade on the 4th Thursday of each month. The time is 5 PM at Lazy Jack's American Legion room. Dinner is served at 6 PM and the Legion meeting starts at 7 PM. We need to discuss and confirm a "wreck" for new members sometime soon. Those interested in joining, please contact a current 40/8 member for sponsorship. The annual membership fee is $20. Most of our business is dealing with funding for nurses attending school. We hold an annual pancake breakfast each summer.