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# Up to Date with Post 368

**December 2011**

## *Commanders Column*

*I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving, being able to spend time with family and friends. The snow has started to fall and the lakes have started to freeze. It is that time of the year when we will be enjoying the great outdoors here in Minnesota. Some will be out snowmobiling and others will be spending time in their fish houses. Last night Don Van Vorst reported that we have met our membership goal for 2012 with 112 members. Thank you Don for your hard work on this and thank you members for getting you dues in early. As we wind down the rest of the year I ask you to be thinking about all the activities we will be having at our legion. The Christmas party and customer appreciation on December 3rd the children's Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup> and our great New Years Eve party. Please stop by and sign up at the legion for this great event. In December our regular meeting has changed to December 19<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas. We still have our meat raffle on Fridays followed by Bingo and our Sunday dance. Just to give you a heads up, there will be no dance in January because the band wants to take a vacation. It seems like there is always something going on at our club which I am very thankful for. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and I hope to see you all at our club.*

*"Where good folks, go for a good time."*

*Bill Taylor , Commander*

## **Auxiliary News**

Thanksgiving was great and now Christmas and the New Year are on the way. It really does seem that time seems to fly faster every year. Either that or I am moving slower..... No!

The Children's Halloween Party was a huge success with 91 children attending. They ate lunch, won prizes for games that were played, completed craft projects and finally had their own treat bag and pumpkin to take home. Thanks for all donations, help from Auxiliary and Legion members and all the support. We will have the Children's Christmas Party coming up December 17, 2011 from 11:30- 1:00. Santa is planning on his annual visit and children will again be treated to a meal, visits with Santa and a treat bag and gift to take home. We welcome any help with serving food, helping with crafts or simply attending the party to enjoy all the fun. If our attendance continues to grow, the Backus Legion will need to build an additional room for all parties!

Speaking of Christmas, Christmas decorating will occur Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, the Customer Appreciation is on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. The Auxiliary continues to work on cool ties, buying Christmas gifts for Veterans, and sending Christmas gift boxes to the troops. Remember, we do not have a meeting in December. Have a great Holiday Season and remember to appreciate each and every person that you meet not only during the Holiday Season but throughout the New Year!!! See you in January if not before.

Refreshments in January : Joyce and Linda

# New Years Eve Dinner and Dance

## Saturday December 31, 2011

Hospitality Time begins at 5:30pm

Dinner will be served at 7:00pm

Dinner is your choice of Prime Rib or Beer Battered Shrimp  
Includes Caesar Salad, Baked Potato, Veggie and Bread.

Prepared by Chef Ron Prososki.

Dance to Frankly Country from 8:00pm to midnight

Potluck Snacks and Desserts will be served at 11pm

With Party favors and Champagne at Midnight

\$22.00 per person includes all of the above and a gratuity.

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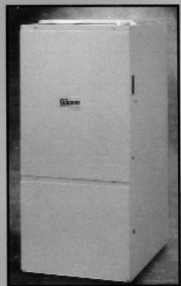


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## Tom and Jerry's

On Saturday, December 24th  
Noon to 4pm

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.  
The clubrooms will close at 4 p.m. and be closed  
on Christmas Day.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the management, staff and volunteers at the Backus American Legion.

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## Children's Christmas Party

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(except Jan 15 and Feb 19)



## Bingo

Friday's at 7:30pm  
Sunday's at 4pm  
(except 3rd Sunday)

Sunday Bingo will continue if  
we get enough players!

## Donations

<b>Pine River/Backus Family Ctr.</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Christmas for Kids</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Club Kid's Christmas Party</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>USPO-troop postage</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

### Manager's Musings

*With the Thanksgiving holiday in the mirror and Christ's birthday and the New Year ahead, tis grateful I am that I have this wonderful legion family. Yesterday we decorated the club rooms in record time. Most of the regular cast of volunteers were here with the addition of some new faces, so Thank you to all. But the best part is it gave me that warm and cuddly feeling that only "family" can and I found the Christmas spirit too!*

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

*December events include the annual Customer Appreciation which will have come and gone before you receive this, but there is still plenty to do and opportunities to socialize. The Children's Christmas party is on the 17th On Christmas Eve we will be serving Tom and Jerry's from noon to 4pm.. Happy Hour is Mon-Thur from 4-7. We are now opening at 4pm Monday thru Thursday and continue opening at noon on Fri, Sat, and Sun.*

*Chefs Ron and Karen Prosocki return to cater the New Years Eve dinner. Frankly Country will provide the dancing music and now all we need is you! We will be taking reservations until December 15th.*

*The New Year brings Fred and Carol's Cribbage tourneys each Sunday at 1pm. For you newer members a brief explanation is in order.*

*Each week we play 6 games with 6 different players. Each player records their points and the winners split the \$5. player entry fee. You can play any, some or all of the weeks. It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. I'm pretty sure we won't be watching the Vikings, but I will begrudgingly turn on the Packers.*

Terrie Griep  
Bar Manager

Dear Santa,

*This year, please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body. And please, don't mix those two up like you did last year.*

Thanks

