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Up to Date with Post 368

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Commander's Column

As your new commander I would like to take this time to thank you all for vote of confidence.

I want to thank Gene Gagnon for the many years of service he has given to the post. Along with his help I know we will make this transition an easy one.

I have had the pleasure of working with this post for the last three years and have found that its members and volunteers are the ones that make post 368 a very special organization. We could not accomplish the things we do without the help from all of you.

Our E-Board, along with our staff will continue to make the post a comfortable and enjoyable place for all of you to come to.

I hope you are having a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Bill Taylor
Commander

Auxiliary News



Please remember our active and veteran service men and women this 4th of July as we celebrate the freedom that we enjoy.

Our meeting on June 28th was preceded by a spaghetti dinner for both the Legion and the Auxiliary and our guests. It was delicious! Congratulations to our new slate of officers in both the Legion and Auxiliary.

Our installation was held immediately prior to our regular meeting. Thank you to Shirley Frederick and Gloria Klasen from Hackensack Unit #202 for officiating and serving as Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms at our installation.

July 13th we will have a float in the Hackensack parade. Auxiliary members Pat Meissner, Joyce Smith, Lynne Gagnon and Carol Dickey will be representing us. A slate of 4 officers will be auditing the Treasurer's records in the near future.

Other upcoming events: Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday, July 11th, Larry's Pig Roast on July 17th and the Whalen's Garden Party Pot luck on July 31st.

Have a safe and happy 4th and see you around the Legion. Our refreshments next month will be provided by Joyce Smith.

BACKUS LEGION TOP SMALL POST IN SIXTH DISTRICT

For the second year in a row the Backus American Legion has won the Outstanding Small Post Award for the Sixth Legion District which includes a large area of Minnesota stretching from Elk River near the Twin Cities to the Canadian border. Sixth District Commander Don Smith of Pine River presented the award at the organization's June 28 meeting, citing the post and its auxiliary for its support of community, state and national initiatives supporting veterans' medical assistance, active duty troops, youth recreation and education, local festivals, food shelves, public safety programs and other assistance to the needy, ill and disabled.

The post was also recognized for providing its facilities free of charge to organizations and individuals for meetings, fundraisers and social events and for its sound financial condition which enables it to continue to serve its constituents. Smith also noted the post met its current membership goal by last Pearl Harbor Day, earning a state and district award and that the auxiliary, which has met its membership goal for several years, has an all-time high membership.

"The Backus American Legion takes seriously the American Legion commitment of service to community, state and nation," Smith told a joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary. He also recognized the organization for its strong volunteer base and for publicizing its activities to help the public understand the positive effect veterans have on their communities. At the time the post was nominated for the award in March, the Backus Legion had 123 members and the Auxiliary 89.

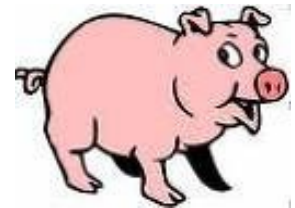
Larry K's 7th Annual Pig Roast

Saturday July 17th

Serving 4:30 til Gone

Roast Pork, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad

\$7.00 a plate



Bean Bag Tournament

2pm

\$10.00 Entry Fee Per Team (2 person teams)

Sign-up At The American Legion 1:30 - 2:00

**\$\$ Prizes for 1st , 2nd , 3rd Places & Most Ringers
Amount Of Prizes Based On Number Of Entries**



Game Boards And Beanbags Will Be Provided

Tournament game regulations will follow typical team play Beanbag toss rules. Tournament sponsors have final decision on all rules & disputes.

Whalen's Garden Party and Potluck

Saturday July 31st

*Tours of the gardens will begin at 2pm
with the Potluck, Burgers and Brats will be served at 5pm.*



Birthdays and Anniversary's in July

Charlotte Thaler
 Lisa Douglas
 Ramsey Tulenchik
 Sawyer Tulenchik
 Grace Zaffke
 Fred Dickey
 Kyle Wolmutt
 Barb Frederick
 Jimmy Douglas
 Bruce Hoeke
 Bruce & Darlene Hoeke

Auxiliary Breakfast

Sunday July 11th

7:30am to 11:30am

Serving Eggs, Pancake or French Toast, Sausage and Bacon, juice and coffee, the best waitresses in the area and a camaraderie you just can't find at the local café.

\$6.00 adults and children under 10 \$3.00

The gaming department is looking for an individual interested in being a part time occasional fill in for bingo and/or meat raffle. Interested parties should contact Gambling Manager Don VanVorst at 587-3212 or assistant gambling manager Bob Johnston at 947-4835

Managers Musings

Goodness here it is nearly the 4th of July and summer half over but do make time to stop at the club rooms for some of our best annual events. Like Larry Kostka's Pig Roast on July 17th the fun begins with a Bean Bag tournament at 2pm. We will begin serving the roast pig, corn on the cob and more at 4:30 but it goes quickly some come early and stay late. We have those Customer of the Week and Lucky Legion cash drawings at 9pm. As I write this the Lucky Legion Cash drawing is at \$150.00 but let me explain how this works. Each person is allowed one entry each day (so the more often that you visit the greater your chances of winning). We keep all the tickets until a Cash winner is present and then the cash pot begins at \$50 and we add \$25.00 each week that the winner drawn is present. For the Customer of the Week you need not be present, but we don't call you either so again your best chances of taking advantage of half price drinks (all day and all week) is to stop early in the week and to stop often to enter.



The Whalen's annual Garden Party is Saturday July 31st. The tour begins at 2pm with potluck dinner at 6pm. Marty and Larry have one of the best yards and gardens in the area with a tremendous variety of flowers and plants plus you may have the opportunity to ask a master gardener your questions.

Don't forget to stop in for Bar Bingo now playing Fridays after the meat raffle and Sundays at 4pm. (except for the 3rd Sunday due to dance). Remember the more players the larger the pots. The dollars that are earned are then converted to charitable donations to our community, scholarships and the needy. What a great way to have fun and make a donation as well.

That dance Sunday is always the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-6pm, this is a great way to meet new people and get some exercise to boot. If you don't know how to dance you just need to watch some of the others than simply ask for a lesson. The regulars are a great bunch, extremely friendly and willing to share a waltz or two-step or any of those other dances that I have yet to learn.

TTFN (which if your not a texter on your cell means Ta-Ta for now.)

*Terrie Griep
 Bar Manager*

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

JOIN US ON A CHARTERED BUS TO TARGET FIELD AND A 12:10PM TWINS GAME
AGAINST THE CLEVELAND INDIANS.

The bus will begin loading at 7:00am at the Backus Legion
with a departure time of 7:30am.

We will make a pick up at Target in Baxter & one short break in Clearwater on the way to Target Field
with arrival about 11am. This allows some time to look around
the new stadium and to find our seats. You are on your own for lunch.

Back on the bus after the game and a stop at the Little Falls Legion for a
dinner of 1/4 Baked Chicken, baked beans and potato salad for just \$6.00.
This is a one and one-half hour stop. Then we are on our way home.

The cost is \$75.00

Payment is required, when you make your reservation.
(This does not include the supper at Little Falls Legion.)

Reservations can be made during business hours at the club.

Plan on bringing your smiling faces
and your own beverages and snacks.

