

Post Notes

April, 2015



Commander.....	Mike Larson	Service Officer.....	Russ Jenkins
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Commander's Corner



We are over the hump for winter and it is a downhill slide from here on. Happy Spring!

Our sympathies go out to SAL member, Mike Schnabel and his family. Mike's son, Jeremy died in a car accident on March 17.

This will be a short letter from me this month due to another death in Karen's family (her sister). I will be meeting her in Stevens Point shortly for the services.

I want to thank you for your thoughts during my hospital stay. I am on the mend with a few follow up tests in the near future. This has not been a good two months for us.

Please start thinking about who you want for officers for the next year. Nominations will be taken at the May 1 meeting. Elections will follow at the June 5 meeting. The choice of officers is up to the membership. All offices are up for election except the adjutant which is appointed by the commander after the election.

Don't forget to check the calendar for the S.A.L. Chili cook off, the Auxiliary breakfast and the home talent pancake breakfast.

Until next month, Commander Mike

From the Chaplain

Easter is just around the corner. Spring is a time for life to start fresh.



Those of you who have lost someone, we pass on the thoughts and prayers from everyone. For those who are not quite feeling up to par, we hope you will be doing better

soon.

At the last board meeting, a number of items were discussed. One of them was the American Legion Family Memorial Fund. This program enables the Legion to perform the duties I have as the Chaplain. We worked on a number of changes to the program. We hope that you all will come to the next meeting on the first Friday of April to find out about the ideas we have put forward for approval. This is one of the many ways you can have an input into what is going on at the Legion.

Finally, Brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

Thinking of you, Chaplain Chuck

Membership



Recruitment Report:
1 New Recruit earns Ron Hillson, Adjutant, the "I Got 1" pin.

1 New Recruit earns Russell Reppen, the "I got 1" pin.

Pass along congrats to Ron and Russell and thank them for their effort in recruiting new

members.

Membership

Currently 89% of Post 534 members have paid their 2015 membership dues. For those who have not paid, a member of our Membership Committee will contact you regarding nonpayment of 2015 dues. If you have any questions regarding membership payments, please contact me at your convenience at (608) 838-3551 or email:

robertodonnell@charter.net

Bob O'Donnell

Membership Chair

Editor's Note: Please have your May newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, April 15.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

Auxiliary News



Sympathy goes out to the family of Mike Schnabel (S.A.L.) in the death of his son.

Sympathy goes out to Legionnaire members Jerry Reiter, Rob Blanchard, Butch Richmond and Auxiliary member, Julie Stopen in the death of their mothers. Sympathy

goes out to the family of Fred Doyle, past commander, who resided in Florida.

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The second Auxiliary breakfast will be held on April 26th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. A signup sheet is on the Auxiliary board for those interested in volunteering.

2015 is the year for new officers. There is a description of all officer positions on the Auxiliary bulletin board. If interested in becoming an officer, please read the description and should you have any questions, please ask or call Polly @ 608-513-5378.

Take Care and God Bless
President Polly Stout



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Sue Wipperfurth's sister Linda, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Dale Everett, Sue Hargraves, Gary Venden and Carol Welch

Please notify the following Legion members for sympathy or get well cards:

Legion Chaplain – Chuck Wedekind (838-7452)

Auxiliary Chaplain – Kathy Koenig (514-9400)

Sunshine Person – Jodie Armstrong (838-3745)

S.A.L. Chaplain – Sonny Stout (838-9420)

S.A.L. Corner



Hello SAL Members,

Our sympathies to Mike Schnabel whose son, Jeremy was killed on March 17.

I want to let you know you have done a wonderful job in renewing your dues this year. We are over 100% again. We have

95 total members paid up. Thank you again!

I'd like to give you my perspective on
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something that was brought to my attention in the District 3, 4 and 5 Newsletter. It says McFarland Post 534 3rd District is 104.35 percent. That's great; however, I want to make sure my Squadron gets the credit it deserves for membership renewals and business conducted. We have grown over the years and have a great team of officers in Rick, Gary, Mark, Dick, Sonny, Randy and Ron. Let's make sure to give credit where credit is due.

We are also grateful to Commander, Mike Larson for his total support of our S.A.L. We are able to use the hall and bar at any time that permits for our functions. I know other posts that don't allow this. Thanks, again, Mike and Post 534.

This is my last term as Commander, so please think about your nominations for the upcoming Wednesday, April 1 meeting at 6:30 p.m. All positions will be open. We will vote on all the nominees at the June meeting and installation is the later part of June. Good luck everyone!

I'm hoping we made enough money at the Chili cook off to send Howard on the Honor Flight with Gordy. Howard is the Sponsor for Gordy and they are both members of our Legion and S.A.L. Post 534 here in McFarland.

SAL Commander, Don (Hook) Egner

Memorial Day Parade

Welcome Spring – Almost! I know it is a bit early to be thinking about May, but we at the American Legion are looking forward to it, especially as the members of American Legion Post 534 of McFarland sponsor our annual parade each year on Memorial Day. Memorial Day this year falls on May 25th. The parade will begin at noon. The parade route starts at Christ the King Church and ends at the American Legion Post 534, 4911 Burma Rd., at 1:00 p.m.

Our American Legion Post 534 also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag rising at each of the three cemeteries in McFarland that morning. If there are any veterans interested in joining us, please contact Jodie Armstrong at 838-3745. The dress uniform for the Firing Squad is: white shirt/black slacks/black shoes

and garrison cap.

I will also need the help of about 9 people to help me at the church to get everyone in and organized prior to the start of the parade. We would need you between about 10 a.m. and noon. Once the parade starts, you are free. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars, come on down and join us for a day of remembering every soldier, every family who ever fought to protect American ideals. Make this a day to celebrate our freedom, liberty and independence.

Parade Chairperson, Kathy Durant
669-2604



**American Legion
Breakfast
Burma Rd, McFarland**

Sponsored by Unit 534 Auxiliary

Bacon, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast,
Sausage Gravy with Biscuits, Juice, Coffee & Milk

Sunday
April 26th, 2015
8 am -12 Noon
A.Y.C.E.



Kids 2 and under free, Kids 3 - 8 years old - \$3.00
9 years of age and up - \$8.00

Bring/Join Family and friends for a wonderful breakfast

**BEST BREAKFAST SERVED IN MCFARLAND
FOUR TIMES A YEAR**

**Additional Breakfast served in 2015
Always on Sundays
September 27th and November 8th**

