

Post Notes

April, 2016



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Commander's Corner



Hello to all,
 We lost another member and a friend of mine, R.J. Birrenkott. Bob and I worked together on the Madison Police Force for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

The Legion birthday was once again a success with good food. Thanks to all that helped and came to enjoy.

I neglected to mention last month that we had the privilege of having our State Commander, Dale Oatmann and past State Vice Commander, Rich Ruland attend our February Meeting. Commander Oatmann updated us on several programs of interest to the American Legion.

Memorial Day will be upon us soon and our new parade chair is 2nd Vice Bill Bley. He is looking for parade participants and volunteers to help make the parade another success. If you know of anyone who wants to be in the parade, please call the legion at 608-838-3249 and leave a message for Bill. (No politicians or political statements, please.)

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events. We will have a busy month in April.

Hope you had a safe St. Patrick's Day and happy Easter. Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



Mark your calendar: April 9 is National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. Take a moment and say a prayer. We will never forget them. There are countless stories of American prisoners experiencing extreme conditions and many

have made the ultimate sacrifice. April 1-7 is Golden Rule Week, generally defined as treating others as you would like to be treated. To treat others well, you must believe in yourself. If you put a small value on yourself, rest assured the world will not raise your price. April is also physical wellness month. Start those exercises you have been promising to start, take those daily walks.

Each Legionnaire should be alert to the physical and spiritual needs of his/her comrades. As Chaplain, I seek to minister to people wherever there is a need. Please notify me when there is a death, illness or special concern in the membership.

God is the source of all rights and privileges. Thank you for your service.

Chaplain Dale, 608-395-5942

PS: Ask big: Ask God for your big dreams. Do not limit your request. Ask like it's your birthday. Believe God can do the impossible. Make your dream to

include helping others and making the world a better place.

Membership



Dane County Youth Government Day is April 19, 2016.

Currently, 94% of Post 534 members have paid their 2016 dues. Thank you!

For the record, Post 534 has encountered the loss of ten members to date who will be recognized at Post

Everlasting at our 2016 Memorial Day program. I encourage all of our American Legion Family members to **recruit** your neighbors, relatives and friends to join the Edwards-Foye Post 534 in the never ending fight for our earned **Veteran Benefits!**

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact me at your convenience at (608) 838-3551 or email:

robertodonnell@charter.net

Bob O'Donnell
Membership Chair



Auxiliary News

Hope everyone enjoyed their Green Beer and corn beef and cabbage! ☺!

I would like to Congratulate and Welcome Bonnie Jenkins as the Unit

Treasurer. Ironically we replace the outgoing Treasurer, Bonnie Lamp with another Bonnie. Maybe it is the luck of Irish looking down at our Unit. ♣

I want to give my heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with setup, serve, cook and

clean-up at our March Breakfast. Just two weeks before the breakfast, we had only four volunteers signed up, but our legion members and SAL members heard our plea and came out to answer. We served over 108 adults and 7 children. At the April Breakfast, we will be focusing on "Homemade" items. Please come down on April 24th and give it a taste.

ALA Unit 59 Stoughton will be hosting a Leadership Workshop on April 2 from 9:30 to 2:30 pm. Any members interested in joining Bonnie Jenkins and myself, please leave me a message on my cell phone. (608-332-3688).

We will be celebrating our Senior and Junior members at our first Spring Social being held on April 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Watch your mailbox for more information.

Our next bingo will be April 17th. We will be taking a short break during the summer months. We will start up again in September.

Dates to remember:

- Apr 02 – Leadership Training
- Apr 05 – Meet & Greet 6:00 pm
- Apr 10 – Spring Social 2:00-4:00 pm
- Apr 16 – SAL Chili Cook-off
- Apr 17 – Bingo 12:00-3:00 pm
- Apr 19 – Dane County Government Day
- Apr 24 – Auxiliary Breakfast 8:00-12:00 pm

Have a Blessed Easter Holiday! God Bless!

Jodie Armstrong

Auxiliary President

P.S. The "Meet & Greet" at 6:00 pm April 5th -

theme will be: **Anything Fresh!**

Please bring enough to feed 6-8 people. Try not to eat before coming to the meeting.

Please have your May articles to me by Wednesday, April 20.
Thanks. Sharon, editor



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ken Iwen (grandfather of Michael Shebelski), Ron Walsvick, Ron Okeefe and Neil Rossmassler

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

Legion Chaplain – Dale Sankey (608-395-5942)

Auxiliary Chaplain – Elynn Thompson (608-838-3395)

Sunshine Person – Sue Wipperfurth (608-535-0495)

S.A.L. Corner



Hello All!!

It is nice to see that Mother Nature has been treating us well lately. Hope everyone finds some time to enjoy a little of it.

Our attendance at our monthly meetings is still low. Let's not leave it up to a few members to make decisions that affect

many of us. Again, our monthly meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month. They start at 6:30 at our legion hall.

Just a reminder, our Chili Cook Off is April 16, 2016. If you are interested in bringing your favorite chili or soup, please sign up at the legion. The S.A.L. provides gilled cheese sandwiches, milk and coffee.

May God bless you and yours,

Rick Schneider

S.A.L. Commander

Memorial Day Parade

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 30th. 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 534 also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag raising at each of the three cemeteries in McFarland that morning. If there are any veterans interested in joining us, please contact Jodie Armstrong at 608-838-3745. 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, Bill Bley
608-579-1517

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

At my age "getting lucky", means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.



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APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Legion Mtg 7 pm	2
3 Home Talent Breakfast 8 am-noon	4 Hope Rod & Gen Club 7 pm	5 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	6 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	7	8 Rental Pro Tackle	9 Rental Optimists Euches Tournament
10 Auxiliary Senior Appreciation 12-4 pm	11	12	13	14	15 MoF Softball Aasn. 11 am SAL Chili Cook-Off 12-4 pm	16
17 Soua, Sandwich Bltgo 12-4 pm	18	19	20 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	23 No Rental
24 Auxiliary Breakfast 9am-noon Meat Raffle 1 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	4 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	5	6 Legion Mtg 7 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Spring Clean-Up 9am-noon
14	15	16	17	18 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 S.A.L. Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 MoF Softball Mam Softball Tourney Committee 11 am
28	29	30	31			
1 No Rental	2 Memorial Day Flags Up 6 am Flags Down 6 pm					