

Post Notes

August, 2014



Commander.....	Mike Larson	Service Officer.....	Russ Jenkins
First Vice.....	Bob O'Donnell	Chaplain.....	Chuck Wedekind
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Adjutant.....	Ron Hillson	Sgt. at Arms.....	Mike Verdico
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Commander's Corner



Welcome to summer. Now starts the downhill slide to winter.

We were able to put the flags (106) up on July 4th and the weather was great. We had about 12 people here to put them up. Troop 53 showed up and had the flags down, folded and

put away by 5:45. I can't thank the scouts and parents enough for their help and the enthusiasm I see when they do this for us.

Our new 1st Vice, Bob O'Donnell, is now in charge of membership along with S-S-Skip as a helper and teacher. If you haven't paid yet, please do so, so you don't forget later. We were unable to reach 100% this year as we lost several members due to death or transfers.

We have had several problems with the compressor for the walk-in cooler and it would cost a lot of money to repair with no guarantees. The compressor is very old and not at all energy efficient and it cannot keep the cooler as cold as it should. We have requested three bids for replacement. We are hoping to pick a bid and have it done by the raffle on August 9th. Right now we are using ice and coolers to keep things cold.

Don't forget the raffle is approaching fast and we have a lot of tickets to sell. First prize is \$3000.00 with \$1800.00 of additional cash prizes and door prizes. Dinner is steak or chicken and an open bar from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the drawing. Tickets can be purchased at the bar or from several members who have tickets. Just ask and you shall receive.

Until next month, God bless.
Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



God, grant Your special blessing to all who assume duties in leadership. Walk with us, day by day, that we may continue to serve You and our Country.

Our hearts are humbled by the sense of our responsibility, yet proud of the confidence placed in us by our comrades in The American Legion. We are grateful for the heritage bequeathed to us, and here and now we determine ourselves to be ever vigilant to preserve that heritage.

We pray, O God, that what we accomplish will be fruitful, permanent and good. Inspire us with

Your wisdom, direct us in our thinking and guide us as we work together for You, our Country and our comrades, to the end that this nation under God will continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave.

For the year just completed, for a successful convention, we are grateful to You, O God. Now as we accept the responsibilities of our respective offices, we ask for Your guidance. Amen.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Chuck

Membership News

Happy New Year!

It is that time of the year to pay 2015 membership dues. Many of the recent news headlines regarding Veterans described how both the President and Secretary of Veterans Affairs paid particular attention to the nation's largest Veterans organization, the American Legion!

Thank you to our PUFL and early bird members who have already paid 2015 membership dues. All members who have not sent in their payment, please pay your 2015 dues **by August 31, 2014** and help the national headquarters avoid mailing you a reminder. Let's save a tree and reduce mailing costs for the American Legion.

If you are interested in P.U.F.L. (Paid Up For Life membership), we can retrieve the national American Legion's offer specifically for you. Their offer is based on your age, so each member's PUFL cost is slightly different. If you are interested in PUFL, please contact me at 838-3551.

Take time to enjoy the rest of your summertime activities and God Bless America!

Bob O'Donnell
(Skip's newest trainee)

Auxiliary News



Thank you for all cards sent to my family in memory of my eldest sister's (who was 91 years old) passing on to a better place.

Auxiliary ladies who are interested in volunteering for Post 534 Legion raffle sponsored by the Legionnaires being held

on Saturday, August 9, 2014, **please contact Mike Larson 608-576-4536 or Denny Haugen 608-628-3832.**

The Legion will not be having a chicken BBQ this fall.

Have a safe and wonderful summer in your travels.

Take Care and God Bless
Auxiliary President
Polly Stout



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, Frank Hlavac, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Lorraine Jackson (mother of Sue Wipperfurth), Marilyn Paulus (mother of Carol Welch), Dennis Dancker, Doug Gehrke (brother of Polly Stout), Roger Segebrecht, Dale Everett, Ray VanKyllen and Phyllis Rodefild (sister of Polly Stout)

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,
The SAL has 23
memberships that are
paid up for our new
year. That's a great start
– let's keep it coming!
We also welcome and
congratulate Ray
Dzieciol as our new
Third District S.A.L.
Commander. Great job

Ray! The Legion might need a new icemaker before they get a new refrigeration system for cold beer. Otherwise, the summer is flying by and not much to report. The fishing is slow for perch, hopefully it'll pick up soon!

SAL Commander
Don (Hook) Egner

Editor's Note: Please have your September newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, August 20.
Thanks,
Sharon Scallon, editor

ANNUAL BENEFIT RAFFLE

Saturday, August 9, 2014

**\$50.00 per ticket
(only 200 will be sold)**

**Drinks and hors d'oeuvres
at
5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
(Your choice – chicken or
steak)**

Raffle at 7:00 p.m.

**Call Mike Larson at
576-4536
or the Post at 838-3249
for tickets**



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Bar Manager.....Sonny Stout
 Rental Officer.....Jim Wickert
 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon
 Building/Grounds..... Karl Schuetz, Denny Haugen

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Legion Mtg 7 pm	2
3	4 Aux Mtg 7 p.m. Lounge Lions Club 8pm-9pm Hall	5 S.A.L. Mtg 8:30 pm	6 Tom Coor Birthday	7	8	9 Legion Raffle & Dinner 5 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 McF Softball Assn. 10 am-2 noon
17	18	19 Exec. Bd 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22	23 Reneil (Wedding)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Reneil (Celebration of Life)
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SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	3 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	4	5 Legion Mtg 7 pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Exec. Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	18	19	20 McFarland Softball Assn. 10 noon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				