

# Post Notes

August, 2016



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| Commander.....   | Bob O'Donnell   | Service Officer.....   | Russ Jenkins   |
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## Commander's Corner



THANK YOU for the great turn out to raise the flags at 06:00 hrs on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Girls, Boys, Cub Scouts and Historical Society did a great job of folding the flags at 16:00 hrs.

Thank you to Jim Carpenter for the great work using PowerPoint to update 2016 Post

Everlasting and Jim Wickert for posting it on the digital photo display. Check it out!

Our annual raffle will be held on **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**. It starts at **5:30 pm** with refreshments, dinner and is followed by the drawing. Make sure you **purchase your tickets** which include a great meal and a chance to win prizes generously donated by numerous area sponsors.

The McFarland School District (MSD) is in the early stages of developing an expansion plan that may affect our mutual border. The Post 534 executive board has met with the MSD board to discuss this issue. Any border changes proposed by the school district will be discussed at our monthly meetings and requires a vote by Post 534 members. August 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday is our next monthly meeting, be there to discuss the topic.

On Wednesday morning, **August 10<sup>th</sup>**, we need flag wavers to welcome the Legion Riders who

will escort the Traveling Vietnam Wall from the Dane county line to Operation Badger Base at Capital Harley Davidson & Ho Junk. Please report to the Legion at 10:30 hrs.

On August 11-14<sup>th</sup>, a replica of the Vietnam Wall and The Tomb of The Unknown will be on display for 3 days and is free to the public. **They need volunteers.** You do not need to be a veteran to a volunteer. Sign up at

[www.operationbadgerbase.com](http://www.operationbadgerbase.com)

Commander Bob

## From the Chaplain



Be ready, God wants to do something great in your life. Get your passion back. You have everything you need, against all odds, you will win. Don't let negative thoughts hold you back. Your best days are ahead. Stand strong. You can talk yourself out of your dreams; you can also

talk yourself into your dreams. With God, all things are possible. You do not have to be afraid of

whatever comes up for you to do. Maybe you are not asking God for enough. Go for the gold. The only one that is holding you back is you.

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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: Fountain of youth: Worry less, stop being frustrated by things you cannot control. The only thing you can control is your attitude. Life happens to all of us. Make a conscious choice every morning: I will not get upset today. Enjoy the journey. Every day is a gift from God. If you learned you had only three months to live, how many of your worries would disappear?

## Membership



We are off to a good start with membership renewal for 2017. Currently over 200 of our members have already paid their 2017 membership dues. Thank you.

As you know, the American Legion is the primary lobbying organization dedicated

to protecting our rights and benefits as veterans. The primary funding source for these efforts is dues paid by our membership. Since we unfortunately lose members each year, it is important for all of us to recruit new members when we can.

If you have any questions regarding membership or recruiting, please call me at 608-579-1517 or email: wrbley48@yahoo.com

Bill Bley

Membership Chairman

## Auxiliary News



I hope everyone had a very Happy Independence Day celebration with family and friends. It was nice having a break from meetings. Our Unit is wrapping up a few June projects like the six Baby Diaper Bags for Hospitalized Women Veterans. I am told the

duo of Bonnie Lamp and Bonnie Jenkins will have the bags at our August meeting. Kelly Vinge and I had a great time shopping for items for the VA Hospital. We added our shopping bounty to items donated by Ellyn Thompson to the VA Hospital.

I hope everyone has a great time at the Golf Outing. If you are not golfing and would like to lend a hand, we could use a few more volunteers to help with the food preparation. Good Luck to all the golfers!

I have been asked by the Take-a-Vet-Fishing team to let everyone know about an opportunity to help them raise funds, by working the Taste of Madison – Take-a-Vet-Fishing booth this Labor Day weekend. Contact Rob Blanchar at 838-3956 for information.

It seems I am suffering from several episodes of memory lapse. It seems I forgot to personally thank some of volunteers in last month's newsletter. I am truly sorry if I did not mention you by name; please know it was not intentional. I value and appreciate everyone's time and effort that you give our Unit and Post. Without you, the volunteer, our Unit and Post would not be able to accomplish our mission of serving to the needs of our veterans, family and community. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Don't forget to purchase your Legion Raffle tickets. Our next meeting is on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

During this heat wave, let's be sure to watch

over our friends and family.  
Jodie Armstrong, Unit 534 President

Coast Guard or Merchant Marine).

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## Sick Call – Prayer List

Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ron Okeefe, Shawn Moriarty, Liz Gullickson Bliese (wife of SAL, John Bliese), Denny Frank and Sandy Haugen

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

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

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

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

### All Vietnam-Era Vets (11/1/55-5/15/75)

In 2008 Congress empowered the DOD to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War. Therefore, “The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration” was formed to thank and honor Vietnam-era veterans from now through 2025. More info is available at:

[www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com)

American Legion Post 534 was accepted as a Program Partner. In accordance with the Program Partners agreement, Post 534 must hold one event in 2016, a minimum two in each 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

Currently Post 534 membership consists of 180 Vietnam-era veterans, but **All** Vietnam-era veterans are eligible for this recognition, as long as they served one day active duty anywhere in the world between 11/1/1955 and 5/15/1975. If you are interested in participating in a ceremony recognizing and honoring our Vietnam-era vets, please contact:

Jim Wickert

(608) 241-2438

e-mail: [jwick16060@tds.net](mailto:jwick16060@tds.net)

Please give me your name, dates of service and branch (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,

## S.A.L. Corner



Rick just got out of the hospital and consequently, will not have an article this month. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

### *A few “Murphy’s” Laws . . . .*

**Law of Mechanical Repair** After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you’ll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

**Law of Probability** The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Random Numbers** If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

**Variation Law** If you change lanes (traffic), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**Law of the Bath** When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

**Law of Close Encounters** The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don’t want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won’t work, IT WILL!!!

**Law of Biomechanics** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Please have your September articles to me by Wednesday, August 17.

Thanks. Sharon Scallon, editor



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# AUGUST

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| 7                                       | 8   | 9                          | 10  | 11  | 12<br>Rental            | 13<br>Legion<br>Raffle &<br>Dinner                  |
| 14                                      | 15  | 16                         | 17<br>Exec Bd Mtg<br>7 pm<br>Newsletter<br>Articles Due | 18  | 19                      | 20  |
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