

Post Notes

February, 2015



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Commander's Corner



The end of December and the first two weeks of January were not good to me. Santa gave me the flu from December 21 to 26. Karen has no sympathy for sick people, so I sent her to her mothers in Stevens Point for Christmas and

it was me and the dog all week. On January 4, my father-in-law passed away with a heart attack so that was another busy week. Karen and her mother want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this time. Things are back to normal now, so I can get back on a regular schedule.

If you missed the Legion Family Christmas party, you missed a fun filled evening. We had pictures with Santa and everyone, great food and much laughter. I especially want to thank Polly, Jodie and Sandy H. for setting everything up before the party and everyone who brought dishes.

We have lost two members in the last two weeks. Frank Hlavac, a 27 year member, and Ray Popp, a 20 year member, both of whom have passed away. Our prayers are with their families during this difficult time.

On a brighter note, other members I reported

on last month are doing better. Mike V is back home from rehab for his broken leg and Ron Walsvick is home from two trips to the hospital. Karl Schuetz is also home from the hospital. A speedy recovery to all!

Until next month,
Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



For Valentine's Day, a couple of things to recall:

"Without Valentine's Day, February would be . . . well, January"

"A man is not where he lives, but where he loves."

"True love stories never have endings"

"A baby is born with a need to be loved – and never outgrows it."

"True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked."

Love,
Chaplain Chuck

Membership



45 Scholarships To Be Awarded by The American Legion Department of Wisconsin for 10th, 11th or 12th grade students

The Americanism and Government Scholarship Program fosters interest in all levels of government, citizenship and provides students

the opportunity to receive recognition and scholarships. A fifty (50) question test is administered to test a student's knowledge of U.S. Government, Wisconsin Government, County Government, the U.S. Constitution and U.S. Flag Etiquette. To complete the test, students must answer an essay question.

When is it?

Test may be taken anytime between April 6, 2015- April 17, 2015. Go to the web site:

<http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/americanism-and-government-scholarship-program>

Who is eligible?

Any student in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, who is enrolled in any public, private, parochial or home-school, in the State of Wisconsin may participate.

What are the scholarship opportunities?

Annually, 45 winners are selected by the Americanism Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin.

Membership

Currently 84% 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

Auxiliary News



Sympathy goes out to the family of Ray Popp. Ray and Kathy Popp are both members of Post 534.

It is the time of year for the first breakfast which the ladies will hold on Sunday, February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12

noon. The other three dates for breakfast (always on Sunday) are as follows: April 26th, September 27th and November 8th. The menu and price did not change.

There was no meeting held in January due to the below zero weather.

Attention Auxiliary members who are interested in receiving our monthly meeting notes. Please email me your address to buddycatsonny@yahoo.com so I can keep you updated. As I know, it is not always convenient to attend every meeting.

2015 is the year of election of officers. Please think of whom you would like to represent our Auxiliary as Vice President/Membership, Ann and President, Polly are not running for these positions. Nominations take place in May, voting takes place in June and installation of officers takes place in July. The secretary position is chosen by the president and is not a nominated office. So, please think and ask the person before nominating them for office if they would be interested.

Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you get to spend the day with your favorite sweetheart.

Take care and God bless!

Auxiliary President, Polly Stout

Editor's Note: Please have your March newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, February 18.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Lorraine Jackson (mother of Sue Wipperfurth), Marilyn Paulus (mother of Carol Welch), Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Dale Everett, Ray VanKysten, Sue Hargraves, Karl Schuetz, Mike Valdovinos and Ron Walsvick

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,

Happy New Year! We have 93 paid members (thank you!) and four new members to mention. Thanks to Mike Beam, Mike Casperson, Brandon Neitzel and Tim Neitzel for becoming SAL members! It's a great

organization and we appreciate your membership! We still have five members to pay their dues. Please take care of this, guys!

I'd like to mention the organizations we donated money to from our Swiss steak dinner. They are our own Post for improvements, as well as Wounded Warriors, Homeless Vets, Child Welfare and the McFarland Food Pantry.

At our last meeting, we chose March 28th as our Chili Feed date and October 24th for our Swiss steak dinner for 2015. Put these dates on your calendars so you can all be on hand for these great events. I would like to raffle off a new 50cc scooter

in the near future – maybe Super Bowl 2016, but I need input from a lot more members, along with those who come to our meetings. So please come to our meetings which are 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and voice your opinion. p.s. The fishing stinks, but you have to try. Harvey says dynamite works best and use a big net after!

SAL Commander,
Don (Hook) Egner

Million Veteran Program:
A Partnership with Veterans



What is the Million Veteran Program (MVP)?

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Million Veteran Program (MVP) is a national, voluntary research program. MVP is designed to help researchers better understand how genes affect health and illness, with the goal of improving health care for Veterans.

What will MVP study?

An increasingly common way to gain knowledge in this area is to collect genetic samples and health information from large groups of people. Researchers may use this information to learn how genes, lifestyle and military experiences affect health and disease.

Why is it important to study genes?

Genes carry instructions for building and maintaining our bodies. Small differences in our genes may explain why some people get diseases and others do not. Genes may also affect how people respond to certain medications and treatment. Having a better understanding of how genes work may help to prevent and improve treatment of disease.

What is involved in MVP participation?

Any Veteran receiving care in the VA health care system can participate. Participation includes:

- Filling out surveys through the mail
- Completing a **one-time** study visit to provide a blood sample for genetic analysis at a participating VA Medical Center
- Permitting authorized MVP staff to access information in your medical record on an ongoing basis
- Agreeing to future MVP contact

Participation takes about 20 minutes.

For more information about MVP, visit

www.research.va.gov/mvp or call toll-free 866-441-6075.

Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Trust
Of the
American Legion Post 534
McFarland, WI 53558

- 1.) Applicants for scholarships must use application forms furnished by the McFarland High School, or Legion Post 534. The American Legion scholarship application will be mailed out with the February newsletter. All applications are due back by April 1st of the year applied for.
- 2.) Two (2) scholarships will be available. One scholarship is intended to be used by a senior student from McFarland High School. The second scholarship is intended to be used by any member, sibling, child, stepchild, or grandchild of a current member of Post 534, Auxiliary, or S.A.L.
- 3.) No grade point average (GPA) is required for application. McFarland High School screens their applicants, recommending those deemed worthy, and forwards them to the Legion Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will review the applicants presented by the High School, and select one recipient. Then, one recipient from the American Legion candidates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee. If there are no candidates from the Legion, a second McFarland High School candidate may be selected that year.
- 4.) It would be preferred that the candidate or candidates would not be receiving other known scholarships, unless such scholarships be of a lesser amount.
- 5.) Applicants must attach to the application, a 200 to 300 word typed essay on "What your goals for the future are, and how this scholarship will help you attain them."
- 6.) The Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Trust, through Post 534, will award up to two (2) scholarships annually from the following:
 - a.) Four year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
 - b.) Two year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
 - c.) One year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
- 7.) All recipients must provide proof of a 2.0 minimum GPA after completion of their first semester, to receive the first year payment. Subsequent year's payments, where applicable, will be paid again after the first semester's proof of GPA. It is the responsibility of the recipient to request payment each year.
- 8.) In the event the recipient discontinues his/her scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all other scholarship privileges, unless the discontinuance is due to illness, family tragedy, or military service. The recipient must submit in writing, any request for postponement of scholarship to the Scholarship Committee for approval.
- 9.) As in the case of all Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision by the Scholarship Committee, approved by the Executive Committee, and the Post 534 membership. All revisions will become effective for the following years scholarship applications. We would insure that current scholarship recipients would not be affected by any changes.
- 10.) Scholarships may be used for any accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.
- 11.) The recipient(s) of the Stephen A. Foye Scholarship must show proof of documentation they are citizen of the United States of America.
- 12.) Deferral request must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for review in writing. Approval will be determined on a case by case basis.



Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Fund Application

Application Materials due

April 1, 2015

Mail to: American Legion Post 534

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 196, McFarland, WI 53558

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Check which Scholarship you are applying for:

____ \$1,000/yr. 4-year higher education degree

____ * \$1,000/yr. 4-year higher education degree

____ \$1,000/yr. 2-year higher education degree

____ * \$1,000/yr. 2-year higher education degree

____ \$1,000/yr. 1-year higher education degree

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McFarland High School applicant - No affiliation.

*** Must have American Legion Post 534 affiliation.**

Name of qualifying Post 534 member affiliation _____ Relationship _____

Contact Information of post member: Phone # _____

1. Name of school, university or college of higher education that you are enrolled or accepted for the fall term.

2. If you have not been accepted to a college, when do you expect to hear and where have you applied?

3. What is your intended Major of Study?

4. Why are you interested in your intended field of study?

5. List all of your extracurricular activities you participated in while in high school.

6. List all of your community activities and other out of school activities you have participated in.

7. List all of your work experience you have had, paid or volunteer

8. We need a 200-300 word essay on why you need this scholarship and what are your future goals.



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

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hoco Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	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	14
15 Soup Sandwich & Bingo 12 noon	16	17	18 Exec. Bd. 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	19	20	21 McFarland Softball Assoc. 10 am-noon
22 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am-noon	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hoco Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	3 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	4 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	5	6 Legion Mtg 7 pm	7
8 No Rental	9 Hoco Rod & Gun Club Dinner 5 pm Dance 7 pm	10 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	11	12	13	14 Optimists Euchre Tournament 7 pm
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22	23	24 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	25	26	27	28 SAL Chili Feed 10am-5 pm
29	30	31				