

Post Notes

July, 2014



Commander.....	Mike Larson	Service Officer.....	Russ Jenkins
First Vice.....	Bob O'Donnell	Chaplain.....	Chuck Wedekind
Second Vice.....	Kathy Durant	Historian.....	Rob Blanchar
Adjutant	Ron Hillson	Sgt. at Arms.....	Mike Verdico
Finance.....	Jodie Armstrong		Mike Valdovinos, Darrell Krenz
Web Site.....	www.alp534.org	Post Phone Number.....	(608) 838-3249

Commander's Corner



Hello once again.
As I told you last month, election of officers would be held at the June 6 meeting. Once again, I am honored to be elected Commander for the next year. The only new positions are 1st Vice and Sgt at Arms. John

Guler turned down the 1st Vice nomination due to health problems. Bob O'Donnell (Sgt at Arms) accepted the 1st Vice nomination and Mike Valdovinos was nominated for Sgt at Arms to replace Bob. Election results are posted later in the newsletter by the Adjutant. They are also posted on the board at the Legion.

The Memorial Day parade was a success but the ceremony got rained out about half way through. However, we got the important stuff done. Thanks to everyone for all the work that was done for the parade and ceremony. Thanks, also, to our Village President, Brad Czebotar for being our guest speaker.

Skip wanted me to remind everyone that your 2014 cards expire on June 30 and dues notices will be sent out in the next week or two. If you are going to the Department Conference, you will need your

2015 card.

I will have raffle tickets out this week and we will need your help to sell and to buy tickets. We are going to miss Greg Simonis this year. He sold about 30 tickets a year. A notice on the raffle will also be posted later in the newsletter.

Don't forget, flags go up at 0600 and come down at 1500 on the Fourth of July.

Until next month, God bless.

Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



Here I am at the end of a year as Chaplain. It has been a great year and I have had a good deal of help from everyone. The help started with Mike Valdovinos. He passed on all the information he had that he knew

from memory. He then passed on all the information he had in papers and books. Other officers for this year helped me put all my info together so that I could do what I needed to do in the right order.

Now we have the installation of officers coming up and I hope that a large number of our members will show up for that meeting. By the way, the meeting is on the 27th of June at 7:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to everything going well for the next year. With the help of others, all should go very well.

I hope everyone has a great year and the health of everyone remains good.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Chuck

Mark your calendars as there will no meeting in July. See you on August 5th.

Have a safe and wonderful summer in your travels.

Take Care and God Bless
Auxiliary President,
Polly Stout

Membership News

Howdy!

Guess what? Beginning July 1st, it's new membership dues (2015) time. On June 30, 2014, your 2014 membership expires. We are asking you to get this over with and pay your 2015 dues early so the Post can continue to support the needy veterans and the community.

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.

Respectfully,
Edward Lewis
Membership Chairman

Still Serving: It's Who We Are

The American Legion is the voice of 2.4 million American veterans and service members. As a resolution-based organization, the American Legion's positions represent the views of its members and are based on our four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Thanks, Mary Lloyd

Auxiliary News



The shopping was done for the VA Baby bags by Bonnie and me. The Auxiliary is no longer saving coupons for the soldiers.

There are a few poppy's left if anyone is interested in volunteering.



Sick Call – Prayer List

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

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 S.A.L. Members,
As you already know, there is no election of new officers this year because it's a 2-year commitment. Next year we will be looking for a number of new officers to be elected.

If there are any S.A.L. members ill, please call me at 577-8497 so we can get a card sent or help out as needed.

Congratulations to our new Third District S.A.L. Commander, Ray Dzieciot, who was newly elected from our very own Post 534. Good job Ray! Sweet corn will be ready next month and will

taste great with brats. Let me know who will be the first to step up and help organize. We could do it on a Saturday anytime. A small donation will be taken - this is not a fund raiser. Enjoy the warm weather!

S.A.L. Commander,
Don (Hook) Egner

Thank You Bob Hargraves, Tom Bouffiou, Larry White and Paul Peters for insuring all veteran graves in the McFarland Cemeteries and the Dunn Burying Ground had markers and flags on display for Memorial Day. Special Thanks to Larry Grenzow and his class from Waubesa Intermediate School for helping Bob, Tom and Larry place the flags in the Lower McFarland Cemetery. Having the students from Waubesa Intermediate School assist in the placement of the flags, now a tradition, was started by Legionnaire, Bud Larson and his wife, Midge.

Editor's Note: Please have your August newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, July 16.

Thanks,
Sharon Scallon, editor

American Legion Post 534
McFarland, WI



Results of the 2014/2015 elections held June 6, 2014

Commander, Mike Larson
1st Vice, Bob O'Donnell
2nd Vice, Kathy Durant
Finance Officer, Jodie Armstrong
Service Officer, Russ Jenkins
Chaplain, Chuck Wedekind
Historian, Rob Blanchar
Sgt at Arms, Darrell Krenz
Sgt at Arms, Mike Verdico
Sgt at Arms, Mike Valdovinos

Installation of officers will be on June 27, 2014.

Thank you for serving our Post

Submitted by Ron Hillson, Adjutant

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**

Happy 4th of July !





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

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day Flags up 6am Down 6pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Exec. Bd. Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	17	18	19 McF Softball Assn. 10 am-12 noon
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST

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