

# Post Notes

June, 2014



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## Commander's Corner



Welcome once again. Its 80 degrees out and feels wonderful for a change.

Spring cleanup went very well and we had about 15 people. We were done by noon and enjoyed pizza and beverages. Thanks to everyone that showed

up.

Election of officers will be on June 6 at 1900. I made a mistake in last month's newsletter stating elections would be held at the May meeting. It was nominations and by the time I realized what I had done, the newsletter was at the printers. More nominations can be made at the June 6 meeting and elections will be held. Installation of officers will be June 27 at 7:00 p.m. and there will not be a July meeting due to the Department Convention in Appleton.

TAKE A VET FISHING will be June 8 from 1200 to 1899. If you know of a veteran who would like to go fishing on Lake Waubesa, please call Rob Blanchar at 838-3956. An after action party will be at the Legion after the event. Good luck to all the fisherpeople!

We have two scholarship recipients this year

and they are Allison Downs and Rosalyn Runde. I heard it was a difficult process with 30 applications. Congratulations to both of them.

Don't forget, flags go up at 0600 and come down at 1500 on the Fourth of July. No special events are planned here that day.

Until next month, God bless.

Commander Mike

## From the Chaplain



After just celebrating Memorial Day, I felt it was important to remember it's true meaning.

Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday wherein the men and women who died while serving

in the United States Armed Forces are remembered. The holiday, which is celebrated every year on the final Monday of May was formerly known as Decoration Day and originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

In this time of unprecedented success and

prosperity throughout our land, I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.

God bless,  
Chaplain Chuck

## Membership News

Howdy!

Hope everyone is doing O.K. Not too much news.

During the month of June, American Legion Headquarters will be sending 2015 membership notices to everyone. Try and pay early so you won't get any more notices.

We were hoping to make 100% paid members but this fell short. The goal was 356 members but only 339 paid, for 95.2%.

With the summer months (finally) here, hope everyone has a good one.

Take care,  
Edward Lewis  
Membership Chairman

## Auxiliary News



Thanks to every Legion member that participated in our Memorial Day celebration of remembering our vets, either by helping with the Auxiliary shopping, making and serving food, marching in the parade, taking part in the ceremony or just

enjoying the day with Veterans, family and friends at the American Legion Post 534.

The installation of Legionnaires will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. Appetizers will be served. If interested in

providing an appetizer, please contact me @ 608-838-9420. If no answer, please leave a message.

Mark your calendars as there will be no meeting in July.

Have a safe and wonderful summer in your travels.

Take Care and God Bless  
Polly Stout, Auxiliary President

This is for the Spring cleaning. Your help was much appreciated! Thanks!!!

Sandy Haugen  
Russ Jenkins  
Polly Stout  
John Gruler  
Jodie Armstrong  
Doug Job  
Mike Larson  
JoAnn Schuetz  
Andy Otteson  
Coach

Denny Haugen  
Skip Lewis  
Sonny Stout  
Mike V  
Connie Campbell  
Ron Hillson  
Shawn Moriarty  
Tom Downs  
Bill Elgas



## 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, Hazel Learned (sister 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,  
Our next meeting will be June 4th at 6:30 sharp. We invite all new members to get involved. There has been some discussion about a brat and corn feed. We need volunteers to do this, so step up and get it

done.

I hope everyone came down for the Memorial Day Observance. It's always an honor to look upon those flags and listen to the names of our fallen Veterans read by Commander Mike.

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

Contact was made with the LRAFB inquiring how we could help those servicemen and women and their families that were affected by this storm. In doing so, we found their immediate need was for Wal-Mart gift cards to be given to them to enable them to purchase items needed for their families. Our American Legion Family made donations of \$850 with which we purchased gift cards. These were sent directly to the Airmen and Families Readiness Center at the LRAFB. In doing so, we were assured our military families received this donation directly.

While monetary donations are greatly appreciated, please let us also keep them all in our prayers during this devastating time, especially those families who have lost a family member or have a loved one currently deployed. We will never know the grief and helplessness they are feeling right now. Prayers are strong tools and cost us nothing.

Thank you to the Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. for your donations.

Sue Hargraves

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

Thanks.

My sincere apologies to all who have not been receiving the newsletter. We have uncovered the problem and have taken the necessary steps to make this correction. Hopefully, you will all be receiving your newsletter from here on out.

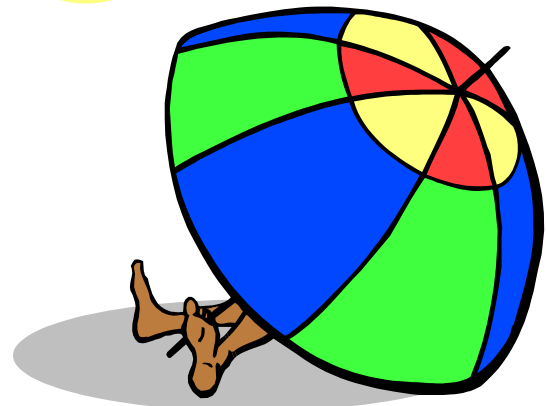
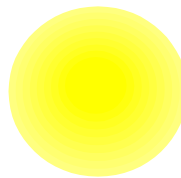
Sincerely, Sharon Scallon, editor

### McFarland American Legion Family Helps Arkansas Tornado Victims

On April 27, 2014, tornadoes ravaged the towns of Mayflower and Vilonia Arkansas.

Vilonia was the home of several military personnel stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB), located approximately 9 miles away.

## Enjoy Your Summer!





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# JUNE

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 Election pm
8 Take a Vet Fishing 12-6 pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Exec Bd 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	19	20	21 McF Softball Assn 10-12 Rental 10 am-4 pm Hall
22	23	24	25	26	27 Installation of Officers 7 pm	28
29 Rental	30					

# 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
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