

Post Notes

March, 2016



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Commander's Corner



Hello to all,
First, I would like to report two members of our post passed away last week. Francis "Teak" Vacha and Larry Satterlee have been members for several years and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of both.

I would like to thank Jerry Rice for his painting expertise. Over the past few years, he has painted both the outside and inside of our post. He had several helpers to take things down from the walls, move furniture, etc. With all that help, he only had to fire one volunteer who shall remain nameless (O.K., Ron?).

We are still seeking applicants for our scholarships. Rules and applications were in the February newsletter and must be returned by April 1, 2016. Additional applications may be obtained at the post. Our scholarships are generous and we hope to have several applicants again this year.

Please keep a close eye on the March calendar for several special events such as, S.A.L. Chili cook off (5th), Legion Birthday (13th), and soup, sandwich and bingo (20th).

Until next month, Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



Happy 97th Birthday, American Legion! On March 15, 1919, the first Legion caucus held by members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris.

Easter, March 27, the most important Christian holiday of the year, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The week proceeding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples, Good Friday which honors the day of his crucifixion and Holy Saturday which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50 day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension to Heaven.

Happy Easter and Happy St. Patrick's Day! Did you know, over 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made each year?

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: God is closely watching your life. Keep doing the best with what you have. Don't underestimate what you have.

Membership



Americanism & Government Scholarship Contest is available April 4 – 15, 2016. Go to www.wilegion.com for additional information.

Dane County Youth Government Day is April 19, 2016.

Currently, 94% of Post 534 members have paid their 2016 dues.

Thank you!

If you have not paid 2016 dues, you can mail payment to Post 534 or pay on the internet* and save the cost of a stamp. *Credit card payments can be made on line: www.wilegion.org (1) Click on Members (2) Click on Renew Membership. Have your American Legion identification number and credit card information ready.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact me at your convenience at (608) 838-3551 or email:

robertodonnell@charter.net

Bob O'Donnell
Membership Chair



Auxiliary News

Thanks to the joys of winter in WI, our February meeting attendance was on the light side. Sorry we missed you. Hopefully Mother Nature will not

interfere with our March meeting. Our first order of business will be conducting the nomination and election for the open Unit Treasurer position. If you are interested in running; please contact me.

We have an awesome Unit because of all the dedicated ladies who have repeatedly answered the call for help and assistance. There are many reasons why our volunteer pool is dwindling. It ranges from family obligations and health matters taking center stage, to work commitments.

We will welcome any amount of time you can give. If you can spare an hour or two, have a pan of brownies or hot dish to share, this would help immensely. Give me a call: 838-3745.

We are also looking for a volunteer to help with the **Badger State Girls program**. This is a good committee in which to get your feet wet. You will be coordinating the paperwork of High School guide counselor and candidates. We are also looking for a **Breakfast Coordinator**.

Ladies we still need your help. If you love to bake, cook meals, and/or help serve food; how about volunteering to provide your trademark goodies or a few hours to support our veteran families and neighbors by adding your name to the funeral committee list. Please contact Kay Klema or myself if you would like to lend a helping hand.

Bingo Chairperson - Sandy Haugen reports we are in need of soup for the March 20th Bingo event. Please sign up on the Auxiliary bulletin board or give Sandy a call: 628-5867.

The next meat raffle will be held on March 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Dates to remember:

Mar 01 -- Meet & Greet 6:00 pm

Mar 01 -- Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Mar 06 -- Meat Raffle 1 – 3:00 pm

Mar 13 -- American Legion (Nat'l) Birthday Party

Mar 20 -- Bingo 1 - 3:00

Mar TBD -- By-law Meeting

Happy St. Patrick's Day! God Bless!

Jodie Armstrong, Auxiliary President

P.S. The "Meet & Greet" at 6:00 pm March 1st -- theme will be: **Anything GREEN!** Please bring enough to feed 6-8 people. Try not to eat before coming to the meeting.

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Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ken Iwen (grandfather of Michael Shebelski), Rick Schneider, Ron Walswick and Ron Okeefe

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)

S.A.L. Corner



Hello All!!

I hope everyone is getting through our Wisconsin winter with little or no problems.

Our attendance at our monthly meetings is still low. We also need someone to take over our chaplain duties. Again, we thank Sonny Stout for his service.

Just a reminder that our Chili Cook Off is March 6, 2016. If you are interested in bringing your favorite chili or soup, please sign up at the legion. The S.A.L. provides gilled cheese sandwiches, milk and coffee.

May God bless you and yours,
Rick Schneider
S.A.L. Commander

Please have your April articles to me by Wednesday, March 16.
Thanks. Sharon, editor

Beer

Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

- Babe Ruth

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.

- Dave Barry

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

- Paul Homung

I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day.

- Lyndon B. Johnson

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

- Benjamin Franklin

Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C.

- W. C. Fields



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	2 S.A.L. Mtg 8:30 pm	3 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	4 Legion Mtg 7 pm	5 S.A. Chili Cook-Off 1-4 pm
6 No Rental	7 Hope Rod & Gun Club Dinner	8 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	9	10 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	11	12
13 Legion Birthday Party 1-4 pm	14 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	15	16 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	17	18	19 Matt Splinter Men Softball Tourney Comm 11 am
20 Soup Sandwich Blegg 12 Noon	21	22	23	24	25	26 Scholarship Committee 12 am-1 pm
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Legion Mtg 7 pm	2
3 Home Talent Breakfast 8am-noon	4 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	5 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	6 S.A.L. Mtg 8:30 pm	7	8 Rental Pro Tackle	9 Rental Optimists Eucire Tournament
10 Auxiliary Senior Appreciation 12-4 pm	11	12	13	14	15	16 Matt Splinter Men Softball Tourney Committee 11 am
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