

Post Notes

May, 2014



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Commander's Corner



Welcome to winter again. Eventually, we will get through this. When you wake up on tax day and you have an inch of snow on the ground, there is something wrong with this picture.

We had a fairly good turn out for the

Legion birthday and we certainly had enough food to feed the village. The S.A.L. Chili cook off was a great success in my eyes. I was going to sample as many as I could of the 18 or 20. I only made it through 4 bowls and every one of them was delicious.

Please don't forget Memorial Day on May 26 this year. The day's schedule will be busy as follows:
6:00 AM – Flags go up and come down at 5:00 PM
8:00 AM – Cemeteries and Legion Park flags go up
12:00 noon – Parade starts at Christ the King and ends at high school

1:00 PM – Memorial program at the Legion
2nd Vice Kathy Durant is in charge of the parade and still needs volunteers to help line up participants. Please call if you can help (838-3249).

Spring clean up will be May 3 at 9:00 AM, so bring a bucket, rubber gloves and cleaning supplies to help. Pizza and refreshments will be served when

we are done.

We will be having elections at our meeting on May 2. I encourage anyone interested in an office to please come to the meeting. It is good to have new people with new ideas in our Legion.

Until next month, God bless.

Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



It looks like we are finally going to have the warm weather we all have been waiting for. Easter is here and all the blessings that God has given us are great. Have a Happy Easter.

We send our sympathy to

those who are ill. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all those who grieve.

May 3rd is our day to help give thanks for our legion hall by helping with the spring clean up. With a lot of help, we will be able to have it done in no time.

Do not forget Memorial Day is coming up May 26th. The flags all go up and help is always needed.

God bless those who care about others. I look forward to a good month.

Chaplain Chuck

Membership News

It's getting to be that time of year when you snowbirds are packing up and heading back to God's country. Let us know when you return so we can change your address for the newsletter.

July 1, 2014 is the beginning of the 2015 drive for membership dues. Please get them in early to avoid harassment. We still have a few who haven't paid for 2014. Come in and get them paid. Your dues help pay the needs for the community and other veterans. It's not going to break you.

By the way, for those who weren't there, you missed a great Chili feed last Saturday (April 12, 2014) sponsored by the S.A.L.

Outside of that, you all have a wonderful time.

Sincerely, Edward S-S-S-Skip Lewis
Membership Chairman

P.S. Hope everyone had a wonderful tax time!

Auxiliary News



The Ladies Auxiliary served our 2nd breakfast on April 27th which went well. The ladies will not be serving breakfast until Sept. 21, 2014.

Thanks to Bonnie Dobson-Lamp, Carol Welch, Sandy Haugen and Jodi Armstrong for doing the

Ladies Auxiliary audit. Everything came out fine.

Bingo is done until October 2014. Thanks to all the bingo players and volunteers for their participation.

Bring your rags, bucket and elbow grease to the Post Spring cleaning on Mar 3rd starting at 9:00 a.m. Pizza will be served for lunch compliments of the Post.

The Auxiliary has chosen to hand out poppies again this year to remember our Veterans for Memorial Day. We will be going out to represent this event during the weekend of May 17th and 18th. It

would be wonderful if some of our Veterans helped with this event. The public likes to see and talk to retired veterans. Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members please see places, times and dates to help volunteer your time on the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be walking in the Memorial Day Parade. We need 5 ladies to walk. Anyone interested in walking, please call Lynn S. @ 608-669-6121. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving brats, hot dogs and chips @ 11:00 a.m. Beverages can be purchased in the lounge. Come and celebrate Memorial Day with your American Legion Post program on May 26th after the parade.

"Happy Spring"

Take Care and God Bless

Polly Stout, Auxiliary President



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, Frank Hlavac, Steve Killerlain, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Lorraine Jackson (mother of Sue Wipperfurth), Marilyn Paulus (mother of Carol Welch), Nancy Hodson (sister of Sue Hargraves), Dennis Dancker, Hazel Learned (sister of Polly Stout), Roger Segebrecht, Dale Everett and Ray VanKyllen

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)

Editor's Note: Please have your June newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, May 21.

Thanks, Sharon

S.A.L. Corner



Hello S.A.L. Members,
I would like to thank everyone that participated in our S.A.L. Chili Cook Off – whether you donated chili/soup or worked in any way, especially my fellow S.A.L. members, Dick, Mark, Rick, Dave, Ed, Dan, Randy and Ron. We

also had a group of non members that donated chili, baked cornbread and helped clean up. Thanks to my daughter, Kim, for helping and bringing her friends along! A special thanks to Matt Hart and Amy Muelver for donating two cakes decorated with American flags and said Post 534. They were very impressive and tasty! We served 75 people and it was a nice event for all that attended. Thanks again!

The next event will be in October for our Swiss steak and real mashed potatoes – unless any member wants to organize a summer event, feel free to do so – maybe sweet corn and brats? Read your newsletter for updates.

Don't forget the next meeting on May 7 at 5:30 sharp! Our S.A.L. membership stands at over 100 percent. Great job guys!

Spring was here, now it's snowing again!
S.A.L. Commander,
Don (Hook) Egner

Memorial Day

Calendars say it's May but I am having my doubts. Be that as it may, Memorial Day is just around the corner! With that comes an activity filled day here at American Legion Post 534. The members of American Legion 534 sponsor our Annual Memorial Day Parade here in McFarland. Memorial Day falls on May 26th this year. The parade will begin at noon. The parade route starts at Christ The King Church and ends at the American Legion Post 534. This will be followed by our Memorial

Service at the American Legion Post 534, 4911 Burma Road, at 1:00 p.m. Just a reminder: The Bar will be closed during this service.

Our Post 534 also provides the Firing Squad for the flag raising at the cemeteries in McFarland that morning. Thank you to those who have volunteered. If you have any questions or concerns, please give a call to Jodie Armstrong at 838-3745. The dress uniform for that morning is: white shirt ... black slacks ... black shoes and your garrison cap.

We are currently making arrangements for the parade line up. There's still plenty of room for your entry! Invitations can be found at Post 534 – just stop by and pick one up, fill it out and drop it in the mail slot for Kathy Durant, 2nd Vice, behind the bar. Or, just give Kathy a call at 442-9744.

I am also still looking for people to help me at the front of the parade with the lineup. I would like 9 people to help me get the entries into the parking lot and lined up. I have had several people volunteer already – Thank You Very Much! – but a few more individuals would make the lineup go much more smoothly. If anyone else is interested in helping, please give me a call at 442-9744. Time would be from about 10 a.m. until the parade starts at noon. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Mark your calendars, come on down and join us for a day of remembering every veteran, every family who ever fought to protect and defend American ideals. Make this a day to celebrate our freedom, liberty and independence.

Memorial Day Celebration Events:

Put up Flags – 6:00 a.m.

Lions Chicken BBQ – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at
McFarland High School

Post 534 Ladies Auxiliary – Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips –
11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade – 12:00 noon

Memorial Day Service Program – 1:00 p.m.

Take down flags, fold and store – 5:00 p.m.

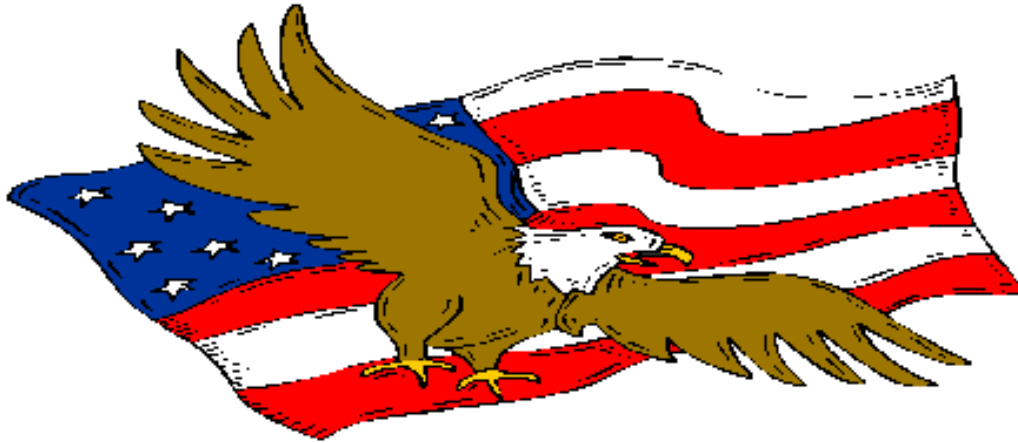
Parade Chairperson

Kathy Durant

(608) 669-2604

Memorial Day Celebration

Monday - May 26, 2014



McFarland

American Legion Post 534

0600 - Put Up Flags

1100 - Ladies Auxiliary Brats, Hot Dogs & Chips

1100 to 1800 - Lions Chicken BBQ - McF. H.S.

1200 - Memorial Day Parade

1300 - Memorial Day Services Program

1700 - Take Down Flags, Fold & Store



Join Us In Honoring Our Veterans



Life ...

Life is like a journey on a train...with its stations...with changes of routes...and with accidents!

At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents and we believed they would always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells.

Success consists of having

a good relationship with all passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way – love, forgive and offer the best of who we are.

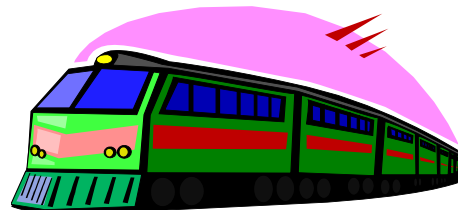
It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty – we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming year on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love.

More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on

*my
train!*





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 Rental Officer.....Jim Wickert
 Building/Grounds..... Karl Schuetz, Denny Haugen
 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon
 Internet/Website/Phone App!!.....Scott Virtue

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Legion Mtg Nominations 7 pm	Spring Clean-Up 9 am - ?
	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	S.A.L. Mtg 8:30 pm		
	11	12	13	14	15	16
						McF Softball Asen 10 noon Rental (pm)
	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rental				Exec Bd 7 pm News etter Articles Due		Rental
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No Rental	Memorial Day Flags Up 8am - Down 5 pm					

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	S.A.L. Mtg 8:30 pm		Legion Mtg Election pm	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Take a Vet Fishing 12-6 pm						
	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Exec Bd 7 pm News etter Articles Due		McF Softball Asen 10-12 Rental 10 am-4 pm Hall
	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Installation of Officers 7 pm
29	30					
Rental						