

Post Notes

May, 2015



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| Commander..... | Mike Larson | Service Officer..... | Russ Jenkins |
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Commander's Corner



We lost a good friend and legionnaire this month. Les Brennum passed away earlier this month. Les was a 44 year member of this post and was here basically from the beginning. He was, in my opinion, one of the hardest working and most dedicated

members of this post all those years. He will be missed greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with Les's family.

Karen and I want to thank everyone for their sympathies with the death of Karen's sister last month. It is appreciated.

I do not plan on running for commander in May. This is my fourth year and I have enjoyed serving as your commander. This would not have been as successful as it was if it weren't for the help of the officers and members, Auxiliary and S.A.L. of this post. As I said last month, start thinking about nominations for May 1. More nominations can be submitted at the June meeting with elections to follow that night. Installation of officers will be June 26. There will not be a meeting in July.

DON'T FORGET!!

May 2, Clean up day, 9:00 AM to noon with

pizza after.

May 25, Memorial Day – 6:00 AM flags – 8:00 AM Cemetery Flags – 12 Noon parade – 1:00 PM Ceremony.

June 5, Elections

June 12, Take-Vet-Fishing

Until next month, Commander Mike

From the Chaplain

It is a beautiful day in McFarland and here I am sitting in front of the computer. I hope that all of you are doing those things that make you happy.



The beauty of the day reminds me of one of the prayers I have used at one of our meetings. It goes

like this:

Dear Lord, we thank You for these days wherein we are given the freedom to make decisions for the betterment of our Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. programs – to obtain knowledge and the wherewithal to better care for our veterans. How to combine those efforts for a better America, always being mindful that we are “one nation under God”. We pray that this will be our goal – knowing that if we place our trust in You, we are assured of Your

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blessing. We know, Lord, all things are possible with You. Help us to be worthy as we claim this blessing. Amen

I hope that this finds everyone in good health or at least on the way to recovery.

For those of you who have lost a loved one or a friend, we pray you will live in the companionship of his or her spirit.

Chaplain Chuck

Membership



Currently 90% 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

Editor's Note: Please have your June newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, May 20.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

Auxiliary News



Sympathy goes out to the family of Les Brennum, a Legionnaire member of McFarland Post 534 for 44 years. Les will be missed as to his wealth of knowledge about our post.

Thanks to all members that helped or participated in our

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Auxiliary breakfast which went well. The next Auxiliary breakfast will be held in September.

The last bingo went well. Bingo will resume in October.

The Auxiliary will be distributing Poppy's in the month of May. We do need help from **all Legion members** to help support this function so we can support programs for the Veterans. Please see the signup sheet located on the Auxiliary bulletin board.

Would you like to represent the Auxiliary Unit 534 in the Memorial Day parade? If so, please contact Lynn S. at 608-669-6121. We need 4 to 5 ladies walking to represent our unit.

Food will be provided for Memorial Day by the Auxiliary which consists of brats, hot dogs and chips starting at 11:00 a.m. in the dining room.

2015 is the year for new officers. Are you interested in being an officer? If so, there is a description of all officer positions on the Auxiliary bulletin board. If interested in becoming an officer, please read the description and should you have any questions, please ask or call Polly at 608-513-5378. Nominations are due in May. If you would like to nominate someone, please ask the person if they would like to hold a certain office.

Take Care and God Bless

President Polly Stout



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Sue Wipperfurth's sister Linda, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Dale Everett, Gary Venden, Carol Welch, Mike V., Steve Killerlain and Bev Dexter

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)

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S.A.L. Corner



Hello SAL Members,
Our next meeting on May 6 at 6:30 sharp will be a very important one. We will nominate anyone who would like to be an S.A.L. officer. We need good attendance at this meeting to fill the positions that will be vacated. We will also vote on the number of years to serve from 2 to 1 year for each officer.

The June meeting will be another chance to nominate someone at the start of the meeting. At the end of the meeting, we will vote for the new officers. Installation of officers will be June 26. There is no July meeting.

We are happy to announce that the S.A.L. raised the full amount from the Chili Cook-off to pay Howard Volenberg's sponsorship for Gordon Nelson's Honor Flight in May (see picture below). I would like to thank everyone who brought in Chili, etc. and to all who had anything to do with this great event! Have a great trip Gordie and Howard!

SAL Commander, Don (Hook) Egner



L to R: Gordon Nelson, Don Egner, Howard Volenberg & Dick Schwedersky

Memorial Day

Wow - It's May already! And just around the corner is Memorial Day! With that comes an activity filled day here at American Legion Post 534. The members of American Legion Post 534 of McFarland sponsor our annual Memorial Day Parade here in McFarland. Memorial Day falls on May 25th 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 Rd, at 1:00 p.m. Just a reminder: the bar will be closed during this service.

Our American Legion Post 534 also provides the Firing Squad for the flag rising at each of the three cemeteries in McFarland that morning. If anyone is interested in being part of our Firing Squad, please contact 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 669-2604.

I am still looking for people to help me at the front of the parade with the lineup. I would like about 9 people total to help get the entries into the parking lot and lined up. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please give me a call at 669-2604. 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.

Parade Chairperson,
Kathy Durant
669-2604

Memorial Day Celebration Events

6 am – Put up flags

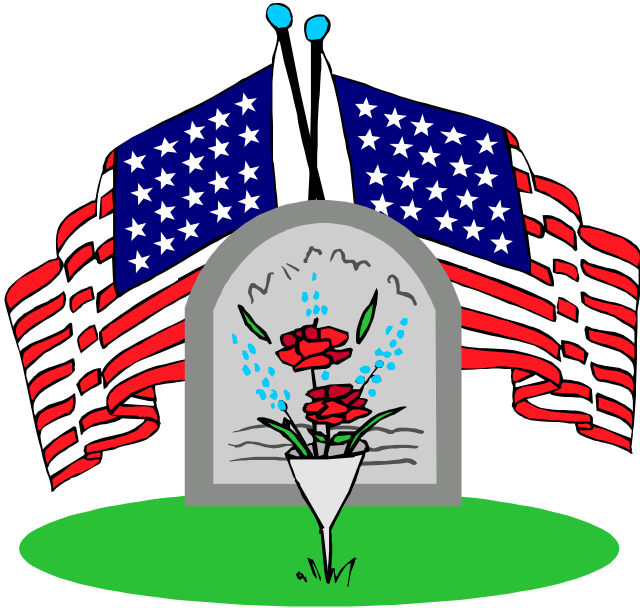
11 am to 6 pm – Lions Chicken BBQ at McF. H.S.

11 am – Ladies Auxiliary – Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips

12 noon – Memorial Day Parade

1 pm – Memorial Day Service Program

5 pm – Take down flags, fold and store



Murphy's Laws

Law of Mechanical Repair – After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity – Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of probability – The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers – If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law – If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the bath – When the body is fully immersed in water, the phone will ring.

Law of Close Encounters – The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result – When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Law of Biomechanics – The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena – At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people are also very surly folk.

The Coffee Law – As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers – If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces – The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument – Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of Physical Appearance – If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Law of Public Speaking – A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy – As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

Doctors' Law – If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Memorial Day Celebration ***Monday - May 25, 2015***



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





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MAY

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| | | | | | 1 Legion Mtg 7 pm | 2 Spring Clean-Up 9am-1pm |
| 3 Rental | 4 | 5 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm | 6 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Memoria Day Flags up 6am Down 5 pm | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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JUNE

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 Lion's Dinner 5:30 pm (Hall) Auxiliary Mtg & Election 7 pm (Lounges) | 3 S.A.L. Mtg & Election 6:30 pm | 4 | 5 Legion Mtg & Election 7 pm | 6 Rental |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Take A Vet Fishing | 13 Take A Vet Fishing |
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