

# Post Notes

May, 2016



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## Commander's Corner



Hello to all,  
 Welcome to spring. We have a lot going on this month. Clean up is on May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon with pizza after we are done. If you have some expertise in cleaning, please come and help. The Legion High

School baseball team will also be here to help. The S.A.L. Spaghetti Dinner is May 14 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Most importantly, we will be having nominations for officers at our May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is important that you get involved and nominate a candidate of your choice. I encourage any member to get involved so we can entertain new ideas to keep our post successful. At our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we will still accept nominations and vote on the candidates running for office. Installation of officers and the July meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget May 30 for our annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Flags will go up at 6:00 a.m. and come down at 4:00 p.m. The cemetery and legion flags will go up at 8:00 a.m. and the parade will start at noon at Christ the King Church and end at the high school. The ceremony will start at the legion about 1:00 p.m., depending on when the

parade finishes and we get everyone back. If you know someone who wants to be in the parade, please contact Bill Bley (608) 579-1517.

I want to thank Russ Jenkins and Dale Sankey for their work with the new window coverings in the hall. They also went with Bob O'Donnell and Bonnie Jenkins and eight high school students to Dane County Government Days on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The S.A.L. Chili Cook Off was another huge success. Congrats for all the hard work.

Commander Mike

## From the Chaplain



Mark your calendar: May 8 is Mother's Day. Cards and flowers are nice, phone calls are better; but the best is to spend time with your mom or your children's mom. May 21 is Armed Forces Day. We all should fly our flags. May 30 is Memorial Day. I hope to see ALL members at the

post for the ceremony to pay respect to the men and women who have died that have served their country. (Choose to see the world through grateful eyes. It will never look the same. Every morning find three things to be thankful for.)

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: Enjoy your life. None of us are getting out alive, so please stop treating yourself as an afterthought. Eat delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird. There's no time for anything else. ("Road to Peace" by Richard Gere)

## Membership



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

For the record, Post 534 has encountered the loss of 12 members to date who will be recognized at Post Everlasting at our 2016 Memorial Day program. I encourage all of our

American Legion Family members to **recruit** your neighbors, relatives and friends to join the Edwards-Foye Post 534 in the never ending fight for our earned **Veteran Benefits!**

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

[robertodonnell@charter.net](mailto:robertodonnell@charter.net)

Bob O'Donnell  
Membership Chair



## Auxiliary News

I love this time of the year! The outdoors transforms from the dull dreary grey to bright spring

colors. The grass and leaves turn bright green and flowers accent our yard. Best yet...It is the beginning of camping season! ☺

Speaking of spring, the annual Post Clean Up will be on May 7th. I would like the Auxiliary Cleaning team to concentrate on the kitchen. Cleaning starts at 9:00 a.m., bring any extra rags and degreaser.

Ladies, we need a few volunteers on Memorial Day to sell Brats & Hot Dogs. We have a volunteer who offered to cook the Brats and Hot Dogs. If you would like to lend a helping hand for a couple hours, please give me a call 332-3688. If no one volunteers, I will be forced to cancel this event.

Congratulations to the 2015 Badger Girls: Elisabeth Klumpyan, Karina Kloth and our alternate, Marissa Wolff. We know all of you will represent our Unit proudly. Have a great time.

Bonnie Jenkins and I attended the Leadership Workshop earlier this month. We learned a lot of information on history and notable leaders who helped shape the Auxiliary organization.

We had a huge turnout for our last bingo before the summer break. 43 bingo players enjoyed brats, hot dogs and brownies and ice cream. Thanks to all the volunteers who have made our Bingo Sunday a huge success.

Mark your calendar for our first Spring Senior Salute. We will be honoring our Senior members with an ice cream and cake social on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Watch your mailbox for more information. I apologize for the delay, a family emergency made it unavoidable.

### Dates to remember:

May 03 – Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm

May 03 – Meeting 7:00 pm

May 08 – Mother's Day

May 14 – SAL Spaghetti

May 15 – Senior Social 2:00 – 4:00 pm

May 21 – Poppy Distribution

May 30 – Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Have a great spring!

Jodie Armstrong, Auxiliary President

P.S. The "Meet & Greet" at 6:00 pm May 3rd - theme will be: **Salads Assortment!** Please bring

enough to feed 6-8 people. Try not to eat before coming to the meeting.



### Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ron Okeefe, Neil Rossmassler, Shawn Moriarty and John Zaemish (husband of Jodie Armstrong)

**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 that spring has finally found us. I, personally, am looking forward to mushrooms popping and my turkey hunt with my sons.

Our S.A.L. Chili Cook-Off was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated their chili and soup recipes

for this event! Our winner of the Chili Cook-Off was Jacob Tisue. A two-time champion! Thank you, Jacob! We served 100 people. And, I don't care if I EVER cook another grilled cheese sandwich! LOL! A very heartfelt thank you goes out to Jason Schneider, Don Egner, Howard Volenberg and Ron Dennis. Thank you! Without your time and effort, this event would not have been possible. However, it does sadden my heart. With as many members as we have, it seems to fall on a few to make these events happen. The S.A.L. is committed to supporting our members, families and community. Please remember, we are members of the S.A.L. to

support our fathers and grandfathers who have served FOR our freedom!

We have a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner coming up May 14, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and in advance, I would like to extend an invitation to all S.A.L. members to offer their help, if possible. There will be a sign up sheet at the legion asking for volunteers for prep work on Friday, May 13 and kitchen and dining room help on Saturday, May 14.

The S.A.L. wants to offer prayers for Shawn Moriarty and John Zaemish.

In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active.

May God bless you and yours,

Rick Schneider

S.A.L. Commander

### Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day this year falls on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The parade will begin at noon. The parade route starts at Christ the King Church and ends at the American Legion Post 534, 4911 Burma Rd., at 1:00 p.m.

Our American Legion 534 also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag raising at each of the three cemeteries in McFarland that morning. If there are any veterans interested in joining us, please contact Jodie Armstrong at 608-838-3745. The dress uniform for the Firing Squad is: white shirt/black slacks/black shoes and garrison cap.

I will also need the help of about 9 people to help me at the church to get everyone in and organized prior to the start of the parade. We would need you between about 10 a.m. and noon. Once the parade starts, you are free. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

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

Parade Chairperson, Bill Bley

608-579-1517

Please have your June articles to me by  
Wednesday, May 18.  
Thanks. Sharon Scallon, editor

## **GREAT NEWS**

**The "Golf Outing" is BACK!**



**Save the date: Sat. Aug. 6, 2016**

**More information to follow!**

**Contact Person: Kelly Vinge  
608-669-1709**

A new volunteer opportunity has been made available to Vets Helping Vets: Dane County now has a veterans' court. Volunteers mentor the veterans who are having their cases adjudicated. If interested, contact Tom at [608-238-7901](tel:608-238-7901) or [ttoppe@rsvpdane.org](mailto:ttoppe@rsvpdane.org)

### **A VETERAN DIED TODAY**

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Joe has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Veteran  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Veteran,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Veteran's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:

**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."**



# ***Memorial Day Celebration*** ***Monday - May 30, 2016***



## **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**



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# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Party in Lounge	2	3 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	4 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	5	6 Legion Mtg 7 pm	7 Spring Clean-Up 9 am- noon
8 Auxiliary Social	9	10	11	12	13	14 S.A.L. Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 pm
15	16	17	18 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	19	20	21 Matt Splinter Men Softball Tourney Comm 11 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Rental
29 No Rental	30 Memorial Day Flags Up 8am Flags Down 4 pm	31				

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	2	3 Legion Mtg 7 pm	4
5	6	7 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Take-A-Vet Fishing	13	14 Lions Club Dinner	15 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	16	17	18 Matt Splinter Men Softball Tourney Comm 10 am
19	20	21	22	23	24 Joint Installation Of Officers 7 pm	25
26	27	28	29	30		