

# Post Notes

April, 2017



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## Commander's Corner



We had a tremendous turnout to welcome home and say thank you to seventeen Distinguished Vietnam Era Veterans before the 98<sup>th</sup> American Legion birthday party on March 11th. Kudos to Jim Wickert, Izzy Laing, Kathy Durant and Jodie Armstrong for coordinating the event.

Dane County Government Day is on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Three members from the American Legion Family and several McFarland High School students will attend.

**Volunteers needed!** Mark your calendar for **Post 534 cleanup on Saturday, May 6, 2017** from 09:00 – 12:00 hours. The Legion Baseball team will participate in this activity also.

May 5<sup>th</sup>'s monthly meeting is a very important event for Post 534 as we nominate members to run for 2018 post offices. Our post needs you for input and guidance for the upcoming year. I encourage you to nominate yourself or someone you feel would provide leadership to our post.

Critical dates for our post and planning for 2018 include:

- May 5<sup>th</sup> nominate members for 2018 offices.

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> vote for the candidates running for office (we still accept nominations this day).
- Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> installation officers.

While I've had the privilege to be your commander this past year, you will have a new commander next year. I am scheduled to have shoulder joint surgery in June and I will not be available to serve in 2017-2018.

I encourage each member to consider running for an officer position or nominate someone you feel would donate their time and talent to provide guidance for Post 534. I've truly enjoyed being your commander and hope you will consider joining our leadership group.

If you know someone who wants to be in our 2017 Memorial Day parade, please contact Kathy Durant or contact me at [robertodonnell@charter.net](mailto:robertodonnell@charter.net) or 838-3551.

HAPPY EASTER!

Commander Bob

## From the Chaplain



April is physical wellness month. Start those exercises you have been promising to start, take those daily walks. Start with at least 30 minutes of exercise daily. Join the fun and fitness class in the pool at the high school, 3

week, \$25.00 for 6 months. Laughter is the fountain of youth. Every day find something to laugh about. Every week rent a funny movie. Laughter is the best medicine.

When you are planning/writing your will, or if a loved one dies, please remember America Legion Post 534. Your memorial gift is a beautiful way to help out, no matter how small or large a gift.

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. Hang out with friends that bring out the best in you. You have to love some people from a distance. Always giving to someone and not receiving will burn you out. Some people like the attention they get from being unhappy. You will burn yourself out trying to make them happy. God has a better friend in mind for you. Have people in your life that can help you to be the best you can be.

## Membership



If you have already paid your 2017 dues, please disregard any notices you may receive requesting payment. Unfortunately, there is a significant built-in delay before payment information is transmitted to National Headquarters. If you have not paid your 2017 American Legion

membership dues, there is still time. Please send your 2017 membership dues payment (\$35.99) to:

American Legion Post 534

PO Box 196

McFarland, WI 53558-0196

Credit card payments can be made directly on line:

If you have any questions regarding membership or recruiting, please call me at 608-579-1517 or email: [wrbley48@yahoo.com](mailto:wrbley48@yahoo.com)

Bill Bley, First Vice,  
Membership Chairman

## Auxiliary News



Once again, we are in need of volunteers for our April 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast of 2017. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please come and support your Unit. We would love and appreciate your help. Please add your name to the sign-up roster on

the Auxiliary bulletin board, or call me at 608-332-3688. Please leave me your name and number.

~~Soup~~ Soup-Sandwich & Games (B – N - O) will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Instead of our traditional Soup and Sandwich, we will be kicking off the spring season with a delicious picnic luncheon consisting of grilled brats and hot dogs with potato salad.

This is election year for our Unit. Our election committee will be reaching out to members to see if they are interested in running for office. All positions are tentatively open. There are also several committee chairpersons open. If you are interested or have questions, please give me a call. We will prepare and announce our election slate at the May meeting. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

Please mark your calendar with the upcoming Auxiliary events:

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast

Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Soup-Sandwich-Games

May 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Salute Social

Our next meeting is on April 4, 2017.

*Happy Easter!*

Jodie Armstrong, President

(608-332-3688)



## Sick Call – Prayer List

Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, John Guler, John Lynch, Leo Endres, Karl Scheutz, Gary Venden, William Peters, Don Haugen, Dick Becker, Mackenzie Schoeller (Bob & Sue Hargraves granddaughter), Dale Everett, Carlos Jenkins, Virgil Houff, Rick Schneider, John Zaemisch (husband of Jodie Armstrong), Don Zimmerman, Ellyn Thompson and Kathy Popp

**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)**

**S.A.L. Chaplain – David Sawyer (608-444-3768)**

**Sunshine Person – Sue Wipperfurth (608-535-0495)**

Please have your May articles to me by  
Wednesday, April 19.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

## S.A.L. Corner



Rick is recuperating from heart surgery and will not have an article this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and we wish him a speedy recovery.

### Memorial Day Parade

I know it is a bit early to be thinking about May, but we at the American Legion are looking forward to it; especially as the members of American Legion Post #534 of McFarland sponsor our annual parade each year on Memorial Day. Memorial Day this year falls on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The

our Memorial Service at the American Legion Post #534, 4911 Burma Rd., at 1:00 p.m.

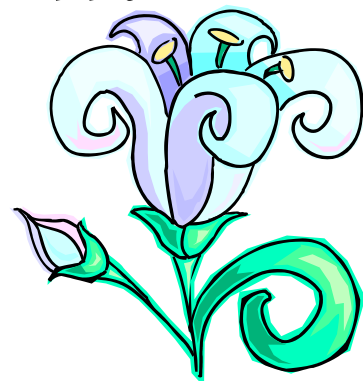
Our American Legion Post #534 also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag rising at Lewis Park and at each of the cemeteries in McFarland that morning as well as for the Memorial Service following the parade. If there are any veterans interested in joining us for either the Color Guard or the Firing Squad, 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. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, please contact us soon so we can be sure to have a full uniform ordered for you in time for Memorial Day. If you would like to learn more about just what it us we do, please give either Jodie or me a call. We would love to grow our Color Guard and welcome anyone interested.

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. I 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 you can.

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  
Kathy Durant  
(608) 669-2604

*Happy Easter!*





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 Rental Officer.....Jim Wickert  
 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon  
 Building/Grounds.....Denny Haugen

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 No Rental
2 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am-Noon	3 Hose Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	4 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	5 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	6	7 Legion Mtg 7 pm	8 Rental
9 Home Talent Breakfast 8 am -Noon	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 Vibrations Tackle Pro-Staff	22 Rental
23 Soup, Sandwich & Games Noon-4 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rental						

# MAY

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