

Post Notes

December, 2016



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Commander's Corner



Thank you to all the members of the American Legion Family and volunteers who made 2016 Veterans Day a tremendous success.

Thank you to the Boys, Girls & Cub Scouts who turned out in great numbers to fold 106 flags.

The McFarland High School prepared a great breakfast at 07:00 hours for approximately 25 Veterans who attended. Every Veteran was very thankful for the opportunity to interact with the faculty and students. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students; they are the best young people that you ever wish to meet.

At 14:15 hours the Waubesa Intermediate School produced an excellent half hour program that was opened and closed by Post 534 color guard. The program recognized each branch of military service in music and displayed pictures of service men and women who were related to students enrolled in grades 3 through 5.

The Auxiliary produced another tasty Veterans Breakfast on November 6th. Thank you to all for the great turn out.

Remember to attend the Legion Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016

from 15:00 – 19:00 hours. Plan on joining the

Legion Family for good times.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Merry

Christmas! My wish for you is that all your dreams come true. It is not an inconvenience to think big. Keep your vision in front of you. Your loved ones lose their way? Put a Bible out with their name on it, so they can see it every day. Need your health restored? Put a picture

of yourself when you were healthy on your mirror. New house? Car? Whatever your dream may be. Put a picture of it some place where you will see it every day. You will move toward what you can see. Never say I can't imagine that.

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.

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Chaplin Dale
608-395-5942

PS. Ask God for help daily. Pray, believe, then you will receive.

Membership



Do you have a Veteran whom you are not sure what to give for the holidays? How about membership in the American Legion, the country's largest veterans' service organization? Many veterans are looking for ways to continue serving their country and this

can be accomplished through membership in the American Legion.



If you know a vet who is not a member yet, invite him/her for a tour of our post. A membership only costs \$35.00. If you would like to give a membership as a gift to a veteran, or if you have any questions regarding membership or recruiting, please call me at 608-579-1517 or email: wrbley48@yahoo.com

Bill Bley, First Vice,
Membership Chairman

Estate Planning?

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.

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Auxiliary News



Boy we sure have been blessed with some outstanding November weather. I hope everyone has used this time to baton down the hatches. I hear a blizzard is developing in South Dakota. It is only a matter of time before Mother-Nature sends

it our way.

Our November 6th breakfast had a great turnout. We served breakfast to 46 Veterans and 171 customers. Since is the season to be thankful... I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped make this breakfast a huge success. It takes a crew of approximately 20-25 to pull off a breakfast event. Just to give you an idea of how many crews:

1. Dining Room & Sign: Russ Jenkins and Dale Sankey.
2. Publication team: Ellyn Thompson and Kay Kelma
3. The Prep crew: Sandy Haugen, Illy Smiley, Sue Hargraves, Kay Kelma, and myself.
4. The Breakfast team: Kay Kelma, Kelly Vinge, Marge Marshman, Bonnie Jenkins, Suzie Everett, Carolyn Quamme, Betty Mellum, Carolyn Clow, and her two friends, and myself. We also were blessed with little helpers from the local Girls and Boys Scout troops: Hope Elliott, Amy Bexson, Rebecca Koop, Lena Miller and her mother, Theresa. The Boy Scouts rep was Zacary Ollhoff.

Thanks Hope, Rebecca, and Nick. Our publication team: Ellyn Thompson and Kay Kelma Thank you! Thank you to ALL volunteers who support all of our functions.

If you haven't paid your dues, please pay them online or send them to PO Box 196, Attention:

Sue Wipperfurth.

December, 2016

Come down to the Post after Thanksgiving to select a tag or two from the Giving Tree. This will support our local needy.

The American Legion Family Christmas Party will be held Dec. 17th. This year it will be from 3 to 7 pm. Come down to get your picture taken with Santa and share some Christmas spirit.

Our next meeting is December 6th.
Jodie Armstrong,
Unit 534 President (608-332-3688)



Sick Call – Prayer List

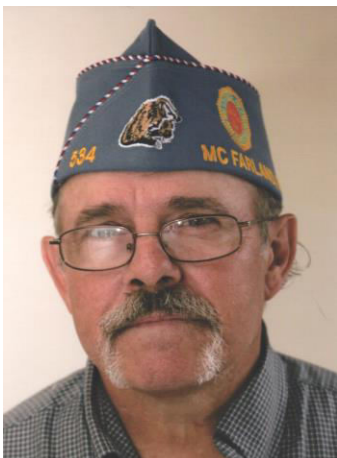
Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, John Guler, John Lynch, Leo Endres, Karl Scheutz, Charles Rodefeld, Gary Venden and William Peters

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 January articles to me by Wednesday, December 21.
Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

S.A.L. Corner



Hello Friends-
Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 sharp. Hope to see you there.

Just a friendly reminder that our membership dues are due. You can pay at the

legion – attn: Dick Schwerdsky. Or, better yet, fill out the form that was

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sent to you and send it back to Dick Schwerdsky with your dues.

In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active. Merry Christmas and may God bless You and Yours,

Rick Schneider,
S.A.L. Commander

Branson, MO

April 23 through 29, 2017, seven days, six nights, seven shows, 10 meals, transportation for \$575 per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$180 for single occupancy. \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due: February 16, 2017. More information located in the bar at the legion or call Dale Sankey (608-395-5942).

Merry Christmas!





Legion Family
(Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and SAL)
Invites everyone to attend our
3st ANNUAL
HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

December 17, 2016
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Legion Family will provide turkey & ham sandwiches and a few appetizers.

If you would like to bring down your favorite holiday dish and your last name begins with --:

- A-K Desserts**
- L-S Hot Dish**
- R-Z Snacks/Chips/Dips**

Please bring an item from that category. There will be a sign up rooster on the Auxiliary bulletin board.

Hope to see everyone in your favorite

UGLY Holiday Sweater!

Ho Ho! Special Prize for worst sweater

The LEGION Holiday Party Committee

AMERICAN LEGION POST 534 PRESENTS

Branson Show Extravaganza**INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Motorcoach transportation
- 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Branson area
- 10 meals: 8 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows! Including:
 - Three Morning Shows: **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ SHOW**, **BRETT FAMILY SHOW**, and **DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS** with special guests **THE CELTIC LADIES**
 - Three Evening Shows: **LIVERPOOL LEGENDS SHOW "The Complete Beatles Experience"**, **"MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET" SHOW**, & **70'S MUSICAL CELEBRATION**
- **SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE**
- and much more

\$573 ***7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS**

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Sun - Sat)**April****23 - 29, 2017****Departure: McFarland, WI @ 8 am**

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for the "Live Music Show Capital of the World" - Branson, Missouri. This evening, you'll check into an en route hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 2: Start your day with Continental Breakfast before departing for Branson. Later, you'll enjoy Dinner and check into your Branson area hotel for a 4 night stay. This evening, you'll experience Liverpool Legends "The Complete Beatles Experience!" This is the only Beatles Tribute Band with a direct family link to the original Fab Four. Liverpool Legends perform songs spanning the entire career of The Beatles and on through the solo years.

Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll start your day with the incredible **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ SHOW**. Relive the song and dance routines from major movie musicals showcasing over 50 years of the Golden Age of Hollywood! Next, you'll spend some time at Branson Landing, a shopping and dining complex. Later, you'll sit down to a three-course meal onboard the famous **SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE**, where you will be treated to a spectacular show as you cruise on the pristine waters of Table Rock Lake.

Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will marvel at **DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS** with special guests **THE CELTIC LADIES**. With great looks and incredible voices, this hugely talented group of Ireland's finest singers perform some of the best music of the past century. Next, visit Historic Downtown Branson, with old-fashioned charm, novelty shops, and restaurants. After enjoying Dinner at a local restaurant, take in the "MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET" show. The "Million Dollar Quartet" is the celebration of a brief moment in history when the music world stood still just long enough for legendary artists Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins to enjoy a jam session.

Day 5: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll start your day with the incredible **BRETT FAMILY SHOW**. This talented family mixes timeless classics, current chart-topping hits, and award-winning original music. Tonight, after Dinner at a local restaurant, relive a great decade in music with the **70'S MUSICAL CELEBRATION!** Starring **BARRY WILLIAMS** (best known as Greg from the Brady Bunch), this feel-good show features more than 50 memorable songs made famous by artists like the Eagles, Elton John, Carole King, the Carpenters, Neil Diamond, the Bee Gees, Donna Summer, and others you are sure to love!

Day 6: Have Continental Breakfast before you depart Branson and head for an exciting Casino in St. Louis. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: After enjoying Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

ADD PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...

\$75 Due Upon Signing. *Price per person, based on



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

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Legion Mtg 7 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	3 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8 am - noon
4 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	5 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	6 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	7	8 Village Emp Appreciation IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	9	10 Rental
11	12	13	14 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	15	16 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	17 Legion Family Christmæ Party
18	19	20	21 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newspaper Articles Due	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	3 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	4 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 PM Calendar Mtg 7 pm	5	6 Legion Mtg 7 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	7 Dane Co. Oratorical 1 pm
8	9	10	11 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	12	13 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	14 2nd Harvest
15 Sou's, Sandwich, Bingo 12 noon	16	17	18 Exec. Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due IMMS Dance	19	20 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	21
22	23	24	25 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	26	27	28
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