

Post Notes

February, 2016



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Commander's Corner



First I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sorry I was too sick to write last month's newsletter article, but it was my own fault. I tend to wait too long to go to the doctor. I had bronchitis and was a day or two

away from another hospital stay. Thank you to everyone that wished me well during that week.

Our Legion Family party was once again a huge success. My sincere thanks to the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. for all their work on this event. Santa was also a big hit again this year -- thanks, Ron.

Even though the dues went up \$5.00 on Jan. 1, we are doing well. I would still like to see us hit 100% which we haven't been able to do for several years. We have lost more members from death than we have gained. We are always trying to get new members, so if you have a neighbor or friend that is a Veteran, ask them to join. It's a great organization.

Thanks again,
Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



A "Four Chaplain" service will be held at the Marshall Post 279 at 1:30 pm on February 7. The Post is located on American Legion Court, behind a three story hotel on the river (going south right by the stop light, 1st left). If you choose to carpool, we will be leaving Post 534 at 12:30 pm.

February 3 is the anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.A.T Dorchester by a torpedo in 1943. Four chaplains; George L. Fox (Protestant), Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), John P. Washington (Catholic) and Clark V. Poling (Protestant) gave their life jackets so that four soldiers might live. As it sank, they were seen linked arm in arm praying to the one God they all served.

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: Start a new bucket list. Fill it with things you

Membership



Students from Wisconsin, who are enrolled in grades 10-12, can take an on-line Americanism and Government Scholarship test during a 2 week window in April (April 4 – April 15, 2016). The students will need internet access. For more details, go to www.wilegion.org,

click on Programs and click on Americanism & Government Scholarship Contest (\$250 - \$500).

Currently, 92% of Post 534 members have paid their 2016 dues. **Thank you!**

If you have not paid 2016 dues, you can mail payment to Post 534 or pay on the internet* and save the cost of a stamp. *Credit card payments can be made on line: www.wilegion.org

(1) Click on Members

(2) Click on Renew Membership.

Have your American Legion identification number and credit card information ready.

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

robertodonnell@charter.net

Bob O'Donnell, Membership Chair

Auxiliary News



BBBBRRRRR!

What a productive way to maximize my weekend of hibernating from this arctic blast. Mother Nature just reminded us ...YES, you live in Wisconsin ☺.

By the time you read this newsletter; hopefully

this frigid cold snap will have moved out of the area. Needless to say this weather had a huge impact on our attendance. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold to come and play or work the event. Bonnie D., potato soup did a great job warming us up. Let's hope Jimmy the Groundhog's replacement does NOT see his shadow so spring will come early. I'm ready for some warm weather.

I am happy to report that at our January meeting, we discussed and set four goals for the remainder of our 2016 program year:

1. Care and Respect for all unit members
 2. Find 'local' charities or programs to support
 3. Acknowledge and celebrate our over 80 Seniors
 4. Sponsor and Bring a Buddy to Breakfast - Spring
- More information about these goals will be published in future newsletters. Our next By-law meeting will be on January 27th at 6:30 pm.

It is with great sadness, I must report that I accepted the resignation of Bonnie Dodson as our Unit Treasurer. I want to thank Bonnie for the awesome job she has done and wish her well. There will be a "special election" held during the February meeting. I will be taking nominations via phone 838-3745 or email jodie0658@charter.net. We will also accept nominations from the floor. Please call if you have any questions. Bonnie will assist with the transition.

We are also looking for a volunteer to help with the Badger State Girls program. This is a good committee to get your feet wet. You will be coordinating the paperwork with the high school guidance counselor and candidates.

Ladies, we still need your help. If you love to bake, cook meals, and/or help serve food; how about volunteering to provide your trademark goodies or a few hours to support our veteran families and neighbors by adding your name to the funeral committee list. Please contact Kay Klema or myself if you would like to lend a helping hand.

Bingo Chairperson, Sandy Haugen reports we are in need of soup and sandwiches for both February 21st and March 20th Bingo events. Please sign up on the Auxiliary bulletin board or give Sandy a call @ 628-5867.

At the January meat raffle, I was informed by our cutest assistant, that her name is spelled "Sarai"! Thanks to everyone who participated. The proceeds will fund the American Legion Family Hardship Fund. **The next meat raffle will be held on February 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

Please remember to turn your dues in. For those who did not pay by 12/31/15, reminders were sent out by State Headquarters. Anyone who has not paid by 1/31/16 will not be eligible for membership benefits.

Dates to remember:

- Feb 02 – Meet & Greet @ 6:00 pm
- Feb 02 – Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Feb 07 – Meat Raffle
- Feb 21 – Bingo
- Feb TBD – By-law Meeting
- Mar 01 – Meet & Greet @ 6:00 pm
- Mar 01 – Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Mar 13 – American Legion (Nat'l) Birthday Party
- Mar 20 – Bingo

With all this crazy weather, please remember to check in on your family, friends, neighbors and veterans in need. Try to remember even those who suffer with back or knee pain and/or suffering from the flu could use a break, but would never ask.... The simple act of bringing over some chicken noodle soup or shoveling or salting a driveway could and would make a world of difference in their recovery, both mentally and physically. If you know of any AML family member in need of assistance, please contact our Chaplain, Ellyn Thompson or myself.

Happy Groundhog Day!

Jodie Armstrong

Auxiliary President

P.S. The "Meet & Greet" at 6:00 pm February 2nd theme will be: Hot Dishes. Please bring enough to feed 6-8 people. Try not to eat before coming to the meeting.

Please have your March articles to me by Wednesday, February 17.
Thanks. Sharon, editor



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ken Iwen (grandfather of Michael Shebelski), Frank Vacha, Rick Schneider, Ron Walsvick and Ron Okeefe

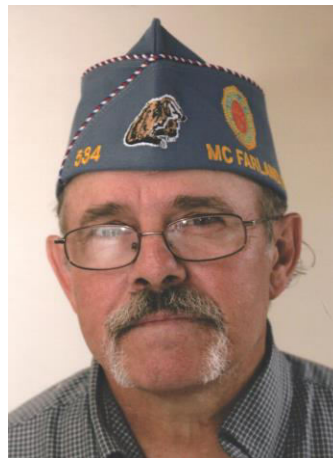
Please notify the following Legion members for sympathy or get well cards:

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 this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy! I am sorry to report that as of our January meeting, our Chaplain, Sonny Stout, has resigned. We thank him for his many years of service and contribution to our squadron.

Our annual chili cook-off will be March 5, 2016. The cook-off will be held at the legion hall from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Hope everyone can attend!

Just want to remind our S.A.L. that our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Lately, I have noticed that the same few people are attending consistently. In order to be a S.A.L. squadron worthy of representing Post 534, we need to see more people to lend more ideas.

May God bless you and yours,

Rick Schneider, S.A.L. Commander

Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Trust
of the
American Legion Post 534
McFarland, WI 53558

- 1) Applicants for scholarships must use application forms furnished by the McFarland High School or Legion Post 534. The American Legion scholarship application will be mailed out with the February newsletter. All applications are due back by April 1st of the year applied for.
- 2) Two (2) scholarships will be available.
 - a.) One scholarship is intended to be used by a senior student from McFarland High School.
 - b.) The second scholarship is intended to be used by a Post Affiliate (any member, sibling, child, stepchild or grandchild of a current member of Post 534, Auxiliary or S.A.L.).
 - c.) If there are no applicants for the Post Affiliate scholarship; we will select a second McFarland High School applicant.
 - d.) If you meet the affiliation requirements, you may apply if you
 1. started your education after high school graduation.
 2. are currently in college, you may apply for a prorated scholarship depending on your program.
 3. were awarded the Stephen A. Foye Scholarship and are continuing for an advanced degree.
- 3) No grade point average (GPA) is required for application. McFarland High School screens their applicants, recommending those deemed worthy and forwards them to the Legion Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will review the applicants presented by the high school and select one recipient. Then, one recipient from the American Legion candidates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee. If there are no candidates from the Legion, a second McFarland High School candidate may be selected that year.
- 4) It would be preferred that the candidate or candidates would not be receiving other known scholarships, unless such scholarships be of a lesser amount.
- 5) Applicants must attach to the application, a 200 to 300 word typed essay on "What your goals for the future are and how this scholarship will help you attain them."
- 6) The Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Trust through Post 534 will award up to two (2) scholarships annually from the following:
 - a.) Four year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
 - b.) Two year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
 - c.) One year programs will receive \$1000 per year.
- 7) All recipients must provide proof of a 2.0 minimum GPA after completion of their first semester to receive the first year payment. Subsequent year's payments, where applicable, will be paid again after the first semester's proof of GPA. It is the responsibility of the recipient to request payment each year.
- 8) In the event the recipient discontinues his/her scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all other scholarship privileges, unless the discontinuance is due to illness, family tragedy or military service. The recipient must submit in writing, any request for postponement of scholarship to the Scholarship Committee for approval.
- 9) As in the case of all Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision by the Scholarship Committee, approved by the Executive Committee, and the Post 534 membership. All revisions will become effective for the following years scholarship applications. We would insure that current scholarship recipients would not be affected by any changes.
- 10) Scholarships may be used for any accredited college, university, vocation or trade school.
- 11) The recipient(s) of the Stephen A. Foye Scholarship must show proof of documentation that they are a citizen of the United States of America.
- 12) Deferral request must be submitted to the

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Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Fund

Application

Application Materials due April 1, 2016
Mail to: Scholarship Committee
c/o American Legion Post 534
P.O. Box 196
McFarland, WI 53558

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check which Scholarship you are applying for:

____ \$1,000/yr. 4-year higher education degree

____ * \$1,000/yr. 4-year higher education degree

____ \$1,000/yr. 2-year higher education degree

____ * \$1,000/yr. 2-year higher education degree

____ \$1,000/yr. 1-year higher education degree

____ * \$1,000/yr. 1-year higher education degree

These do not need American Legion Affiliation.

* Must have American Legion Post 534 affiliation.

Name of qualifying Post 534 member affiliation _____

1. Name of school, university or college of higher education that you are enrolled or accepted for the fall term.

2. If you have not been accepted to a college, when do you expect to hear and where have you applied?

3. What is your intended Major of Study?

4. Why are you interested in your intended field of study?

5. List all of your extracurricular activities you participated in while in high school.

6. List all of your community activities and other out of school activities you have participated in.

7. List all of your work experience you have had, paid or volunteer.

8. We need a 200-300 word essay on why you need this scholarship and what are your future goals.



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FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	2 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	3 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	4	5 Legion Mtg. 7 pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter- Articles Due	18	19	20 Matt Splinter Mem Softball Tourney Comm 11 am
21 Soup Sandwich Blingo 12 Noon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	2 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	3 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	4 Legion Mtg 7 pm	5 S.A. . Chill Cook-Off 1-4 pm
6 No Rental	7 Hope Rod & Gun Club Dinner	8 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	9	10 Hunter Safety 6-9 pm	11	12
13 Legion Birthday Party 1-4 pm	14 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	15	16 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter- Articles Due	17	18	19 Matt Splinter Mem Softball Tourney Comm 11 am
20 Soup Sandwich Blingo 12 Noon	21	22	23	24	25	26 Scholarship Committee 10 am-1 pm
27	28	29	30	31		