

Post Notes

February, 2017



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Commander's Corner



We are very grateful to several generous members of Post 534 for their monetary donations to Edwards-Foye American Legion Post 534. In addition, thank you to Conrad Campbell for donating his golf cart to Post 534 to be used during the Memorial Day

Parade set up and coordinating the event.

Connect Hearing has offered to provide free hearing tests at Post 534 from 13:00–16:00 hours on Friday, February 24, 2017 in one of our secluded rooms. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon and additional information will be available at Post 534.

Mark your calendar for March 11th to celebrate the American Legion Birthday and the second Vietnam Era Veterans recognition ceremony. If you are interested in joining your fellow Vietnam Era Veterans in this brief ceremony, please contact Jim Wickert (241-2438) to reserve a seat. The Vietnam Era event will commence at 14:00 hours and the American Legion birthday celebration will follow at 15:00 hours.

Have a Happy Groundhog, Valentines and Presidents Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Valentines Day is the 14th. Make someone's day, even if they say they don't celebrate that day. Yes they do. February 14-20 is random act of kindness week. Start thinking now of what you can do. Each day do something to make someone feel better.

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. Nothing happens until you speak. Cut out these sayings and tape to your mirror and read out loud each morning:

I am loved.
 I have a beautiful smile.
 I choose to be happy no matter what happens.
 I look forward to a great future.
 I will be healthy.
 I will receive what I believe.
 I am a winner.
 God has confidence in me.
 I believe all things are possible.
 I am valuable.
 God has great things in store for me.
 I am excited about my future.
 I am going to make someone else happy today.

Watch for **free hearing tests** signup sheet at Post 534. Tests will be given on Friday, February 24th from 13:00 – 16:00 hours.

Membership



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:
www.legion.org/renew
 Click on Members
 Click on Renew Membership
 Have your Legion ID number and credit card information ready or drop by the Post and give your payment (cash or check) to the bartender on duty.
 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

Auxiliary News



I think Mother Nature needs to reset her weather calendar. We went for arctic temps to soggy rain. Please be careful when she returns to typical January weather. Things could get pretty dangerous very fast.

Our first breakfast of 2017 will be held on February 26, 2017. We need many volunteers to help make this event a success. We have a wide variety of tasks available; like helping in the dining room, scrambling eggs, cooking French toast, serving food and washing dishes. If you have a couple hours to spare – 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. Please mark the four yearly (Feb., Apr., Sep., Nov.) breakfasts which are our only fundraising events. Your help will help our Unit to have a successful breakfast, which in-turn allows our Auxiliary to support more Veterans and Auxiliary programs.

January's Bingo attendance was on the low side. Soup-Sandwich-Games as it is listed on our calendar is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Due to our type of Bingo, license prevents us from advertising. So please spread the word. Our next Soup, Sandwich & Games is February 19th. If you would like to share a pot of your favorite soup or cookies, please call Chairperson, Sandy Haugen at 608-628-5867.

Please mark your calendar with the upcoming Auxiliary events:

<u>Soup-Sandwich-Games</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
February 19 th	February 26 th
March 19 th	April 2 nd
Apr 23 rd	Sep 10 th
Oct 15 th	Nov 12 (Veteran's)

Other

Senior Salute Social – May 7th

It is with extreme sadness I must report the passing of two outstanding Auxiliary ladies. Margarete Johnson was one of our Unit's busiest crochet people. The only time needles were not in her hand was when she sleeping. ☺ She generously donated her beautiful creations to the VA hospital. It would be safe to say... "There are 1000 veterans staying warm with her beautiful creations." Margarete will be immensely missed by our Unit and the VA Hospital. Jeanette Westphal was a lady who loved old cars and Virgil's jokes. Her big smile and laughter will be greatly missed.

Our next meeting is on February 7, 2017.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Jodie Armstrong
Auxiliary President
(608-332-3688)



Sick Call – Prayer List

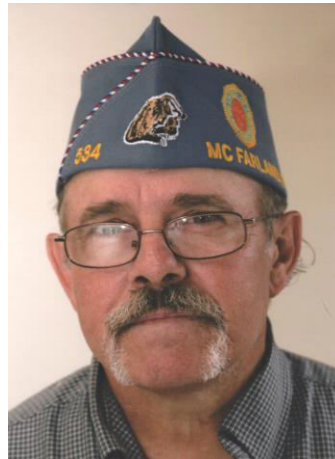
Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, John Guler, John Lynch, Leo Endres, Karl Scheutz, Gary Venden, William Peters, Don Haugen, Dick Becker, Mackenzie Schoeller (Bob & Sue Hargraves granddaughter), Dale Everett, Sue Schneider and Carlos Jenkins

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 March articles to me by
Wednesday, February 15.
Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

S.A.L. Corner



I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy!

Our next meeting will be February 1. Hope to see you there.

Please mark your calendars for our annual chili cook-off to be held March 25 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Hope everyone can attend.

In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active. May God bless you and yours.

Rick Schneider, S.A.L. Commander

Veterans Choice Program

The Veterans Choice Program (VCP) provides primary care, inpatient and outpatient specialty care and behavioral health care options for eligible Veterans outside of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities.

VCP allows **eligible veterans** to seek and receive care from community based providers when their local VA health care facility cannot provide the services due to:

- Lack of available specialists.
- Extended wait times for appointments at a VAMC.
- Extraordinary distance from the Veteran's home.

Health Net Services, LLC (Health Net) will coordinate with VCP-**eligible Veterans** to obtain authorization for all care within the program. Health Net will schedule the appointment and send the authorization to the participating VCP provider.

All providers must meet the VA certification standards and must agree with the program requirements prior to rendering services to the Veteran.

All Veterans received a Choice Card but not all are eligible for Choice benefits. If you have **questions or need assistance** with the Veterans Choice Program or the Veterans Choice Card, please contact **1-866-606-8198**. A full fact sheet is located on the bulletin board at the Legion or go to www.va.gov/choiceact/.

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, vocational or trade school.
- 11.) The recipient(s) of the Stephen A. Foye Scholarship must show proof of documentation they are a citizen of the United States of America,
- 12.) Deferral request must be submitted to Scholarship Committee for review in writing. Approval will be determined on a case by case basis.



Stephen A. Foye Scholarship Fund Application

Application Materials due

April 1, 2017

Mail to: American Legion Post 534

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 196, McFarland, WI 53558

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

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

McFarland High School applicant - No affiliation.

*** Must have American Legion Post 534 affiliation.**

Name of qualifying Post 534 affiliation member _____ Relationship _____

Contact Information of post member: Phone # _____

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

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	2	3 Legion Mtg 7 pm	4
5	6 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	7 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	8 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	16	17	18
19 Soups, Sandwich & Games Noon-4 pm	20	21	22	23	24 Connect Mtg Testing 1-4 pm	25 No Rental
26 Auxiliary Breakfast 6 am-Noon	27	28				

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	2	3 Legion Mtg 7 pm	4
5 No Rental	6 Hope Rod & Gun Club Dinner 7 pm	7 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	8	9	10	11 Vietnam-era Vets Ceremony Legion Birthday
12	13 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	14	15 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Soups, Sandwich & Games Noon-4 pm	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24 No Rental	25 SAL Chili Cook-Off 11 am - 4 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	