

# Post Notes

January, 2016



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## Commander's Corner



Our Commander is under the weather and won't be writing an article this month. He does, however, wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and we wish him a speedy recovery.

"Until next month,  
Commander Mike"

future. Put on your calendar; keep in your thoughts and prayers.

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) 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 Chaplin, 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.

Chaplin Dale  
608-395-5942

PS: What you say about yourself today will become your tomorrow; you will fulfill your own destiny. Throughout the day say, God help me.

## From the Chaplain



Happy New Year, forgive and forget, move forward. Peace on earth, goodwill to men. Let us start in our own house. You do not have to ask forgiveness daily for the past, you were forgiven the first time you asked. There is nothing God will not forgive you for. God loves you; he has a

great plan for your life. Expect a dream to be completed; the best part of your life is still in your

A big **Thank You** to all those who helped with the giving tree. God gave us His Son and during this special season, it is so meaningful that people chose to purchase gifts for the children and continue a spirit of giving.

Ellyn Thompson  
Auxiliary Chaplain

## Membership



Effective **01-01-2016** Post 534 annual membership dues will increase to **\$35.00**. Currently, 87% 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](http://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](mailto:robertodonnell@charter.net)

Bob O'Donnell  
Membership Chair

## Auxiliary News



The Holidays are upon us. House and yards are decorated with bright colorful lights. I have my fingers crossed for a white Christmas. ☺

By the time you read this article we will have gathered at the Post for the 2nd Annual American

Legion Family Christmas Party. I know the committee worked very hard to put on a great event.

I want to thank Bonnie D and Ernie for doing an awesome job picking out and decorating the new Post Christmas tree. Speaking of Christmas

request cards in record time. There will be a lot of happy McFarland families at Christmas time. God Bless everyone!

The December By-Law meeting was canceled due to an overcrowded calendar. We will regroup and set a new meeting date at our January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ladies we 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 Kelma or myself if you would love to lend a hand.

All committee chairs, please review the dates of your events and bring them to the January meeting. The “Calendar Planning” committee meeting will be coming up real soon. Also, please bring your ideas for next year’s service projects. All ideas welcome.

The December meat raffle fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to the Blanchar family (especially little Sirhia) for running the raffle! Thanks to everyone who showed up.

**The next meat raffle will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

In closing, please remember this is a very sensitive, emotional and lonely time of year for many who have lost loves ones. Bring a smile and warmth to your neighbor by sending an extra Holiday card or dropping off a plate of goodies.

Happy New Year to ALL!

Jodie Armstrong  
Auxiliary President

P.S. YES, there will be another “Meet & Great “at 6:00 pm January 5<sup>th</sup>. Theme will be: Soup & Sandwich. Please bring small crock pot. I will be bringing chicken & dumplings!

Please have your February articles to me by Wednesday, January 20.  
Thanks. Sharon, editor



### Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, John Guler, Jim Leyda, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Mike Valdovinos and Ken Iwen (grandfather of Michael Shebelski)

**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. Chaplain – Sonny Stout (608-838-9420)**

### S.A.L. Corner



Hello All!!  
Hope everyone had a great Christmas!  
Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. Plan to attend as we need your input and ideas.

Until next month, may God bless you and yours! Happy New Year!  
Rick Schneider  
S.A.L. Commander

Come down to the Legion Hall on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to participate in our **MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER** TO HELP VETERAN FAMILIES IN NEED.



### *A bit of humor . . . . .*

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So, I went to a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed, I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared and think I'm going crazy."  
"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."  
"How much do you charge?"  
"\$80 per visit," replied the doctor.  
"I'll sleep on it," I said.  
Six months later, the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.  
"Well, \$80 bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought a new pickup."  
"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude, he said, "And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"  
"He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't anybody under there now."  
**HAVE A DRINK AND TALK TO A BARTENDER!**

### *Happy New Year!*





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# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	Hope 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 Dane Co. Oratorical 10 am - 3 pm
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