

Post Notes

July, 2017



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Commander's Corner

NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY!



Thank you to the many American Legion Family members who helped to raise and lower flags on Memorial Day. Many McFarland Boys, Cub and Girls Scouts also helped fold the flags. The Memorial Day parade was a great success even

though it was initially delayed by the train passing through the village. Kathy Durant did a great job coordinating the entire project.

Rob Blanchar reports that The Take-a-Vet Fishing event on the weekend of June 9-11 raised enough money to pay for the 4th annual event. Ricky Lee pulled in good crowds here and at VFW 7951 to raise funds for Take-a-Vet Fishing. Six UW Badgers from the Badgers Give Back program participated in fishing in the morning and stayed for lunch to visit with the vets. 400 people were served lunch in the 90 degree heat; 120 vets signed up to fish with 78 guides and 60 volunteers. FISH were caught and stories were told. Rob extends a thank you to Post 534 for hosting this record setting event and supporting the Take-a-Vet Fishing cause.

Remember July 4th: Flags up at 06:00 hours, down at 17:00 hours

Contact Mike Larson or ask the bartenders for your 2017 Legion Raffle ticket—this is our only fund raiser for the year!

You still have time to register for the Dept. of WI state meeting July 13–16, 2017 to be held in Appleton, WI. Go to www.wilegion.org to register.

Please congratulate the new 2018 American Legion Officers and assist them in the coming year. Bill Bley will be your 2018 Commander and he will do a great job. The entire list of 2018 officers is listed in this issue.

Stop in and take a look at our newly polished tile floors, they look fantastic! Also, check out the 2017 American Legion Baseball schedule posted in the lounge area for your viewing.

I want to thank everyone in the American Legion Family and the Executive Board for their support this past year.

God Bless America and have an enjoyable Independence Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Happy Birthday to the United States of America. The only country with a known birthday. "My God how little do my countrymen know what precious

blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people

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Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

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on earth enjoy.” Thomas Jefferson.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS: We need your ideas on what you want your post to be to you this year, next year and beyond. All ideas welcome. You are the future. Nate Weier (608-381-0800) is the contact person for Legion members, including S.A.L. and Auxiliary.

If you know a veteran or a first responder who has P.T.S.D., help is available through the Sparta Project. Look up the information on line or call me.

Imagine the best for your future. It’s so easy to imagine the worst. Focus only on what you can control, stop being upset on what you cannot control. Life happens. Control your attitude, give thanks for what you do have. Each morning make a choice not to get upset today. New beginnings are in front of you. You have to forget about past hurts and mistakes; drop it and let it go. You cannot change the past. With God’s help all things are possible. All you have to do is ASK. Ask big, receive big. Ask daily, the Lord’s Prayer, Our Father says: “give us this day our daily bread.”

When you are planning/writing your will, or if a loved one dies, please remember American 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. God has a great future in store for you.

Thank you for your service.

Chaplain Dale

608-395-5942

PS. You cannot think negative and live a positive life. Don’t live life in neutral. Value the blessings God has given you and develop your talents. If you use what He has given you, He will give you more.

Membership



We need recruits! If you know a vet who is not a member of our Post, encourage that person to join.

For seven decades, Post 534 has provided support to military families, veterans and others in need of help right here in our local community. Legion youth activity and scholarship programs provide benefits that will keep on giving for years to come.

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



American Legion Post 534 2017 – 2018 Officers

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1 st Vice Commander	Mick Shumway
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Please have your August articles to me by Wednesday, July 19.

Auxiliary News



June was election month and the results are in. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done. Even though you are stepping down, I encourage you to keep supporting our unit by sharing your knowledge and

mentoring the incoming officers and new members.

Congratulations to the 2017-2019 Officers:

President: Jodie Armstrong

1st Vice: Karen Larson

Treasurer: Bonnie Jenkins

Chaplain: Carolyn Clow

Secretary: Sue Schneider

Sgt. at Arms: Kelly Vinge and

Karen Larson

Our Memorial Day Brat & Dog sale was another huge success. Great Job everyone who lent a hand. We have a couple of teams happily spending the profits - shopping for the VA hospital and for the "Stuff the Bus" projects. If you would like to donate hygiene and hair care products, and school supplies (backpacks, pencils, glue sticks, index cards etc.) please drop them off at the Legion and put in our office.

Kudos to Rob and Sherry Blanchar for the all the work and awesome job on the "Take-A-Vet Fishing" event. Hope you catch up on your sleep real soon. ☺

Please mark your calendar with the upcoming Auxiliary events:

Remember there is no meeting in July.

Aug 1st Meeting night

Aug 5th Auxiliary Sponsored 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Aug 12th Legion Raffle

Aug 20th Senior Salute Social

With the crazy summer temps and tornado

senior members and friends are at high risk for heat stroke and injuries.

Happy Fourth of July!

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, Virgil Houff, Kathy Popp and Rita Mae Schmitz

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)

S.A.L. Corner

Thanks to all for helping make the spaghetti dinner a success.

Our new S.A.L. officers are as follows:

Commander: David Sawyer

First Vice: Dave Murray

Second Vice: Jon Sawyer

Adjutant: Mark Hansen

Finance: Dick Schwedersky

Chaplain: Jim Cooley

Sgt. at Arms: Richie Eith and Howard Volenberg

The swearing in will be June 23rd at 6:30 pm and all are urged to attend.

The Take-a-Vet Fishing was a huge success. It's a great cause and fun was had by all.

There will be no July meeting.

The 4th of July is right around the corner and so I end with this quote: "It's the love of our country that has lighted and keeps glowing, the holy fire of patriotism."

Thank you,

The 2nd Annual Auxiliary Golf Outing is already just around the corner!

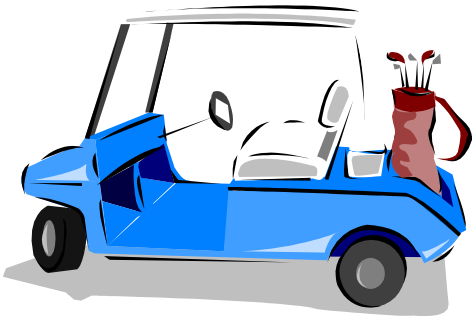
Saturday August 5, 2017.

Monona Golf Course 9:00 AM shot gun start.

Please check in at the legion at 8:00 AM for Coffee, Donuts, Bloody Mary's and Car Pooling.

Lunch and prizes to follow at the Legion.

Only a few spots left!! \$40.00 per person. Please pay Kelly Vinge by July 23rd.



Happy Fourth of July



and

4th of July Picnic at the Post 11 am - 6pm.
Gas grill will be available. Bring your own food.
Dining room will be available for you to use.



Happy Birthday America!



2017 LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM	TIME	PLACE
<u>JUNE</u>			
9 FRI	@ LODI	6:00	DANE BASEBALL PARK
12 MON	EDGERTON	6:00	HOME
13 TUES	EDGEWOOD	6:00	HOME
15 THURS	@ MONONA GROVE	6:00	COTTAGE GROVE/FIREMEN'S FESTIVAL
19 MON	MONONA GROVE	6:00	HOME
20 TUES	MILTON	6:00	HOME
22 THURS	@EDGERTON	6:00	HIGH SCHOOL
24 SAT	@ OREGON		4-TEAM TOURNAMENT OREGON/LAFOLLETTE/MEMORIAL
	VS. LAFOLLETTE	10:00 AM	OREGON HIGH SCHOOL
	VS. WINNER/LOSER	12:00 PM	OREGON HIGH SCHOOL
26 MON	SUN PRAIRIE	6:00	HOME
29 THURS	EVANSVILLE	6:00	HOME
<u>JULY</u>			
6 THURS	@ MILTON	6:00	SCHILBERG FIELD/High School
7 FRI	MADISON WEST	6:00	HOME
10 MON	@EVANSVILLE	6:00	HIGH SCHOOL
11 TUES	MADISON EAST	6:00	HIGH SCHOOL



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Bar Manager.....Karen Larson
 Rental Officer.....Jim Wickert
 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon
 Building/Grounds.....Denny Haugen

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shelter Rental w/Hall back-up
2	3	4 Flags Up 6 am Flags Down 6 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Rental Wedding??
16	17	18	19 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	2 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	3	4 Legion Mtg 7 pm	5 Post Golf Outing
6	7	8	9	10	11 No Rental	12 Legion Dinner & Raffle
13 McFar and HS Football Team Dinner 5-7 pm	14	15	16 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	17	18	19
20 McFar and HS Football Team Dinner 5-7 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26 Rental - Birthday Party 12-10 pm
27 McFar and HS Football Team Dinner 5-7 pm	28	29	30	31		