

Post Notes

July, 2016



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Commander's Corner



Welcome to a beautiful spring and summer.

We had a great turn out for the parade and the program on Memorial Day. We were a little short of help to put the flags up and take them down, but we survived.

Thanks again to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for their help

folding the flags. I believe we had thirty nine units in the parade and a huge crowd of spectators. Thanks to Bill Bley, Ron Hillson, Dale Sankey and the rest of the crew that helped with line up.

Last Sunday, we hosted the take a Vet Fishing for the fifth year and what a success it was. If you haven't been to one of their programs, take time next year and attend by volunteering, being a guide or just going out to fish. The program after the fishing is a real tear jerker. We had boats from Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin to take the vets fishing on Lake Waubesa. Co-founders, Jay Garseky and our own Rob Blanchar and other members of their board set this up.

As you probably know, I am not running for commander this year. I have had the honor to be your commander for the past five years. Bob

O'Donnell will be our next commander and he will

do a great job. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see the new list of officers. I want to thank everyone for all the support I have gotten from the membership, the Executive Board and my wife, Karen during my tenure. I ask that you give the same support to the next core of officers as you have me. I have been a member here for thirty three years, so I'm not going anywhere soon. This is my second home (although Karen thinks it's my first home). Thanks, again, it has been my pleasure.

Commander Mike

From the Chaplain



Celebrate July 4th! Happy Birthday United States, 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 on earth enjoy."

Thomas Jefferson

"We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls."

Robert J. McCracken

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: Pay attention to what you're thinking, clear out all the negative things said about you, do not dwell on the negative. God says you are great, you are a masterpiece and you are destined to lead a great life. You will become what you consistently think. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can beat the devil's negative thoughts. Tell the devil to SHUT UP and take time to compliment yourself. Forgive yourself for not being perfect all the time.

Membership



Currently, 94% of Post 534 members have paid their 2016 dues. Thank you!

For the record, Post 534 has encountered the loss of 15 members to date who were recognized at our Memorial Day program. I encourage all of our American Legion Family members to

recruit your neighbors, relatives and friends to join the Edwards-Foye Post 534 in the never ending fight for our earned **Veteran Benefits!**

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

Mentors Wanted

To assist new Post 534 members

1. Invite and join new members in attending monthly meetings
2. Review the popular Legion functions and community projects
3. Share your interests and their areas of expertise

See Dale Sankey for further details

Auxiliary News



Summer is a time for cookouts and gatherings. Memorial Day is no exception. We had a great community turnout for the parade and ceremony. Our brat and hot dog sale was a huge success. We were completely sold out before the ceremony started. I want to thank

Sue Hargrave, Kelly Vinge, Keta Krenz and Devon for all the help cooking and selling. I also would like to give a huge thank you and my personal appreciation to Russ Jenkins and Dale Sankey for coming to my rescue converting the breakfast sandwich boards. You two are my heroes!

Our Poppy Team, Chuck and Ernie Mulcahy and Bonnie D and Mikey V did a fantastic job with our poppy distribution. Thanks team and everyone who contributed to help our rehab efforts.

Our project for the month of June is filling 6 baby diaper bags for women veterans. If you would like to help, please contact project leader, Bonnie Dobson at 838-9822.

Kelly Vinge and I will be going on a shopping spree for items needed by the VA hospital. If you would like to help by purchasing some of the items and dropping them by the Legion, they are as follows. Please drop them off by July 15th .

- ✓ Decks of cards
- ✓ Nail Clippers/file boards
- ✓ Plain note cards
- ✓ Activity books
- ✓ Small packages of Kleenex
- ✓ Postage stamps (forever)
- ✓ Men's socks
- ✓ Terry Bibs – Large
- ✓ Small toothpaste
- ✓ Ladies socks
- ✓ Fleece blankets
- ✓ Toothbrushes

Ladies, the Stuff the Bus organization is looking for help sorting school supplies and filling July, 2016

backpacks. If you have a couple hours to spare, I would love to have your support. Please give me a call. Help is needed on July 23, 2016 (9:00 – 3:00 pm) and July 24, 2016 (12:30 – 2:00 pm).

American Legion Auxiliary 96th Convention is being held July 14-17, 2016 in Middleton, WI. If you are interested in attending, please contact me on my cell 332-3688. Registration is due by July 7, 2016.

Rumor has it the Golf Outing is off to a great start. Great job Kelly and Golf team! We could use a few more volunteers with food prep. Please sign up on the volunteer list on the Auxiliary bulletin board.

Congratulations to the incoming and returning Legion and S.A.L. officers. Welcome to the Legion Family.

Ladies enjoy your summer and happy Fourth of July. We'll see everyone on August 2nd .
Jodie Armstrong, Auxiliary President



Sick Call – Prayer List

Gary Salverson, Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ron Okeefe, Neil Rossmassler, Shawn Moriarty and Denny Frank.

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

Legion Chaplain – Dale Sankey (608-395-5942)

Auxiliary Chaplain – Elynn Thompson (608-838-3395)

Sunshine Person – Sue Wipperfurth (608-535-0495)

Rifle Team Members Needed:

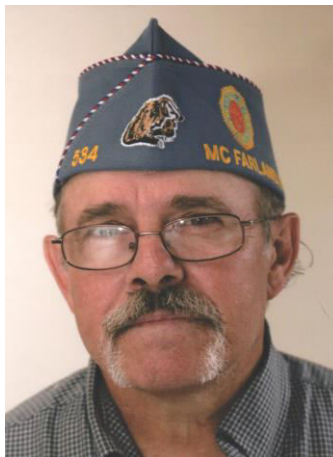
We are looking for individuals who would like to become a member of the Rifle team!

No Marching. Just the ability to handle a Rifle and climb the Hill of Honor and a few dedications per year.

Uniform: black pants, white shirt-short sleeve, black shoes

Please call Jodie Armstrong, 332-3688

S.A.L. Corner



Hello All!!

Well, it looks like summer is finally here! At least, that's what the yard looks like!

Memorial Day was a great day! Beautiful weather and a great turn out! Thank you to Bill Bley for the great work on the parade. Congratulations

to the Auxiliary for selling out ALL the brats! So, next year – MORE BRATS!!

At our June meeting, we had 11 members present!! I thank all of you that attended. Election of officers was held and is as follows for 2016-2017:

S.A.L. Commander – Rick Schneider

1st Vice – Jason Schneider

2nd Vice – Ron Dennis

Finance Officer – Dick Schwedersky

Chaplain – Dave Sawyer

Adjutant – Mark Hanson

Sgt. at Arms – Howard Volenberg and Dave Murray

Thank you to all the officers that have served in the past year. I am looking forward to working with the new incoming officers.

Installation of officers will be Friday night, June 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 534. We will not have a July meeting. The next meeting is August 3, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active.

May God bless you and yours,

Rick Schneider

S.A.L. Commander

A big thank you to Ernie Schuepbach for his donation and time making the spaghetti sauce for our spaghetti dinner. Thanks Ernie!!!
Past Commander Hook

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McFarland, WI



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A MILLION THANK YOUS & KUDOS

To the

TAKE A VET FISHING ORGANIZATION

What a FANASTIC job you do honoring our
Veterans.

Great Job everyone!

Special Thanks goes to Rob Blanchar for allowing
our Post to be a part of this AWESOME Event!

A Little Humor

Here are five rules for men to follow that Russell
J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan,
Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win
the "Coolest Headstone" contest.

A Cowboy Tombstone

"Five Rules for Men to Follow for a Happy Life

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me."



Auxiliary Golf Outing

Saturday, August 6, 2016

***Check-in at 8:00a.m. at the
Legion. Donuts, coffee, milk &
O.J.**

will be served.

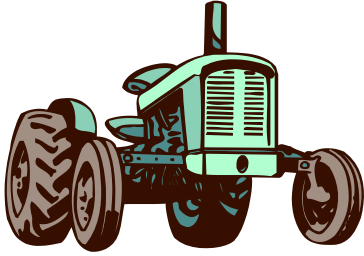
***Shotgun Scramble starts at
9:00a.m. at Monona Golf Course.**

***PLEASE pay golf dues by July 1**

Open and free to the public from August 11 to 14, 2016.
Located on the grounds of Harley-Davidson of Madison and Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison.
For further information and sign up as a volunteer: <http://operationbadgerbase.com/>

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Damn Tractor



A farmer has three sons.
One day, his oldest boy comes to him and pleads with him that he is graduating from school and would really

like to get a car.
His father says, "Son, come with me."
He takes him to the barn and points to the farm tractor and says, "That tractor is needed here on the farm and I promise that as soon as it's paid for, we'll get you a car."
The boy was not too happy but he did understand that situation and said, "Okay, Dad."
A week later, his second son (10 years old) approaches him wanting a new two-wheel bicycle.
Well, he gets the same excuse. "As soon as that tractor is paid for . . ."
Shortly, a few days later, son number 3, his youngest, comes bugging him for a tricycle.
Again, ol' Dad gives him the lecture about the tractor being paid for first.
While leaving the barn, the young boy, more than a little disgusted with the whole thing, sees a rooster mating with one of the hens and promptly goes over and kicks the rooster smooth off the hen's back, mumbling to himself the whole time.
His dad says, "Son, why on earth would you do something like that? He didn't do anything to you to deserve that!"
The little boy looks his dad right square in the eye and says, "Hey nobody rides anything around here until that damn tractor is paid for."

Please have your August articles to me by Wednesday, July 20.
Thanks. Sharon Scallon, editor



Happy Fourth of July

and

Happy Birthday America!

**Vietnam Traveling Wall
Volunteers Needed - - -**
Join us at Operation Badger Base to honor and recognize Wisconsin's veterans from all eras of Military service and their families.



