

Post Notes

June, 2017



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Commander's Corner



Spring cleanup went very well, with approximately 15 members answering the call for help. The American Legion baseball team and coach, John Feldner were a tremendous help in picking up the entire grounds area and numerous other tasks.

Election of Post 534 Officers will be on June 6th. We did receive nominations at the May 5th monthly meeting; additional nominations can be made at the June meeting before voting commences. Installation of officers will be on June 23rd at 19:00 hours.

There will not be a July monthly meeting due to the Department of Wisconsin state convention on July 13-16, 2017 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI. Any member can attend, but I suggest that you complete and submit your registration very soon.

We had two scholarship winners this year: Madison Harmening (Iowa Grant HS) and Mitchell Cook (McFarland HS). Congratulations to both outstanding students!

Take-A-Vet Fishing has scheduled several events in the area on June 9-10-11th. Ricky Lee will

be performing at Post 534 on Saturday evening, June 10th for your enjoyment. Contact Rob Blanchar if you would like to volunteer on Saturday and/or Sunday when the Take-A-Vet Fishing event celebration commences. You can sign up at www.takeavetfishing.org

Mark your calendar for July 4th as the flags go up at 06:00 hours and come down at 17:00 hours. We need help folding 106 flags!

I have enjoyed being your commander for the past year and encourage each member to review all the Legion programs available for you to contribute your time and talent. The McFarland community and Vets appreciate your efforts. Thank you for serving this great nation!

God Bless America and have an enjoyable Memorial Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Father's Day is June 18. Celebrate to the fullest.

June 23 is installation of officers for the Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. If you attend one meeting per year, make it this one to show your support for officers.

your ideas on what you want your post to be this year, next year and beyond. All ideas welcome. You are the future. Mick Shumway is the point man for young members of the Legion including S.A.L. and Auxiliary (608-843-7453).

June 10 is Quilts of Valor at 6:30 and concert to follow. Country artist, Rickie Lee will be performing (\$5.00 per ticket). We need to have a record turnout. PLEASE ATTEND. Proceeds go to Take-a-Vet-Fishing.

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. When you have anxiety, write down what is happening and how it makes you feel. Stand in front of a mirror and tell yourself what you are worried about. Text 741741 for free counseling. Your problems will pass. Everything is possible with God. Your best days are ahead.

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

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



By the time you read this article, sadly Memorial Day will have come and gone. It is my hope everyone enjoyed some time off from work, cookouts with family and friends and most important, took time out of your busy schedule to remember all the fallen veterans

who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms you enjoyed over the Holiday weekend. **Did you thank a veteran during Memorial Day holiday weekend? It is NEVER too late say thank you.**

May is also Poppy distribution month. I would like to thank Ellyn Thompson for the great job fluffing them, Ernee and Chuck Mulchay, Mikie V and Mick Shumway for their all their hard work. We have collected over \$400 in donations. This will go a very long way to help our Auxiliary's efforts to support the hospitalized veterans at William S. Middleton VA Hospital. Awesome job everyone. 😊

I would like to extend my apologies for the postponing of our 2nd Annual Senior Salute. The calendar moved faster than the organizing committee. We have rescheduled it for August. Please watch the Post Notes for more information.

Another May event for our Unit is the nomination of Unit Officers. We will be accepting nominations until the time of election. Elections will take place at our June 6th meeting and installation will be held on Friday June 23, 2017. As of this writing our slate is as follows:

President: Jodie Armstrong (Incumbent)

Treasurer: Bonnie Jenkins (Incumbent)

Secretary: Sue Schneider (incumbent)

Sergeant of Arms (2): Karen Larson
1st Vice: Karen Larson
Chaplain: Carolyn Clow

Please mark your calendar with the upcoming
Auxiliary events:

June 6th Meeting and election night
June 10th Quilt of Valor @ 6:30 pm
June 10th Take a Vet Fishing Fundraiser – Ricky
Lee Concert
June 11th Take a Vet Fishing Event
June 14 Flag Day
June 18th Father's Day
July – **NO Meeting** ☺

Please remember we are heading into the
summer season and with Mother Nature a little
kilter, we need to keep an eye on our family, friends
and our furry 4-legged friends during the extreme
weather conditions.

Happy Spring & 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,
Carlos Jenkins, Virgil Houff and Kathy Popp

**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)

All American Legion Family Members,
Thank you for your cards, calls and concerns during
my recent illness. I am on the road to recovery.
Thanks again. God Bless
Polly Stout



Events at our Post 534

**June 10th 6:30 Quilt of Valor
Presentation**

**June 10th 7:30-10:00 – Fundraiser
50/50 Raffles & Silent Auctions**

**June 10th 7:30 Live Music featuring
Nashville Country Artist
Ricky Lee**

*(Tickets \$5.00 available at the Post or from
committee member)*

*Purchase advance tickets and qualify for
special door prize*

**June 11th Fishing on Lake Waubesa
Sign up at: takeavetfishing.org**

Please have your July articles to me by Wednesday,
June 21.
Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor



**✓ Gather your team and
Mark your Calendar ✓**

It is time to setup your teams!

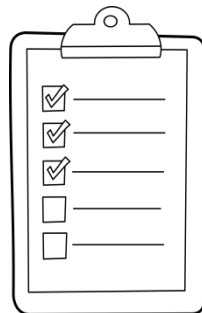
For the

**2nd Annual Auxiliary Golf
Outing**

August 5, 2017

**Team Sign-Up List is posted
on The Auxiliary Bulletin
Board.**

**Contact Person: Kelly Vinge
608-669-1709**



**AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HARDSHIP GRANT
POLICY**

This policy is designed to help any Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. member experience financial hardship. The type of hardship may be caused by the loss of a job, health and hospital issues or an unforeseen major expense.

The grant amount is a max of \$500. You or someone else may submit a grant request on your behalf. Forms will be available in the document information center at the Post, or from your Chaplain. Everything is kept strictly confidential.

If you know of someone in need, complete a request form and give it to one of the following committee members: Post Chaplain, Auxiliary Chaplain, S.A.L. Chaplain, Post Finance Officer, Committee Chair currently Rob Blanchar.

Some Everyday Truths

- If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom – until they're flashing behind you.
- I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it, the computer screen will say, "Your password is incorrect."
- I'm great at multi-tasking – I can waste time, be unproductive and procrastinate all at once.
- Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them.
- Take my advice – I'm not using it.
- Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.
- Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.
- I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.
- Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more talented fool.
- Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
- If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.
- A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.
- Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
- When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.
- A blond got 8 out of 10 on her driver's test – the other two guys managed to jump out of her way.
- There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.
- Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking then men spend thinking.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.

- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?
- Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.
- I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.
- I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.
- I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.
- If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?
- People who live in glass houses shouldn't.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Have a Great Summer!





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

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Legion Mtg 7 pm	3
4 Rental - Baby Shower	5	6 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	7 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	8	9 No Rental	10 Quits of Valor 6:30 pm Music by Ricky Lee 7:30 pm - ?
11 Take-A-Vet Fishing	12	13 Lion's Annual Mtg & Install of Officers	14	15	16 No Rental	17 Rental - Wedding
18	19	20	21 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 Joint Installation of Officers	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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					