

Post Notes

November, 2016



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Commander's Corner



Veterans Day is Friday, November 11th-- we need all hands on deck to put up 106 US Flags on The Hill of Honor at 06:00 hours. Weather permitting, please be at Post 534 a few minutes before 6:00 AM to honor all Veterans. To accommodate the 8th grade girls dance class, we are delaying removing

and folding the flags until 17:00 hours.

The McFarland High School prepares breakfast for Veterans at 07:00 hours. Last year, we had a great turnout.

Post 534 Color Guard will participate in the Waubesa Intermediate School Veterans Day program 14:15 - 14:45 hours on 11/11/16.

Please give a big thank you to Debbie Nygaard for singing and Pam Sam for photography at our inaugural Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War event, which was held on October 8th for 14 Distinguished Vietnam-Era Veterans. Jim Wickert and his committee members created an honorable event. The committee is made up of Rob Blanchar, Bob Hargraves, Izzy Laing and Mike Larson. In addition, Jim arranged for active duty USMC Sgt. Joseph

DeCono to present the DOD and Post 534's awards to the recipients.

Thank you to Karen Larson for repairing several of the funeral flags that we removed from The Hill of Honor on the 4th of July.

Post 534 lost a dear friend on October 13th; Shawn Moriarity passed away. She performed accounts payable duties for the bar for several years and will be dearly missed.

Thanksgiving is nearing, so check in with Mike Larson if you want to donate a turkey for Mike & Karen's annual Thanksgiving dinner in the Legion hall.

We wish all the hunters a safe and bountiful season.

VOTE---It is the Veteran, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



This month we celebrate the holiday, Thanksgiving. We should celebrate Thanksgiving each and every day. Ten things to be thankful for: 1) thank God for the gift of life, 2) Parents, 3) People in your life, 4) Food to eat,

and Forgiveness, 9) U.S.A. and 10) Veterans. Each morning, thank God for the opportunity of the day ahead (positive thoughts). Each night, thank God for another beautiful day (positive thoughts). If you want to be thankful for receiving something you have been hoping for, ask God for it.

We all can protect our family and friends by letting them know that we are praying for them.

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. God loves you. He has a great plan for your life. Daily, say out loud: "God is working on my life right now."

Membership



We are at just over 76% of our membership goal for 2017. If you haven't yet paid your 2017 dues, please help us reach our goal by doing so soon.

Remember, the American Legion is the primary lobbying organization dedicated to protecting our rights

and benefits as veterans. The main funding source for these efforts comes from our membership through payment of our annual dues.

Since we unfortunately lose members each year, it is important for all of us to recruit new members when we can. If you know a vet who is not a member yet, invite him/her for a tour of our post.

If you have any questions regarding membership or recruiting, please call me at 608-579-1517 or email: wrbley48@yahoo.com

Auxiliary News



Wow! God has blessed us with a gorgeous array of fall colors. What a fitting good bye to summer. It is time to start preparing our homes and vehicles for what WI winters can dish up. If you find there are chores that you are no longer able to safely do, please reach out to

your Legion Family for assistance. We will find you a pair of helping hands; give the Post Chaplin Dale Sankey or Service Officer Russ Jenkins, or me a buzz.

Our first bingo event went well. The beautiful weather resulted in low attendance. Please invite your neighbor and friends to join you on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Nov, Jan-Apr) for Soup and Sandwich and board games. The more the merrier.

Please remember our next breakfast will be on November 6th. This is our Salute to all Veterans! We will honor them with a free breakfast. We will need all hands on deck. So please reserve this date on your calendar.

Today many of us said good bye to a very dear friend. Her life was cut way too short. However Shawn taught us a lot on how to deal with adversity, with a big smile and positive attitude. Remember to make your memories **now** and love to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised. Tell your friends and loves how much they mean to you. Do not wait until it is too late.

Our next meeting is November 1st. Our "meet and greet theme will be a **STEAMY** bowl of your favorite soup. See you there at 6:00 pm.

Jodie Armstrong,
Unit 534 President (608-332-3688)



Sick Call – Prayer List

Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, John Guler, John Lynch, Leo Endres, Karl Scheutz, Charles Rodefelf, Gary Venden and William Peters

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)

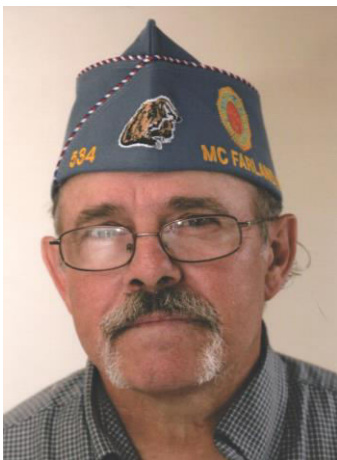
S.A.L. Chaplain – David Sawyer (608-444-3768)

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

Please have your December articles to me by Wednesday, November 16.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

S.A.L. Corner



Hello Friends-
This month, I am opening philosophically. As the seasons change, so do the lives of our family and friends. I wish to extend a very heartfelt condolence to S.A.L. member, Steve Killerlain and his family on the passing of their most beautiful and loving wife, mother,

sister and sister-in-law, Shawn. She will be missed by all because she touched all of our lives in only the way she could – selflessly.

The S.A.L. dinner was again a huge success. We served approximately 140 very hungry people! I would like to thank Dick Schwerdsky, Don Egner, Dave and Caroline Sawyer, Dave Heming, Mike Schnabel, Ron Dennis, Dave Murray and Mark Hanson for all the help, time and effort they volunteered to make our Swiss steak dinner successful.

Just a friendly reminder that our membership dues are due. You can pay at the

legion – attn: Dick Schwerdsky. Or, better yet, fill out the form that was sent to you and send it back to Dick Schwerdsky with your dues.

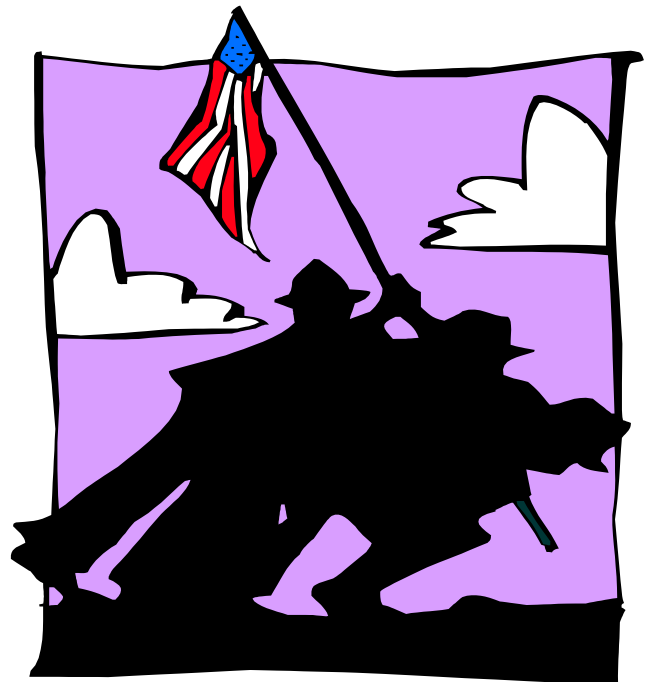
In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active. May God Bless You and Yours,

Rick Schneider,
S.A.L. Commander

The Cress family and staff members humbly invite our local veterans and their families for a morning of comradeship at a brunch in your honor at the Cress Center, 6021 University Ave., Madison. Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 16th from 9 – 11 a.m. Free of charge, this event is a chance to gather with fellow veterans and enjoy each other’s company. There will be a short service at 10:45 a.m. followed by a flag raising ceremony. Thank you Veterans!

Please RSVP name and branch of service to 608-238-8406 by Friday, November 11, 2016.

Thank You Veterans



Thanksgiving Meal



11 am—2 pm
November 24, 2016

FREE

DINE-IN

TAKE-OUT

DELIVERY

Mike Larson: 576-4536

838-3249 (for delivery)

**American Legion
4911 Burma Rd.
McFarland, WI**



Veterans Day Celebration



Friday - November 11, 2016



0600 - Flags Up

0700 - Veterans Breakfast - McFarland H.S.

1415 - Veterans Program - Waubesa Intm. School

1700 - Flags Down, Folded & Stored

★ We honor all who served ★

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 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon
 Building/Grounds.....Denny Haugen

NOVEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm | 2 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | 3 | 4 Legion Mtg 7 pm IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | 5 No Rental |
| 6 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am - noon | 7 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm | 8 | 9 IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | 10 | 11 Veteran's Day Flags Up 6 am Flags Down 5 pm | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Exec 3d Mtg 7 pm IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | 17 | 18 IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | 19 Rental 2 - 6 pm |
| 20 Sous, Sandwich, Bingo 12 noon | 21 | 22 | 23 No Rental | 24 Thanksgiving Dinner | 25 No Rental | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 IMMS Dance 4 - 5:30 pm | | | |

DECEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Legion Mtg 7 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm | 3 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8 am - noon |
| 4 | 5 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm | 6 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm | 7 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm | 8 | 9 Village Emp Appreciation IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm | 10 Rental |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm | 15 | 16 IMMS Dance 4-5:30 pm | 17 Legion Family Christmas Party |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newspaper Articles Due | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |