

Post Notes

September, 2016



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Commander's Corner



THANK YOU to the flag wavers (The American Legion Family, Boys, Cub and Girls Scouts including several parents) who welcomed the Vietnam Traveling Wall and 100 Legion Motorcycle Riders. It was a very patriotic event, especially with the McFarland Fire

Department's ladder truck holding a huge flag over Hwy 51.

At our monthly meeting on Friday, August 5, 2016, members discussed at great length the McFarland School District's various expansion proposals that would affect our mutual property borders. At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion passed which directed the Executive Board to respectfully decline the school district's proposed plans and further negotiations.

We had a great turnout for the 2016 annual raffle. Thank you to the entire crew of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who worked hard to complete all the tasks necessary to make it a success. The hors d'oeuvres and the steak/chicken dinners, with huge baked Arena potatoes, more than satisfied everyone's appetite. Russ Jenkins

turned in another stellar effort to call out all 200 entries.

Thank you to Rob and Sherry Blanchar for befriending and inviting Rickey Lee to Post 534. For those who missed the entertainment after the raffle, Rickey Lee is a musician who entertained at the Traveling Vietnam Wall Operation Badger Base on August 12 & 13th. Rickey performed several sets of music, including many patriotic songs. Rickey said that he prefers to entertain Veterans and has performed at the Milwaukee Veterans Hospital. For additional information go to www.rickyleemusic.com

Mark your calendars for the Auxiliary Breakfast on 9/18/2016.

Enjoy the remaining summer days and have a great Labor Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Free happy pill: Each morning look in the mirror and say God loves me and what I see is a miracle. Need to feel better? Volunteer for Stand Down on Oct. 22: A day of relief for veterans experiencing homelessness. Location: Salvation

standdownmadison.org.

We need 2 more Mentors for new members, all you need to do is keep them informed of monthly activities, as easy as a phone call. Please call me to start today 395-5942. Protect our future and be a blessing to other people.

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. Thank you for your service.

Chaplain Dale, 608-395-5942

PS: Start remembering the good things that have happened in your past and more, good things will happen to you. Stop remembering the bad things. God wants to do great things in your life. No matter how far you have gotten away from God, he can reach you. Pray about everything.

Membership



We are off to a good start with membership renewal for 2017. Currently over 200 of our members have already paid their 2017 membership dues. Thank you.

As you know, the American Legion is the primary lobbying organization dedicated

to protecting our rights and benefits as veterans. The primary funding source for these efforts is dues paid by our membership. Since we unfortunately lose members each year, it is important for all of us to recruit new members when we can.

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

Bill Bley
Membership Chairman

Auxiliary News

According to the calendar, fall is upon us; however, Mother Nature has her own agenda. Please take a moment to check on your family, friends and pets during this summer heat wave. Especially vulnerable is the elderly. If you are in need of some help with tasks during the heat wave,



please call Post Commander, Unit Presidents, Chaplains, and Service Officer.

Our first Auxiliary Golf Outing was a huge success due to the hard work of the committee: Kelly Vinge, Keta Krenz, Sue Schneider and Carolyn Quamme. Awesome

jobs ladies. Many golfers are already reserving spots for next year. ☺

I would like to Thank all the volunteers who came out to welcome the "Wall that Heals" to town. It was a beautiful sight seeing all the bikers escorting the display through town. I hope everyone had an opportunity to attend the festivities at Operation Badger Base.

Sherry Blanchar is still recruiting volunteers for the Take-a-Vet-Fishing Beer Stands at the Taste of Madison – September 3rd and 4th (Labor Day weekend). Contact Sherry or Rob Blanchar at 838-3956 for information.

Another volunteer opportunity is on September 11th for the 115th Fight Wing Family Day. Volunteers are needed for setup and serving food so the airman can enjoy the events with their family. They are coming upon a deployment very soon. Third District has been tasked to provide 50 dozen cookies. If anyone is interested in baking cookies with me on Friday Sept. 9th give me a call or send a text message 608-332-3688.

I would like to Thank Bonnie Lamp-Dobson for the fantastic job on the baby diaper bags. We will get them delivered in the next few weeks.

I hope your raffle ticket was a lucky one. After dinner, we were graced with an impromptu September, 2016

and burgers. Thank you to Jason Schneider and Ron Dennis for all the help and effort. It seemed as

mini concert from Country Artist Ricky Lee. He was one of performers at the Operation Badger Base. An awesome time was had by all. Many dancing shoes had the dust kicked off. It was very nice seeing so many smiles. Thanks Rob and Sherry for coordinating this little shindig.

Our next meeting is on September 6th. We will be opening and setting up the several committees (Breakfast, Bingo and Christmas) and looking into ways to help with membership. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact me.

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

if the participants had a great time. The weather could not have been better!

We are gearing up for our Swiss Steak Dinner which will be held October 22, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm. We will serve Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad and dessert for \$10.00. A meal that is sure to please all!

We are holding our annual dues drive. If you have not received a letter from our finance officer pertaining to your dues, please feel free to drop your dues off at the American Legion. If you have an email address, it is much easier to fill out the form and mail it back to Dick Schwedrsky.

In closing, we are only as strong as our members are active. I have high hopes for our 2016-2017 SAL year. Together, we can achieve many goals.

May God Bless You and Yours,
Rick Schneider



Sick Call – Prayer List

Dennis Dancker, Roger Segebrecht, Gary Venden, Ken Alt, Ron Okeefe, Shawn Moriarty, Liz Gullickson Bliese (wife of SAL, John Bliese), Denny Frank and William Peters

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)**

S.A.L. Corner



Hello-
I hope everyone is getting through these warm days of summer! I would truly like to thank everyone for their well wishes and cards. I am doing fine and time will tell.

Congratulations go out to all that were involved in the Auxiliary

Golf Outing! I, personally, enjoyed cooking the brats

Vietnam-Era Vets

(11/1/1955 – 5/15/1975)

American Legion Post 534 has been named a “Partner” in the DOD program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and, in particular, the veterans of that era. Over the next few years we will be hosting a number of events to properly thank and honor Vietnam-Era vets. If you served in any branch of the military or merchant marine, anywhere in the world, between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, we would like to acknowledge your service and sacrifice in a public ceremony.

We expect the first ceremony to be held sometime in October, 2016. If you are willing to participate or would like more information please contact:

Jim Wickert
(608) 241-2438
jwick16060@tds.net

Please give me your name, dates of service and branch (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine)



The 2016 Auxiliary Golf Outing

The 1st Auxiliary golf outing was a huge success! A fun time was had by all. Plenty of laughter could be heard all over the golf course. It has been said maybe next year – Dave Murry could use an extra bungee cord or two to keep his clubs in his cart and this year Denny Haugen did not feel the need to throw his clubs in the water. ☺

I would like to THANK the committee for the awesome job & support: Keta Krenz, Sue Schneider, and Carolyn Quamme.

The volunteer cooking team: Larry Moe, Jodie Armstrong, Keta Krenz, Rick & Jason Schneider, Ron Dennis, and Sandy Haugen.

We would also like to thank the community and all sponsors for ALL the very generous donations!!

Until next year!

Kelly Vinge

Auxiliary Golf Outing Chairperson

WANTED: Person to clean the American Legion Post 534 bar area once per week and meeting hall area as needed. Cleaning supplies and equipment provided.
 If interested, please contact Bob O'Donnell for more details at:
robertodonnell@charter.net
 608-838-3551 (H)
 612-845-0925 (C)
 Thank you,
 Bob O'Donnell
 608-838-3551

Please have your October articles to me by Wednesday, September 21.
 Thanks. Sharon Scallon, editor

Branson, MO?
 Are you interested in a trip to Branson, Missouri in April, 2017 (week after Easter)? Before we go any further with plans, we need a count of interested persons. The cost would be approximately \$590 per person. If this is something on your "bucket list", please contact Dale Sankey at (608) 395-5942 or dalevs5906@yahoo.com. We need a minimum of 30 people to make this happen.

More "Murphy's" Laws
The Coffee Law As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
Law of Physical Surfaces The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
Law of Logical Argument Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.
Law of Physical Appearance If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it.



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Bar Manager.....Sonny Stout
 Rental Officer.....Jim Wickert
 Newsletter.....Sharon Scallon
 Building/Grounds.....Denny Haugen

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Legion Mtg 7 pm	3
4	5	6 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	7 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	8	9	10 Rental
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 No Rental
18 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am - noon	19	20	21 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	22	23	24 Rental
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Rental
2	3	4 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	5 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	6	7 Legion Mtg 7 pm	8 Legion Riders
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Rental - Wedding
16 Soup, Sandwich, Bingo 12 noon	17	18	19 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22 S.A.L. Swiss Steak Dinner 4-8 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Auxiliary Packing Halloween Bags
30	31					