

Post Notes

July, 2018

Edwards-Foye



A.L. Post 534

Commander.....	Bill Bley	Service Officer.....	Isabel Laing
First Vice.....	Mick Shumway	Chaplain	Dale Sankey
Second Vice.....	Kathy Durant	Historian.....	Rob Blanchar
Adjutant	Russ Reppen	Sgt. at Arms.....	Darrell Krenz
Finance.....	Jodie Armstrong		Mike Verdico and Chuck Mulcahy
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Commander's Corner



Congratulations to the Edwards-Foye Sons of the American Legion Squadron 534 slate of officers who were recently installed for the 2019 membership year.

As prescribed by our Post By-Laws, on the fourth Friday in June, Past Commander Bob O'Donnell assisted by Past

Commander Mike Larson, installed the following members of the American Legion Post 534 Executive Board: Commander Bill Bley, First Vice Mick Shumway, Second Vice Kathy Durant, Adjutant Russ Reppen, Finance Officer Jodie Armstrong, Chaplain Dale Sankey, Historian Rob Blanchar, Service Officer Isabel Laing, and Sergeants-At-Arms Darrell Krenz, Mike Verdico and Chuck Mulcahy.

Immediately following the installation of the Post Officers, I had the honor of installing the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 534 Executive Board: Commander Joe Larson, First Vice Tyler Mortensen, Second vice Gary Wipperfurth, Adjutant Mark Hansen, Finance Officer Dick Schwedrsky and Chaplain Timm Smith.

Good Luck to all of our Post 534 and Squadron 534 officers and may God be with you in the execution of your duties during the coming year.

Remember the cardinal principles of the American Legion are the rehabilitation of all disabled veterans; care of the dependents of those who have answered the final call; care of those who are now suffering from wounds, disease and want; the education of our children; and service to the community, state and nation.

To all members of our Legion Family who selflessly devote their time to the continuing efforts of Post 534 to support veterans, promote Americanism and contribute to our community overall: Thank you for your service!

Bill Bley, Commander

From the Chaplain



Happy Birthday, United States of America! – the only known country to have a 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

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

Thanks to Take-a-Vet-Fishing for donating a new AED, CPR unit to the post.

Pass and Review call list: When a member dies and we do a Pass and Review, I text or call members. If you want to be on the list, call me.

Remember to recruit. Use the business card from last month's Post Notes.

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. For tax purposes, we are a 501C19 organization.

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. Dream BIG.

Free anonymous counseling is available through the Veterans Crises hot line. Text 741-741 or call 1-800-273-8255.

Thank you for your service!

Chaplain Dale
608-395-5942

P.S. Write a letter, send a card to someone special. They will cherish it.

Challenge: Everyone has a story. See if you can learn someone's. Both of you will be inspired.

Membership



Our American Legion Post is participating in this year's McFarland Family Festival, September 14-16 at the McFarland Ice Arena. As part of the Family Festival, we are trying to get veterans from our Post to ride on a flat bed truck honoring our local veterans. If you have an interest in riding in the

parade on September 16, please contact me by phone or email. Also, we have a table at the Family Fest to spread the word about our Post and recruit new members but we need your help in manning the table and talking to attendees.

Our Post had the installation of Legion and SAL officers at the end of June so please familiarize yourself with your respective officers and feel free to talk with them about your ideas and concerns, should they arise.

The American Legion is the sponsor of American Legion Baseball, which is considered an elite level of high school aged players. Their schedule of games is posted at the Legion on the main cork board. We would like for our members and their families to attend games when possible to support our youth athletes.

If you have an interest in attending the Legion Department Convention July 13-14, 2018 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, please contact me ASAP. The Legion will pay for your hotel, registration, and meals.

We now have a patriotic themed pinball machine, a Golden Tee golf video game, and a digital dart board, which are all coin operated. If you are interested in starting a dart league leave your name and contact information with your Legion bartender or contact me.

Finally, we recently had our local Take-A-Vet Fishing event hosted by our American Legion Post. We had a great turnout of veterans, guides, and volunteers. As a bonus surprise, our Post's own Cory Gessler won the Grand Prize of a fishing trip for two to Canada. Bravo Zulu Cory.

Sincerely,
Michael Shumway
Shumway@uwalumni.com
608-843-7453

Auxiliary News



Start off your July 4th Holiday by coming down to Legion Hall at 6:00 am to help show our Red, White, and Blue pride by raising all 106

Hill of Honor Flags. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will need help taking down and folding Flags at 5:00 pm.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK all the food contributors and kitchen helpers who answered my pleas for help. Four times in the month of June alone, we provided a huge table of delicious homemade creations. By doing so, we were able to ease the burden of four families allowing them to focus on honoring and saying their final goodbyes to their loved ones. Awesome job everyone.

Operation Baby Shower was a huge success! The Diaper Bag committee and shoppers did an outstanding job! Our Baby Shower meeting bought in enough donations to allow us to fill to the brim not six but **EIGHT** diaper bags. A huge Thank-you goes out to Sue Hargraves for making the gorgeous blankets and wash cloths for each diaper bag.

**Our July project will be collecting items for the hospitalized veterans. We are collecting the following items:

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| Sweatpants (L, XL, XXL) | Nail Clippers |
| Tennis shoes (sizes 9-11) | Terry Bibs - Lg |
| Men & Ladies socks | Blank note cards |
| Small Kleenex packets | |
| Activity books – word search, puzzle books | |

**August's project is Stuff the Bus. We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks to help McFarland low income families. Please start collecting items now.

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| Pens | Scissors | Dry Ease Markers |
| Easers | Color Pencils | Bottles of Glue |
| Pencils (#2) | Glue Sticks | Pocket folders (2) |

We will have supply list handouts at the Legion Hall later this month. Please drop off all donations at the Legion.

Mark your calendar:

- ▲ Aug 7th meeting
- ▲ Aug 11th Legion Raffle/Dinner

Show your RESPECT - Stand for the Flag and Kneel for the Cross!

God Bless America!

Jodie Armstrong, President



Sick Call – Prayer List

John Guler, Karl Scheutz, Gary Venden, Bill Peters, Don Haugen, Dick Becker, Mackenzie Schoeller (Bob & Sue Hargraves granddaughter), Dale Everett, Rita Mae Schmitz, Tom Welch, Ray Van Kylen, Carol Welch, Sue Wipperfurth and Ron O'Keefe

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

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

Auxiliary Chaplain – Carolyn Clow (608-843-1740)

S.A.L. Chaplain – Timm Smith (608-521-7209)

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

S.A.L. Corner

The S.A.L. meat raffles have been very successful. We have two upcoming raffles scheduled for July 15 and August 19. Raffles start at 2 p.m. in the lounge. These events are a lot of fun and you might win some delicious meat or other prizes.



There is no S.A.L. meeting in July. Hope to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday, August 1st.

Joe Larson
Commander

Please have your August articles to me by Wednesday, July 18.

Thanks,
Sharon Scallon, editor

From the Lounge

Hi all

Hoping all of you are managing to stay dry.

The lounge was very busy for the month of June. Thanks to all of you for supporting the lounge.

Congratulations to all the officers for the American Legion and the S.A.L.

July brings a few events:

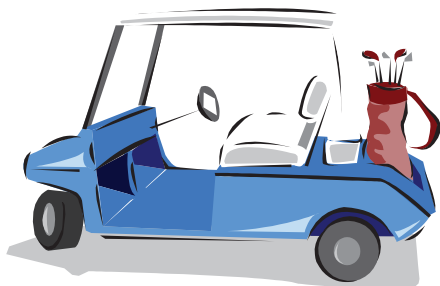
- July 4th, the flags will go up at 6 a.m. and they will come down at 4 p.m. Volunteers are appreciated.
- July 7th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., we will welcome back live entertainment with Dean McCarthy. Join us for a little fun and frolic.
- July 15th is the S.A.L. meat raffle at 2 p.m. Come out and support our local Squadron. Be safe and dry! KKL

** We are still playing dice and board games on Wednesday afternoons starting at 1:30.

Reminder

The third annual Auxiliary Golf Outing will be held **Saturday, August 4, 2018**. A sign-up sheet with more information is posted on the auxiliary board. Hope to see you there.

Kelly Vinge, Golf Chair



HELP WANTED: The Madison firing squad needs you to shoot at funerals for your fallen Comrades. Attend at your convenience. Time per funeral: approximately 2 hrs. Uniforms provided, minus shoes. Questions, contact Dale Sankey. To join, call Roger Swingen [608-274-4106](tel:608-274-4106) or [608-712-7616](tel:608-712-7616)

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HARDSHIP GRANT POLICY

This policy is designed to help any Legion, Auxiliary, or S.A.L. member experiencing 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.

Do you have an event?
Are you looking for a place to hold an event?

The American Legion Hall just may be the answer - - weddings, graduations, family reunions, birthday parties, holiday parties and celebrations of Life.

Call 608-444-4536 for more information.

A prayer for the Fourth

Dear Heavenly Father,
Bless this great nation and all it has to offer as we celebrate her birthday. Watch over and protect our troops as they enter harms way. Guide our local, state and national leaders to make the best decisions. And fill our hearts with gratitude for the freedom, liberty and pursuit of happiness we all enjoy.
Amen

Happy Birthday America!





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JULY

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Flags Up 6 am Flags Down 6 pm	5	6	7 Live Music Dean McCarthy 6-9 pm
8	9	10	11 Game Day Lounge 2-5 pm	12	13	14
15 Shelter - Class Reunion SAL Meat Raffle	16	17	18 Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	19	20	21 Rental
22	23	24	25 Game Day Lounge (1400- 1700)	26	27	28 Rental
29	30	31				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	2	3 Legion Mtg. 7 pm	4 Legion Family Golf Outing
5	6	7 Auxiliary Mtg. 7 pm	8 Game Day - Lounge 2-5 pm	9	10	11 Legion Raffle and Dinner 7 pm
12	13	14	15 Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	16	17	18 Rental - Hall Fun Timers - Shelter
19 Auxiliary Social SAL Meat Raffle	20	21	22 Game Day - Lounge 2-5 pm	23	24	25
26 Shelter- Antique Car Club	27	28	29	30	31	