

Post Notes

March, 2017



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Commander's Corner



American Legion Post 534 now has its own facebook page! Like us on facebook and review our recent activities and learn of upcoming events to share with your friends.

The first 2017 Vietnam Era Commemoration event will commence at 14:00 hours on Saturday, March 11th in

the hall. Sixteen Vietnam Era Veterans have accepted our invitation to receive "welcome home and thank you" for their tour of duty during several tumultuous decades. Stop by Post 534 to view photos from their days of service and to congratulate them for serving this great nation.

Immediately following, we will celebrate the **American Legion's 98th birthday** with a party. Please stop by and enjoy fellowship with Legion Family members.

Remember to change your clocks to daylight savings time on March 12th - **Spring Ahead!** You do not want to be late for the first day of spring on March 20th.

Dane County Government Day is on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and several McFarland High School students will attend.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



March 1st is Ash

Wednesday. A reminder: ashes to ashes, dust to dust – referring to our bodies, not our souls. March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. The patron saint of Ireland brought Christianity to the Emerald Island. March is the month we honor military caregivers,

parents, spouses, children, friends and hidden heroes. If you know one of these people, offer to give them a break, say a prayer for them.

World War II Veteran, Virgil Houff, age 92, is recovering from gall bladder surgery and requests members call him at 608-630-8988. His address: 202 Ski Ct., Apt. E, Madison, WI 53713-4606.

When you are planning/writing your will, or if a loved one dies, please remember America 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.
Thank you for your service.

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Chaplain Dale
608-395-5942

PS. You have dreams for your life. Make them into a plan. I dare you to ask God for big dreams. Go for the gold. Do what you are afraid to do, fear is normal. You can conquer it.

Membership



If you have already paid your 2017 dues, please disregard any notices you may receive requesting payment. Unfortunately, there is a significant built-in delay before payment information is transmitted to National Headquarters. If you have not paid your 2017 American Legion

membership dues, there is still time. Please send your 2017 membership dues payment (\$35.99) to:

American Legion Post 534
PO Box 196
McFarland, WI 53558-0196

Credit card payments can be made directly on line:

www.legion.org/renew

Click on Members

Click on Renew Membership

Have your Legion ID number and credit card information ready.

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

Our first breakfast of 2017 will be held on February 26, 2017. We need many volunteers to help make this event a

success. We have a wide variety of tasks available;

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help in the dining room, food servers, cooks (scramble eggs, French toast), and washing dishes. If you have a couple of hours to spare – we would love and appreciate your help. Please add your name to the sign-up roster on the Auxiliary bulletin board, or call me at 608-332-3688. Please leave me your name and number. Our four (Feb., Apr., Sep., and Nov.) yearly breakfasts are the ONLY fundraising events for the Unit. Your support, either volunteering or attending, makes for a successful breakfast and provides us with the ability to support various Veterans and Auxiliary programs.

Soup-Sandwich & Games (B – N - O) as it is listed on our calendar is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Due to our type of bingo license, it prevents us from advertising. So please spread the word. Our next Soup & Sandwich & Games is March 19th. We could use some soup. If you would like to share a pot of your favorite recipe for soup or cookies, please call Chairperson, Sandy Haugen at 608-628-5867.

Please mark your calendar with the upcoming Auxiliary events:

Soup-Sandwich-Games

March 19th

April 23rd

Oct 15th

Nov 19th

Breakfast

February 26th

April 2nd

Sep 10th

Nov 12 (Veteran's)

Other

Senior Salute Social – May 7th

I would like to say Thank you to my Legion Family, especially Auxiliary friends. I want you all to know how much I appreciate all the support and gentle reminders you have given me over the past several months. John has completed his treatments, but the battle against cancer and its side effects still rages on. Bless you all.

Our next meeting is on March 7, 2017

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Jodie Armstrong

Auxiliary 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, Rick Schneider, John Zaemisch (husband of Jodie Armstrong) and Don Zimmerman

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 April articles to me by Wednesday, March 22.

Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

S.A.L. Corner



Rick is home recuperating from heart surgery and will not have an article this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and we wish him a speedy recovery.

He would, however, want to remind everyone of the chili cook-off to be held

March 25 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Homes for Heroes

Giving back to Veterans for their service to this country just really seems like the right thing to do. We can never do enough for our Veterans and their families for the sacrifice that they make for our freedom. Shortly after 9/11, Homes for Heroes, Inc.

healthcare workers, EMS and teachers for all they do. The program rewards those that serve us by giving them a 25% discount on the commission when selling a home with a Homes for Heroes Real Estate Representative, and a check for 25% of the commission when buying a home. In addition, there are other affiliates such as lenders, inspectors and closing companies that are affiliated with the Homes for Heroes program that provide additional savings. This provides our heroes with the maximum saving they can receive when buying or selling a home. As an Army Veteran of 10 years and a retired Police Officer of 28 years and a Gold Star father of a fallen soldier, I am proud to offer these services to our heroes in the area. Please visit our website at www.homesforheroes.com or contact me at <http://michaelbrennan.firstweber.com/> to take advantage of your heroes rewards. There are also cards and brochures at the American Legion.

Michael Brennan (Post 534 Member)
First Weber Realty
Homes for Heroes Representative



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

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	2	3 Legion Mtg 7 pm	4
5 No Rental	6 Hope Rod & Gun Club Dinner 7 pm	7 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	8	9	10	11 Vietnam-era Vets Ceremony Legion Birthday
12	13 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	14	15 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Soup, Sandwich & Games Noon-4 pm	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24 No Rental	25 SAL Chili Cook-Off 11 am - 4 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 No Rental
2 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am-Noon	3 Hope Rod & Gun Club 7 pm	4 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	5 S.A.L. Mtg 6:30 pm	6	7 Legion Mtg 7 pm	8 Rental
9 Home Talent Breakfast 8 am -Noon	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Exec Bd Mtg 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 Vibrations Tackle Pro-Staff	22 Rental
23 Soup, Sandwich & Games Noon-4 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rental						