

Post Notes

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Commander's Corner



Students from the Indian Mound Middle School will be using the Legion Hall after school on Mondays and Wednesdays through mid-February to participate in a dance class. On those days, the students will be walking from the school and through the parking lot between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please use caution if you are in the area.

Post 534, in partnership with the DOD's 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Program, will hold a special event on Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m. honoring selected Vietnam Era Veterans. Approximately 15 participants will be honored at the first event. We will host similar events in 2017 and 2018. If you served one day of active duty anywhere in the world between 11/1/1955 and 5/15/1975, you are eligible to receive this award, which includes a Presidential Proclamation. Please contact Jim Wickert (241-2438) to get further details and reserve a space in 2017. Please note that the Veteran does not need to be an American Legion member. If you know someone who served during this time, please invite them to participate.

If you need a gift for the person who has everything, please consider purchasing a Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. membership. It would make a great gift and support the American Legion.

Remember to vote on November 8th. If that won't be convenient, you can vote early or complete an absentee ballot prior to Election Day. In addition, when

you are at the village hall, check out the Senior Outreach Department and meet the new director, Lori Andersen (838-7117). They provide many benefits in addition to meals.

October 22, 2016 is Volunteer for STAND DOWN - a day of relief for veterans experiencing homelessness. Go to www.standdownmadison.org and sign up or call (608) 301-5528.

Enjoy the autumn days and have a great Columbus Day!

Commander Bob

From the Chaplain



Challenge:

October 5 is "do something nice day". Start thinking about what you are going to do. October is Positive Attitude month. Stay away from people that bring out the worst in you. Don't listen to negative people. They will drag you into battles you do not need to fight, wasting your energy. Keep the attitude; I am in it to

win it. God does not judge you by your mistakes; he always has one more chance for you. Don't let the devil

hold you back from asking for God's blessings. Move forward with your life, receive God's mercy. Stop finding fault in yourself. God loves you

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unconditionally, he is smiling down on you, and your best days are ahead. Recipe to save arguments: Say, "I think I am right, but I may be wrong" or "I was wrong, it's my fault".

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

P.S. If you want to be satisfied and fulfilled in your life, you need to serve others. When you lift others, God will lift you. Kind words work wonders. Start with your family. Be a blessing to them. God puts people in your path so you can brighten their day. Someone needs your smile.

Membership



We are at just over 70% 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. There are several hassle-free ways to pay: If you received the American Legion 2017 Annual Dues Notice requesting payment by 1 August 2016, don't worry, you are not late!

Simply include your check for \$35.00 made out to Legion Post 534 in the envelope provided and send it in. If you did not receive the Dues Notice (or maybe can't find it), just send your check in a regular envelope to American Legion Post 534, P.O. Box 196, McFarland, WI 53558-0196. You can also renew online at www.legion.org/renew by credit card. If all else fails, drop by the Post and give your payment (cash or check) to the bar tender on duty who will put it in an envelope and ensure it gets to the membership chairperson. He/she will also give you a free beverage.

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. Also, since we unfortunately lose members each year, it is important for all of us to recruit new members when we
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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

Bill Bley, First Vice,
Membership Chairman

Auxiliary News



We went from the sultry heat to looking for the blueprint and building instructions for an Ark. Fall colors will be here soon. I hope everyone will take some time to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

I would like to say thank you to all the Auxiliary ladies who volunteered at the Take a Vet Fishing Beer Stand at the Taste of Madison Labor Day weekend. I had a great time and made some great memories. I am already penciled in for next year.

Sandy Haugen and I spent a Sept. 9th baking 15 dozen chocolate chip bars and made another ten dozen rice crispy treats. We took them to the 115 Fighter Wing Family Day. We served over 1000 troops and their families lunch.

Our next volunteer opportunity is on October 22nd, Madison Stand Down for the Homeless Vets. If you would like to lend a hand please go to standdownmadison.org. This year it will be held at the Salvation Army 3030 Darbo Drive.

September Breakfast was a success. We had a few hurdles to overcome. Many our Auxiliary ladies were not able to pitch in, however, the SAL team of Rick S, Jason S, Ben S, JC Cooley, and soon to be SAL member Cole Cooley did. Thanks guys, you did an awesome job.

Post Chaplin Dale Sankey did a FANSTATIC job recruiting a total of 3 new Legion family members; one being an Auxiliary member. He swears he talked to over 500 people. ☺

If you see new faces at our October 4th meeting, give them a hearty welcome. Please bring your social calendar. We will be opening and setting up several committees (Breakfast, Bingo, and Christmas) and

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looking into ways we can help with membership. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact me. ****Meet & Greet *** at 6:00 pm - please bring something sweet.

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



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 – Ellyn Thompson (608-838-3395)**
- S.A.L. Chaplain – David Sawyer (608-444-3768)**
- Sunshine Person – Sue Wipperfurth (608-535-0495)**

Please have your November articles to me by Wednesday, October 19.
Thanks, Sharon Scallon, editor

S.A.L. Corner



Hello-
We're finally heading into my favorite time of the year! Hopefully cooler temperatures, less humidity and the leaves are starting to change! But would someone please turn off the rain?!

The S.A.L. is looking forward to our annual Swiss steak supper on October 22, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. For \$10.00, we will be serving Swiss steak,

real mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, dessert, coffee and milk. Come one, come all, come hungry, leave happy!!

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the legion for help with the Swiss steak supper.
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Please try to help if you can!!

Congratulations to the ladies' auxiliary on another fine breakfast. It was a job well done – even with all the malfunctions!

Thank you to Ron Dennis for representing Squadron 534 S.A.L. at the McFarland Family Festival.

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

Recognition Ceremony for Vietnam-Era Veterans

The US Vietnam War Commemoration Staff has selected our Post 534 to host events to thank and honor Vietnam-Era veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. Our first recognition event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 2:00 pm. We expect to recognize 15-20 veterans at that event. It is open to the public and all of the Post 534 family is encouraged to attend.

We will be hosting at least 2 of these events in each of the next two years. If you are a Vietnam-Era veteran (11/1/1955-5/15/1975) and would like to be recognized in the future, please contact: Jim Wickert, (608) 241-2438 (home); (608) 228-3834 (cell); or email jwick16060@tds.net.

Branson, MO

Seven days, six nights, April 23 through 29, 2017. Seven shows, 10 meals, transportation for \$573 per person. More information located in the bar at the legion or call Dale Sankey (608-395-5942).



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