

Post Notes

February, 2019

Edwards-Foye



A.L. Post 534

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Commander's Corner



Due to scheduling conflicts, the Post 534 Legion General Membership monthly meeting, which is normally held on the first Friday of each month, will be delayed one week and will be held on Friday, February 8 at 7:00 pm.

Several topics that will directly impact all members will be discussed. Your opinion is important. Please make sure that you get a chance to express your opinion. Be part of the process. You have a say in the future of our Post. A few of the topics to be discussed are:

- Change monthly meeting to a different day.
- Fund raising efforts for the Post.
- Increasing membership.

We need committee members. We need help to move forward with several improvement projects planned for the coming year. We need non-board members to serve on or chair committees. Your participation is critical. Please attend and get your membership card laminated (for free) at the meeting.

Despite ideology or political party, we are more the same than we are different – we are Americans. We care about the same things and we love our country and our way of life. Let us work together for

our common goals with mutual respect as we continue to serve.

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 Valentine's Day! Everyone loves to be recognized which is a perfect opportunity for you to say to someone: "You matter". Random Act of Kindness week is February 11-17, capping off the week with Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17. A few suggestions: Be kind to

yourself. Take time to listen to someone. Give someone a compliment. Tell someone you are proud of them. Make that call you have been putting off. Reconnect with old friends. Clean out your closet and donate to the Salvation Army. Leave your waiter a generous tip. Say Thank you. Say I Love You. Get enough rest, physically and mentally.

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 and put actions behind them. Start your day with God.

Free anonymous counseling: Text 741-741 or call 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1) Veterans Crises hot line.

Thank you for your service!

Chaplain Dale

608-395-5942

Email: dalevs5906@yahoo.com

P.S: Bus trip to Myrtle Beach. Details on page 4.

Challenge: You want to learn about a miracle, get to know someone and learn their story.

Membership



Welcome to February, Legion Family! While we are making our way through the tail-end of winter, I think we are all eagerly anticipating Spring's arrival. The Legion has many projects that we would like to complete and each will require that we do some fundraising. With that

being said, we are actually asking that our membership contribute some ideas for fundraising. All ideas are welcome and all will be considered and we will execute as many options as seems feasible. We would also like to ask each of you reading this to come to meetings and volunteer to serve on committees for these projects.

The Legion is also considering changing the day of its regular monthly meetings from Fridays. Before something like that would be changed, it needs to go before the general membership and it is incredibly important that we have as many people as possible attend the general membership meetings to voice inputs on the potential change. We don't want to make this change without hearing from each of you who are in favor of the change or do not want the general membership meeting to change from the first Friday of every month.

I have had the pleasure of again grading and ranking essays from Indian Mound Middle School Students who were nominated to write about how their actions and beliefs align with the tenets of The American Legion. I always enjoy reading essays from middle school and high school students that relate to the Legion. You might think that middle school essays would be simplistic but let me guarantee you that the effort these middle school students put forth is something really special. As the age group of the essays increases, the different ways that the selected students speak to how their lives, specifically service and patriotism, matches with the pillars The American Legion strives to seek out and build in its members is really great to hear.

I wanted to let you know that for those that attend monthly meetings and would like their membership cards laminated, I will be able to provide that service going forward at the end of each meeting. The Commander and I had talked about it after a number of members had asked for their cards to be laminated and we determined it would be a worthwhile service. I cannot mail membership cards to you after you renew as the membership cards need to be countersigned by the member to be considered valid.

Lastly, I wanted to let you know that I am in the planning stages for the 2019 Veterans' Open House at the McFarland American Legion Post. As of right now, I am working with Rob Blanchar to develop a plan to have the Veterans' Open House coincide with the continuously successful Take-A-Vet Fishing event at the Post. I wanted to ask our membership if there are any specific veterans organizations that you would like to see represented at the Veterans'

Open House. I will reach out to those organizations and see if they can send people to speak to what their organization's mission is in serving veterans and active service members.

Sincerely,
 Michael "Mick" Shumway
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 608-843-7453

Auxiliary News



Happy Valentine's Day to our American Legion

Family. While buying your cards to tell family & friends you care, please consider buying a couple extra cards ... drop one off to a neighbor, a friend, a veteran. Spread the

kindness!

At our February 5th meeting we will be voting on the motion to change the start time from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm effective on March 5, 2019.

Please mark your calendar ... our first breakfast of 2019 will be held on February 10. We will be partnering with the McFarland Youth Center. Come down to breakfast and meet and support club members. This is a fundraiser to help the Youth Center fund projects and needed equipment. A portion of our breakfast profits will be donated to help in this endeavor. Any donations greatly welcome.

Volunteers are needed. If you can spare a couple hours, please use our new and cool electronic sign-up program called SignUpGenius. Type this URL into your browser.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa4ad2fa3ff2-auxiliary> It is super easy to

create a "Sign-Up" account and select the tasks you want to help. Then click submit. The software will send a confirmation email and reminders. The SignUpGenius link will be shared with the McFarland Youth Center.

I want to thank the Homeless Bag team: Deb Franklin, Sandy Haugen, Sherry Clement, Bonnie Jenkins, and Karen Larson for all their efforts preparing 100 bags. Each bag included: socks, hat, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, shampoo, 2 soaps, and \$5 Kwik Trip card. The team dropped off 80 bags at the Beacon. The Beacon is a comprehensive day resource center for people who are experiencing homelessness in Dane County. They help over 225 men, women, and children each day, 365 days a year. Great Job!

It is my great pleasure to announce: Sue Wipperfurth has accepted the position of Funeral Coordinator.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on **February 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm.**

Happy Valentine's Day

Jodie Armstrong,
 Auxiliary 534 President



Sick Call – Prayer List

John Guler, Gary Venden, Bill Peters, Dick Becker, Mackenzie Schoeller (Bob & Sue Hargraves granddaughter), Dale Everett, Tom Welch, Ron O'Keefe, Ryan Welch, James Rossa, Donald Germain, Frank Kivett, and Wally and Lee Webber

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

Well, another successful meat raffle is in the books. Meat raffles are held every 3rd Sunday at the Legion at 2 pm. Our next raffle is February 17. Please join us for fun, prizes and some great meat. See you there.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 6. **Remember**, the time has been changed to **6:00 pm**. I encourage all members to attend.

Remember, it is our duty as a SAL squadron to assist our sponsoring post with any charity activities or just keep your eyes open for giving in the community with a goodwill gesture. If you have any questions, or would like information on volunteering with any event at the legion, feel free to stop in and ask.

Remember to give thanks to all of those who have served and put their lives in harm's way for our freedom.

Joe Larson
SAL Commander

From the Lounge

Here we are Already into the second month of 2019 . . . Time surely does not stand still!!!

The Lounge has been quiet as of late ... not sure if it's because our "Snowbirds" have deserted us or if everyone is finally able to take a breath after the Holidays. Lounge Hours are 1 pm daily, Weekends at noon ... Come out for your favorite beverage and to see what's happening:

- February 2nd Dean McCarthy 6 – 9 pm
- February 3rd Super bowl Party (bring a dish to pass) 3 pm - ?
- February 10th Auxiliary Breakfast 8 – 12 noon
- February 14th HAPPY VALENTNES DAY
- February 17th SAL Meat Raffle 2 pm

SMILE and Stay Safe
KKL

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 Karen Larson at 608-444-4536

Please have your March articles to me by Wednesday, February 20.

Thanks,
Sharon Scallon, editor

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.

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)



Myrtle Beach Show Trip



9 days, 8 nights – Motorcoach transportation

October 12 – 20, 2019

\$925 per person/double occupancy

add \$315 for single occupancy

14 meals – 8 breakfasts – 6 dinners

5 shows and more

Contact Dale Sankey for information

608-395-5942

dalevs5906@yahoo.com

Visit:

GroupTrips.com/AmericanLegionPost534



American Legion Breakfast Burma Rd, McFarland

Sponsored by Unit 534 Auxiliary

Bacon, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, French-Toast,
HOMEMADE Sausage Gravy with Biscuits, Juice,
Coffee & Milk

Sunday-Feb 10, 2018

8 am -12 Noon

A.Y.C.E.

**Fundraiser for McFarland
Youth /center**



Kids 2 and under free, Kids 3 - 12 years old - \$4.00
13 years of age and up - **\$8.00**

Bring/Join Family and friends for a wonderful breakfast

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Hall Rental	Karen Larson
Newsletter.....	Sharon Scallon



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FEBRUARY

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Dean McCarthy 6-9 pm
3 Super Bowl Party 3 pm - ?	4 Hope Rod & Gun Club Mtg. 7 pm Dance	5 Auxiliary Mtg. 7 pm	6 SAL Mtg. 6 pm Dance	7	8 Legion Mtg 7 pm	9
10 Auxiliary Breakfast 8 am - noon	11 Dance Boy Scouts	12	13 Football Coaches 7-9 pm Dance	14 HAPPY VALEN- TINE'S DAY Dance	15	16
17 SAL Meat Raffle 2 pm	18 Dance	19	20 Executive Mtg. 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

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