

# Post Notes

April, 2011



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## Commander's Corner



Do not get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessings at the appropriate time.

On Saturday, March 12, we had an American Legion birthday party. It was an afternoon of fun

and games, visiting with friends or just "hanging out". There was plenty of good food and fellowship. If you were not able to attend, I am sorry. We have received positive reports. I certainly thank Jodie Armstrong and Kathy Durant. They took it upon themselves to plan and carry out the party.

Then on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Polly Stout prepared corned beef and cabbage for us. Big job – well done! Thank you so much, Polly. What a blessing it is to know there are those you can depend on. And thanks to ALL OF YOU that were able to join us in these events. Many thanks!

There will be an Auxiliary breakfast on Sunday, April 10, from 0800 – Noon. Now that the weather has improved (somewhat), come join us. Tell your friends – meet for breakfast and leave happy and content.

The next Bingo is Sunday, April 17. Lunch is

available at noon and Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. This will be the last game until we start again in October.

Thursday, April 28, the Dane County Council will meet at **Post 360 in Waunakee**. The location has been changed. It was scheduled for Post 481. Be sure and make note of this change.

Saturday, April 30 is the Third District Spring Conference at Post 256 in Monticello. Registration is from 0800 – 0900.

Post 534 has a new Rental Officer. Jim Wickert has replaced Paul Peters who held this position for years and now feels it is time to "hang it up". I certainly do thank you, Paul, for all you have done. I know you endured some "less than pleasant" times but you weathered the storm! Bless you and have fun!!

If you have not heard, cards are now being played in the afternoon at the Post. Come join in on the fun. Also, on the second Wednesday night of each month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., there is a class for all those who knit or crochet or would like to learn. This is for beginners, experienced, etc. Sue Hargraves is the instructor for "Knit/Crochet 101". Thanks, Sue, for your time and expertise.

Just a reminder for the month of May: At the Post meeting on Friday, May 6, according to our By-Laws, all officers of the Post shall be nominated annually at the Post meeting in May, elected at the Post meeting in June and shall take office after the Installation meeting held on the fourth Friday in June.

Saturday, May 7, at 0900, is our Spring Clean-Up Day. Do come and help us get the Post ready for our big day on May 30. Flags go up at 0600, cemetery at 0800, parade at Noon and Memorial Day program at 1:00 p.m. Flags will be taken down at 5:00 p.m., folded and put away. It would be great to see many of you here helping us.

Our thoughts and prayers to all those who are not feeling well or have suffered the loss of a loved one. Do let us know if we can be of any help in any way.

And now – PEACE. When there is little time to think, may I smile instead of frown, encourage instead of criticize, offer help and not walk on by.

May the Lord hold our troops in his loving hands.

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Marjorie Z. Marshman  
Commander

## Greg's Grousings



Holy Moly, we are now into the month of April. Time sure does fly when you are having fun. Well my dear friends, yours truly has had a great time informing, entertaining, badgering, and being downright irreverent at times with this column.

The time has come for an infusion of new blood. My last article will be printed for our June Newsletter. You, my readers, have been great. You have inspired me to do the necessary to open some doors and bring about items that are timely, provocative, sincere, honest and just plain enjoyable reading. I thank each of you for your comments, good or critical. I have grown very fond of you and will miss this exercise of information. One thing that I can tell you is that any article or subject that I printed, I was willing and able to back it up with facts, figures and correctness to the nth degree. To my detractors,

read and the truth will set you free. To Sharon, thank you for editing, allowing me time when my article was tardy and never being grumpy with me. You were very good and this humble individual appreciates it.

We will be sending three boys to Badger Boys State.

The American Legion Convention will be held in Appleton, Wisconsin from July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to attending and giving you a report as always.

The District 3 spring regional meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Monticello, Wisconsin.

One of our members, Lenard Sturm, called me and reported that USAA insurance, which you as members are entitled to use, has been very good to him. His former auto premium was \$120.00/month and it dropped for the same coverage to \$60.00/month. Thank you, Lenard.

I really thank and appreciate my wife, Nancy, for all of her support in doing these articles.

That is all for now. God bless and hold each of you in His Arms. Happy Easter, Greg.

## Insights By The Chaplain

To my devoted flock: Your Chaplain will end his services to you as of this next election. You have been great to me and I will miss all of my duties, but it is time to enjoy my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I hope that I have served you well, and that my services were timely and appreciated. You will always be in my prayers and I hope that some of the information was useful in your prayer and family life.

This is the Lenten Season, and we will celebrate the greatest feat of all times, "THE TRIUMPH OF GOOD OVER EVIL AND LIFE AFTER DEATH." May this blessed Easter Season see you a better person and asking our Creator to offer more assistance in your personal and family life.

You all hold a special place in my heart and I am thankful and grateful to have served in this capacity. Respectfully and sincerely yours in Christ, Love, Greg.

## From the Ladies Auxiliary



Have you survived the time change? Weather has been pretty good, but a little cold. At least we didn't get the snow our neighbors to the north did.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be April 5, please try to attend.

**If you haven't already done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, bring them to one of the meetings. We missed making 100% of our quota by 4 people this past year.**

2011 Breakfast Dates are April 10, September 18 and November 6. Please support us by joining us for breakfast.

Please contact me if you are able to work the April 10 breakfast. Any help you can offer will be appreciated.

As a reminder, I am not running for re-election this year. I will help anyone interested in taking this job and we can schedule a Leadership Training at our Post or you can attend one being held elsewhere. I will also do my best to have everything organized and will help to train my replacement. We also have several knowledgeable Auxiliary resources in the area that would also be a help to train the new President.

Also, Joann Gerl will not be running for re-election for Vice President – the main job of the Vice President is Membership. Joann will train whoever is elected to this post and will work with her for several months to get things going.

Nominations will be made at our May meeting and the election will be at our June Meeting. Someone needs to volunteer to be nominated for these two positions. Neither Joann nor I are able to continue to serve in these positions.

Bring your service hours sheets with you to the April meeting or email them to me. I need them for the annual reports.

If you missed the Legion Birthday Party, you missed a good time.

There is a knitting group meeting the second Wednesday from 6-8 in the bar area. Please show up if you are interested in getting together with everyone. If you feel a different time would be easier for you, please contact Sue Hargraves to discuss. Her phone # is 838-8807.

The high school has selected the Badger Girls for this year. They are Gabriela Cristobal & Elizabeth Duffey. The alternate is Kaylee Dimeo.

If you can think of any activities that will help our veterans/ community, please let me know.

Carol Welch 608-838-3733

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### Sick Call – Prayer List

Dale Everett, Gary Salverson, Joe Becker (Sue Hargraves' son), Bobbi Zbiegien, Ken Dunbrook, Howard Davis, Jan Bliese, Steve Killerlain, Dave Natvig, Bert Pullar, Betty Peters and Margarete Johnson who is recovering from open heart surgery. Our sympathies go out to member Marv Langetieg for the loss of his wife, Adeline.

These are the only ones I am aware of at this time.

**PLEASE LET GREG SIMONIS (223-1843) OR SUE HARGRAVES (838-8807) KNOW OF ANY OTHER AUXILIARY, LEGION OR S.A.L. MEMBERS NEEDING CARDS.**

Editor's Note: Please have your May articles for the Newsletter to me by Wednesday, April 20. The folding and sealing will then be the following Monday, April 25.

Thanks, Sharon

## Membership Dues News



Presently, I'm attempting to get all late paying members contacted and paid up for 2011. We are at 86% paid up members. Let's reach 100%!!!

All veteran members should be aware that

transportation to VA medical appointments is available. Those in need of transportation may

contact WI Dept. of Disabled American Veterans and County Veterans Service Office. Vans are available to transport veterans. Contacts may be made by phoning the VA Hospital (608) 256-1901, extension #11955 to set up appointment times for transportation. Also, Capitol Express for a minimal cost will provide transportation. The toll free number is (888) 478-8321 or (608) 661-7433. See the following letter.

John Guler, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Membership Chairman

### Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

[www.WisVets.com/Transportation](http://www.WisVets.com/Transportation)

Wisconsin veterans may use one of two programs that assist veterans who need help getting to VA medical appointments. The Wisconsin Department of the Disabled American Veterans operates several vans around the state that normally stop at predetermined locations and then transport to the various medical centers. For a list of the current scheduled stops, please see the Wisconsin DAV website. Veterans can schedule a stop by contacting the DAV Transportation Coordinator listed with the schedule. These rides are free of charge and available to all veterans based on financial need – you do not have to be disabled or belong to the DAV to get a ride on this network. Veterans should contact the DAV for additional information. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides an annual grant to the DAV to assist with this program.

For veterans who live in locations not served by the DAV, most counties provide some type of assistance. Some counties provide this service free of charge and others require a small fee or donation. Veterans can request to have this fee waived in most cases if they are experiencing financial hardship. County transportation systems are run by the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) or another County agency. Veterans should contact their CVSO for information. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides a grant to assist counties that transport veterans to VA medical appointments. In order to receive the grant, you must complete form WDVA2110 and return it to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, attention Katy Mauger.

Veterans in need of assistance with transportation to a VA medical appointment should contact the appropriate agency as soon as notification of a scheduled VA appointment has been received. Requests for same day or next day travel may not be able to be accommodated.

## S.A.L. Corner



Hey Guys! Ya, it's me again and it's time for the Newsletter again. Our **Spaghetti Dinner** is April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and we will need HELP! Also, nominations are coming up in May and elections in

June. **DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES ARE DUE!**  
 Sonny Stout, S.A.L. Commander

### Memorial Day Parade Activities

Hello fellow members of Post 534! Spring is finally here and winter is hopefully becoming a dull memory. It is also time to start preparations for our annual Memorial Day Parade. As many of you are aware, the members of McFarland American Legion Post 534 sponsor our annual parade each year on Memorial Day. So I am asking for some input from you. I am in the process of sending out invitations to some of the people and businesses in the area to participate in the parade. If you are interested in being part of the parade or know of someone, please contact me with the name of the contact person, their address and phone number so I can send them an invitation. The parade is open to every one. The type of entry can be almost anything - vehicle or walking group, bagpipes, jugglers, etc. If you have a fun idea for an entry just give me a call and we'll look into it.

Memorial Day this year falls on Monday, May 30, 2011. The parade will begin at noon. The parade route starts at Christ the King Catholic Church and ends at the American Legion Post 534. This will be followed by our Memorial Services Program, also at the American Legion Post 534, 4911 Burma Road, at 1:00 P.M., with Flag Retirement. For anyone interested in being in the parade, please be sure to contact me at 442-9744

or pick up and complete a parade invitation which can be found at the American Legion Post 534. The completed invitation can be left in my mailbox behind the bar at Post 534.

Our American Legion Post 534 also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag raising at each of the three cemeteries in McFarland that morning. If there are any veterans interested in joining us, please contact Jodie Armstrong at 838-3745. The dress uniform for the Firing Squad is: White short sleeve shirt, Black slacks, Black shoes, and Garrison cap.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this one of the most memorable parades so far!

Your Second Vice - Kathy Durant

### Memorial Day Celebration Events

Put up Flags - 6:00 AM

Lions Chicken BBQ - 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Post 534 Ladies Auxillary - Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips  
 & Soda - 11:00 AM

Memorial Day Parade - 12:00 NOON

Memorial Day Services Program - 1:00 PM

Take Down Flags, Fold & Store - 5:00 PM

#### **IN MEMORY**

**OF**

**ANN CLAFLIN DILLIN**

**(1952 – 2011)**

Ann Claflin Dillon, the daughter of William "Bud" – "Bill" Claflin, passed away in her sleep the morning of February 20, 2011. She kept in contact with some of the Legion members after her father's death five years ago. This notice is posted so that her friends will be notified. Ann moved to Eau Claire to begin her life again and met a wonderful man who was the best thing that has happened to her since losing her father. She missed all the wonderful friends she made in McFarland and talked about them often. Condolences can be sent to Carl Marx, 120 Juniper Ave., Elk Mound, WI 54739. They will then be sent to her daughter, Libby, who lives in California.

# Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast

**McFarland American Legion**

**4911 Burma Road**



Scrambled Eggs  
French Toast  
Sausage Gravy w/Biscuits  
Sausage & Bacon  
Juice - Milk - Coffee



## Sunday - April 10, 2011

### 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Adults \$6.00 - Children 8 & Under \$3.00

Future Breakfasts ◊ Sept. 18, & Nov. 6, 2011



## Treat Your Family & Friends



# Spaghetti Dinner

## *Sons of the American Legion*

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**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**American Legion Post 534, McFarland**

**Dinner Includes:**

- **Spaghetti with meatballs**
- **Salad**
- **Garlic Bread**
- **Dessert**

**Price: \$6.00**



**Questions: Sonny @ 608-513-5379**



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