

# Post Notes

February, 2012



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## Commander's Corner



Guess what?  
Computer broke and I'm handwriting this so it may be a little short.

Several of us had the privilege of meeting the wife and son of one of our legion namesakes, Seven Foye. I got a phone call they were at the legion, so I went

there to meet them. I met Geneveive Hansen Foye, Steven's wife and son, Stephen Foye. Geneveive lives in Galena, Illinois and Stephen lives in Kent, Washington. We had a very good conversation about Steven and the family. We took several pictures and put them on our mailing list for the newsletter. I will have their addresses and email if anyone would like to contact them. What a privilege!

Our prayers to the Martha Johnston family (Betty Peters' mother). Martha was a longtime member of the Auxiliary.

Denny Haugen, Greg Simonis, Jodie Armstrong and I will have been back from the Legion Mid-Winter Conference by the time you get this. I will report next month.

We still have some dues to come in. Call the legion (838-3249) if you're not sure if they're paid.

Thanks and God Bless you all!  
Commander Mike



From L to R: Mike Larson (Commander), Stephen Foye (son), Geneveive Hansen Foye (wife)

## Chaplain Mike's Blog!



Well, 2012 is here and a new year is upon us. February brings thoughts of spring and Valentine's Day. We also send our thoughts to those who have lost loved ones, such as Daryl Krenz' brother and Betty Peters' mother. Also, we send our thoughts to

those that are not up to 100% on feeling great. With the weather soon to get warmer and spring bringing everything to life again, we wish everyone well and a better year than last. I'm keeping it a short note this month as we prepare for tax time and more events to come.

I hope to bring some sunshine back from a cruise to the Western Caribbean this month.  
Chaplain Mike

## American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast Unit 534, MCFARLAND

**Sunday, February 26, 8 a.m. – Noon**

Menu: Bacon, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage & Gravy/Biscuits, Juice, Coffee and Milk.

Children 8 years and under: \$3.00 ea.

Adults: \$6.00 ea.

Bring/Join family and friends for a wonderful breakfast at the American Legion on Burma Road, McFarland. The best breakfast served in McFarland four times a year.

## Auxiliary News



Bingo takes place every third Sunday of the month. We had a very good turnout of players for the month of January. If you would like to volunteer to help, please leave a message at the legion or come on the third Sunday from October through April.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Betty Peters' family in the loss of her mother who was a long-time member of the Ladies Auxiliary family.

Renewal for membership is in force. If you have not sent your renewal to Ann Kleist, Membership/Vice President, please do so. We need all your support, ladies, to help meet our goal.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Lynn Sawall, to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Congratulations to American Legion Post 534 for winning a boy to Badger Boys State Convention.

The ladies breakfast will be held in the year 2012 on the following dates: February 26<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day). Help support our fund raisers so that we are able to help within our community, donating to the American Veterans VA and to our active soldiers with our packages that we are sending to the troops. Please support the Ladies Auxiliary by coming and having a good meal for an inexpensive price.

Take care and God Bless!

Auxiliary President, Polly Stout



## Sick Call – Prayer List

Dale Everett, Gary Salverson, Howie Davis, Bert Pullar, Mark Egnor, Wayne Halverson, Lyle Larson, Tilden Kaup, Lone Schwedersky, Riley Becker (Sue Hargraves' grandson), Ron Engel, Marvin Langeteig, Christopher Ficht (grandson of Nancy Simonis), Vik Schorette, Bonnie Dobson-Lamb, Beverly Dexter and Denny Haugen's mother

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

**Legion Chaplain - Mike Valdovinos (438-5538)**

**Auxiliary Chaplain - Sue Hargraves (for death notices only) (838-8807)**

**Sunshine Person – Jodie Armstrong (for get well cards) (838-3745)**

**Auxiliary President - Polly Stout (838-9420)**

**S.A.L. Chaplain - Sonny Stout (838-9420)**

## S.A.L. Corner



Hello S.A.L. members.

The S.A.L. dues are being paid at a slow pace; we are around 85%. If you are thinking about sending in or stopping by to pay up – let's do it! We would like to be at 100% by the end of January. Thanks to

those who have already paid.

We have our spaghetti dinner on the board for March 31, from 4-8 p.m. We will need a lot of help, so call Hook at 577-8497. Friday will be table set up. Come on down and have some fun!

Hey – I used the new grill we purchased with our dinners and almost burned down the post! Dale gave me a lesson on how to do greasy meat. Thanks Dale!

The ice on the lake is getting almost thick enough for the 4-wheelers – hope to catch our limit to have a fish fry for the guys in the afternoon.

We all would like to thank Steve for setting out all the food everyday for the Vets. Whether leftovers, his donation or donations by others, it's a nice treat for everyone. Thanks again, Steve!  
Commander, Don (Hook) Egner  
p.s. "Hey Dog, sharpen your auger!"

### A little Humor

**Tech Support:** "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."

**Customer:** "OK"

**Tech Support:** "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

**Customer:** "no."

**Tech Support:** "OK. Right click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

**Customer:** "No."

**Tech Support:** "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

**Customer:** "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

## The Rev. Billy Graham's Prayer for our Nation

(Current Age: 93. Truth . . .from a man the media have never been able to throw dirt on . . .amazing!)  
"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Amen!"

## The Story of the Four Immortal Chaplains

A convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through "torpedo alley" some 100 miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1 a.m. on **February 3, 1943**. The submarine U-233 fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the midsection of the *Dorchester*, a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900 men on board. Ammonia and oil were everywhere in the fast sinking vessel and upon the freezing sea.

The four Chaplains on board, two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race.

Approximately 18 minutes from the explosion, the ship went down. They were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the hull of the ship, each praying in his own way for the care of the men. Almost 700 died, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the United States during World War II. The Coast Guard Cutter **Tampa** was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the Cutters **Comanche** and **Escanaba**, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat, stopped to rescue 230 men from the frigid waters that night.

The four Chaplains were **Father John Washington** (Catholic), **Reverend Clark Poling** (Dutch Reformed), **Rabbi Alexander Goode** (Jewish) and **Reverend George Fox** (Methodist). These four Chaplains were later honored by the Congress and Presidents. They were recognized for their selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith. According to the First Sergeant on the ship, "They were always together, they carried their faith together." They demonstrated throughout the voyage and in their last moments, interfaith compassion in their relationship with the men and with each other. In 1960, Congress created a special Congressional Medal of Valor, never to be repeated again, and gave it to the next of kin of the "Immortal Chaplains."

- submitted by Greg Simonis -

#### Editor's Note:

Please have your March Newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, February 15. You can leave them at the Legion or email me at:

[gs2scal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gs2scal@sbcglobal.net). The folding and sealing will then be the following Monday, February, 20.

Thanks, Sharon

## Email Scam

Just the other day, we received an email from AT&T with the subject "AT&T Account Last Warning (Final Notice)!!" All the correct logos were in place and it looked very official. Since AT&T serves both our land line and internet, we read the message which is as follows:

"AT&T has discovered a series of illegal attempts on your account from a bad IP location and will shut down your account as it has been flagged as a spam account. If you fail to respond to this, your account will be removed from our database. You are to fill in the form below by clicking on the reply-to button, filling in the correct information and sending it to AT&T Mail Alert Center:

User Name.....

Password.....

Date of Birth.....

Country.....

After following these instructions, your account will not be interrupted and will continue as normal.

Thanks for your attention to this request. We apologize for any inconvenience.

AT&T Technical Information Department"

Point Being: **Do not answer any email asking for personal information.** If you think something such as this might be legit, check it out by calling the source. We did and they told us to forward the email to [abuse@att.net](mailto:abuse@att.net) which we did.

The history of Valentine's Day – and its patron saint – is shrouded in mystery. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men – his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.



<b>2011 Usage of Legion Post #534 Facilities</b>
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**Children & Youth (12)**

1/2/11	Dane Co. Oratorical	4/13/11	McFarland Youth Softball
2/15/11	Hunter Safety	6/17/11	McFarland Summer School
2/22/11	Hunter Safety		Aquatic Staff (Picnic Area)
3/1/11	Hunter Safety	11/8/11	McFarland Girl Scout Troop
3/8/11	Hunter Safety		2107 (program included flag education)
3/9/11	McFarland Youth Softball	12/3/11	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast
3/15/11	Hunter Safety		
3/22/11	Hunter Safety		

**Community (29)**

1/3/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club	6/21/11	40 et 8 Meeting
1/16/11	Soup, Sandwich, Bingo	7/6/11	VFW 10272 Meeting
1/22/11	Funeral Reception	8/10/11	Funeral Reception
1/28/11	Funeral Reception	8/21/11	Madison Vintage Car Club (Shelter)
2/7/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club	8/31/11	Funeral Reception
2/20/11	Soup, Sandwich, Bingo	9/6/11	Funeral Reception
3/7/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club Dinner	10/5/11	VFW 10272 Meeting
3/14/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club	10/15/11	Renee Gray Benefit
3/19/11	VFW 10272 Dinner	11/7/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club
3/20/11	Soup, Sandwich, Bingo	11/12/11	Soldiers Angels Network
4/3/11	Home Talent Pancake Breakfast	11/24/11	Community
4/4/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club		Thanksgiving Dinner
4/6/11	VFW 10272 Meeting	12/5/11	Hope Rod & Gun Club
4/17/11	Soup, Sandwich, Bingo	12/9/11	Village Employee
5/8/11	Soldiers Angels Brunch		Appreciation Party
5/30/11	Lions Club used the Barbeque Pit		

**Organization Fund-Raisers (8)****Rentals**

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Jan. - 3	July - 2
Feb. - 1	Aug. - 3
Mar. - 1	Sept. - 4
Apr. - 0	Oct. - 2
May - 3	Nov. - 1
Jun. - 2	Dec - 3

2/27/11 - Auxiliary Breakfast
4/10/11 - Auxiliary Breakfast
4/16/11 - S.A.L Spaghetti Dinner
6/18/11 - S.A.L Pig Roast
8/13/11 - Legion Raffle Dinner
9/18/11 - Legion Chicken Barbecue
9/25/11 - Auxiliary Breakfast
10/8/11 - S.A.L. Dinner

**Organization Meetings (48)**

Legion, Legion Executive Board, Auxiliary and S.A.L each held a monthly meeting.

**Summary:** Our facilities provided a home for 122 events in 2011.