

Post Notes

June, 2011



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Commander's Corner



There is nothing wrong with having nothing to say - - - unless you insist on saying it.

What a great day we had on Saturday, May 7th, for our Spring Clean-up Day. Twenty-seven willing workers came and

really pitched in to get the job done. Tables and windows were washed, pictures and fans dusted, the Missing Man Table received a new cloth and tableware washed. I cannot say enough for the kitchen help. I mean it was REALLY cleaned! JoAnn and Terry, would you come to my home and do the same? I do not have the words to thank you all enough but please be assured it is deeply appreciated. Thanks for giving up a Saturday. Great job - - well done!

Those who worked outside certainly know how to make the grounds look great. Now that the grass is green and well mowed, we truly have beautiful grounds. Thanks so much for your help and time. You surely can take pride in your work throughout the year.

At our Post meeting on May 6th, we had nomination of officers for 2011-2012. The election

will be Friday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. I hope many of you will attend this meeting. Remember - - - if you do not vote, you should not complain regarding the outcome.

Also at the meeting, John Guler, First Vice Commander and Membership Chairman presented a 50 year continuous membership certificate to Edwin Neitzel. All the years have been with Post 534. Following the presentation, ice cream and cake were served. Many members of Ed's family attended. We congratulate you, Ed, and thank you for your service.

At the time you are reading this, I hope that Mother Nature was good to us on Memorial Day. Will recap the day's activities next month.

For those who have yet to pay their dues, would you please do so ASAP? I do not understand why you wait until the very end. But, I guess that is up to you. Maybe you have a good reason. Who knows? If we can help you in any way, why not swallow your pride and let us know. You have received notices and letters but to no avail. Why not help us out?

The Dane Council meeting will be Thursday, June 23 at Post 534. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is 7:30 p.m. This is the last meeting until September. The schedule for meeting locations next year will be completed at this meeting. Should you desire to host a meeting at your Post, be at the meeting and let your choice be known.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Allen R. Jensen family. Legionnaire Jensen passed away May 11, 2011.

And last, but certainly not least, we all send our best get-well wishes to our Editor, Sharon Scallon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

And now-----PEACE. May the Lord hold our troops in his loving hands.

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Marjorie Z. Marshman
Commander

Greg's Grousings



Here we go into the summer months. I am really looking forward to sitting back and being an observer starting in July. I have had an amazing run over the last number of years, and I thank each and every one of you for your support. This Post has huge potential, it

just needs to get itself hitting the membership trail and getting more folks involved. It is time to put personal feelings aside, soften a few egos and let the good times roll. Nothing ever happens by accident. Energy needs to be channeled in the right direction and then molded into a very positive experience. We have done so much for this community and it has in turn been very good to all of us. Sonny and Steve have made a huge contribution with the bar and I hope it will continue. Our new hall rental manager is off and running thanks to Paul's guidance. We have some cards being played on Wednesdays, how about getting a good horseshoe group started as well. We need to fix the current pits and build another one next to it. We have that nice pavilion on the hill, let's put it to good use. Let all three units of this Post really work together and maximize our potential. We have a

great Auxiliary group as well as Sons of the American Legion. Pooling our resources will equal success.

God bless and keep each and every one of you and your families, Greg

Insights By The Chaplain

Do not forget to honor your God, for He is the reason we all lead the good lives that we do. Remember to worship Him each and every week and attend services at your selected church. The church is not just the building but the individuals who attend its worship service. Your children will be the benefactors of your sharing your faith with them. Remember that wherever two or more are gathered In His name, He is there. Open your minds, hearts, homes and love to your Lord. He does not ask for much and offers so much for so little. Being a Christian is not hard, but it is at the same time not easy. Have a great summer and take some special time to pray. We are in a very difficult time of life and the devil is using an all out press. Think of Jesus, use his Blessed Name in prayer and God bless Post 534, Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.

In the love of Jesus, Greg.

From the Ladies Auxiliary



The calendar tells us that summer is almost upon us, so why doesn't Mother Nature know that?

The next Auxiliary meeting will be June 1, and will be the election of officers. 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. We should start collecting dues for 2012 some time in July.

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

We had a great turn-out for the clean-up day on May 7. Thanks for all your hard work that day.

Please plan to attend our Memorial Day parade and program. Kathy is working hard to organize a great parade and program planners are working hard again to plan a great program for this year, so come and show your appreciation for all their hard work. Just to see all the flags flying that day is worth the trip down to the Legion Hall!

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.

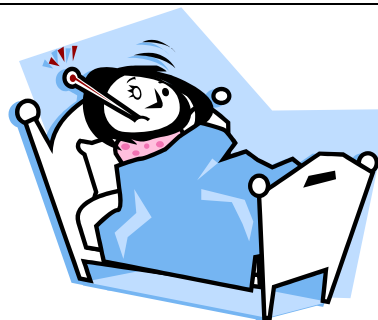
If you can think of any activities that will help our veterans or community, please let me know.

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Editor's Note: Please have your July Newsletter articles to me by June 22. The folding and sealing will then be the following Monday, June 27. You may leave the articles for me behind the bar or email them to me at: gs2scal@sbcglobal.net.
Thanks, Sharon

Given the choice between brave and frightened, choose brave.



Sick Call – Prayer List

Dale Everett, Gary Salverson, Bobbi Zbiegien, Ken Dunbrook, Howie Davis, Jan Bliese, Steve Killerlain, Dave Natvig, Bert Pullar, Margarete Johnson, Fred and Cheryl Doyle, Jerome Erickson, Sharon Scallon, Mark Egner, Wayne Halverson and Riley Becker (Sue Hargraves' grandson in the burn unit @ University of Arkansas Children's Hospital). I want to apologize for missing Sandy Larson and Dave Cockings last month. 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.

A Big Thank You to our Kitchen Crew!



Pictured: Sandy Haugen, Jean Torgeson, Ann Kliest, Bonnie Lamp and Sandy Larson.
Thanks for all your hard work and good food!!!

S.A.L. Corner



Hey Guys! It's me again.

I want to remind everyone that elections are coming up at our June meeting. Do try to attend.

June 18 is the S.A.L. pig roast. Help will be needed, so look for the sign-

up sheet at the Post.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

Sonny Stout, S.A.L. Commander

That Red White and Blue by Greg Simonis

I watch the flag as it floats in the breeze,
 That beautiful Red White and Blue.
 It signifies life in this great land
 Knowing what freedom holds true.
 This flag has changed
 From many good hands;
 Its stars and its stripes
 Have been moved;
 But the colors remain,
 They are still the same;
 That beautiful Red, White and Blue.
 You do realize while watching this flag
 How many have died, protecting this land as it flew.
 There are those who deny and really do try
 To belittle what this flag eschews.
 They say it's a symbol, just for a few
 This beautiful Red, White and Blue.
 They don't realize and can't seem to find
 The beauty this country refines.
 They will not be happy, profess as they may,
 Finding fault with our system each passing day.
 They just keep on lying, completely denying
 What many hold dear and yet true;
 That symbol of liberty, love and respect
 That beautiful Red, White and Blue.
 There are those who protest and always detest
 The life that our God holds for you.
 They will not understand what a great land
 That they trash never giving its due;
 This wonderful gift which flies beneath
 That glorious Red, White and Blue.
 There once were so many, now seems so few,
 Who cherish this spacious and bountiful plan;
 But envy and jealousy threatens to tear
 That which created this land.
 When people's minds expand and recognize God's
 plan;
 When they reflect and start to respect,
 They will find that our God is so true
 When he opens His Arms to protect us from harm
 That beautiful Red, White and Blue.

BARTENDERS WANTED

EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

This is a voluntary position. Get to know your fellow Legionnaires, while helping your Post.

If interested, contact Sonny Stout at 513-5379

Membership Dues News



Beginning in July, we will be starting our membership drive for 2012. For those of you who haven't paid your 2011 dues, you have just a short time left to do so.

Your membership is very important to the American Legion, but more particularly

to Post 534 and the community we serve. **WE NEED ALL OF YOU!!!**

John Guler, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

JOIN US FOR THE



2ND ANNUAL
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Pig Roast

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011

2:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

AT THE MCFARLAND AMERICAN LEGION

DONATIONS APPRECIATED.

