

Post Notes

November, 2011



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Commander's Corner



Hi, again.
Well, I guess the summer is over. I finally decided to get my boat out of the water (30 degrees, 25 mph winds). Why I wait so long every year is a mystery.

Cleanup on October 1 was well attended and a lot of work got done. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there due to a prior commitment (Driving Miss Daisy). Thanks to everyone for their work.

We will be hosting the Dane County Legion Meeting of October 27 at 7:00 PM.

Please don't forget, the flags go up at 6:00 AM and come down at 4:00 PM on November 11. On November 12, the Soldiers Angels Network will be holding a meeting for vets at the post from 9:00 AM to about 11:00 AM with a light breakfast and guest speaker.

Karen and I will have our 20th year for hosting the Thanksgiving Day dinner from 11 AM to 2 PM. If you know of anyone who is shut-in or alone or needs a Thanksgiving dinner; we will have delivery, takeout or dine in. The dinner is free but we will take donations. If anyone wants to donate turkeys please call the legion at 838-3249. We already

have four and will need 12 more. Last year, we cooked 15 turkeys and served well over 150 people.

S.A.L. – Thanks for the delicious prime rib and shrimp.

The next Auxiliary breakfast is November 6th from 8:00 AM to Noon. Please support them.
Commander Mike

Chaplain Mike's Blog!



Well another month has come and gone. The holiday months are just around the corner along with colder Wisconsin weather.

Thanksgiving Day is near and on that note I want to share a poem with all of you.

T is for the trust the pilgrims had so many years ago
H is for the harvest the settlers learnt to grow
A is for America, the land in which we live
N is for nature and beauty which she gives
K is for kindness, gentle words, thoughtful deeds
S is for smiles, the sunshine everyone needs
G is for gratitude... our blessings big and small
I is for ideas, letting wisdom grow tall

V is for voices, singing, laughing, always caring
I is for Indians, who taught them about sharing
N is for neighbors, across the street, over the sea
G is for giving of myself to make a better me

The stand down went well as we helped about 30 veterans and the extra towels and washcloths are being sent to the troops overseas. Our post was mentioned and gratitude for all the help is being passed on.

Les Brennum's family lost a loved one and our prayers go out to the loss of Raymond Sugden.

Have a great month and may the One above bless you and keep you safe.
 Chaplain Mike

Membership Dues News



Keep it going - - - membership dues are required. Post 534 is over 66% as of October 19, 2011. Let's get that goal of 100% for 2012. Renew your membership as soon as possible. Those of you that have renewed; let's

recruit new members to our post. We have a great post and good members. Let's get more!!

Don't forget, Snowbirds, if your winter address has changed, let us know. We have a good newsletter and we want it sent to every member.

Thanks, John Guler, 1st Vice Commander

Auxiliary News

It is sad to report that a grandson of our ladies Auxiliary family was injured in Afghanistan. Nancy Simonis's grandson was brought to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland with many injuries to his one leg. Six soldiers were wounded with Chris being the 3rd worst injured, leaving one young man losing his life. Chris has had four

surgeries on his leg and will be getting skin grafting soon. He had an unexpected visit from President Obama and received a pass for any time to visit the White House.

2012 membership is under way with the goal being 115 members which we have 73 paid members so far. Please remember to pay your dues as you belong to a wonderful organization. Portage headquarters will be raising dues in 2013 by \$4.00 for ladies membership.

There will be a Lyle Wanless Auction at the Legion on November 5th for those interested.

The next ladies Auxiliary breakfast will be Sunday, November 6th, serving from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon. We are sponsoring two senior citizens and 10 people for the Giving Tree tags from proceeds of our breakfasts that the ladies do such a wonderful job preparing, serving and clean-up with the support from Legion members and S.A.L. There will be an additional 10 Giving Tree tags put on the Christmas tree for all Legion family members to sponsor someone who is less fortunate than ourselves. Please help with the Giving Tree to make it a success.

The Blue Star Memorial restoration located at Babcock Park, McFarland, which was built back in 1953 by the Westside Business Flower Club, needed restoration. The Legion and Ladies Auxiliary have helped sponsor this restoration. We will be contacted when it is completed to participate in the dedication.

Give from the heart in helping with donations in supporting the Auxiliary with sending packages to our soldiers while being in an active zone. There is a list of needed items posted on the Auxiliary board and also on the Legion web site.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the Darrell Krentz Family in the loss of Darrell's sister.

A time to **Honor**, a time to **Remember** your veterans on November 11th, **Veterans Day**. **Thank you for your Service**.

Be thankful and happy for family, friends and all that you have in your life on this Thanksgiving.

Take care and God Bless!
 Auxiliary President, Polly Stout



Sick Call – Prayer List

Dale Everett, Gary Salverson, Bobbi Zbiegien, Howie Davis, Bert Pullar, Mark Egner, Wayne Halverson, Lyle Larson, Tilden Kaup, Ione Schwedrsky, Riley Becker (Sue Hargraves' grandson), Ron Engel, Marvin Langeteig and Christopher Ficht (grandson of Nancy Simonis)

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

Legion Chaplain - Mike Valdovinos (438-5538)

Auxiliary Chaplain - Sue Hargraves (838-8807)

Auxiliary President - Polly Stout (838-9420)

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

Watch your newsletter for upcoming dates regarding the S.A.L. Christmas party and the February spaghetti meal. The S.A.L. Christmas party will be December 16th starting at 5:00 PM.

Dick Schwedeski will take over the finances this month to help John out. Thanks, Dick!
p.s. "Dog" is out West hunting. Maybe he's shot some Rocky Mountain oysters for us!
Commander , Don (Hook) Egner

To all members of Edwards Foye American Legion Post 534 of McFarland, Wisconsin:

It is with the greatest thanks and most humble heart felt wishes I offer to each and every one of you for your support of my running for the HIGH OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION. You have been in my thoughts and prayers for years and it is only because of this support that I will venture forth. God bless each and every one of you. Greg Simonis

S.A.L. Corner



Hello All,
Thanks to all S.A.L. members that helped in preparing for our prime rib and shrimp dinner. The meal was excellent!
Thanks, John, for all the help and time preparing food at your

Madison College kitchen. Since prime rib and shrimp is getting so expensive, that was probably our last time serving those dishes.

Our October meeting was well attended. At our next meeting on November 2nd at 6:30, we'll be discussing what to serve next October to replace the prime rib and shrimp. Some of our customers mentioned salisbury steak, pork chops, or chicken fried steak. I heard one guy mention Rocky Mountain oysters. Those don't come from the ocean!

Finance Findings

By Jodie Armstrong, Finance Officer

OPERATION TOWEL DRIVE

Was a huge success!

Our Post exceeded our Post goal and surpassed the Dane's County Goal of a 150 towels.

Our collection totals:

Bath Towels any size	175
Hand Towels	50
Wash Clothes	60

I am so **PROUD** of our Post and community members!





**American Legion Post 534
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838-3249**

**BINGO
21 Games for \$5.00**

Donation \$ for Soup, Sandwich with Dessert at
Noon

Bingo starts @ 1:00

October 16, 2011

November 20, 2011

January 15, 2012

February 19, 2012

March 18, 2012

April 15, 2012

No Bingo is played in December

Editor's Note: Please have your December
Newsletter articles to me by Wednesday,
November 16. The folding and sealing will then be
the following Monday, November 21.
Thanks, Sharon

THE AMERICAN LEGION



American

EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 13-19, 2011

**Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our
Responsibility.**

The American Legion has a long standing interest and commitment to American education. The American Legion believes a strong education program is important and significant in maintaining American traditions and instilling in our young people a sense of personal obligation and responsibility.

Plans for community participation in the observance of American Education Week, November 13–19, 2011 were released today by McFarland Post 534 of The American Legion by Post Commander Mike Larson. Representing Post 534 on a special planning committee for the annual observance are: Children and Youth Chairman Greg Simonis; Adjutant and Public Relations Chairman Bob Hargraves.

Ninety years of concern and interest will be observed November 13-19, 2011, during the annual nationwide observance of American Education Week. This year's theme is: "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility."

Since 1921, The American Legion, its Auxiliary and professional groups have promoted, with good cause, the idea of visitation to our schools. Though the reasons for their initial activities have changed, these groups and others continue to lead the way in seeking the aid and assistance of every concerned American for better schools.

American Education Week is not just for parents and educators, it's for everyone. With the aide of statistics, it is quite apparent that many citizens have not visited their local schools since their own graduation from high school. Exercise your right and responsibility in 2011 and visit the school of your choice.

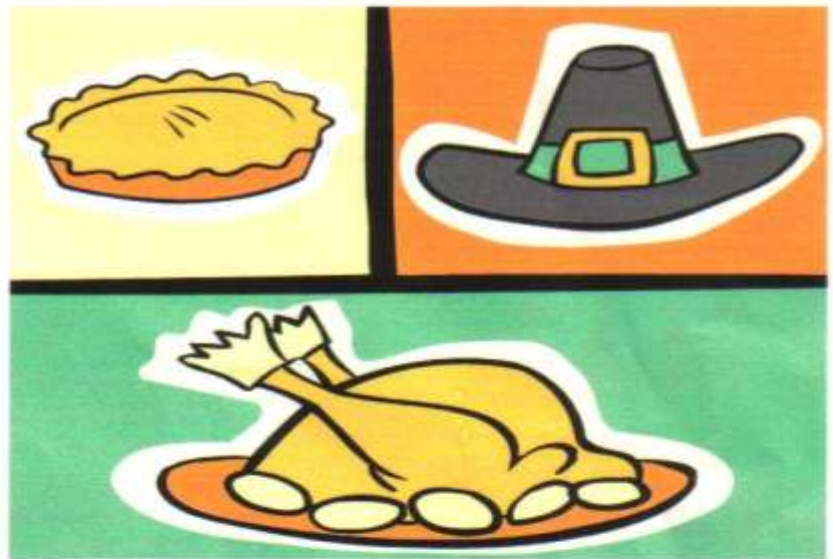
This year's theme should remind each of us that we have a duty and responsibility to see that our children are prepared to take up the roles of citizens and leaders in the years to come.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Date: November 24, 2011

Time: 11 am — 2 pm

FREE



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Dine In//Take out//Deliver