

Post Notes

September, 2011



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Commander's Corner



Hi everyone,
Our building fund raffle was a great success again this year. Cheryl Murray from McFarland was the grand prize winner. Thanks to everyone for selling and/or buying tickets. We sold out about 2 hours before it started.

Thanks to all who helped during the event. You made it a success.

We will be having our famous Chicken BBQ on September 18, Family Festival weekend. We will be serving from 11 AM to 5 PM. We still need help in the pits and kitchen. There is a sign up sheet on the board. Please stop and sign up.

There will be a Military Stand Down on October 8 from 7 AM to 3 PM at the Army Reserve Center on Wright St. The Stand Down is a day when returning vets, homeless vets and others can go and get clothes, toiletries, blankets, physical exams and other items free of charge. The request for our members to donate this year, are bath towels. If you wish to donate, please drop your donation at the legion. All posts in our area have been asked to donate items.

On November 12, from 11 AM to 1 PM, the

Angels Soldiers Network will be hosting a speaker/luncheon event at our legion hall. This volunteer organization supports all veterans and everyone is welcome. The guest speaker is a retired Lt. Col. From the Viet Nam era. The event is free but donations will be accepted.

Thanks, again.
Commander Mike

Chaplain's Corner



Hello again from your Legion Chaplain, Mike V. hoping you are all enjoying this wonderful weather with the hint of fall in the air.

With the start of a new year for us, I'd like to take this opportunity to go over some of the first things we learned as children:

"The 10 Commandments". However, I came across this different slant on them and thought perhaps they would fit well into our lives and our organization. I'll share them with you.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS of HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue. Always say less than you think. Cultivate a low,

persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.

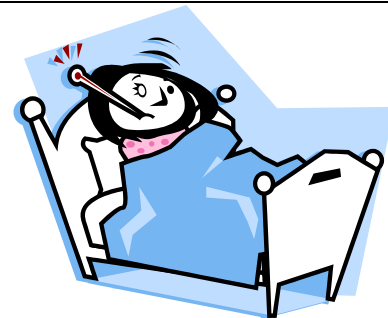
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what the cost.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, offer it gently, never harshly.
4. Be interested in others - - their pursuits, their work, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice, and weep with those who mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, and feel that you regard him or her as a person of importance.
5. Don't burden or depress those around you by dwelling on your minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of burden, often heavier than your own.
6. Keep an open mind. Discuss, but don't argue. It is the mark of a superior mind to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.
7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of other's vices. Discourage gossip. It is a waste of valuable time, and can be extremely destructive.
8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at another person's expense may do more damage than you will ever know.
9. Pay no attention to disparaging remarks. Remember, the person who carried the message may not be the most accurate reporter in the world, and things become twisted in the retelling. Live so that nobody will believe them.
10. Don't be too eager to get the credit due you. Do your best, and be patient. Forget about yourself, and let others "remember". Success is much sweeter that way. (Credit: Ann Landers)

From the Ladies Auxiliary

The ladies Auxiliary will be having their breakfast on Sept. 25th, 8am - 12Noon. Serving bacon, Sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy/biscuits at the low price of \$6.00 for the age of 8 years and older. \$3.00 for children under 8 years. Everyone is welcome.

Speaking of welcome! We would welcome any Legionnaire, S.A.L. and Auxiliary member who has not volunteered lately or have not visited your post in a long time to come to join us for work or play. The Legion post I'm sure would like help with the Chicken Barbecue that is being held on Sept. 18th. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is located at our post on the board for Legion news. Please help support your post with the events that are being held.

Renewal for membership is in force. We need all your support ladies to help us meet our goal. Please don't forget to send in your renewal. Take Care and God Bless
Auxiliary President
Polly Stout



Sick Call – Prayer List

Dale Everett, Gary Salverson, Bobbi Zbiegien, Howie Davis, Steve Killerlain, Bert Pullar, Margarete Johnson, Fred and Cheryl Doyle, Jerome Erickson, Sharon Scallon, Mark Egner, Wayne Halverson, Tilden Kaup, lone Schwedersky, Riley Becker (Sue Hargraves' grandson) and Les Johnson.

PLEASE LET MIKE VALDOVINOS (438-5538), MYSELF (838-9420) OR SUE HARGRAVES (838-8807) KNOW OF ANY OTHER AUXILIARY, LEGION OR S.A.L. MEMBERS NEEDING CARDS.

AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY BREAKFAST POST 534



Sunday, Sept 25th
8 am - 12 Noon

A.L.Y.E

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

**BEST BREAKFAST SERVED IN MCFARLAND
FOUR TIMES A YEAR.**

Thank you

My Son, Joe Becker, his family and I would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your cards, kind thoughts and prayers for our little Riley, who suffered hot grease burns in May. Your outpouring of well wishes was overwhelming, and so much appreciated. There is nothing more powerful than prayers.

Riley continues to be on the mend, but still has a long way to go. His upbeat spirit and attitude has been a lesson to all of us.

Thanks, again, for being there and supporting us. God bless you all and keep you in His good hands.

Sue Hargraves

The Prime Rib and Shrimp dinner is coming up fast (October 8). We will have tickets soon, so mark your calendars!

Let's try and have your dues up to date. Call Hook if you have anyone who would like to join the S.A.L. as a new member.

Just to let everyone know, the money we made on our Spaghetti Dinner was used to buy a nice Weber Grill to be used by all Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members, so let's get the Packer Parties Started!

The Fish Report is small perch – small everything – from Guide Dog.
Commander Hook

Editor's Note: Please have your October Newsletter articles to me by Wednesday, September 21. The folding and sealing will then be the following Monday, September 26.

Thanks, Sharon

S.A.L. Corner



I would like to thank all the new officers for stepping up and making this organization proud of what it stands for:
Commander – Don Egner (Hook)
1st Vice – Steve Killerlain
2nd Vice – Eric Garland
Finance – John

Johnson

Chaplain – Sonny Stout

Sgt. At Arms – Randy Justesen

Sgt. At Arms – Ron Fredericks

Adj. – Gary Wipperfurth

Our July Pig Roast went over well. We made a few bucks. Thanks to all who worked, especially Ron, who preps and cooks all night to get it done. Thanks to the Gun Club for their pig roaster. We all thank John Johnson for his hard work to organize the food to go along with the pig and his many hours in the finance department. He spends a lot of personal hours on dues and reports. Thanks, John!

Finance Findings

By: Jodie Armstrong, Finance Officer

On October 8, 2011, Dane County American Legion will be co-sponsoring a Madison-area STAND DOWN located at the Naval Reserve Center at 1430 Wright Street from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

A Stand Down is a day we lend a helping hand to our fellow veterans in need. They will receive various services including a survival bag which includes toiletry items and some winter clothing items.

The American Legion Dane County is tasked to provide: Manpower (**Volunteers are needed**) and Survival Bags. Each Post has been assigned to provide a specific item for the Stand Down. Post 534 has been assigned to collect 75 bath towels. We have kick off: **“OPERATION TD” (Towel Drive)**.

There will be a plastic tub located in the Lounge area to drop off your donations of **“gently used or new bath towels”**

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers. There will be two shifts (8-11 or 11-4 with teardown). You may also volunteer to Adopt a Vet (go around all the stations with veteran). This will be an all-day commitment (7-4). I will need to provide the volunteer information to District by September 20th. Please come in and sign up soon.

Suggestion: When you come to pick up your BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 18th, PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR TOWEL DONATIONS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of Stand Down

OPERATION "TD" OPERATION "TD" "TOWEL DRIVE"

MISSION: AMERICAN LEGION POST 534 is tasked to collect **150** bath towels

Code Name: Operation TD (Towel Drive)

START DATE: Effective IMMEDIATELY

Deadline: SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

THIS COLLECTION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO SUPPORT THE MADISON-AREA "STAND DOWN AND PROVIDE SURVIVAL BAGS."

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO AMERICAN LEGION 534 ON BURMA RD.

WHAT IS A STAND-DOWN? MILITARY DEFINATION:
"A SUSPENSION AND RELAXATION FROM AN ALERT STATE OR STATE OF READINESS"

NON-THEATER STAND DOWN IS WHEN FELLOW VETERAN AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS PROVIDE AIDE TO HOMELESS VETERANS.

HELD: OCT 8TH AT 1420 Wright Street Madison
TIME: 0800 -1600 HRS or
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM (civilian time)

AMERICAN LEGION RAFFLE - 2011

DWG	PRIZE	TKT	TICKET HOLDER	DWG	PRIZE	TKT	TICKET HOLDER	DWG	PRIZE	TKT	TICKET HOLDER
1	\$ 3,000	153	Cheryl Murray	68		10	Bob & Sue Hargraves	135		43	Dan Fose
2	\$ 50	127	Bruce Daily	69	DP #13	81	DJ Krenz	136		97	Joe Armatage
3		109	Kim K	70		30	Judy Haffer	137	\$ 25	58	Karl Schuetz
4	DP # 01	75	Dave Waller	71		151	Sue Bach	138		16	Moose Winner
5		64	Virgil Westphal	72	\$ 25	108	Bonnie Bruns	139	DP #26	18	Tom Binger
6		189	P. Gusamann	73		101	Ron Hillson	140		196	Dick McCann
7	\$ 25	12	Chuck Egner	74	DP #14	149	Mick & John Vavricka	141		155	Polly Stout
8		24	Dick Schwedrsky	75		68	Spartan Bowl	142	\$ 25	140	Dave Murray
9	DP # 02	174	Ole Olsen (Jeno)	76		7	Charles L. Benson	143		147	Dave Murray
10		134	Tom Ring	77	\$ 25	48	Matt Ryan	144	DP #27	89	Doug Job
11		118	Mort	78		167	Wayne & Ann Kleist	145		136	Joe Armatage
12	\$ 25	85	Hoot	79	DP #15	3	Chris Johnson	146		162	Jerry Killerlain
13		156	Mary Weigel	80		53	Hope Rod & Gun Club	147	\$ 25	27	Judy Hoffer
14	DP #03	86	Dennis D. Novak	81		164	Doug Jenkins	148		25	Greg Ficht
15		51	Dick Larson	82	\$ 25	152	Randy Bach	149		84	Joe Ellis
16		29	K Keyes	83		98	Oscar Hmmeruda	150	\$ 50	200	Sonny Stout
17	\$ 25	40	Ivan	84	DP #16	130	Dale Bauchart	151		70	Diane Everson
18		185	Frank Schuepback	85		39	Mike Blake	152	\$ 25	73	Rick Shultz
19	DP #04	137	Pat 7 Mike	86		66	Ken Alt	153		35	Dale Bliese
20		56	Larry Moe	87	\$ 25	105	Dewy Voiss	154	DP #28	182	Gene Friede
21		46	Denny Haugen	88		124	Linda Lomr	155		36	Pete Gunderson
22	\$ 25	166	Russell Jenkins	89	DP #17	95	Trevor Carpenter	156		42	Dan Fose
23		163	Victor Shorette	90		21	Oona	157	\$ 25	198	Shawn Moriarity
24	DP #05	129	Jerry Scallon	91		168	Gordon Nelson	158		138	Ron Fraedrich
25		57	Teri Bultman	92	\$ 25	110	Russell Jenkins	159	DP #29	188	Tim Blum
26		31	Jr Heritz	93		144	Ben Bach	160		94	Giny Carpenter
27	\$ 25	169	Howard Vellenberg	94	DP #18	133	Scott Scott	161		90	Toby's
28		22	Mark Egner	95		180	Jeff Knudtson	162	\$ 25	132	Sharon Scallon
29	DP #06	63	Mike Valdovinos	96		187	Harney Freitag	163		107	Dan Euhardy
30		102	Lucy Hillson	97	\$ 25	171	Steve Alt	164	DP #30	88	Kelly Vinge
31		23	Nancy Simonis	98		91	Toby's	165		165	Jerry Killerlain
32	\$ 25	145	Bill Bach	99		74	Coach Mark Wysocki	166		55	Casey Curtin
33		142	Dick Olson	100	\$ 50	93	Chris Carpenter	167	\$ 25	59	JoAnn Gerl
34	DP #07	9	Sue Entwistle	101		83	Al Gross	168		159	Lee Lathrop
35		140	Greg Larson	102	\$ 25	113	Reenie Euhardy	169	DP #31	19	Mike Euhardy
36		160	Carol Welch	103		117	Art Cuccia	170		67	Erick Erickson
37	\$ 25	121	Carolyn Quamme	104	DP #19	52	Butch Richmond	171		60	Dotty Jenkins/Rose s
38		178	James Hanson	105		111	Bonnie Ross	172	\$ 25	50	Denny Frank
39	DP #08	4	Jeff Simonis	106		82	Linda Coon	173		14	Les Laub
40		173	Dave Murray	107	\$ 25	80	Michele Sadler	174	DP #32	146	Les Brennum
41		41	Ivan	108		150	Bill Jacer	175		71	Jerry Rice
42	\$ 25	69	Tom Everson	109	DP #20	116	Al Wheeler	176		125	Karen Larson
43		1	Collen Garske	110		8	Dave Gove	177	\$ 25	49	Ron O'Keefe
44	DP #09	2	Greg Wick	111		61	Kathy Koenig	178	DP #46	172	Cindy & Dawn
45		96	Brittany Arnold	112	\$ 25	161	Victor Houff	179	DP #33	11	Sue Egner
46		135	Dale Bliese	113		77	Jodie Armstrong	180	DP #45	131	Shena Borchardt
47	\$ 25	100	Eileen Haugen	114	DP #21	199	Steve Killerlain	181	DP #34	54	Hope Rod & Gun Club
48		47	Sandy Haugen	115		26	JR Heritz	182	\$ 25	44	Pat Ring
49		128	Ron Gallagher	116		179	Jeff Knudtson	183	DP #35	143	Gene Simpson
50	\$ 50	122	Wick & Schmo	117	\$ 25	195	Annie McCann	184	DP #36	194	Ed Sawyer
51		33	Jeff Kucke	118		34	Grant Vial	185	DP #37	115	Mary Wheeler
52	\$ 25	197	Mary Sundby	119	DP #22	15	Ross Royster	186	DP #38	177	John Guler
53		184	Tim Blum	120		106	Rusty Bruns	187	\$ 25	183	Mike & Sherry Alsmo
54	DP #10	79	Ed Schmitt	121		114	Bill Bach	188	DP #39	157	Mary Wiegel
55		141	Jeno	122	\$ 25	120	T.J. Mortenson	189	DP #40	181	Shirley Moore
56		186	Betty Bahr	123		45	Ray Van Kyles	190	DP #41	126	Bruce Bailey
57	\$ 25	78	John Zaemisch	124	DP #23	112	Gary Moe	191	DP #42	99	Gus Greneberg
58		139	Sandy Larson	125		148	Tom Marling	192	\$ 25	175	Tom Welch
59	DP #11	87	Bev Eellis	126		32	JR Heritz	193	DP #43	123	Wick & Schmo
60		76	Dave Bisbee	127	\$ 25	176	Don Zimmerman	194	DP #44	154	Skip Lewis
61		193	Elaine Sawyer	128		20	JC Cooley	195	\$ 25	65	Jeanette Westphal
62	\$ 25	6	Jon Febock	129	DP #24	191	Chuck Mulcahy	196	\$ 25	62	Marsha Adams
63		190	Donny Egner (Hook)	130		17	Steve Euhardy	197	\$ 50	28	Don Holding
64	DP #12	72	Keta Krenz	131		104	Coco Crapp	198	\$ 100	38	Linda Blake
65		13	Greg Simonis	132	\$ 25	103	Bonnie Dobsen-Lamp	199	\$ 150	37	Peter Gunderson
66		119	Jim Shelby	133		92	JK Krenz	200	\$ 300	158	Mary Hanson
67	\$ 25	192	Ernee Mulcahy	134	DP #25	5	Marv Benkowski				

McFarland American Legion
4911 Burma Road

CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM



< MENU >

- * Slow Grilled Half Chicken
- * Parsley Buttered Potatoes
- * Coleslaw - Dinner Roll
- * Milk & Coffee

Soda, Beer & Mixed Drinks
Purchased at the Bar

Adults - \$7.50 <> Seniors - \$6.50
Children 12 & Under (1/4 Chicken) \$6.00

Treat Your Family & Friends