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American Legion Post 449

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Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

These past six months have flown by. I have joined many of you in numerous events here at the Post and all around the area, to project our involvement in caring for veterans, informing our future generation, celebrating our heritage, and joining in the celebration of the Christmas season.

We honored those friends we lost and welcome our new members as our future. We have charged our Post with new activities, more music a fuller schedule, and our in-house fish fry. The new year will bring new challenges as they always do, but I remain confident that together WE will succeed in our service to veterans and their families, members or not.

I wish a Happy New Year to each of you, and ask you to remember that *service* is what makes this Post special.



A Post Milestone

On December 1, 2013, during the Post Birthday Party, Commander Ron presented the first Post "American Legion Gold Membership Medal" to Kat Kalyvas. The medal is awarded to any member who recruits 50 or more members.

Congratulations Kat!!!!

NOTE

Kat has recruited 60 members.

***Thank You
Decorating
Team***

The elves of Post 449 were busy at work. The halls were all decked with sparkling lights and good cheer. ***Thank You*** to Bonnie Piszczek, Katie Metzfeld, LaVonne Biedenbender, Geri Kolsch and past Auxiliary President Gerry Race (1956-57) who loves to help decorate our grand tree in the hall. Gerry has decorated the tree from day one back at the original Elm Grove post.

*Marion Kolsch
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1st Vice Message

By Pete Schiller 414-464-9210

The Silent listener to every conversation.



I hope you had a great Christmas. Lots of food and goodies for the kids. At our home, we spent it cooking all sorts of food on the grill. Been this way for many years. To those who celebrated New Years Eve, I hope you had a great time.

The kitchen will get a new grill so Chef Pierre can continue his great meals. Our chef is very versatile, willing to throw his entire knowledge into making the meals that will appease most, if not all. His kitchen staff works very hard.

Chef Pierre gave the Post a most beautiful picture. It's sitting in the Commander's office. Since the 3rd Vice Commander spot is vacant, guess it will sit there until someone puts it up for all to see. Very sad.

The outside may be brrrrrrr temps and snowy, but the inside of our Post is very warm and family friendly. Step inside and enjoy the hospitality.

Dear friends, another year has passed. Help the post anyway you can and I'm sure the post will prosper.

Finance Officer's Comments

By: John Horter (262) 641-0211



Greetings to all of you during the Christmas Season. For your Holiday enjoyment, financial news from your Post for the month of November is positive and that's exactly what we plan to see going into the NEW YEAR. With all our activities and food selections, we are on a path to continued success-----but we do need your continued participation.

Last month I addressed the rave reviews we receive for our new Friday Night Fish Fry. However, in pointing out the players in this endeavor, I failed to personally recognize CHERYL MIELKE for all her work in organizing and coordinating our wonderful VOLUNTEER wait staff. THANK YOU CHERYL!

This being my last newsletter article until 2014, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our most helpful and necessary volunteers for their tireless work.

My Best Wishes to ALL of you for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

See You At The Post,

Saturdays are Super Fun Days

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Sign-In Raffle - Prize Raffles

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SATURDAY 8-Midnite

Wednesday

Open Blues Jam with Rick Holmes-Dave Braun & Guest Artists (See Page 7)

Thursday

1/2 Danny Moore

1/9 Tomm Lehnigk

1/16 Jazz Men

1/23 Tomm Lehnigk

1/30 Lenny Szwiec

2/6 Tomm Lehnigk

Every Friday (5-7)



Joyce Bevan Entertains

Friday(7-10:30)

1/3 Lenny Szwiec

1/10 Papi Makaena

1/17 Starlites

1/24 Mike Eve

1/31 Ed Frank's Tribute to Frank Sinatra

2/7 Gunther's Good Time Band

(Polkas, Waltzes, & More)

Saturday

1/4 Larry Lynne

1/11 God's Outlaws

1/18 Starlites

1/25 Hat Trick

2/1 TBA

2/8 Ricochettes

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Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977



Last Bugle (Members)... (a card, a scroll and a ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch were presented)

It's been extremely cool this past Month, but your Post 449 Honor Guard Unit continues to stay busy.

Last Bugle (Members)... (a card, a scroll and a ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch were presented).

Kenneth Schwerer WWII Theodore Crawford WWII

Last Bugle (Non-Members)... (a cartridge pouch and scroll were presented)

Duane Conaway WWII Frederick Gerow Peacetime
Gerald Sullivan WWII Robert Weiss WWII
Guy Nery Korea William Sengbusch WWII
Donald McClean WWII Edward Brunner WWII
Edgar Bremmeis WWII Edward Sanek WWII
Richard Buerger Peacetime

Sick Bay:

None reported

Notes of Interest:

I'm happy to report that your Honor Guard received generous donations to our Post from the following families: The Kartes Family, The Spriggs Family, The Brunner Family, and The Nery Family.

Just a reminder that if anyone has lost their discharge papers, I now have the proper forms to submit to receive a copy of them. If interested, please contact me.

News & Info.....

1- The new VA rate change takes into effect a 1.5 Percent Cost of Living Increase, beginning January 1st, 2014. For the first time, payments will not be rounded down to the nearest dollar. The new monthly benefits will range from \$130.94 per month (for a 10% disability) to \$2,858.24 per month (for a 100% disability).

2- There is a new program to help vets find out all and most info they made need in finding out what benefits they can receive. It's called eBenefits and can give you any information you may be interested in. It's a very worthwhile website and I'm personally very happy that it's now available. If you have any questions regarding your status, medical forms, enrollment in Tricare, lost DD214 forms, etc., this will answer all of your questions. The website can be found at www.ebenefits.va.gov

3- There is a property tax deferral program available to individuals 65 or older with a limited income to convert equity from their home into cash to pay all or a portion of their property taxes. The person must own a qualifying insured home in Wisconsin and reside there for 2013. A borrower is considered as living in his/her home even if they temporarily live in a health care facility or a nursing home or hospital. If you need more info regarding this program, please contact me and I will provide you with the entire information.

4- The Waukesha Lion's Club has offered to extend a special invitation to all veterans and is offering free membership to vets of any age with no initiation fee.

If you have any questions regarding any of this news, or need more info, please contact me and I will provide you with the proper, detailed information to pursue your interests. This also includes informing me of illnesses or deaths that may have occurred or questions regarding your VA benefits. You can contact me at home (262)-641-0977, or mobile (262)-389-4638. If you don't contact me, I can't help you out.

HAPPY NEW YEAR & May God Bless Our Veteran's and Fallen Heroes.

Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson,



The holiday season is over and it is for many of us a time for reflection and contemplation.

A long time friend gave me a copy of "Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier." I thought it appropriate for the beginning of this year.

"I asked that God would give me strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might humbly learn to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for.
But everything that I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, My unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among men, most richly blessed,"

May God's rich blessings be bestowed on you in this year of 2014.

Harvin

CHEERS TO THE 449 BARTENDERS

Tipping Etiquette

Tipping DOs

- Every Drink Gets a Tip
- Tip Well if you Want Good Service
- Tip Very Well on Free Drinks from Friends

Tipping DON'Ts

- Don't Ask the Bartender to Cover Your Shortage
- Don't Steal the Bartender's Tips
- Don't Make Excuses for Not Tipping – whatever excuse you're going to use, the bartender has heard it before. Save yourself some embarrassment. If you're not going to tip, just walk away – you've already embarrassed yourself enough by not tipping.
- Don't Ask "Is it on the House?" – If the bartender could give you a free drink, she or he would.

Hope you find these tipping etiquette tips helpful and that, after reading them, you'll be able to tip like you know what you're doing.

Editorial Comment

From the Adjutant's Desk

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

A new year with new challenges. The two big challenges, for me in the new year, are to automatize the membership renewal process and to grow the post. Modernization will happen. It is in the best interest of the Post and it's members if this happens soon.

The second is to grow the post. Among the programs State Legion HQ is pushing is a program that is asking every legionnaire to bring in one new member. On the surface it sounds simple, but it is not that easy. We need more Afghan/Iraqi vets. We need women veterans from those wars and they need somewhere that they can belong. We need fresh ideas and input.

In the past, the military and the veterans service organizations were male orientated. That has changed. Women now serve in most military occupational specialties. Their needs are different and so should what the Legion offers should be. The problem is that most of us male veterans have only a vague idea as to what those needs are.

If you know of an Afghan/Iraqi veteran, male or female, who is looking for a place to belong and be needed, please bring them in. We need them and they need us. That is what the Legion is all about . . . Veterans Helping Veterans. So let's stop talking about it and bring those veterans completely home.



Good News From the House Manager

Mike Desrosiers

Another year done and gone. 2013 went by so fast. All in all, I feel we had a pretty successful turnout in the hall. Bookings for 2014 have started to roll in and I think this year will be just as good as last or even better. Let your friends and relatives know of our accommodations.

On Thursday January 30th at 6:30pm, we will be showing a movie in the hall, "Freedom Flight", the day in the life of some local WWII vets who traveled to Washington DC to see their memorial, and then return home, all in one day. The movie is 1hr 27min. Come see it, you will enjoy.

Happy New Year and my best to all of you for a great 2014!!!

See you at the Post!!!!!!!



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

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UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Jan 7,14,21,28	Move Out-low impact exercise Every Tuesday 5:00pm in Hall
Jan 17-19	2014 Mid-Winter Conference – Ho-Chunk Hotel, Wisconsin Dells
Jan 18	2014 Mid-Winter Auxiliary Luncheon Sat, 12:00-2:00pm (reservation deadline Jan 2)
Jan 18	Membership Training from 9:00am to 10:00am Ho-Chunk Hotel, WI Dells
Jan 18	Metcalfe Elementary School Raffle, Lunch & Sign-in 11:30am
Jan 21	Auxiliary “DAY” Monthly Meeting, Lunch at NOON, Meeting to follow
Jan 25	Auxiliary Mexican Fiesta Raffle & Sign-In 11:30am
Jan 30	Honor Flight Movie 6:30pm in Hall (questions please call Harky Bartsch)
Feb. 8	Aux. Past Presidents Sign-In lunch and Raffles 11:30am

The President’s Message...

By: Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107
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“SHARE YOUR LIFE, BE GEMS OF SERVICE, PASS IT ON!!!”

Thank you to everyone who generously helped & donated fun toys, gift cards, cash, yummy cookies & their valuable time to make the Kids Christmas Party a joyous celebration for all the Kids. Excitement filled the air when Santa arrived. The kids enjoyed the Magic Show, the balloons, games, food and, of course, all the prizes & candy filled stockings. It was a fantastic time for all put on by the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion. Thank you to all of the Santa Helpers & Elves. **The Children’s Christmas Party was a huge success!!!!**

My apologies for the 2 errors in the December Newsletter. I meant to thank Betty Bertino and her husband Tony. Also, thank you to Fred Withrow.

Congratulations to our Queen for the month of December, Jean Ramlow! Jean is our deviled egg queen.

On December 9th, volunteers shared Christmas cheer with a fantastic group of Veterans from the Zablocki VA. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Reminder: Our Auxiliary monthly meetings for January 21 & February 18 will be DAY meetings, with lunch at noon & the meeting to follow. Please join us. Your membership & participation makes us a vibrant & strong Unit, & we need each & every one of you!

January 18th is the Metcalfe Elementary School Raffle & Sign-In. Please help & support them. Kids are our future.

January 25th will be the Auxiliary’s Mexican Fiesta Raffle & Sign-in. Please help & join us to support your Auxiliary.

Please don’t forget to pay your \$22 membership dues ASAP. Honor the Veteran who gave you your eligibility to be an Auxiliary member.

The Auxiliary is looking forward to the new year with new projects, new opportunities to help others, and fun events. Please join us.

Greetings From 1st Vice

By: Jennifer Michaels (262-893-0741)

On December 9th, we welcomed 31 Veteran's from the VA. They were greeted by smiling faces and a warm handshake. After finding there seats, Santa and Mrs. Claus appeared. Thank you Chris and Sharon for again being Mr. and Mrs. Claus. My daughter was an elf. Our guests got there pictures taken with them, and were given a stocking full of many goodies.

A Christmas dinner of ham and cheese, hash browns, and veggies was served! They all had seconds and thirds. THANKS goes out to the kitchen staff! While they were eating, we had a raffle for all the goodies that you ladies donated. **Thank you ladies!**

Our Veteran guests all walked away with arms full of goodies . They were all so thankful for everything they received. One gentleman thanked me for a package of ten socks. He couldn't believe he got them all. I told him ‘yep there all yours’. He just smiled. This is why I do these parties. They warm my heart!

Thank You “Legion of Song” for entertaining us and putting us in the Christmas spirit!

Hello From 2nd Vice, Colleen Rupert

(414) 336-8261 colleen_rupert2002@yahoo.com

Joyful Greetings!

I hope that everyone is staying warm this winter. **Thank You** to our hostesses Lillie Schwantes, Marion Kolsch, Gale Schneider, and Janese Baket for all the great food that was served at our last meeting.

Our January meeting is at noon and the hostesses will be Katie Metzefield, Margret Mehigan, Millie Wdowicki, and Ruth Schim.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and will experience a safe 2014.

**Until next time be safe my post family!!
God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!**

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandydearing@yahoo.com



Turning the calendar to a New Year, I wonder, "have I learned anything over the past twelve months or am I just too old to learn something new".

The latest electronic devices come out and, before I can figure out how to use them, they are already outdated and obsolete. But there is knowledge and wisdom to be gained that is never outdated and it is as useful for today as it was thousands of years ago when it was written.

The Book of Proverbs never grows old or out of style. Many of the Proverbs have been written by King Solomon who was known to be the wisest man who ever lived. Each one of the proverbs is like a nugget that is worth more than gold when put it into practice. The book of Proverbs was written to give the people practical advice on how to live without falling into the pitfalls or mistakes of their ancestors. It was advice for acquiring wisdom and knowledge for good health and success in life. (Who wouldn't want that?)

Times have not changed for we also teach our own children how to live and avoid the mistakes we have made.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed - Proverbs 16:3

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it - Proverbs 22:6

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom Proverbs 9:10.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7

The book of Proverbs is still, and will always be, a wonderful guide to acquiring wisdom and knowledge. By taking some time in the coming year to read over the book of Proverbs, you might just find a few nuggets of your own. Let us continue to pray for and thank God for our veterans and troops.

Thank you for a wonderful year!

Biblical Q & A to Test Your Sense of Humor

(Answers will be in February 449er)

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

Who is the greatest baby sitter in the Bible?

Who does the Bible direct to make coffee? Men or Women)

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Greetings From JoAnn Ross at the Membership Desk...



Happy New Year! Welcome to our first edition of the 449er for 2014! Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season with family and friends.

We have 339 paid members, 140 yet to pay. Anyone not paid by December 31 will be delinquent, and will be getting a second notice sometime in January. **Please** pay when it arrives. With the postage going up again in January, to 49 cents, we would appreciate payment so our unit doesn't have to send a 3rd notice at the increased mailing cost.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sheri A. Basta recruited by Ryan Schaeckel

Erin J. Fadeski recruited by Jackie Maier

Kelly J. Fadeski recruited by Jackie Maier

Florence V. Frank recruited by Lylette Smith

Lori A. Howe recruited by Kat Kalyvas

Carol A. Klewin recruited by Carol Lers

Kathleen A. McCarthy recruited by Betty Conlon

Mary C. O'Neil recruited by Kat Kalyvas

Roxanne A. Radakovich recruited by Mike Desrosiers

Gladys F. Romain recruited by Kat Kalyvas

Cynthia Schmidt recruited by Jackie Maier



IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy goes out to member Kathleen Newhauser and her husband, Dennis, in the loss of their granddaughter. May she rest in peace. Please keep them in your prayers.

May our Military come home soon, and may our membership have a Happy, Healthy 2014!

Remember to send address changes and new phone numbers to me, NOT headquarters or National. I will send them through the proper channels. Thanks for your cooperation.



"26 Stockings for Soldiers"

We re donated to Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home from the Auxiliary. Pictured are Greg Fisher and Dan Hayes from Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home.

These stockings had many helpers; Metcalfe Elementary School donated 7 stockings with lots of goodies and letters for the Soldiers from the students. **Thank you Melinda Gladney.** A big **thank you** to Carol & Judy, (friends of Diane Larsen) for putting together 13 stockings. Six (6) stockings were general donations.

Items were purchased for the stockings from cash donated by several Auxiliary Santa Helpers. Thank you to Diane Larsen, Kitty Larkin and Lylette Smith for stuffing some of the stockings, packing up and delivering the stockings. Thank you to everyone who helped and made a donation to this great cause. "Stockings for Soldiers" was a huge success.

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S.A.L. Commanders Message . .

By Leigh Rainer, Squadron 449 Commander

Here's hoping that everyone had a great Holiday. I'll bet Pete Schiller got sticks and coal....again.

As we head into a new year, your S.A.L. Color Guard will be looking at different activities that we will be attending. We will be the Color Guard at the Milwaukee Wave soccer game on December 28th, and the Milwaukee Admirals hockey game on March 30th. I hope that everyone is as proud of our unit as I am.

Here's hoping that everyone has a great and happy New Year, so drink lots of beer, eat lots of food, don't do anything stupid, and that we will all get fat and happy by attending all the different functions that your Post 449 has to offer.

Patriotism is easy to understand in America, it means looking out for yourself, by looking out for your country.

May the good Lord smile on all of us, especially on our Troops that are serving us now, wherever they may be.



SAL Membership...

By Jerry Durian, Squadron 449 Adjutant & Finance Officer

Our Squadron membership is at **118**. Our membership dues remains \$ 10.00/year. We have a special for **Renewals Only** which is **3 years for \$ 25.00** and we have our special for **New Members Only** which is **2 years for \$ 18.00**.

The Squadron Color Guard presented colors at the Milwaukee Wave game on Dec. 28th and will be doing that at the Milwaukee Admirals game on March 30th. Anyone interested in tickets for that game, please let me know.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Children's Christmas Party, co-sponsored by the SAL and the Women's Auxiliary. A thank you also to the Men's Dartball League for the donation for the party.

Any SAL Member wishing to help with any of our events, please contact an SAL Officer and we will be very happy to put you to work.

SAL Chaplain's Message...

By Brad Cutura, Chaplain, Squadron 449 and Detachment of Wisconsin Chaplains



I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas indeed! For some of us, it has been a very busy & fun time of year, but for others - not so much. Good news though, we now get ready for the New Year and having one more chance to wipe the slate clean, and start with a "new" beginning.

What a perfect time to reflect on our baptism and how it gave us the greatest new beginning of all. Just as being baptized allows you a new start with your Creator, a "Happy New Year" allows you a new secular beginning. A chance to forget about the failures and 'what could have been' of the past and start off the new year with a renewed vigor and focus on the mission of the Sons of The American Legion.

Give your troubles and worries over to God and focus on the here & now. You will be surprised by how much more you can accomplish. "

Keep on trekkin on!



Ten-Hut!!!

Sons of the American Legion Color Guard, American Legion Post 449, were at Mitchell Field to greet the return of the November 2nd Honor Flight. They were the "lead color guard".

Thank You for Your Service!

Your presence was very noticeable and much appreciated!

**Rick Holmes & Dave Braun
Present an
OPEN BLUES JAM**

January 2014 Schedule

Jan. 8 Alex Wilson

Jan. 15 Matt MF Tyner

Jan. 22 Billy Flynn

Jan. 29 Liam Ford

**American Legion Post 449
3245 N.124th St., Brookfield**

Wednesdays 7:30 - 10:30



PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS
Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449
3245 N.124th Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin
Date: November 12, 2013



The Post Executive Board has unanimously approved the following proposed changes to the Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449 By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1:

Add subparagraph (a) **“The term of office for all elected Post Executive Members will be a two (2) year term beginning with the June installation of officers in 2014. Any and all vacancies to this term of office (for any reason) are listed in Section 5 of these BY-LAWS”.**

SECTION 3:

Change the word “year” to **“term”**.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 6:

Add to the Post Adjutant’s duties, **“The Post Adjutant shall also be responsible to keep both an electronic and hard copy of the current Post 449 By-Laws and announce or publish any changes made to them”.**



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

The American Legion offers a *Membership Achievement Medal* for all Post 449 Family Members for their recruiting efforts.

In a one (1) year period, an award medal can be earned by any Post 449 member who recruits more than 30 new members. The calendar year shall be the same as our fiscal year (September 1st – August 31st).

- A Bronze Medal for 30 new recruitments.
- A Silver Medal for 40 new recruitments.
- A Gold Medal for 50 new recruitments.

A list of these recruitments shall be kept by the individual recruiter and verified by the Post Adjutant, and/or the Auxiliary Membership Officer, and/or the SAL Adjutant.

A motion to approve this request was made by The Post Executive Committee.

An Apology to Leo for errors appearing in the December 449er article titled “CPL. LEO G. TERZES”. I appreciate your calling the errors to my attention Leo. Per your request, here is the corrected copy. *Editor-449er*



CPL. LEO G. TERZES

“A Personal Odyssey with the B-29 Super Fortress of WW II”

I served in the US Army Air Corp, 20th Air Force, from July 1943 to February 1946. I was stationed on the Island of Guam, Marianas Island Chain, Central Pacific, 24th Air Depot Group, 314 Bomb Wing, US Air Corp, from November 1944 to February 1946. We were at North Field, Guam. My duties were issuing navigational equipment to the Navigators of the *Infamous B-29 Super Fortress*.

After repeated extensive bombing raids and the final blow, an Atomic Bombing, Japan finally surrendered on August 15, 1945, unconditionally.

On September 18, 1947, the Army Air Corp officially became the U.S. Air Force, with Academy and Campus headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado,.



**National Alliance of Families for the return of
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A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

•National Alliance of POW/MIA Families Newsletter *Bits N Pieces*•
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November 23 2013

If you would like to receive the newsletter, Bits 'N' Pieces by e-mail, send E-mail to lynn@nationalalliance.org and ask to be added to the distribution list.



The National Alliance of Families Mourns the Passing of Brigadier General James Robinson "Robbie" Risner, on October 22 2013. Shot down over North Vietnam on September 16, 1965, Risner spent over seven years as a Prisoner of War in Hanoi. Risner never forgot our POWs and MIA. In 1986, he served as a member of the Tighe Commission.

In the wake of the controversy surrounding the commission's conclusion, American POWs survived in Southeast Asia, Risner stood strong, as always. Responding to Defense Intelligence Agency effort to discredit the report Risner wrote,

"Referring to your October 29th letter on the subject of the "Tighe report" wording; the current wording "DIA holds information that establishes the strong possibility of American prisoners of war being held in Laos and Vietnam" more nearly reflects my sincere convictions.... As you may remember from our 5 August 1986 meeting, my verbalized feeling was that the original word "probability" was a more accurate description of the situation than were the words "strong possibility". At this time, I am more convinced than ever that there are American prisoner of War being held in Vietnam and Laos."

1 Million Christmas Cards for Bowe Bergdahl - Captured June 30 2009, this will be Bowe Bergdahl's 5th Christmas in captivity. Bowe supporters started a campaign to let the White House know, we have not forgotten him. Mail a Christmas card to Bowe at:

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl
C/O The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

For more information on this project visit www.onemillioncardsforbowe.com

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The 'Christmas Spirit' was at Legion Post 449 - Thank You Marion & AL

American Legion Post 449 has a long standing tradition of serving Tom & Jerry drinks to members and the public for nearly 20 years. Al & Marion Kolsch have mixed and served the drink these past 20 years at the Post. The December *Tom & Jerry Party*. was again well attended and 'fun-filled'.

Al & Marion dusted off the old family recipe, which features spiced rum, hot water, brandy, sugar, nutmeg and homemade eggnog and brought it to the Post, to give us an afternoon of enjoyment and 'good times'. The annual party stems from a family tradition started by Al's father, which would begin Christmas Eve and last through Christmas Day. Al took the concept with him to the American Legion when he joined the Post in the late 80's.

From our house-to-your-house, we hope you enjoyed the holidays with family & friends!!



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Join us for **FREE** low-impact exercise sessions every Tuesday starting **January 7th**
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3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield
Hall to the left

MOVE OUT is a weight loss program for veterans, friends & family. It is sponsored by the VA Medical Center. Please call Nancy Wilke @ (414) 384-2000, Ext. 42893 if you have questions.



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At American Legion Post 449
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Contact **Joan Felski** at
(414) 418-5816
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NOON LUNCHES

Prepared by Chef Pierre
Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m.-to-2:00 p.m.
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For Carry Outs Call
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UPCOMING EVENTS: Feb. 2-Super Bowl - Post Opens 11:30 Feb. 6-Milw. Blood Center Blood Drive 2 - 6 Feb. 8-Aux. Past Pres. Sign-In Lunch & Raffles			1 Post Opens 11:30	2 Cards Afternoon VFW 8320 Mtg. 7:00 Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	3 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	74 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30
5 Post Opens 11:30	6 Post Opens 11:30	7 Move Out 5:00 SAL Mtg. 7:00	8 Men's Dart Ball 7:00 Blues Music 7:30-10:30	9 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	11 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30
12 Post Opens 11:30	13 Post Opens 10:30 Big Band Dance 1:30 - 3:30	14 Move Out 5:00 Ideas Comm. Mtg. 6:00 Exec. Bd. Mtg 7:00	15 Men's Dart Ball 7:00 Blues Music 7:30-10:30	16 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	17 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30 2014 AuxMid-Winter Conf.-HoChunk Hotel- WisDells	18 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30 2014 AuxMidWinter Conf.-HoChunk Hotel-WisDells AuxMidWinter Noon Luncheon-Res Req'd
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