



# Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion

Post 449

Brookfield, Wisconsin  
Serving God, Veterans & Country



*I am old glory; for more than 9 score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans.*

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## Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

The summer is drawing to a close. We are preparing for a busy fall. Projects have been completed:

- The flag light sensor was replaced to save electricity costs,
- The door pins were replaced on the front, patio, and rear entrance doors to make them easier to open,
- The inside and outside doors were 're-keyed' for better security,
- We are close to replacing our ancient security system to improve building security.

How did we do this? We did it with donations from generous members and patrons who believe in this Post!! My "Thanks" to Gordon Agne, Mary Jo Hughes, Jean Ericson, and Tim Glaser for their donations. Also, a big "Thank You" to our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commanders who made it happen.

"Special Thanks" to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Mike Daigle and Shannon, and their volunteers, who made our *Annual Packer Party Fund-raiser* a tremendous success!!!!

Now, we must dedicate ourselves to a paramount, important goal . . . . *The Pay Off Of Our Principle (POP) Goal*. The harsh winter has caused us to surpass our Line of Credit at the bank, and POP will help alleviate this problem. This fund will be separate from General Funds.

Please join me, and many others, to make POP a success. I am convinced that together we will prevail.

*See You At the Post*  
Ron



## "THE REAL SECRET OF SUCCESS IS ENTHUSIASM"

-Walter Chrysler-

And **enthusiasm** is what was displayed at the Post 449-4th of July Chicken Roast!!!

Mick roasted 200 lbs. of chicken and many ears of corn. . . . AND . . . .IT WAS A SELLOUT!!!!

THANK YOU Mick Cucinello & volunteers Kay & Tony Cucinello, Jennifer Michaels, Kathy Schiller, Jenny Schiller, Tom Kiki, Colleen Rupert, and Mike Daigle who helped make the day a "fun 'blockbuster' day"!!

Also, A B—I—G THANK YOU to our *bartenders* Christine, Jackie, Kat, Tammy & Alex for their excellent, friendly service!!

## 2nd Vice Message

By: Alex Kolander (414-322-8702)

We are moving forward with our cost reduction procedures and revenue increase steps. Plan on attending the General Meeting in August and you will be updated on the procedures implemented. I'm sure all of you want to take ownership and help in making sure these steps are followed.

Please pass the word to everyone that we will again have a *Chicken Fest* to help raise money for debt reduction. The date is Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day). We will not run out of chicken this time. Drinks will also be served on the patio with the beer wagon on site also.

The Thursday night cookout on the patio is going great and getting better. Please tell everyone you see about this event.

A calendar alert for all ► On November 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), the Post will be closed for a private party from 1600hrs to ??? ◀  
*May God bless you and provide good health to each and every one of you!!*

*Until next time, Happy Trails to you!!*



## 3rd Vice Communiqué

by Richard Baczek (262-853-3285)

Greetings to all and I hope everyone is enjoying Summer!

Just a few noted items to mention - 1) the grounds clean-up has been completed in the front of the building, and 2) I am currently looking for volunteers to cut the grass once a week. David Lee and I have been doing this.

Also, the building locks have been changed and keys issued. A big **Thank You** to all who made this possible through donations.

The doors that needed the new pivots have been replaced. A **Special Thank You** to the Women's Auxiliary for their contribution to have this done!! Also, a **Special Thank You** to David and Michelle Lee who stripped and polished the floors in the hall, and the front and back entrances to the hall area!! Another example of the notable volunteerism here at 449.



## Adjutant's Report

By: Mike Cannon (414-464-7885)

Hello to all Post members. I was asked by Commander Ron to take over the duties of the Adjutant on July 23rd. I accepted his offer. As many of you know, I was the Adjutant several years ago. The job is a very time consuming, step-by-step process. My wife Chris has been a great help to me in processing the back log of membership cards.

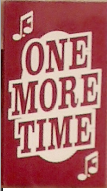
We have completed and forwarded to State a total of 150 renewals, and 10 member transfers to our Post, as of Aug 2nd.

If you have any questions about membership, please give me a call and I will do my best to get you an answer.


If you have not renewed your 2014 membership, please do so to keep your years of service intact. Also remember to send in your 2015 dues.

In God We Trust  
*Mike Cannon*





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# Summer

## Music Calendar

At American Legion Post 449  
3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield  
Friday Nights 5 p.m to 10:30 p.m.

### August

- 1 DEEP BLUE
- 8 BUDDY LOVE \*
- 15 MIKE EVE
- 22 VERN & THE ORIGINALS
- 29 LENNY \*

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## Thank You Thrivent Financial



Joanne Seeger, "Point Person" from the Thrivent Financial North East Waukesha County Chapter, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Commander Ron Anderson & Past Post Commander David Latimer, Sr., on Saturday, July 12th. This was in response to their pledge of donating to Post 449, \$4 for every Fish Fry Dinner, AND \$4 for every Fish Fry Carry-Out Order, from May 2nd through June 13th. Joanne and her husband are members of the Post Family!!

The \$5,000 will be distributed as follows--1/3 Camp American Legion--1/3 Post 449 "POP" program -- and 1/3 to the Post Troop & Family Support Fund. **David presented the 1/3 Camp American Legion check Fri .morning (7/18) at the State Convention Assembly in Appleton.**

## Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977)

### Last Bugle (Members)...

None Reported

### Last Bugle (Non-Members)... (a

cartridge pouch and scroll were presented).

William Arndt	WWII		
Robert Grgurich	WWII		
Henry Klingelhoets	WWII		
James Michelfelder	Peace Time	Martin Thom	Korea
Harold Traas	WWII	James Keyes	Peace Time
Walter Roob	WWII	Jerome Salentine	Korea
Glenn Simmons	Vietnam	Steve Zima	Peace Time
Ralp Fico	WWII	Jerold Waedekin	Korea-
Howard Frank	WWII	Frank Erlauer	WWII
Donald Robertson	Peace Time		
Donovan Janecek	WWII		



Sick Bay: None reported

### Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families for their generous donations to our Post for the Honor Guard: The Steltz Family, The Gaskell Family, The Kirkpatrick Family, The Lewandowski Family, The Hummitzch Family, The Schaefer Family, The Tagleinti Family, The Papke Family, The Grove Family, The Bauer Family, The Herrian Family, The Arrowood Family, The Arnold Family,

### V.A. News & Info.....

1- Thanks to funds raised by the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance (MPA), including individual donations and a \$5,000 matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for signs that were manufactured and installed along I-94 to direct visitors to the Milwaukee Soldiers Home National Historic Landmark District.

2- New burial regulations effective today will now allow VA to automatically pay the maximum amount allowable under law to most eligible surviving spouses more quickly and efficiently, without the need for a written application. Under former regulations, VA paid burial benefits on a reimbursement basis, which required survivors to submit receipts for relatively small one-time payments that VA generally paid at the maximum amount permitted by law. "VA is committed to improving the speed and ease of delivery of monetary burial benefits to Veterans' survivors during their time of need," said Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson. "The recent changes allow VA to help these survivors bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits more quickly."

3- U.S. Navy Command baseball caps are making a comeback by popular demand. Starting Sept. 1, Navy commanding officers will be authorized to allow their sailors to wear command ball caps with Navy Working Uniforms, Types I, II and III.

4-Did you know that there is a quick and easy way to support our veterans, here in Milwaukee, and all it will cost you is the price of breakfast or lunch? (And you get to eat that breakfast or lunch!) Conveniently located on 35th and Wisconsin Ave., in Milwaukee, Troop Café is right on your way downtown. Stop in and grab coffee and a delicious lemon-cranberry, or ginger green-tea muffin. Pick up a tasty Sprecher-infused root beer bratwurst for lunch or a marinated Buffalo chicken breast sandwich and support our veterans!

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.

## THANK YOU JEFF K. DOEPKE

Manger,

*Pick'n Save*

Store #6853

For giving American Legion Post 449 a 'generous' discount on the food items purchased for our 4th Of July Chicken Roast.

The event was very successful and you were very instrumental in making it so!!!!

*Thanks Again For Your Support Of Veterans*

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BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

## Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson

"You are a diamond in the rough," I was told one day at U W Stevens Point by an "unclaimed treasure" professor and I could not discern whether she was serious, joking, or both and to this day her remark is remembered.

I was back in school after 31 months in military service and was determined to do well; was taking classes under this professor, including Radio Workshop, where I "rode gain" in the control room; (we broadcasted through Public Radio WLBL) did some announcing, and acted in some radio plays. Also made two disc recordings of every speech student, one at the beginning and one at the end of each semester; thus every freshman's speech skills were reviewed in his/her Speech class.

I felt I was no "diamond" but with hard work I would impress this professor that I was constantly trying to become at least a "shiny coin out of the slag of a silver nugget."

My mother, and then my wife, worked on the refining program, but though I have tried, have reached a conclusion: *We cannot do this job ourselves, nor can we change others into pure souls! God and God alone is the refiner.*

Let us pray to Him to help us in our quests to become polished diamonds in his sight.

*Respectfully,  
Chaplain Harvin*



## Finance Officer's Comments

By: Harvey Kroening (262-253-0994)

### 'THIS NEEDS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION'

Commander Anderson has informed you of our financial situation in his articles the past several months. He has initiated the start of POP (Pay off Principal), a special fund for debt reduction.

It was a rough winter, and between snow and cold, we had some whopper bills. Now we need to pick ourselves up and figure out some way to get back on the plus side.

We are asking our membership to help make a dent in, or even eliminate, the deficit. An envelope is enclosed, addressed to me. If 50 members donate \$1,000; or 100 members donate \$500; or 500 members donate \$100; or all of our total membership would only contribute \$40.00; that would be GREAT AND OUR PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED.

If you are able to donate 'some' funds, it would really be appreciated.

Make check payable to AMERICAN LEGION POST 449, designate it "POP", and send it to

**HARVEY KROENING, Finance Officer**

W17N9739 Riversbend Cir W

Germantown, WI 53022

Or

send it to the Post address. Attn: Finance Officer

**P.S. :** A special thank you to John Horter for his help during this transition period.

**Also,** Thanks to Brandon Wing for his help in selling the Boy Scout trailer.

## THANK YOU'S TO:

- ◆ Michelle and David (Lee) for their hard work in cleaning and buffering the hall floor & entrance areas !
- ◆ David Lee & Richard Baczek for doing the lawn work !
- ◆ All who are assisting Alex on Thurs. night Patio-Cookouts!
- ◆ All who are assisting Mick on Taco Mondays!
- ◆ All for helping clear the bar area tables on Wednesday & Friday nights following the music!
- ◆ ALL volunteers who help, and/or assist in any way, at Post 449!

Your acts of volunteerism are very much appreciated.

*The Legion Family*

## MILWAUKEE BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 7, 2013, 11A.M. - 4 P.M.  
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Wednesdays 7:30 - 10:30

Aug 06 - Rick Holmes w/Terry James & Dave Braun

Aug 13 - Rick Holmes w/Billy Flynn & Dave Braun

Aug 20 - Rick Holmes w/Jonny T-Bird & Dave Braun

Aug 27 - Rick Holmes w/Alex Wilson & Dave Braun



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



*Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Aug 7 Thur	Blood Drive at Post 11:00am-4:00pm
Aug 10 Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> District Installation Picnic - Mukwonago
Aug 19 Tue	Fashion Show Meeting 5:30pm (before monthly meeting) Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
Aug 22-28 Fri-Thur	94 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention – ALA – Charlotte, NC
Sep 19-20 Fri & Sat	Aux. Fall Forum in Eau Claire at Plaza Hotel & Suites
Sep 16 Tue	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

## CONGRATULATIONS TO 1ST DISTRICT OFFICERS!!!

The following are the new 1st District Officers for 2014-2016:

President	Kitty Larkin
2nd Vice President	Carol Lers
Parliamentarian	Dolores Kroening
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bonnie Piszczek
Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms	Anita "Sam" Catura
Jr. Past President	Chris Ertl

*Lyllette Smith*  
Auxiliary President  
Unit 449 Brookfield

## The President's Message...

By: Lyllette Smith (414) 378-4107

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**"SHARE YOUR LIFE, BE GEMS OF SERVICE, PASS IT ON!!!"**

**THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE IS A SMILE!!!**



Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Department President Teresa Isensee from Post 326 District 10.

Thank you to the eight Auxiliary members who attended the State Convention in Appleton, as follows: Delegate at Large-Chris Ertl and the rest of our Delegates; Lilli Schwantes, Kathy Schiller, Kathy McCarthy, Bonnie Piszczek, Carol Lers, Kitty Larkin and Anita "Sam" Catura. Unit 449 was honored and received several awards for the dedication and hard work from all of our members. Awards will be announced at our August meeting.

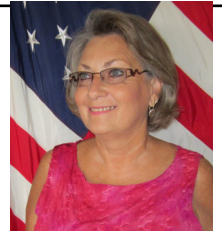
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, will be our first regular Auxiliary meeting for the 2014-2015 year. This year will be a wonderful year filled with fun and many events and opportunities to help our brave Veterans, soldiers and their families, Community and our Post. All Auxiliary members are welcome to come to our meeting to share any ideas you may have. 'Everyone helps to make our Post Special' by volunteering and participating in all the events. We need Everyone!

*Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for August 2014:*

2) Edna Gerlach, Lyllette Smith 7) Laura Roche 17) Pat Mustapich 18) Marge DeWitt 27) Claudia Latimer 28) Arlaine Bloedorn 31) Diane Silbernagel. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

**God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!**

**1st Vice Report** By: Kathy McCarthy  
(262) 442-6703 [sixtyschld@yahoo.com](mailto:sixtyschld@yahoo.com)  
**Hello Everyone!**



In my last article I said I was looking forward to the Annual Convention in Appleton. Well, I have to say that it was more than I expected. I had a wonderful time, met a lot of great people and learned how this organization works and how dedicated our elected officers are. The ceremonies were heart warming and the final service is one I will never forget.

Meeting new people and exchanging ideas for ways to help our veterans makes me hopeful that this next year will be a successful one. Post 449 received multiple awards and we will be sharing them with you at our next meeting.

I want to leave you with some Department statistics for our state:

- ◆ Wisconsin has 24,000 Auxiliary Members
- ◆ Hours volunteered in service to our Vets > 373,293
- ◆ Veterans Assisted > 24,186
- ◆ Only 34 veterans made 443,475 Poppies
- ◆ Our service for Military Families
- ◆ Hours volunteered > 13,304
- ◆ Dollars spent > \$33,376
- ◆ Number of families served > 7,756

These last set of numbers stated for our military families made me think that we need to step up and do more for our serving families. So this is one of my 1st projects to work on. I will tell you more in upcoming articles.

Until we see each other at our meetings,  
God Bless and Stay Well

## Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* [sandydearing@yahoo.com](mailto:sandydearing@yahoo.com)



Encouragement from others is like water in a dry land. It rejuvenates us and restores us when we grow weary of doing good. God calls us to encourage each other and build each other up and not tear each other down. “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” *Ephesians 5:29.*

Many times a kind word is all that is needed for us to persevere in a difficult situation. Sometimes extending a hand to one another as a labor of love is what it takes to keep going. “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” *Romans 10:24 – 25*

As we go forward in serving at Post 449, or serving outside the Post, we are reminded that we are also called to encourage one another. Whether in word or deed, someone who encourages us can make the difference between success or failure in our endeavor. Let us always be an encourager.

Please remember to keep our soldiers in your prayers along with our Auxiliary members Beverly Thiele, who lost her son Patrick, and a complete recovery for Jo Pasbrig. Also for restored health and healing for Dick Strehlow. May our great and mighty God continue to watch over our nation, our troops, our veterans and all those in service to our country. God Bless You!

Reminder: *There will be a meeting on Tuesday August 19 at 5:30 pm (before our Auxiliary meeting at 7:00 pm) for anyone interested in helping with the Fashion Show which is scheduled for Saturday November 1.*

## **EARLY REMINDER**

### **Luncheon and Fashion Show**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449**

**3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield, WI**

*Mark your Calendars!*

## **Free Rides to Voting Polls in November**

If transportation or mobility issues make it difficult getting to the polls, let us help! As part of the Legion's "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) program, Post 449 is planning to offer free rides for Post members to the voting polls on election day in November. If you live in Brookfield, Elm Grove or Wauwatosa and you need a ride to your local polling place to vote, please contact Lisa Gerboth by e-mail or phone, as shown below, **by August 15.**

If you own a reliable car and would like to volunteer to help drive members to the polls, please contact Lisa.

Lisa's e-mail address & phone no. are:

[lisaann315@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaann315@yahoo.com) — (507) 226-1796

## **Notes From The Membership**

**Desk** By: *Anita (Sam) Catura*

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Dorothy Dally Recruited by and Mentored by Bonnie Piszcek

Sharon Swaner Recruited by "Kat" Kalyvas

Cheyenne Hawkins (Jr) Recruited by Pat Katisch



**In Memoriam:** We would like to pause and remember our departed members Joan Verfuth ♦ Joyce Schilling ♦ Carol Gilbert

We are now accepting renewals for 2015 and are well on our way. Unit 449 is proud to honor our '90 Plus' members by paying their renewals. Please recognize these ladies who remain valuable, active members of this wonderful organization.

Dottie Babler	June Bergholz	Eileen Cauley
Florence Dearing	Elizabeth Dorst	Geraldine Fischer
Joyce Flack	Ila Mae Hora	Dorothy Krebs-Jones
Irene Ladish	Arlyne Lambrecht	Anastasia Lane
Lorraine Marks	Ruth Michalski	Juanita Nienas
Mary Olson	Marian O'Neil	Josephine Pasbrig
Arly Robinson	Margaret Rosenthal	Mary Stoiber
Betty Weckwerth	Jeanne Wilde	Ruth Wollenschlager
Carolyn Wucherer		

The 2015 Executive Committee members have all paid as well as 6 other members. Let's keep it going and make 100% right away this year.\* **Our goal for 2015 is 466 members.\***

Another membership issue that may interest some of you: the PUFL rates are going up as of 9/1/2014. PUFL are the Paid Up For Life members, which we have 10 members as of today. If you are interested in this option, please contact me and I will let you know the current rate and the new rate. They will accept the old rate until 8/31/2014 only. My work number: (414) 908-8858 or cell (414) 418-0289.

As you can see, membership has been very busy. I was very fortunate to be able to attend the State Convention in July and found it to be a very informative, enjoyable, long weekend. It was a wonderful experience and I was honored to represent Unit 449 as one of your delegates as well as a District 1 flag bearer.

A common theme for membership, for the entire Legion Family, is *Maintaining Our Membership*. We always need "mentors" for the new members and if you are willing to help out, please contact me. We also need to always remember why we are members of this great organization: to help and support the Legion and the Veterans and their families. Though we may have different opinions sometimes, and do not agree with some policies and procedures, we must RESPECT each other at all times.

**MEMBERSHIP: IT IS NOT A CAMPAIGN – IT IS CONTINUOUS TEAMWORK AND EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Your MembershipTeam: Sam & Laura



Join Us for **FREE** Low-Impact Exercise Sessions

Every Tuesday Evening @ 5:00 P.M.

American Legion Post 449

3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield

Hall to the left

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**WE ARE NUMBER 1**

By Mike Pook, [mikepook@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepook@yahoo.com)  
Squadron 449 Commander [Facebook - Mike Pook](#)

Officers elected to serve for 2014-2015 are listed in the Directory above.

Congratulations to the American Legion Family at Post 449, and to anyone who assisted in recruiting members to the Sons. Squadron 449 is the largest S.A.L. group in the State of Wisconsin with 195 members strong. WE, the Officers of Squadron 449, are having a **Special Membership Meeting** on Sept 30th, at 7 p.m., for all our members young and old. Plan on attending this special evening of recognition and activities. Door prizes will be given out to attendees.

On Saturday, October 18th, grab your Lederhosen and your Best Stein, and head to SAL's **OKTOBERFEST** celebration!!! Enjoy German entertainment, music, dancing, raffles and wonderful food prepared by Al, for one great price. **Reservations Required.** See September Newsletter more details.

November 11, The S.A.L. will be hosting the annual Memorial Service on Veteran's Day at 11 am. In December, the ALA & SAL will once again team up to give you at annual Kid's Christmas party.

If you **put your heart (and soul) into the Squadron**, you will be very enthusiastic, be full of a lot of energy as you work hard for the Good of the American Legion!



**SAL Membership...**

By Jerry Durian, Squadron 449 Adjutant & Finance Officer

Our Squadron membership FOR 2015 is at 110. Our membership dues ► \$ 10.00/year ◀. We have our special for New Members Only which is 2 years for \$18.00. Our 3 year membership for renewal members has been suspended for 2 years.

We are always looking for new faces at our meetings or at one of our events. Any SAL member is welcome to attend.

When you are signing up new members, please make sure that the individual fills out the application form legibly, that all lines on the can be easily read, and that he qualifies as an SAL member. A member must be a male descendant of a military veteran, so please make sure that they are qualified. Also, please make sure that the applicant puts the dates of service that their father or grandfather served in the Armed Forces, we need to know when they served.

Please attend and donate your time at one of our fundraising events, you just might enjoy yourself.

**ATTENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT DARTBALL LEAGUE MEMBERS: THE LEAGUE WILL HAVE A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2014, 7P.M., AND WE WILL BEGIN PLAYING ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2014.**

**SAL Chaplain's Message...**

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



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This past Saturday (6/26) Sam and I were honored to attend the wedding of one of our SAL members (James Fuchs) and the daughter (Jenny Pook) of our Squadron Commander. It was a lovely ceremony and a very nice reception. Now, I bring this up not only to congratulate the newly wedded couple, but also to talk about something that the Pastor pointed out, that struck me as both interesting and true.

When even just two people are united together in love, it makes their journey through life so much easier. They can accomplish tasks that one person alone could never accomplish. This happens when you have both a spiritual love for your Lord as well as a secular love for your partner. As we start our new squadron year, it is my sincere desire, that we can all find that kind of love in our hearts so that we can work together as a truly loving Family, SAL, Auxiliary and Legion members, towards our mutually beneficial goals.

In closing, allow me to offer this benediction: *May the lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord Make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you Peace, today and forever. Amen.*

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**FIRST DISTRICT INSTALLATION & PICNIC  
AUGUST 10, 2014 12:30 P. M.  
Mukwonago Post #375  
627 County Rd. NN, Mukwonago 53147**



**Kitty Larkin will be installed as 1st District Auxiliary President and  
David Latimer as Legion 2nd Vice Commander  
1:00 Picnic Lunch**

**"EVERYONE is INVITED"**

**MENU: ROTISSERIE CHICKEN BY MUKWONAGO COMMANDER STEVE**

**SIDE DISHES: Brought by Attendees**

**DESSERT & BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

**RSVP to Kitty Larkin 262-649-3399 kittysltr@wi.rr.com**

**REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT**

As part of the Legion's "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) program, Post 449 is encouraging all its members to vote. One easy way to vote is by Absentee ballot. *A form to request an Absentee ballot is located in the front entrance on the military display cabinet.*

- ◆ ANYONE can vote by absentee ballot (you don't have to be injured, etc.)
- ◆ You can request an absentee ballot anytime starting Jan. 1, 2014 for this year's elections.
- ◆ If you are not registered to vote in the city/town/village you now live, you must [register](#) before you can obtain an absentee ballot.
- ◆ Due to two recent court injunctions, absentee voters are not presently required to provide a photo ID before obtaining ballot.

**Voting By Absentee Ballot**

- ◆ If you requested that an absentee ballot be sent to you, it will be mailed via US mail. The envelope will contain instructions for the ballot's return, as well as a return, postage-paid envelope. Make sure you sign your absentee ballot envelope and have your signature witnessed.
- ◆ You may cast an absentee ballot in the City Clerk's office from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm beginning on the third Monday before each election. The last day to cast an in-person absentee ballot at the Clerk's office is 5:00 pm on the Friday before each election.

**Permanent Absentee Voters**

- ◆ Registered electors who are indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness, or infirmity may request that an absentee ballot be sent automatically for every election.
- ◆ Submit the [Absentee Ballot Request Form](#) to the City Clerk's office where you live. Below are addresses for Wauwatosa, Brookfield and Elm Grove city clerk's office.

**Wauwatosa City Clerk  
7725 W. North Ave.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213**

**Elm Grove City Clerk  
13600 Juneau Blvd  
Elm Grove, WI 53122**

**Brookfield City Clerk  
2000 N. Calhoun Rd.  
Brookfield, WI 53005**



**Happy Labor Day  
September 1**



**at American Legion Post 449  
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**Chicken Roast**

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**October 25, 2014**

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Column by: Earl Wood

**Bits N Pieces -- The Newsletter of the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families**

To receive *Bits N Pieces* by e-mail, send request to [lynn@nationalalliance.org](mailto:lynn@nationalalliance.org)

**Another JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command)**

**Disgrace** - During the hearing, Congressman Wilson read into the record a letter from Congressman Glen Thompson. The letter described JPAC's mishandling of the case of Major Lewis P. Smith, MIA in Laos, May 30, 1968. We excerpt the following from Congressman Thompson's letter.

**[Begin Excerpt]**

As the Subcommittee reviews and considers the future of the POW/MIA Office and Agencies, it is essential to ensure that the Department of Defense is correctly prioritizing recovery missions. Recent problems and mistakes raise concerns that deserve our immediate attention, including a troubling situation that has arisen within the Joint POW/MIA Accountability Command (JPAC), which involves the case of Major Lewis P. Smith III, a constituent of mine who was listed as Missing in Action in May of 1968.

Major Smith was trained on the T-38 and C130 aircraft, and was assigned to the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Pleiku Air Base. During combat in Vietnam, Major Smith piloted a Cessna O2A "Sky Master" aircraft in Saravane Province, Laos. During the mission, Smith encountered enemy fire, resulting in the crash of his plane. Electronic signals were heard at the scene, indicating that he had survived the crash, but he was not rescued, and is now honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Panel 62W - Line 2.

Major Smith's family has been working with JPAC for many years to recover his remains. The excavation site in Laos is has been on the list for over three years and the trip to excavate the crash site has been postponed twice, allegedly due to budget pressures and sequestration.

Following these events, Major Smith's family reached out to me to help with their efforts to bring Major Smith's remains home. Over the past several months, I have worked with the House Appropriations Committee to ensure the accounts for JPAC are fully funded. Despite this work, Major Smith's family recently received devastating news that the recovery site in Laos had been flooded by a newly built dam. As a result, the task of recovering Major Smith's remains has been exponentially complicated.

Furthermore, the dam construction in Laos was planned and built over the course of a decade. During that time, JPAC was fully aware of this project, yet failed to complete the mission before it was too late. This series of events brings into question the adequacy of coordination between JPAC and officials from partner nations and the process by which JPAC prioritizes recovery missions. Ultimately, I remain concerned that JPAC's failure to recover this site could have been prevented. If this is found to be the case, corrective action must be taken to ensure this does not reoccur in the future.

It is vital that families do not have to experience the repeated anguish of losing a loved one for a second time because of an avoidable oversight, such as what happened to Major Smith's family in Pennsylvania. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and their family members deserve much better. **[End Excerpt]**

**Please consider a donation to the Nation Alliance of Families. We know these are difficult economic times, but we really need your assistance** -Donations may be mailed to:

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

■ Volunteers are needed for the Friday Night Fish Frys starting Aug. 8th. We need 'setup people', bussers, servers, & hostesses/Maitre'Ds !!!!

*Please 'answer the call' by contacting Cheryl @*  
*(414) 453-6946*

■ The August To December 2014 Fish Fry Greeter Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the lobby bulletin board. It needs *your signature!!!!*



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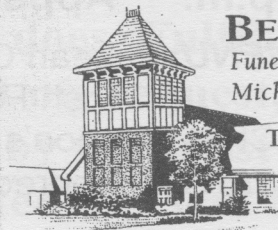
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Looking Ahead . . . . CHICKEN ROAST</b>				<b>Sept. 1, Labor Day</b>		<b>1</b>
Sept. 3 Wed. 11 a.m. Assemble/Distribute 449er - Dartball League Meeting 7 p.m. Sep 19-20 Fri & Sat - Aux. Fall Forum in Eau Claire at Plaza Hotel & Suites Oct. 18 Sat. - S.A.L.'s OKTOBERFEST		Nov. 1 Sat. - Auxiliary Fashion Show			<u>Articles Deadline</u> <b>7 p.m</b> Live Music 5-10:30e <b>NO FISH FRY</b>	<b>2</b> Sign In-Post Opens 11:30
<b>3</b> Post Opens 11:30 Packer Party	<b>4</b> Post Opens 11:30 Mon. Night Tacos 4:30-8 p.m.	<b>5</b> Move Out Exercise Session 5:00 <b>S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Assemble/Distribute 449er 11:00</u> Blues Music 7:30-10:30	<b>7</b> Cards Afternoon <b>Blood Drive @ Post 2-6 p.m</b> Patio Cook Out 5-8:30 VFW 8320 Mtg. 7:00	<b>8</b> Live Music 5-10:30e <b>Fish Fry 4:30-8:30</b>	<b>9</b> Sign In-Post Opens 11:30
<b>10</b> Post Opens 11:30 <b>1st Dist. Installation &amp; Picnic</b> (see pg. 8)	<b>11</b> Post Opens 11:30 Big Band Dance 1:30 - 3:30 Mon. Night Tacos 4:30-8 p.m.	<b>12</b> Move Out Exercise Session 5:00 <b>Ideas Comm. Mtg. 6:00</b> <b>Exec.Bd.Mtg7:00</b>	<b>13</b> Blues Music 7:30-10:30	<b>14</b> Cards Afternoon Patio Cook Out 5-8:30	<b>15</b> Live Music 5-10:30 <b>Fish Fry 4:30-8:30</b>	<b>16</b> Sign In-Post Opens 11:30
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