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American Legion Post 449

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Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

A New Year required new goals. Even with our cold weather, our Post offers a warm, friendly place to gather for cards, a drink, parties, special events, and the daily camaraderie of our members, their families, and guests.

While we continue to rebuild our aging Post with new, younger members, their families, and friends, I propose a New Year's resolution for all of us - - - "let us resolve to be respectful of everyone who enters our Post". We consider ourselves to be equal. We expect to be respected. We listen to, and talk to, each other. Our volunteers respond to a need often and must be thanked. Our staff works hard and makes a daily difference.

My resolution is to update our facilities, especially the kitchen. I will post a list of items we need and start this Post's Goal with \$100.

Your Post sent 23 members to the Department Training Sessions January 17-19. We Thank you for your time, and please share your training.

Ron



*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.*

Elizabeth Andrew

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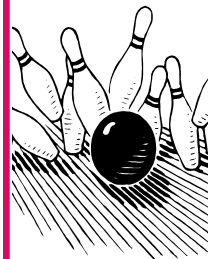
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AUXILIARY LADIES...WE NEED YOU!
39TH WALASBA 9-PIN TAP BOWLING
TOURNAMENT APRIL 5-6, 2014

Rivera Lanes, 2450 University Avenue, Green Bay



TEAM EVENT, Saturday, April 5 @ 11 a.m.
DOUBLES/SINGLES, Sunday, April 6 @ 9 a.m.

Cost of bowling all three events will be \$25. Our Auxiliary will cover the other \$25. If you can only bowl Team, the cost to you will only be \$6 as the Auxiliary will cover the rest. Such a deal! We need you to represent our Unit 449. **YOU MUST BE A PAID-UP AUXILIARY MEMBER TO PLAY—YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE SANCTIONED.**

Please contact Marion ASAP at 262-782-6079 if you would like to join us. We must get entries in early so we get our requested time slot. Visit Website: www.amlegionauxwi.org for hotels and all other pertinent info. Click on **ALA Dept. of WI.**

1st Vice Message

By Pete Schiller 414-464-9210

The Silent listener to every conversation.

1. A lot has been done by the volunteers. They are getting burned out!
2. More post members must step up to help.
3. Saturdays are becoming a problem for the luncheon's:
 - A. It is the same people!
 - B. We need more variety!

Rumors are getting out-of-hand. If you have a concern, a) come to the meeting and voice your opinion, b) talk to an Executive Board member, OR c) write your concern legibly and put it in the 'blue suggestion box' by the front entrance door. You don't have to sign the document. Your comment(s) will be reviewed by the Executive Board.

Remarks such as "he/she said this about . . ." & "he/she said that about . . ." just doesn't cut it!

Support the post, don't tear it down with rumors.

Thank You

*Love Of God , Country and The American Way Of Life
Pete and Kathy*



Finance Officer's Comments

By: John Horter (262) 641-0211

I hope you all had a very Joyous Holiday Season and that your New Year is off to a Happy and Healthy start.

As you all know, YOUR Post offers a multitude of activities for your social enjoyment. We have entertainment and food oriented activities every night of the week except Tuesday, plus our Famous Saturday Lunch. It takes not only good food but a staff of trained professionals and dedicated people to make these events happen.

Because we cannot predict the weather and other uncertainties, it is very difficult to plan and schedule both paid and our very dedicated crew of volunteers, when their services are needed. For example, our Friday Fish Fry may cause a slight delay. Please understand and be patient. When we have our full staff, and don't have the customers, this causes a problem as well because we do not generate the revenues we need to support the staff.

This all leads up to what you have all heard before, "We NEED YOUR participation to make all these events affordable." So, PLEASE support YOUR Post whenever you can. Thank You!

See You At The Post,
John



One More Time Band

Playing for your dancing pleasure
Every Second Monday of the month
From 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
At America Legion Post 449
3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield
\$3.00/Person Donation Appreciated

Rick Holmes & Dave Braun

Present an
OPEN

Feb. 5 . . . Johnny T-bird
Feb. 12 . . . Reverend Rave



Feb. 19 . . . Robert Allen Jr.
Feb. 26 . . . Freddy Marquez

Wednesdays 7:30 - 10:30

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

449 LIVE MUSIC LOUNGE

American Legion Post 449
3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield

WEDNESDAY 7:30 - 10:30 **THURSDAY 6 - 9** **FRIDAY 5 - 10:30**
SATURDAY 8-Midnite

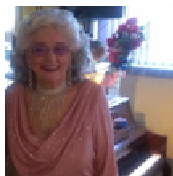
Wednesday

Open Blues Jam with Rick Holmes-Dave Braun & Guest Artists

Thursday

2/6 Tomm Lehnigk
2/13 Mike Eve
2/20 Tomm Lehnigk
2/27 Jazz Men
3/6 Danny Moore

Every Friday (5-7)



Joyce Bevan Entertains

Friday(7-10:30)

2/7 Gunter's Good Times Band
2/14 Frankie Donn
2/21 Chris Vesche
2/28 Red Deacon
3/7 Groovy

Saturday

2/1 Bobby Way
2/8 Ricochettes
2/15 Noostalgia
2/22 Freddie & the Cruisers
3/8 Danny Moore

NO COVER CHARGE - REASONABLY PRICED BEVERAGES - FRIENDLY BARTENDERS
Enjoy, Dance, Socialize, Have Fun
No Carry Ins Allowed (Food or Drink)

Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977



Even though the frigid cold has moved in on us, 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).

Lionel Singer WWII

Edmund S. Soliwoda (Salty) WWII - Per Edmund's wishes; he will be buried at sea.

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

Gerard Murkowski WWII	Ralph Rodziczak WWII
Richard Handlos WWII	Bruce Baumann Peacetime
George Cohan WWII	Richard Brennis Korea
Willis Vann WWII	William Hamilton Vietnam
Vernon Hanley Vietnam	Daniel Obradovich WWII
Francis Mitchell Peacetime	Donn Kleis Korea
Walter Schoonover Korea	John Brennan Peacetime
James Strobel Vietnam	Donald Nord WWII
Roy Lamberty Vietnam	James Young Vietnam
Charles Murry Korea	

Sick Bay:

Basil Lien

Notes of Interest:

I'm happy to report that your Honor Guard received generous donations to our Post from the following families; The Cefalu Family, The Kegel Family, The Lee Family, and The Brox Family.

I am currently looking for new recruits to join The Honor Guard Unit. If you are or may be interested in fulfilling a dedicated role to help pay a final tribute to our fallen soldiers, please contact me and I will be more than glad to discuss this opportunity with you. This position is open to any active, dues paying member of our Post 449 Legion Family (Legion, SAL and Auxiliary).

News & Info.....

1- The "Korean Reborn" book is no longer available at the County Service Offices and they do not anticipate getting anymore. However, these offices will notify me if there are any future opportunities to getting a copy. For those of you that have internet, you can download the entire book by visiting the following website;

www.remembermyservice.com/koreapreview.html

2- If you have any questions regarding your status, medical forms, enrollment in Tricare, lost DD214 forms, etc., this website can answer all of your questions. The website can be found at

www.ebenefits.va.gov

3- Over 600 veterans took part in a VA sponsored trial which showed that Vitamin E helped slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in vets with mild to moderate symptoms.

4- The Dept. of Veteran's Affairs has expanded benefits for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Those vets who are diagnosed with this must also have symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands.

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.

God Bless Our Veteran's and Fallen Heroes.

Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson,



Our holiday season has come and gone. For many of us it was a busy season upgrading of address books, sending holiday greeting cards along with annual letters about family, travel, etc. All of this was followed by preparations for celebrations with relatives and friends, then finally a flurry of concerts, parties, giving and receiving of gifts, not to mention the unending of work of women i.e. cooking, baking and cleaning,

Words, such as, "If I can just get through all of this, I'll be so happy when I can rest." After the holidays we hear words, "Can't wait to get the house de-trimmed and cleaned so that a person can rest"

In light of all we have in the richness of creativity, the abundance of opportunities in our futures---let rest be a means of replenishment---not a goal.

May God bless you, your families, friends, comrades and our armed forces in this new year,

Respectfully, Harvin Abrahamson
Chaplain

Every holiday season for about the past ten years, the Post holds a customer appreciation party. The Tom & Jerry drinks, along with the free hors d' oeuvres, are the hallmark of this occasion. This year was very special to me because it will be the last time that I will be a part of it.

Even with the snow storm, the turnout was very gratifying. The people who made the extra effort to come obviously appreciated the hard work and dedication it takes to shop for, prepare, and serve the food that was enjoyed. For those of you who didn't make it--your loss.

I cannot thank the people who helped enough: Brandon Wing who was with me from start to finish, shopping, working the fryers, and doing most of the heavy lifting. Mike Daigle worked his magic on the cold foods including dressing out the smoked salmon. A special thanks to Bill Blamer who furnishes the smoked salmon every year. Last, but not least, the very professional wait staff that kept everything flowing: Collette Hager, her son Fred, along with Dave and Michelle Lee. Without the support of all these very special volunteers, this party would be impossible to accomplish.

Our bartenders also deserve a hand for their efforts. Marion, Jackie, and Tammy.



*A Thank
You From
Big Al*

From the Adjutant's Desk

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

Midwinter Conference was both fun and informative. I learned how to grow the Post and how to bring this Post into the new century.

Growing the Post isn't difficult, but will entail volunteers calling members on our mailing list. I recognize some of the names that have not renewed and we will be calling you to "ask why".

The state has provided us with a list of members in this area who are assigned to *Portage's Holding Post*. We will try to convince them to transfer to Post 449.

Bringing Post 449 into the 21st Century may involve massive data entry on our part. So . . . if you can type, please volunteer and help us with this project.



Edmund Stanley "Salty" Soliwoda

Born to Life on Tue., Nov. 16, 1926 in Ashland, WI. Born to Eternal Life; joining his wife Carol on Tues., Jan. 28, 2014. Cherished dad of Susan Timlin. Beloved grandpa of Karla (Robert) Gabor and Lora (Shaun) McFadden. Caring great-grandpa of Rory Leann McFadden and Edwin James, Oliver Stanley and Leland Reid Gabor.

Ed served aboard the USS Hornet CV-12 during World War II and later retired from the Navy Reserve. He was a successful business owner, an avid golfer, and enjoyed meeting friends Art, Buck & other friends here at the American Legion Post 449.

IT WAS AN HONOR TO KNOW HIM

*Goodbyes are not forever,
Goodbyes are not the end,
They simply mean "we'll miss you" Ed,
Until we meet again!*

Good News From the House Manager

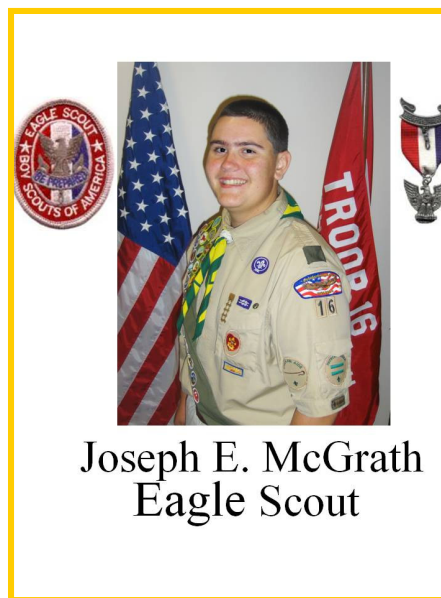
Mike Desrosiers

I hope you all are staying warm through this brutal winter. We have had some of the coldest and snowiest days in Wisconsin history, at least in my history here in Wisconsin.

As you have noticed or have heard, the Post 449 has been closed a few times due to the extreme cold weather and we apologize for the short notices. Due to the closings, several executive officers have received many calls asking if we are open or not. As we do not have any problem answering your questions, any closing information can be found on Fox 6's website, FOX6Now.com, & 'click' on *Closings*, or can be viewed on Channel 6, & the streamer at the bottom of the TV screen.

Move Out, the Low Impact Exercise Sessions are going to continue on Tuesday nights in the hall 5-6pm until further notice.

As of the hall status, bookings are continuing to come in on a steady basis, so if you or anyone you know need a great place for a meeting, wedding or any other kind of event, feel free to call me at 414.507.0225. Meanwhile, stay warm and I'll see you at the best Post East of Lake Michigan, **The 449**.



Joseph E. McGrath
Eagle Scout

Public Relations Officer Message...

By David P. Latimer, Sr.

Subject: Honoring a Father's Last Wish

In today's wild and messy world, once in a while there comes along a story, albeit brief, of a son whose father's failing health achieved a goal his father had hoped for.

Joseph E. McGrath became an Eagle Scout out of Troop #16 on Sept. 14, 2013. His father, Edward J. McGrath, now deceased, was a loyal member of Post 449 and his widow, Kathleen P. McGrath, shared this story with me. Thus, I wanted the Post 449 family to know of this significant achievement in Scouting, which I just recently became aware of. Congratulations Joseph, we are proud of you and from the portals of Heaven, Dad is too.

God Bless America, our Post and our Troops....

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The President's Message...

By: Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107
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"SHARE YOUR LIFE, BE GEMS OF SERVICE, PASS IT ON!!!"
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!



NOTE

The "Special Birthday Ladies" list for January 2014 did not appear in the January 449er because of space allotment. The *Special Birthday Ladies* for January were: 6) Martha Genger 7) Jenny Schiller and Judy Steinkraus 16) Shari Conlon 17) Joan Gaboury 18) Sarah Michaels 19) Jamie Sokol 20) Anna Schulte 24) Doris Dittl 25) Jean Ramlow 30) Diane Chandler.

Our January 21, 2014 'Day' meeting was a relaxing experience with a fabulous lunch and attended by 39 members. Congratulations to Betty Bertino who was "Queen for a Day", the "Italian Pizzali Cookie Queen" at our meeting. Thank you to our special speaker, David Latimer, who came to our meeting to talk about the pros and cons of changing our bylaws to a two-year term. The following donations from the Holiday Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Lunch profits were approved by the membership: \$500.00 to sponsor an Honor Flight Veteran, \$250.00 to the Post Honor Guard and \$250.00 to Dry Hootch.

The January 25th Auxiliary Mexican Fiesta Sign-In Lunch and Raffle was a huge success. Thank you to Sandy Dearing, Chris Ertl, Lilli Schwantes, Sam Catura and Lavonne Biedenbender. Thank you to everyone who provided food, the scrumptious desserts, raffle items, bought tickets and ate lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success!

Saturday, February 8th, is the Auxiliary Past Presidents Sign-In Lunch and Raffle. They would greatly appreciate donations of raffle items and desserts. Our Casino Evening for Sunday, April 27, 2014 is moving along. At present we are working on obtaining sponsors for the tables. The Casino Evening Committee consists of Ryan Schaeckel, Mike Birchfield, Lilli Schwantes, Mike Daigle and Lylette Smith. Al Kolsch will be making all the delicious food for the evening.

The February 18th Auxiliary meeting will be a DAY meeting with lunch at noon and meeting to follow. Please come and join us.

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for February 2014: 2) Michelle Lee, 4) Carol Rzepny 13) Nadia Turner 28) Ruth Kartes. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above for the month of February. 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!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Thurs. Feb 6 Blood Drive 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Sat. Feb 8 Auxiliary Past Presidents Sign-In Lunch & Raffle

Mon. Feb 17 George Washington Luncheon at Klemmers 10:30am

Tues. Feb 18 Auxiliary Day Meeting, Lunch at noon, meeting to follow

Sun. Mar. 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mon. Mar 10 VA Hospital Veterans St. Patrick's Day Party 5:00
8:00pm

Tues. Mar 18 Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00pm

Sat. Apr 12 1st District Spring Conference in Union Grove

Tues. Apr 15 Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00pm

Sun. Apr 27 Casino Evening

Hello From 2nd Vice, Colleen Rupert

(414) 336-8261 colleen_rupert2002@yahoo.com

Hello everyone I'm back and looking for school supplies donations once more. We need the basics like Pens (black, blue, red), Pencils (#2 and mechanical), Glue Stick and Liquid Glue, Erasers (pink and white), Scissors, Pencil Cases, Notebook Paper, Highlighters, and Tote Bags to hold all the supplies.

Like to say thank you to our hostesses Katie Metzefield, Margaret Meghigan, Millie Wdowicki and Ruth Schim. You all did a great job.

February hostesses are Hope Draak, Dian Silbernagel, LaVonne Biedenbender and Murlyn Dietze.

Until we meet again . . . God Bless and Be Safe!

Important ALA Unit 449 Meeting

The PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS mailed to you will be voted on at the March 18, 2014 meeting. They will also be published in the March 449er.

Plan on attending & voting.

Kitty Larkin, Parliamentarian

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandydearing@yahoo.com



Valentines come in all varieties...romantic, funny, sweet and even silly, but love letters are different. They are personal and intimate. Love letters tell a story. They go deep and the expose the heart.

The Holy Bible is God's love letters to the world. Each one reveals God's unending love for us. One of my favorites is the Book of Hosea. In this story, God commands Hosea to take a wife by the name of Gomer that he knows will be unfaithful to him. After bearing him three children, Gomer leaves Hosea and goes one from one man to the next, never really being content with whom she is with. At one point with no one to provide for her, Gomer is sold into slavery. However, Hosea has never forgotten his wife and more surprisingly, has never stopped loving her. So Hosea, out of his love for Gomer, goes and purchases her out of slavery. Eventually Gomer is restored as Hosea's wife.

This is how God's love is for us. He knows that we will pursue other things that draw us away from Him, but He is faithful and His love is never ending.

The Bible, His love letters to us, reveal all of the ways that he pursues us. He has already made a way for us to be brought into His family through His son, Jesus Christ. What an amazing love and what a beautiful love story.

Let us continue to pray for our nation, our veterans and our soldiers that God will protect them and keep them safe. May God Bless you and your family with the amazing love He has for us.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Sandy

Greetings From JoAnn Ross at the Membership Desk...



Our membership stands at **362** paid. The second renewals were sent to the unpaid members on January 20th. All of you are delinquent as of January 31st, so *please* return them to me, with your \$22.⁰⁰ check, ASAP!!!! Help our unit, so that down the road we won't have to send a third notice!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Baughn - recruited by Kat Kalyvas
Leslie A. Gray - recruited by Lylette Smith
Juli Schultz - recruited by Bonnie Piszczek
Karen P. Zielke - recruited by Kat Kalyvas
Jr. Member, Allie X. Gray - recruited by Lylette Smith



IN MEMORIUM

I was notified by a friend of Mary Hackner's (former member) that she had died on September 7, 2013, at the age of 90. He felt that people who knew her should be advised.

Our sympathy is extended to our member Janese Baket, and her husband Don. Janese's mother died on January 14, 2014. May mom *Rest-In-Peace*. Please keep Janese and Don in your prayers.

God Bless & Stay Warm

May our Military come home soon, and may our membership have a 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.

Answers to the "Biblical Q and A Quiz" in the Jan. 449er

- ◆ Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- ◆ Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- ◆ What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.
- ◆ Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?
David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- ◆ Who does the Bible direct to make coffee, men or women?
There is a whole book about it: "He brews"
- ◆ Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- ◆ Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan ...)

MILWAUKEE BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 449
3245 N. 124th St.
Brookfield, Wisconsin
Thursday February 6, 2014 - 2:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M.

Contact Carol Lers At 262-691-5873 or e-mail Carol @ carolelers@outlook.com to schedule your appointment

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WINNER

GREEN BAY PACKER AFGHAN was won by Dawn Harrison. Thanks to all that purchased raffle tickets. With your help we raised \$213.00 toward the **Auxiliary Emergency Fund** just on the afghan alone!

The Craft Show was a great success thanks to the help of Beverly Thiele and Kitty Larkin for helping me.

Past President
Betty Conlon

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S.A.L. Commanders Message . .

By Leigh Rainer, Squadron 449 Commander

Ohhhhhh the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Not to fear, because our Post 449 is always a warm place to be. With all the functions that the Post has to offer, there's no way you could get cold (unless you're a smoker). Come and join in on all the festivities that happen on any given Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and especially our Saturdays. Mike Pook always gets the best bands to entertain you, so don't forget to *thank* him for the job that he does lining up the entertainment, or just buy him a drink...(he's cheap and easy).

Now, as far as your S.A.L. goes, I wish to thank all the members of our Color Guard for the 'Presentation Of The Colors' at the Milwaukee Wave game on December 28th. You did the S.A.L. and the American Legion proud. Our next 'Colors Presentation' will be at the Admirals game on March 30th, so come out and watch the game and be proud of your S.A.L. Color Guard.

May the good Lord bless this country, its Soldiers and its Veterans.



SAL Membership...

By Jerry Durian, Squadron 449 Adjutant & Finance Officer

Our Squadron membership is at 150. 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**.

Our special price for renewals will be ending shortly so if you want to renew at the special price you will need to do it quickly.

SAL Chaplain's Message...

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



"Peace & Love", "shortest month", "Age of Aquarius", "month of romance" whatever you may call February, it is indeed still winter! While many people celebrate the month for its romance, planning special Valentine Day meals, etc... Others are planning anti-Valentine parties, having been let down by love & romance and feeling hurt, confused and angry. Now this is understandable because they are dealing with human love, but there is another type of love that will never fail you or let you down.

God's Love! John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life." A quick look at my Concordance reveals that the book of Psalms holds the most references to love. So please, please, please if you are feeling hurt, betrayed, angry and upset with another, or even with life in general, "Remain calm and Read your Holy Bible!"

The first step to conquering failure is to recognize that we are only human and accept that we all fall short in God's eyes. What we do after we fail/fall to get back up, THAT is what will define our character. Both our life and our bodies are a gift from our Creator. How we treat that gift will demonstrate our appreciation to our Creator. Let us reflect on this as we go about our busy lives!

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An 'Announcement' & A 'Thank You' from Your Bar ManagerRyan Schaeckel

Please welcome two new bartenders, Samantha and Sheri and, when at the Post, please give a big **THANK YOU** to the following "team members" for making our Friday, *Fish Fry Night*, a big success: Jim/jenny Michaels, Dave/Michelle Lee, Joleen Gordon, Lylette Smith, Chris Ertl, Brandon Wing, Dan Costigan, John Winter, Kristine Vesche, Harvey/Delores Kroening, Gayle Schneider, Jim Thode, Cheryl Mielke and Chef Pierre.

I Apologize

to those who were offended by the *Tipping Etiquette* article printed in the January 449er. It was meant to be 'on-the-light-side'; i.e., humorous. It resulted from conversations heard between patrons, and between bartender and patrons, at a bar I was visiting. They were joking about tipping and thought their humorous comments would be okay to 'pass along'. Guess I was wrong and didn't realize the topic was so sensitive.
(Editor, 449er)



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In 1940. I entered Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing. as a Student Nurse. This was a three-year program. The hospital was located at 22nd and Juneau in Milwaukee. The Catholic nuns were from a Canadian order. They were strict. but caring. We had the opportunity of attending Mass in the hospital chapel.

In nursing. one sees the serious side of life. In 1941. Pearl Harbor was attacked and the U.S. entered World War II. Prayers were said for the war. our studies. and ourselves.

We lived at the Nurse's Residence across from the hospital. In our senior year. we spent five months at Milwaukee County Hospital. and lived in a dorm nearby. Twenty girls started and thirteen graduated in 1943. The seven had dropped out during the f

After graduation. I worked as a Graduate at Misericordia Hospital: second shift: (3 - 11) in the Nursery. I then passed my Wisconsin State Nursing exams and became a Registered Nurse.

I transferred to South View Contagious Disease unit, working for the Milwaukee Health

Department. I handled many types of contagious diseases including Polio.

I served in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps. for 1&1/2 years (1945 - 46). We were overseas in Hawaii when the War ended. We had been replacements for the older nurses who had already served. We were then sent by ship to Okinawa (now an island of Japan). We had a mass on board the ship, out on deck, after a Typhoon struck off the coast of Okinawa. This was a Mass of Thanksgiving for getting us safely through the Storm. Once on Okinawa mass was held in a tent with our Chaplain in the open spaces. (1945).

After three weeks, we flew to Korea and were assigned to different units. This was about six years prior to the start of the Korea War. My three girlfriends and I, among others, were assigned to a General Hospital. north of Seoul, for about a year.

These life experiences were challenges when I needed to rely of my faith and use it to the best of my ability, all at the young age of 18 - 22.



Serving Elm Grove, Wisconsin & Neighboring Communities

American Legion Post 449 Marks 68th Anniversary

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

"This is a big event in the life of our Post. We're alive and well and doing better than ever," noted a jubilant **Ron Anderson**, Commander of American Legion Post 449, during a well-attended celebration of the Post's 68th anniversary on December 1.

Committee members assisting Anderson included **Pete and Kathy Schiller, David Latimer, Lylette Smith, Lavonne Biedenbender, Brad and Sam Catura** and **Chris Ertl**, with special thanks to **Chef Pierre and staff, the Sons of the American Legion Color Guard, Joyce Bevan, and The "One More Time" Band.**

The Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post, named in honor of three local men whose lives were lost in service to our country during World War II, was started on December 14, 1945 during a gathering of 18 veterans at Les' Tavern. By 1946, when the official charter was formed, their ranks had increased to 39 members. Today, nearly seven decades later, Post 449 proudly serves a membership of more than 600, at its current location: 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 449 representatives (left to right) Brad Catura, Sons of the American Legion Chaplain; Lylette Smith, Auxiliary President; and Ronald Anderson, Post Commander, at the Post's Anniversary Celebration.

Photo by James L.W. Bain

MARCH EVENTS:

(Also see Auxiliary Upcoming Events on Page 5)

- Tues. Mar. 4 Move Out Exercise Session 5:00
- Tues. Mar. 4 SAL Meeting 7:00
- Thurs. Mar. 6 VFW 8320 Mtg. 7:00
- Mon. Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day at Post 449
- Tues. Mar. 25 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7:00

Where Can I Properly Dispose of a Worn or Tattered American Flag?

Do you have an American Flag that is worn or tattered beyond repair? You can retire the flag with dignity by bringing it to American Legion Post 449, 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield (across from Briggs & Stratton). There are two boxes for flag disposal: one is located at the North-East parking lot entrance to the Post, and the other is located inside the Post, just inside the rear entrance. Both locations are easily identified.

Reflections of American Legion Post 449

By David P. Latimer, Sr., Past Post Commander

(This article is printed courtesy of the Elm Grove NEWS-INDEPENDENT)

Past, present and future stream across my mind as I gaze out my window looking at the fallen snow. Our very humble start in the village of Elm Grove (at the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Boulevard), the support and sacrifices made not only by Post members, but also from those in the public sector who helped sustain our existence.

Today, we have grown and expanded our presence in Brookfield, but we will never forget "our roots" established in the Village as we go forward in our mission of "Veterans still serving Veterans" and for "God and Country".

We welcome you and yours to visit our beautiful Post to taste the delicious food prepared and served by the Legion family. On Thursday, "Mediterranean Night" and our tasty Fish Fry on Friday's. Sprinkle in the delightful music by various artists and the friendly warmth of the Legion family as we extend the invitation to those who have helped and supported the hero's of our freedom.

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A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

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

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January 11, 2014

New POW/MIA Book Coming This Spring - Titled, "**Abandoned in Place**" this book provides a snapshot of events from January 27, 1973 and the signing of the Paris Peace Accords to the recent disclosure of JPAC's phony POW/MIA repatriation ceremonies. The centerpiece of this book is the untold story of "**Operation Pocket Change**", the planned rescue of POW held in Laos six years after the end of the Vietnam War.

After reading the manuscript, one individual closely involved in Pocket Change called it "...the most comprehensive and thoroughly researched compendium, private or government, classified or unclassified, about this complicated and emotional subject.... Abandoned in Place is a meticulously detailed, thoroughly verified, and reliable story, well told. It describes plans to rescue about 35 United States Military servicemen strongly believed held in a prison camp in Laos in 1980."

If you think you know the story of **Pocket Change**, think again. Check out the Facebook page for **Abandoned in Place** and give it a LIKE. While you are on Facebook also visit the National Alliance of Families page and give us a LIKE too.

Mark Your Calendar - Per the DPMO (Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office) Website, the dates for the **annual Government Briefing for the families of Servicemen unaccounted for in Southeast Asia are Thursday June 12 and Friday June 13, 2014, in Crystal City, Virginia**, just outside of Washington D.C. We remind family members, you do not have to belong to any POW/MIA family organization to attend the government meeting. Family members should contact their Casualty Offices for more information. As always, Alliance meeting are open to all at no charge. This year marks the 25th Annual Meeting of the National Alliance of Families. Meeting dates for the Alliance are Friday June 13 and Saturday June 14. We are hoping for a very interesting meeting this year.

Mark Your Calendar - Per the DPMO Website - **The dates for the annual Government Briefing for the families of Servicemen unaccounted for from both the Korean War and Cold War are Thursday August 14 and Friday August 15, 2014, location pending. We Need Your Help** - Please consider a donation to the Nation Alliance of Families. We know these are difficult economic times, but we really need your assistance. Mail donations to:

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Remember, donations are tax deductible!

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