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Post 449

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Commander's Report

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The year continues to fly by. The new lights used during Fish Fry Fridays are very popular. Thanks Ernie for helping.

Our powered wheelchair will go to a Vet at Union Grove who lost a leg. Thanks to Dick Strehlow, our Service Officer!

Our hall will be dedicated in April. Details to follow. I would like to decorate our Lounge B ar with Military memorabilia. I need a committee to make this happen. While 587 have renewed their 2015 dues, still 115 have not! Please consider gifting a family member's dues this year. It matters!

The entire board was extremely grateful for your attendance at the General Meeting. Please continue this show of support.

Thank you
Ron

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1st Vice Message..By Mike Daigle
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DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an Active Member
The kind that you would be missed,
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and
Mingle with the flock,
Or do you just stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

Do you work with your committee
And get right in and mix,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "CLIQUEs"?

Think this over MEMBER
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member
Or DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Adjutant's Report

By: Mike Cannon (414-464-7885)

Hello Post 449!

As of this time, our paid up membership is at 685, which puts us over 85%. Please get your dues in ASAP.

On another note, please read the letter below from a concerned Legion Family Member..



3rd Vice Message

by Richard Baczek (262-853-3285)

For information purposes, the grease trap in the kitchen has finally been repaired, after an issue with the frame. Hopefully there will be no more odors coming from the grease trap. Thank you to my friend Paul Neuman, a certified plumber, for donating some of his time to repair the grease trap.

I would also like to thank Jennifer, Bill Roche and Ernie for their help in the kitchen cleaning the walls, ceiling and floor.

I big shout out to Big Al for providing information on replacing windows with Bob's Glass. We had five (5) windows replaced, which **Bob's Glass made a donation of one (1) window for Post 449.**

Post 449 :
A short note to express my disappointment and anger over the failure of some members of the Board to carry out the will of the membership regarding the Post accounting practices. These actions (or inactions) do not instill confidence in the members at large and breed mistrust and cause suspicion where it should not be.
While I did not vote for our current President, the majority of the people did and the process worked --- for better or for worse. The same process should work at the Post with our elected officers carrying out the will of the members.
It is my sincere hope that this situation can be rectified restoring trust and confidence in our leadership and ensuring we can effectively move forward to meet the many challenges that face us.

A Concerned Post Member

Jolea Gordon

Finance Officer's Report

By: Harvey Kroening
(262-253-0994)

Our Fish Fries have received good reviews. Have you tried them? Why not? My motto is "We need your support". We can always use more customers.

Speaking of support, we now have \$8300 donated toward our "Pay Off Principle" account. When we get a total of \$10,000 our loan would only be \$30,000.

Mother nature has been kind so far this winter and our snow plow expense is somewhat reasonable. Other expenses still keep popping up.

Check out "Waukesha Friday Fish Fry Guide" on the internet. (Google) "American Legion Post 449". Pictures of the various items on our menu are featured.

Visit our Web Site (American Legion Post 449). It has just been renewed. It will be updated and Music Schedule will be included.

We presently have 1 Cemetary lot and 2 Mausoleum Crypts for purchase at Pinelawn; and one space plot and another with four spaces at Wisconsin Memorial Park. They are also listed on CRAIG'S LIST.

Funds from these sales could possibly cover the cost of Robin Lane assessment.

Any questions, call me at 1-262-253-0994. Send POP donations to:

Harvey Kroening
W178N9739 Riversbend Cir W
Germantown, Wi 53022

TOM & JERRY PARTY

Thanks to everyone who attended the Tom & Jerry party in December. A special thanks to everyone who brought in a dish; the large smoked salmon that Bill Blamer donated was picked to the bones. Mike Daigle dressed it up. Good food always translates into a successful party.

I don't know how many Tom & Jerry's went across the bar, but Marion served for four hours without a break. It took a "half case" of eggs and a "half case" of whipping cream to keep the topping going. Chef Mike (Cannon) prepared the roast beef and ham which was very well received (gone). My old buddy, Rich Kuehn, made sure that the food kept flowing and took care of most of the cleanup. Chris Cannon pulled double duty by helping set up and then filled in as bartender, and thanks to Jackie, Bonnie Piszczek and Sam Catura for helping out.

Joyce Bevan put us all in the Christmas mood with her sing-along and fun music. We thank you, Joyce, for always being there.

Again, thank you all for supporting this party and the Post—it sets the tone for the holiday season.

Marion and Big Al

Hall Manager Message . . .

by Kathy McCarthy phone 262-442-5703 email address kathymccarthy449@yahoo.com

Hello my name is Kathy McCarthy and I am the new Hall Manager. First, let me say "Thank You" to Dave and Michelle Lee for their great job.

If you need to reach me for a booking, or have questions, please contact me. My e-mail address & phone number are shown above.

Please tell your friends and co-workers of the great hall we have for rent, along with a whole new catering menu.

Let's make this Post one of the best places to have a party or meeting.

See you at the Post!
Kathy

Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977)

Last Bugle (Members)...

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

Harold Fleener Vietnam
Leonard Wdowicki WWII
Eugene Babler WWII
Chris Mihas WWII
Helmuth Dallgas WWII



Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

(a cartridge pouch and scroll were presented).

John Schantz Korea	Allen Huth WWII
Robert Genova Korea	Lawrence Bruss Peace Time
Earl Whitney WWII	Gilbert Reichert WWII
George Stoehr WWII	Russell Awe Korea
James Wieland Vietnam-Persian Gulf	
Kenneth Gilbert WWII	Charles Young WWII
Walter Hicks WWII	John Hanson Korea
James Maslowski Peace Time	
Kermit Teschner WWII	Ralph Sheper WWII
Ernest Appel Vietnam	Richard Zimmerman Vietnam
Vanell Hampton Vietnam	John Kuehl Vietnam

Sick Bay:

Thomas Teschendorf –The Post will be providing him with a motorized scooter at the Union Grove facility.

Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following for their generous donations to our Post for services rendered by our Honor Guard. The Fleener Family, The Steltz Family, The Waldron Family

A big thank you to all the members of our Honor Guard who have been braving the sub-zero temperatures in carrying out the many requests to provide respectable Military Honors Funerals.

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

1- This year the Veterans Disability Compensation and Veterans Pension payments will increase by 1.7%. The increase is based on the 2014 rate of inflation (consumer price index). If you are interested in getting a copy of the new 2015 rate tables, please contact me.

2- **TRICARE** provides a world-class pharmacy benefit to all eligible Uniformed Services Members, including **TRICARE for Life (TFL)** beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Part A and B based on their age, disability and/or end-stage renal disease. Eligible beneficiaries may fill prescription medications at military treatment facility(MTF) pharmacies; through the **TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery** option; at **TRICARE retail network pharmacies**; and at non-network pharmacies. To have a prescription filled, beneficiaries need a written prescription and a valid Uniformed Services Identification Card. To update information and obtain a valid Identification Card, beneficiaries should contact the: **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)**. TFL Beneficiaries, who turned age 65 on April 1, 2001, or later, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to use the pharmacy program. TFL Beneficiaries who turned age 65 before April 1, 2001, are not required to be enrolled in Medicare Part B for the pharmacy program, but are required to be enrolled in Medicare Part B for all other benefits available under TRICARE for Life.

3-The Department of Veterans Affairs is using IBM's Watson technology in a pilot to assist physicians in helping accelerate the process of evidence-based medical decision making. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will also work with Watson for a

clinical focus supporting veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Watson will be studied to see how it can help VHA clinicians quickly make sense of an overwhelming amount of data. Watson is able to distill evidence and knowledge within seconds.

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.

May God bless our Veteran's and Fallen Heroes.

Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson

Several years ago I was curious about Valentines Day and how it evolved. I researched and found various sources (not necessarily in complete agreement) the following story. (which I thought deserved repeating)

In the fifth century A.D., the middle of February was the time of a Roman festival named Lupercia--"an ode to the God of Fertility and a celebration of sensual pleasure, a time to meet and court a prospective mate."

Pope Galasius, in 496 A.D., outlawed this pagan festival, but wisely replaced it with a morally suitable celebration and named it after a martyred Bishop Valentine, who had been beheaded for aiding youthful lovers in marriage against the wishes of the mad emperor, Claudius.

It has been written that before Valentine was executed, he had fallen in love with the jailer's daughter and signed a note to her "from your Valentine."--as you can see, a long surviving quote!

Even though the Pope's wish that people emulate saint's lives did not come about, it did not turn out too badly, for the concept of true love became synonymous with Valentines Day as we know it.

We pray for God's unfailing love. Let us love our "sweethearts", spouses, and families as "Valentines." Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

Respectfully,

Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain



George Washington Luncheon at Klemmers Banquet Center

10401 West Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee

**Monday, February 16
11:45. . . Opening Ceremonies**

**10:30 . . .Social Hour
Noon. . . Lunch**

For More Luncheon Information, Contact

**Diana Sirovina
9428 West Eden Place
Milwaukee, WI 53228-1410**

Phone No. (414) 321-1479

Report from the Bar Manager

By: Bill Simon (414) 520-0425

At the convention a few weeks ago, I learned about a new program regarding a new beer. This is the only beer that supports the American Legion. It is called "Founding Fathers". In partnership with the American Legion, the company will donate shares equally to the Post and to the National. This amounts to 50% of the profit. Post 449 has now put in bottle beer as well as one on tap. Founding Fathers Pale, Amber and Light beers. Our draft is the Light, and by next week we will have a second beer on tap. The bottle will sell for \$3.00, a 16oz draft will sell for \$2.50 I encourage you to try this new beer and support your Legion

Seems to be the month for new things.... we have added a new bartender. Her name is Whitney. As soon as training is over, you will be seeing her around. She will be working primarily the day shift on Mondays and Tuesdays *Please give her a Post 449 Welcome when you see her.*

We recently had a Fire Inspector visit our Post. He stated that the fire department had a complaint about the Post having an open fire pit on the patio. We were told that this pit is against the fire code and we had to stop, or if seen by the fire department, we would get a heavy fine. We have removed the pit and placed it in the fenced in

area for safe keeping. The only time we will be allowed to have a fire on the patio will be when we have the flag burning ceremony in November and only if we notify the Inspectors Office one week in advance. I have posted the notice on the bulletin board by the popcorn machine if anyone would like to read it. I ask that you do not attempt to have ANY open fire on the patio for any reason. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Thursday, Jan. 29th, the Post had their annual Health Inspection by Waukesha County. The good news is that we only got 2 black marks for something minor that has been fixed. We passed with a score of 97%. This is due to the hard work by the kitchen staff of keeping things clean, and for Rich Baczek and Bill Roche pitching in on Monday to help get things in order, we thank you all

As, you will note, the doors to the kitchen are now secured. We will have them open when needed. The reason for this is that items are disappearing and we feel this is the only way we can control this problem. We still have a good supply of Post polo shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. for sale. See the bartender. Think Spring !



A Thank You Note

From Jenny Michaels, Executive Chef, Kitchen Manager & American Legion Auxiliary Member

"I would like to thank all who have supported me since I assumed command of the kitchen. Thanks to all who have helped, volunteered and share the vision of a successful turnaround."

- ◆ The Friday Night Fish Fry Crew
- ◆ 2nd Chef, Sous Chef, Wayne Kuether, Culinary Arts Student, SAL Member
- ◆ Fry Cook, Peter Turner, High School Senior, SAL Member
- ◆ Line Cook, Bill Roche, American Legion Post Officer, Sgt at Arms
- ◆ Dishwasher, Mike Pook, SAL Commander, American Legion Rider
- ◆ Carry Out Cashier, Theresa Seegert, American Legion Auxiliary member
- ◆ Cashier, Kathy Shiller. American Legion Auxiliary Officer, Sgt at Arms
- ◆ Expeditor, Sarah Michaels
High School Student, American Legion Auxiliary member
- ◆ Night Cleaner, Victor
- ◆ Wait Staff, Connie Ahola, Noelle Genthe, Shannon Hargraves, Lisa Holman, Jenny Shiller,
- ◆ Other Volunteers: Kitty, Karen, Chris, Cheryl, Colleen, Kimmy, Don, Linda, Jolie, Christine, Gary, Monica, Sharon, Harvey, Delores, Chris, and countless other people who assist.

Come Gamble with Us

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Bus Trip

FROM Post 449

TO Four Winds Casino,
New Buffalo, MI

Bus Leaves at 8:00 am Sharp!

Returns Approx. 8:00 pm

Cost \$40.00 (Non Refundable)

Payment Required to Hold Reservation

Includes \$10.00 Lunch Voucher
&

\$15.00 Towards Gambling

Drinks, Snacks and FUN on the Bus!

Contact **Joan Felski** at (414) 418-5816



AUXILIARY

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- Feb 12 Thurs Casino Committee Meeting 6 pm
- Feb 14 Sat PP Sign-In Lunch Raffle —Drawing for Mink Cape
- Feb 16 Mon George Washington Luncheon – Klemmers Banquet
Hall 10401 W. Oklahoma (by reservation only) 10:30 am
- Feb 17 Tue Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 12 Noon
PP Meeting following Aux Meeting
- Mar 7 Sat Leadership Training in Portage
- Mar 17 Tue Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7 pm
- April 19 Sun Casino Evening Fundraiser 3-9 pm
- May 6 Wed PP Card & Games Party



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The President's Message...

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"SERVICE, NOT SELF"

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Our January 20th Day meeting was attended by 40 smiling and happy members. Lunch was delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the meal spectacular and a *big thank you* to Carol Lers for heading up as hostess and organizing the meal. Congratulations to Katie Metzfeld for being our Queen for the day. Katie is known for her famous "liver sausage and onion sandwiches".

Come gamble with us on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The Post will be open for the Auxiliary's Casino Evening Event ONLY. You must buy a ticket to be at the Post on Sunday, April 19, 2015, from 3pm-9pm. See the "Casino Evening" ad on page 6 for the evening activities.

A huge thank you to Chipotle Mexican Restaurant, on Blue Mound Road, in Brookfield, for donating all the Burrito's for our Mexican Fiesta on January 24th. Thank you to Sandy Dearing for organizing the Spectacular Mexican Fiesta Sign-In. A *big thank you* to Sandy Dearing and Kathy McCarthy for taking care of the kitchen and all the decorations, to Kathy Schiller for being our Cashier, to Monica and Gary Roux for taking charge of the wheel, and to Lilli Schwantes, Linda Mansfield and Dolores Kroening for helping with the tickets, money and the Raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Raffle, food to go with the burrito's, bought tickets and lunch. It takes a "team" to make an event successful and the Mexican Fiesta was definitely successful due to everyone on the "team". Thank you to everyone, we couldn't do it without you ALL!!!!

Thank you to Kathy McCarthy for organizing the Friday evening, January 30th Fish Fry for our Veterans from the Zablocki VA Hospital. The Veterans had a great time and really enjoyed the delicious fish fry. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

A huge thank you to Leslie Gray and Fairview South School in Brookfield, Delores Schuetze and Lambs of Christ Learning

Center, in Pewaukee, Melinda Gladney and Metcalfe Elementary School in Milwaukee, and to all the Auxiliary members, the Veterans from Post 449 and all the Zablocki Veterans for helping make "Valentines for Soldiers" a huge success. All Valentines were shipped overseas to our Soldiers for Valentine's Day! Thank you to everyone for making "Valentines for Soldiers" a success!

A huge thank you to Sam Catura for selling tickets for the Mahogany Mink Cape Fundraiser. The drawing will be on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2015, at the Past President's Raffle and Sign-In. Please support the Auxiliary by buying as many tickets as possible for this fundraising event. All proceeds will help to honor our Veterans and Soldiers.

Saturday, February 14th, the Auxiliary past Presidents group will be hosting the Sign-In Lunch and Raffle. We would greatly appreciate donations of raffle items and desserts.

The Auxiliary Card and Games Party, sponsored by the Past Presidents, is May 6th. Please get your reservations in early. If you don't play cards or games, please come and have lunch and socialize.

The February 17th Auxiliary Meeting will be a DAY meeting with lunch at noon and meeting to follow. Please come and join us. The Past Presidents meeting will follow the Auxiliary meeting.

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for February, 2015: 2) Michelle Lee 4) Carol Rzepny 11) Nancy Kelley 12) Linda Mansfield 13) Nadia Turner 28) Ruth Kartes. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names are not mentioned above. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

Please keep all of our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.

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

See Page 4 for UPCOMING EVENTS List

1st Vice Report By: Kathy McCarthy
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Hello Everyone and Welcome to the Continuing Season of Cold!! By the time you read this we will have had our Veterans here for a wonderful Friday Fish Fry to replace the Christmas party that was cancelled due to the cold weather. Our next Veterans Party will be a St. Patrick's Day Party scheduled for March 16th @ 5:30pm. Put that on your calendar.

At the last meeting I got a committee together for our Post Cook Book. I need all of you to start going thru your favorite recipes to submit for the book. Ladies, if your husbands or sons are members and love to cook, have them submit their favorite as well. And for all you men, who read my article and love to cook, please hand in your favorite recipe . . . no more than 5 . . . with your name on it. Any of us Auxiliary ladies will be glad to take them from you!

Next we need to get going on our sewing projects. We need people to cut the fabric, pin it, and sew it. So If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Lers @ 262-691-5873 or myself @ 262-442-5703. Once we hear from you we will set up a sewing bee. It should be a fun time as we help our Vets.

Until the next article, stay safe and healthy and I'll see you at the post!

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandrakdearing@gmail.com

Greetings to all

We see it happening all over this month, couples young and old expressing their unending love for one another with hearts on cards, candy, flowers and expensive jewelry. Each person doing their best to express how deep their love is for one another. But the love that Christ has shown us is deeper, different and costly. Christ gave his life so we could live.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

This love is demonstrated every day in the lives of our soldiers as they put their own life in harm's way for us. When we remember those who lost their lives so we can live a better one and those who continue to risk their life for our sake, we realize how costly this love really is.

As we thank our veterans, our soldiers and those who serve them for this great and costly love, let us also remember to thank our God who first demonstrated His love for us.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we still sinners, Christ died for us. ROMANS 5:8

May God bless and protect our military, our leaders and our nation. God's love to all and Happy Valentine's Day!

Chaplain Sandy



Notes From The Membership

Team (*Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche*)

We are currently at 375 members (80.5%) as of this writing, and I want to welcome our newest members:

Donna Feller	Recruited by: Kat Kalyvas
Lynda Thompson	Recruited by: Kat Kalyvas
Robyn Thompson	Recruited by: Kat Kalyvas
Grace Worm	Recruited by: Betty Conlon
Mary Runnells	Recruited by: Bev Ziehlsdorf & Joy Marks
Terry Stolberg	Recruited by: Sam Catura
Kathy Zunke	Recruited by: Jackie Maier



I am so sorry for the omission of a New Member I forgot to mention last month, and who basically recruited herself. We welcome **Charlene Baretta!**

Thank you so much to our recruiters! WELCOME to all of our New Members. We hope to see you at meetings and/or events. Please introduce yourselves and help us get to know you better, as we all work together to help our Veterans and their families. Please remind everyone you see that we need their renewals now. **You do not have to wait for a "renewal notice". You do not want your membership benefits to lapse!** If you know you owe 2015 dues, follow any of the suggestions below. If you are unsure, call me at 414-418-0289 or email me at acatura@extendicare.com

Remember there are a couple of ways to get those renewals submitted:

- Drop off at the Post in the "locked boxes" located at the front and back entrances. Mark as Auxiliary dues on the outside of the envelope and seal the envelope.
- Mark as Auxiliary dues on the outside of the envelope, seal the envelope, and hand them to the bartender.
- Mail to the Post, to my attention: Sam Catura, Auxiliary Membership
- Mail to me at my home: Sam Catura
4660 N 69th St
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Senior Member dues are \$22.00 and JR dues are \$3.50 (under the age of 18)

New This Year: Membership dues waived for the first year for any Female Veteran (**1st year of membership only**). Contact me for more information.

NOTE: Some of you have received a renewal notice in January and are requested to mail your dues to Portage. There was some cross over issues and if you have received your 2015 card from me, you do NOT have to send in your dues again. If you are unsure, please feel free to contact me.

If you have mailed in your 2015 dues to Portage, please be patient for your membership card. I will be given your information once Portage has processed your renewal and then I will mail your card. This is a "new process" and there are some bugs to be ironed out. If you do not want to mail your dues to Portage, you may still drop them at the Post or mail to me.

I am so proud of our Auxiliary Unit. You ladies are AWESOME! Everyone seems to be promoting the ongoing and new projects that help all of our Veterans and their families. This is true teamwork!

YOU CAN BET ON A TON OF FUN AT "CASINO EVENING"

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449 Fundraiser

American Legion Post 449
3245 N. 124th Street
Brookfield, WI 53005

Sunday, April 19th - 3 to 9 p.m.

\$ Cash Bar \$ ♦ Delicious Buffet @ 3:30

Gaming 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

16 Gaming Tables

Advance Tickets \$25
At-the-Door \$35



**Grand Raffle
Silent Auction**

Make Checks

Payable To: ALA Unit 449

**Submit Payment at the Legion Bar or Send to: Lyllette Smith,
13025 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151**

On separate sheet-indicate # of tickets-give Home Address&Phone No.

**Note: Your tickets will be held at the Reservation Table on Casino Evening
April 19th**

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WE ARE NUMBER 1

By Mike Pook, Squadron 449 Commander
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America's newest generation of 2.8 million Veterans is still processing the war, and films like "American Sniper" may bring civilians closer to Veterans than anything else. The American Legion membership today stands at about 2.3 million Wartime Veterans in 13,000 posts worldwide. Here in Brookfield, WI, Squadron 449 is focusing in on our own Legion Veteran's Service. In February, we learned about Earl Thomas and how he was awarded a Silver Star. In March, Ken McCartney will share experiences of being a tail gunner on Hueys. In April, Coast Guard Delores will share her experiences about defending the waters during WWII. In May, we are hoping for a recent 449 Vet to share his or her service with us. Our meetings are always the First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The American Legion Program of Jr. Shooting Sports will have a special clinic on March 7. The Squadron will be hosting two sessions: 10 am and 12:30 pm. Anyone 10 and above may participate; however, space is limited. There is a \$ 5 charge to participate, payable to Squadron 449. You are welcome to come and take a look at what is going on. Also, Bob will be serving Lunch. Who is Bob and what's he cooking up you might ask? To find out you must attend! Many of you know Jay and Tammy. Jay is a Son of a Veteran and he'll be running the Beer, Booze and Wine Raffle on that day. Support the Sons on March 7th and see the American Legion Programs in action at the same time. We need helpers for the Shooting Sports Clinic so contact the Squadron Commander.

On March 14th, the First District American Legion Riders will be having their annual Fund raiser held at Post 171, Union Grove. Beyond the Spaghetti dinner, there will be a trillion raffle items to win. For more info, e-mail the Milkman at dary.kim@gmail.com

Squadron 449 Bowling Meeting Results from January 6, 2015:

No Approach-Mike

More Motion-Garry (2 Time member of 100 pin Club)

The Rip off Artist-Leigh (Hi Game of 171)

In the Gutter-Brad

The Pro-Ryan (2 Time member of 100 pin Club)

I Got One-Sam

NOTE: Saturday Night Music Cover Charge starts on March 7♦\$5



SAL Adjutant's Column

By Brad Catura (262-617-2749)

First, the good news! We now have 193 members in our squadron, which puts us just 3 away from our 100% goal of 196 members. Keep the renewals coming and keep signing up new members. Thank you Kat!!!

Now for the not so good news. We have 193 members, and yet we are down a Finance Officer, and now 2 Vice Commanders. Our meeting format is changing-has changed-to a friendlier format, so please come to our meetings and see for yourself. As proud male descendants of veterans of the great wars, are we just going to P&M (complain needlessly & loudly), or are we going to stay and fight for what we know is right?

If you have a problem with the Squadron or the Post, do not runaway, but instead, keep your membership active and step up and be counted by being active....help when and where help is needed, voice your opinion forcefully but respectfully, don't be a coward. Fight with us.....not against us!



SAL Chaplain's Message...

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

<http://www.bradsfitness-lifestylesolutions.com/>

By the time you read this, Feb 3rd will have past. I hope though, that you took a moment or 2 to reflect on the tragedy of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester 72 years ago, and also on the inspiration given to us by the selfless acts of heroism displayed by the 4 Chaplains who perished in the sinking.

It was my honor as Detachment Chaplain to take part in the 4 Chaplains Memorial Service held at Mid-Winter Conference on Sunday morning, January 18th. This was the first time the Wisconsin American Legion had held this ceremony at Mid-Winter. While the attendance was small, we raised over \$200.00 for Camp American Legion.

I also was privileged to put on the Protestant service Saturday night where we had 37 in attendance, and raised \$70.00 for Camp American Legion. Thank you to everyone who attended these two services. I would also like to thank my altar guild - Sam Catura, and ushers Mike Pook & Shawn Grothe.

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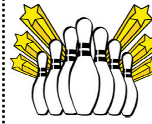
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- 2-12 Mike Eve-Sings 50's to 70's
- 2-19 Tomm Lehnigk-Variety
- 2-26 Mike Eve-Sings 50's to 70's
- 3-5 Tomm Lehnigk-Variety
- 3-12 Mike Eve-Sings 50's to 70's

FRIDAY 6:30-10:30

- 2-6 Bobby Way-Variety Dance Pop Favorites
- 2-13 Chris Vesche-Variety on the Squeeze Box
- 2-20 Tomm Lehnigk-Variety
- 2-27 Mike Eve-Sings 50's to 70's
- 3-6 Best of Everything-Variety
- 3-13 Mike Eve-Sings 50's to 70's

SATURDAY 7:30-11:30 (\$5.00 Cover)

- 2-7 Hot Rod Mob-1960's thru the 1980's
- 2-14 Nostalgia-Oldies/Classic Pop
- 2-21 Larry Lynne Band-60s thru 80s Pop
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A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

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

January 24, 2015

**JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command) Report:
107 IDENTIFICATIONS OF MIA REMAINS MADE IN 2014 -**

That was a Stars & Stripes headline on January 22, 2015. According to an article written by Waytt Olsen:

"The 107 identifications for 2014 by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command came primarily from remains linked to the Korean War (42), World War II (36) and the site of a 1952 crash of an Air Force cargo plane into Mount Gannett in Alaska (17).

The number of identifications from the Vietnam War, at 12, was about half the average of 21 IDs made annually over the previous nine years."

"John Byrd, JPAC's laboratory director, credits the increase to a mix of new procedures, increased lab space and developments in technology.... The 107 remains identified won't be officially "accounted" for until their nearest kin are contacted and they agree with JPAC's findings, Byrd said."

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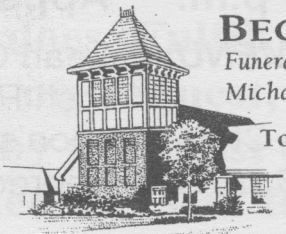
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