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### Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195  
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I am sincerely grateful to all who participated in our wonderful parade. Our prayers at the memorial service cleared a beautiful sunny day..

Thanks to all who came out on Saturday to make our grounds look so neat. A *special thanks to Ernie Jaeckl* for two weeks of very hard work moving all that mulch. Sadly, he lost his mother last week. Our condolences.

Now we can hope for summer weather. My *special thank you to Dennis and Sue Giza* who paid off the cooler in the kitchen. Our windows and new rear door are also paid off.

Memorial Day was a wonderful gathering of many to celebrate together. See you at the post!

Ron



### 1st Vice Message..By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153

We had an AMAZING turn-out for our JUNIOR MEMBERS float. Thank You for all the volunteers and hard work by our 449 FAMILY Children and Youth. See more float pictures on pages 6 & 7.



### NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION VOLUNTEERS

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## Junior Members Float Participants Elm Grove Parade

**Finance Officer's Report** By: Harvey Kroening  
(262-253-0994)

We are still waiting for a phone call from a Legion Family regarding our Cemetery Plots. With funds from sale of these plots, we could put a dent in the cost of Robin Lane improvements.

A generous donation from an anonymous member has eliminated the balance due on kitchen cooler. Also, because of donations from our Auxiliary and Past Presidents, only \$1200 is still due on ice machine.

The new service door has been installed and paid for. Thanks to Alex and his Cook-In profits.

Our Easter and Mother's Day Buffets produced a profit of approximately \$1200. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with preparation and clean-up.

Memorial Day was a very special day. Reminded me of the past. Wall to wall people having a good time.

Friday night *fish fry* attendance has been small. We need your support. This is one of our activities that we NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Thanks to our latest contributors to ""POP"":

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Elaine Kleinhans | James Dotke            |
| Donald Hahn      | Tiger Beyer            |
| Timothy Babler   | ALA 449 "PRINT" Raffle |

"POP" donations are always appreciated. Send checks to:  
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**Burial Plots Available**

**Pinelawn Memorial Park**

- ◆ Mausoleum Crypt 9, Building A, Level Lot 186 Spaces 3 & 4
- ◆ Section 1, block F, Lot 525, Space 2

**Wisconsin Memorial Park**

- ◆ Block 5, Lot 436, Spaces 1,2,3&4
- ◆ Block 12, Lot 555. Space 6

Call Harvey Kroening(262-253-0994)for further information.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 28 LEGION,  
AUXILIARY AND SAL VOLUNTEERS WHO  
DISTRIBUTED POPPIES MAY 15TH AND 16TH AS  
WELL AS ON MEMORIAL DAY!**

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| Diane Larsen         | Kathy McCarthy                     |
| Gayle Schneider      | Harky Bartsch                      |
| Janet H              | Harvey Kroening                    |
| Jack Draak           | Poppy Princesses: Sarah and Alexis |
| Carol Lers           |                                    |
| Ron & Joann Anderson |                                    |

**TOTAL OF 135 HOURS**

**FUNDS RECEIVED MAY 2015**

- Mail response \$1600 (only 188 returned of 1300 mailed out)
- Poppy days \$6600 (distribution in Brookfield and Elm Grove)
- Memorial Day \$ 750 (Parade route)
- Poppy Princecess \$70
- TOTAL \$9,020.00**

After expenses are deducted, 20% is sent to ALA Dept of Wisconsin. They divide it equally between VA&R and Children and Youth. Balance is allocated to our VA Hospitals—Zablocki, Madison, Minneapolis, Iron Mountain, and Tomah ◆ Veterans Homes at King, Union Grove, Kenosha Outreach and Camp American Legion ◆ Department Special Projects and Scholarships. Our VA&R Chairman (2nd Vice) has the honor of determining the amounts.

*THANK YOU, THANK YOU* to our Poppy Distributors and Donators. We appreciate all you do for our veterans.

**USAF Aircraft of the Korean War**

The USAF units and aircraft of the Korean War are significant because the Korean War (25 June 1950 – 27 July 1953) was the first shooting war for the newly independent United States Air Force.

It was the first time U.S. jet aircraft entered into battle. World War II-era prop-driven F-51D Mustangs were pressed into the ground-air support role, and large formations of B-29 Superfortresses flew for the last time on strategic bombardment missions. The Korean War also saw the first use of rotary-wing helicopters.

The USAF suffered 1,841 battle casualties, of which 1,180 were killed in action. It lost 1,466 aircraft to hostile action or other causes.

**Congratulations**

**Students**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee has awarded \$500 Scholarships to the following four 2015 High School Graduates:

- Emily Ross . . .Oak Creek High School
- Emmett Conron . . Marquette University High School
- Zachary Jaekl . . .Brookfield East High School
- Valerie Buamer . . .Brookfield Central High School

These students have been notified.

☺ *Thank You to all Entrees* ☺

## 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).

Kimmich Erwin Korea	Ralph Heath Korea
Frank Orlando WWII	Fred Pflederer WWII
Leonard Gorski WWII	William Eppel Korea
Frank Alioto Vietnam	Thomas Hein Vietnam
Mickey Sturm Peace Time	Alfred Preuss Korea
Vernon Willmsen WWII	Charles Krisik WWII
Frank Theis WWII	Robert Blackburn WWII

### Sick Bay:

Ken Lamster

### Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families for their generous contributions to our Post for the Honor Guard's service for their loved ones. The Hadfield Family, The Heath Family, The Steltz Family, The Mullally Family, The Wild Family, The Taylor Family, The Benner Family and The Gorski Family.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Wauwatosa West High School invited our Honor Guard Unit to be present to accept an American Flag which was flown over the Arizona Memorial. The Honor Guard presented the colors and the band played all of the service songs in honor of our veterans. It was a very well attended and enjoyable event.

### V.A. News & Info:

1- The Fisher House of Wisconsin is holding its Third Annual Golf Benefit on Monday, August 24th, 2015 at the River Club of Mequon to benefit the building, furnishing and opening of the Fisher House in 2015 on the Clement Zablocki Medical Center grounds in Milwaukee. Last years' benefit sold out 216 golf spots with additional dinner guests and volunteers. In total they raised just under \$60,000! Sponsoring, donating and participating are great ways to support Fisher House WI and grow awareness to a wonderful cause. All auction donations are fully tax deductible.

2- Both the Senate and House armed services committees have rejected two TRICARE reform plans, one from the Obama administration to raise fees and consolidate the three option health benefit, and a second from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission to replace TRICARE entirely with a menu of civilian health insurance options. Both ideas went too far to win support in Congress this year. Indeed only the Senate panel is willing to back even another round of pharmacy co-pay increases for brand name drugs filled off base.

3- Veterans Affairs Department employees using purchase cards improperly spent at least \$5 billion on medical supplies, including prosthetics, a senior VA official told lawmakers. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics Jan Frye said he was a reluctant whistleblower, but was compelled to go to Congress after warnings and concerns to VA Secretary Bob McDonald failed to garner any kind of response. In his 35-page letter to McDonald,

which was leaked to The Washington Post and reported on before the hearing, Frye alleged that employees improperly used VA purchase cards to buy billions of dollars in medical supplies without contracts in recent years.

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***

**D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy**, was Tuesday 6 June 1944. Allied land forces that saw combat in Normandy on that day came from Canada, the Free French forces, the United Kingdom, and the United States

The **Invasion of Normandy** was the invasion by and establishment of Western Allied forces in Normandy, during Operation Overlord in 1944 during World War II; the largest amphibious invasion to ever take place



## Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized an army to be founded. Three days later, June 17, 1775 the British General Gage heard through Tory spies that a thousand rebels were "digging in" at Breed's Hill, which would give them a vantage point overlooking Boston from the north.

Having been "bottled up" in Boston after a costly retreat from Concord, General Gage was very much concerned because if the rebels were to situate cannon on this hill they could knock out warships in Boston Harbor, which would leave the British Army to starve or surrender.

General Gage sent 3000 troops out to do battle, and after two failed attempts, succeeded in driving the rebels out in the misnamed "Battle of Bunker Hill."

The Americans were in a hopeless situation! However, like call of a bugle, this battle roused the colonists from every colony--and--the newly appointed General Washington had his army! But as you know, Washington suffered disappointments and defeats. He was a proud man, but never too proud to get down on his knees and ask for God's help and guidance.

Today our country is not in an absolute hopeless situation, but we are having so many serious problems, perhaps it is again the time to get down on our knees.

*Respectfully, Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain*



## Report from the Bar Manager

By: Bill Simon (414) 520-0425

We had a very good Memorial Day celebration. The bar, at tops, was at least 4 to 5 deep and, with the weather cooperating, the beer outside was flowing well. I can not say enough about the bartenders. They worked very hard to keep everyone well supplied with drinks.

A BIG THANK YOU to all that volunteered their services to help that day. The volunteer ticket sellers, the outside beer servers, the ice cream workers and all the inside bartenders. Without your help this never would have happened.

I had the honor of marching next to the Harvey Davidson motorcycle hearse honoring a fallen member of the Armed Forces. The reception to this was OUTSTANDING and it made me feel proud that I was a veteran.

We are starting to work on the 4th of July. We will need many volunteers again. Bartenders for the beer trailer is one area and someone to walk around and empty the garbage containers would be much appreciated. If interested please see me ASAP.

I am again going to address a project I started several years ago that never got off the ground. I would like the bar ceiling lowered to make the bar area more appealing. I would like to speak with someone in the Post who is a carpenter, cabinet maker, or has the talent to do this, and can donate their time for the project. I will fund the material. Please see me soon.

Have a safe and happy summer!

*Bill*



## KENTUCKY DERBY HAT CONTEST WINNERS

### **Best Hats**

Susan Harrison  
Kitty Larkin  
Jolene Gordon  
Lilli Schwantes  
Lavonne Biedenbender

### **Best of Class**

**Most Dramatic** – Kitty Larkin  
**Most Purple** – Lilli Schwantes  
**Biggest Buzz** – Jolene Gordon  
**Tiniest** – Gloria Smith  
**Most Flowers** – Lavonne Biedenbender  
**Lovliest** – Brad Catura  
**Most Glamorous** – Susan Harrison  
**Laciest** – Arlyne Lambrecht  
**Floppiest** – Joyce Sternisha  
**Most Red Roses** – Joan Farr

# THANK YOU BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



Mulching



Flower Planting & Care



Lawn Care

Patio Cleaning & Furniture Painting



We heartily thank the following volunteers who generously donated money and those who worked very hard to spring clean & beautify our premises :

Jim Michaels, Rick Bolda, & 1st Vice Mike Daigle cash donations ■ Ernie Jaekl ■ 3rd Vice Rich Baczek ■ Mike Daigle ■ Shannon Hargraves ■ Steve, Joleen & Pat Gordon ■ Michael Newboy ■ Commander Ron Anderson ■ Tim McCaigue ■ Marion Kolsch ■ Carol Lers ■ Michelle & David Lee ■ Pete Schiller ■ Fred Withrow ■ Mike DeRosier.

## POST 449 SUPPORTS FISHER HOUSE OF WISCONSIN. . . Submitted by Michelle Lee

A very special "Thank You" to the following individuals for participating in, and donating to, the Walk - Run & Roll event sponsored by Post 91 of Oconomowoc on May 16th. Your generosity contributed to a total donation of over \$3000 to the Fisher House of Wisconsin!

Chris & Mike Cannon  
Sam & Brad Catura  
Chris Ertl  
Joan Felski  
Joleen and Pat Gordon  
Steve Gordon

Andrea Hodapp  
Cathy & Dan Kaegi  
Tom "Kiki" Kraetsch  
Michelle & David Lee  
Lylette Smith



Walkers pictured Left to Right are: Lylette Smith, Andrea Hodapp, Michelle Lee, Brad Catura, Joleen Gordon, and in front, Anita Catura



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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## The President's Message...

By: Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107  
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### **"SERVICE, NOT SELF"**

This past year has been extremely successful due to the hard work & dedication of the Executive Committee & all the active Auxiliary Members. Nothing would have been possible without each & every one of you. You Ladies Rock!!! Thank you!!!

Our May 19th evening meeting was attended by 48 smiling & happy members. Lunch was delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the meal spectacular. Our next meeting will be June 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend & support the Auxiliary, a group of strong & caring women who get things done! Remember to bring your Snickers to the meeting for the 'Snickers Challenge' for the Soldiers at Fort McCoy. Also, please bring 'Forever Stamps' to the Meeting for Camp American Legion.

Congratulations to Kat Kalyvas "Queen for the Evening", for signing up the most members this past year. Kat is one of our great Bartenders. Also, thank you to Kat for her donation of material & craft items for the Jr. Auxiliary. Our Jr. Auxiliary will be making many items to sell to help support the Jr's. in parades and all of their many endeavor's.

Please welcome our newest Executive Committee Member, Michele Johnstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Michele will be a strong asset to our Executive Committee. Congratulations Michele!

Congratulations to our new Miss Poppy Princess, Kimberly Oliver & Little Miss Poppy Princess, Alexis Paape. These two young ladies were crowned Poppy Princesses at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting by the two outgoing Poppy Princesses, Sarah Michaels and Breanna Turner. Please support our Poppy Princesses with encouragement throughout their term of 2015-2016.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our Poppy Distributors for their time and dedication. They did an outstanding job of collecting donations in many locations. Without their help & dedication we would not be able to fulfill our mission of helping Veterans.

Congratulations to the winner of the Print "The Honeymooners", Terrell Purifoy! We hope you will enjoy the print for many



years.

Thank you to Gayle Schneider for helping to clean & organize the Post Storage Unit!!!

The Memorial Day Parade & Post Open House was a fun filled & exciting day. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to "The Parade Committee, Jr. Auxiliary & their "Fabulous Float", Ernie Jaekl for his truck & trailer for the Jr. Auxiliary to use to pull their float, donors of cars, the Jeep Club, our Poppy Princesses & all the parade participants, The Ross Family for again serving the hot dogs, Chris Ertl for collecting the money for the hot dogs, the Auxiliary Bake Sale Team & everyone who brought in baked goods, Bartenders & everyone else who contributed in so many ways to make the day fun, exciting & a day of remembrance of our fallen heroes. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to one of our adopted Veteran Families for joining us in the Memorial Day Parade!

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for June, 2015: 1) Sandy Dearing, 5) Kathy Peters, 7) Cheryl Mielke, 9) Jan Waldron, 10) Joyce Sternisha, 12) Mary Marks, 14) Joy Marks, 16) Beverly Thiele, 28) Kat Kalyvas, 30) Rita McCann. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

June 6, Sat	Honor Flight
June 16, Tue	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00pm
June 21-26	Badger Girls State – Oshkosh
July 4, Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Brookfield – Meet at 8:00am at Post
July 16-19	State Convention, Appleton
July 18, Sat	Past Presidents Parley Luncheon – 12:30pm
July 21, Tue	NO Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

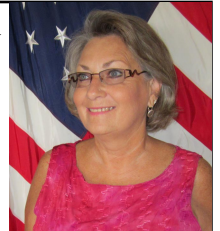
**1st Vice Report** By: Kathy McCarthy  
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### **Hello Everyone!**

This is just a short reminder that this is the last month to get those recipes in. So please drop them off at the post, or bring them to the meeting this month. If you have already given some, I will take some . . . and don't forget your loved ones pictures.

This summer we will be putting this all together. Enjoy the warm weather and I'll see you at the post!

*Kathy*



## American Legion Auxiliary

### About Us

#### **What is the American Legion Auxiliary?**

The American Legion Auxiliary shines as an example of unselfish giving. With almost a million members from all walks of life, the Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to most Americans. It is all accomplished with volunteers.

## Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandrakdearing@gmail.com

### Greetings to All !



Summer is in the air and we realize that we have waited a long time for this season in Wisconsin to begin. As I walk my dogs each morning I am in total awe, again and again at God's creation. He paints our yards and landscapes with color to delight us. The flowers and trees burst into full bloom and bring to us a keen awareness of God's power and majesty. For even the earth proclaims His handiworks:

*The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1*

*Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:3*

So as we enjoy the beautiful scenery all around us this summer, let us never forget who painted the landscapes with color and spoke our world into creation. He is an awesome God and only He is worthy of all our praise!

May God bless you and keep you in His care.

*Chaplain Sandy*

## Notes From The Membership Team

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Sandy Lynn Hendrix  
Kimberly R Ojala  
Elly DeFord  
Sierra Cannon - JR Member



**WOW!** I have mailed in several more applications, and with them, we will be over 100%. This is a GREAT accomplishment and **"thank you"** to all of the wonderful members of the Legion family who worked together to make this happen. Yes, it was a combined effort; TAL, SAL, and Auxiliary members who made this happen. That is what it means to be a part of a working family. I have also received several 2016 renewals (it is not too early to renew). At the May meeting I announced we are shooting for 100% by Veteran's Day, so this is the way to get it done! Thank You!

If you owe 2015 dues, or you want to pay your 2016 dues, follow any of the suggestions below. If you are unsure, call me or e-mail me at: [acatura@extendicare.com](mailto:acatura@extendicare.com). Phone: 414-418-0289  
♦ Drop off at the Post in the "locked boxes" located at the front and back entrances. Mark as Auxiliary Membership Dues on the outside of the envelope and seal the envelope.

♦ Hand them to a bartender, and again mark as Auxiliary Membership Dues.

♦ Mail to the Post to my attention: Sam Catura, Auxiliary Membership

♦ Mail to my home: Sam Catura, 4660 N 69<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53218

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

**REMEMBER:** our very special meeting on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be holding a "Welcome" Ceremony for new members who have joined our Unit since our October meeting. That is approximately 45-50 members – AWESOME! If you recruited a new member since then, be sure to invite them to this event. I have invitations in the mail, but a personal invite from you makes it so much better. This will be a fun evening for everyone. Be sure to bring your JR members to this meeting as well. If you haven't been able to attend meetings over the winter months, come now. If you have been out-of-town, or just could not make it to meetings in the past, come now. Share in "good will", fun, fellowship and of course food. This would be a good time to invite a potential member as well.

**Always Remember: Service Not Self**

### *Honor our Fallen by Supporting our Wounded*

Enclosed with the May 449er was a self-addressed envelope to be used for your donation to our VA&R fund, with a poppy inside the envelope. **Only 188 returned of 1300 mailed.**

Remember the sacrifices our service personnel made so that we can keep our nation strong and free. **Please send your donation to Dolores soon!**

Make your check payable to ALA Unit 449, and send to Dolores Kroening, W178N9739 Riversbend Cir. W, Germantown, WI 53022.



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## WE ARE NUMBER 1

By Mike Pook, Squadron 449 Commander  
(414-202-5519)

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Facebook - Mike Pook

Squadron Meetings are the First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Whew! The 4<sup>th</sup> year of live rock music on Saturday nights has just ended on a high note! Post 449 members, who patronize the bar and enjoy live rock n roll music, have increased their attendance to about 45 members per Saturday night. On many nights, when the more popular bands play, half the 449 Lounge is filled with members of various ages and genders. This is great news as the face of our membership continues to transition. It is great to see such a diverse group of people enjoying the Post on a regular basis, which now can be called "our regulars", on a Saturday night.

Live music, along with table seating and table candles, create a nightclub environment. Live music gives the members, and other patrons, another reason to come to the Post that might not normally come, and it helps bring money across the bar on otherwise slow nights. This concept holds true in the life of any bar.

After four years, Saturday Nite Live (SNL) music has become a night where the younger, or the young at heart, legion family members come to enjoy the rock music of the 1950's thru the 1990's. These members are recruiting the band fans, and even the musicians, to become members of Post 449. Despite misleading information, the bottom line, the Net Bar Revenues continue to reflect that the patrons who enjoy this music are passing more cash over the bar than the evening expenses. In March of 2015, a cover charge took effect which directly offset the Musician Performance Cost, and naturally helped increase the bottom line. Now the Net Bar Revenue is very healthy and Saturday is the best night of the week! Bands like The Ricochettes, Boomer Nation, Hat Trick and Nostalgia bring in a huge crowd who spend money at the bar beyond the cover charge.

Saturday Nite Live is off for the summer and will resume on September 12, with Milwaukee's 1960's Rocker, from the band the Skunks, Mr. Larry Lynne. Think about it, he was in his 20's in the mid-sixties, so how old would he be now????



**July Mtg.**

**Tues. 7/7/15**

**7 p.m.**

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## SAL Adjutant's Message

By Brad Catura

**Good News!!** Squadron 449 Sons of the American Legion is by far the largest squadron in the State of Wisconsin. Our membership now stands at 221 members. The bad news . . . the Detachment of Wisconsin will be raising the dues at our July convention. So standby for a 2016 dues increase. We have absorbed our losses in the past through our squadron fundraisers; however, with our low, low turnout of members at meetings, those also have fallen by the wayside.

Comrades, we are in a vicious downward spiral of entitlement, apathy and burnout. If we ALL do not start pulling together as a team and stepping up to the plate, we will make the Milwaukee Brewers look like the best team in baseball, rather than the worst. So please, please, please...show-up & step-up. Volunteer!!!

### The Squadron welcomes our newest members:

Joe L. Russo	Michael P. Leas	Don F. Pavlak	Gary E. Mason
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## SAL Chaplain's Message...

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

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

### **Good news - Great news!**

There are no deaths to report this month, instead the circle of life completes itself with the birth of Derrick Stanley, the baby boy of Post bartender: Sam. I look forward to Derrick becoming our youngest member of the SAL.

But even more important, is how God's blessings are bestowed upon us in ways we cannot predict or often foresee. We often feel beat down by life and turn to quick, temporary solutions, when the one true solution to feeling better and healing is turning over our cares to God in prayer. The power of prayer is so much more powerful than most people ever realize.

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July 10 - TBA

June 19 - Lenny Szwiec

July 17 - Roger Boll Band

June 26 - Best of Everything

July 24 - Tomm Lehnigk

July 31 - Chris Vesche





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### A Note From Earl Wood

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

April 29, 2015

On this date marking the 50th anniversary of the capture of Col. Charles Shelton. Perhaps it is fitting on the date we mark the capture of Charles Shelton that we say a word about *Operation Duck Soup*. Over the years, many rumors circulated regarding *Duck Soup*. Was there such an Operation? Was it an operation to rescue Col. Shelton? Perhaps the most horrifying of rumors is the operation succeeded in rescuing Col. Shelton but for some reason he was turned back to his captors.

We wish to make it very clear; we have no real information on *Operation Duck Soup*. However, we did find several documents that mention *Duck Soup*. We though on this date, it would be interesting to share them with our readers.

Responding to a congressional inquiry regarding *Duck Soup*, Joseph Heller, Acting Deputy Director of Operations, Plans and Training, at the Defense Intelligence Agency, wrote on August 31, 1988,

"This simply never happened. There was no such mission in Indochina under the name *Duck Soup* or any other name. In truth, *Duck Soup* was a U.S. government initiative which took place in 1949 in another part of the world. It had no bearing whatsoever on U.S. citizen or American POWs."

This became the government's boilerplate response to other inquiries regarding *Duck Soup*. Three other documents, all State Department telegrams from the American Embassy in Vientiane

Laos, dated June 18, 1965, July 1, 1965 and July 6, 1965, discuss an ongoing operation in Laos under the name *Duck Soup*.

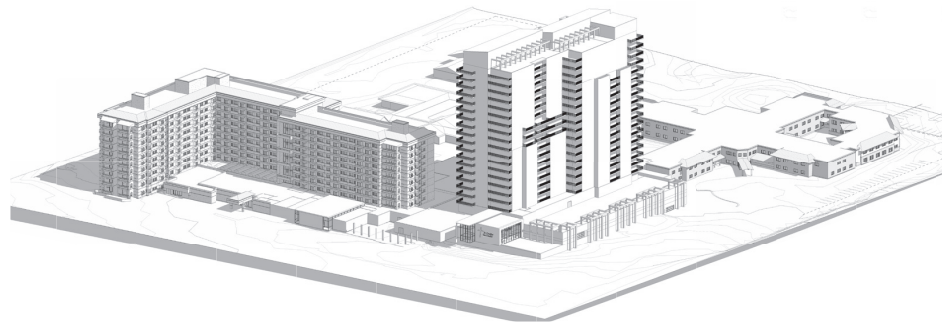
- The first telegram dated June 18, 1965, reads in part, "We have come to conclusion that our airlift operations in Northeast Laos can on be confined only to have to be on basis that friendly aircraft would have unrestricted access to Northeast Laos from nine to five PM daily (local time). In other words, *Duck Soup* operations could not be conducted during this period."
- The second telegram dated July 1, 1965, reads in part, "Regret Washington unwilling risk use of Air America Pilots in T-28's for *Duck Soup* Operations."
- The last telegram we were able to locate dated July 7, 1965, reads in part, "Air Attaché has discussed *Duck Soup* with Colonel Murphy at Udorn and they believe they may have an alternate proposal which could accomplish desired objective."

We have no doubt more documents exist on *Duck Soup*. Do any of them relate to Col. Shelton and American POWs? We do not know. What we do know is that the Defense Intelligence Agency denied the existence of any operation in Indochina under the name *Duck Soup* and that the only operation using that name occurred in 1949. Clearly, these State Department telegrams confirm the existence of an operation in Laos under the name *Duck Soup* in 1965. This operation was ongoing during the period after Col. Shelton's capture. How long it continued is unknown. Did some portion of the *Duck Soup Operation* relate to Col. Shelton and other POWs? We do not know. This is just another of the many unanswered questions. It is lipstick on a pig.



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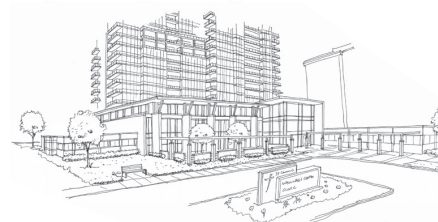
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## American Legion Post 449



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	<b>1</b> Post Opens 11:30 Mon. Night Tacos 4:30-8 p.m.	<b>2</b> Move Out Exercise Session 5:00 <b>SAL MTG. 7:00</b> <b>Election of Officers</b>	<b>3</b> Couples Dart Ball 6:00 <u>Assemble/Mail 449er 11 a.m.</u>	<b>4</b> Post Cook-In 5-8:30 VFW 8320 Mtg. 7:00	<b>5</b> Live Music 4:30-10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30	<b>6</b> Sign In Post Opens 11:30 <b>HONOR FLIGHT</b>
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<b>21</b> Post Opens 11:30 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Summer Begins	<b>22</b> Post Opens 11:30 Mon. Night Tacos 4:30-8 p.m.	<b>23</b> Move Out Exercise Session 5:00 <b>Gen'l Member-ship Mtg. 7:00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Post Cook-In 5-8:30	<b>26</b> Live Music 4:30-10: Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 <b>449er Articles Dead-line 7 p.m.</b>	<b>27</b> Sign In-Post Opens 11:30
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