

The United States Congress has designated March 25th of each year as NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY, a day dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. (Public Law 101-564) Conceived in the State of Washington, this holiday should be one of our most revered. Unfortunately all too many Americans are not even aware of its existence.

# Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion



**MEDAL  
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Post 449

Brookfield, Wisconsin  
Serving God, Veterans & Country



*Four Forty Niner* is the official newsletter of  
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## Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195  
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I must start by thanking all who contributed to the POP fund. This separate fund has now paid off 40% of our 2014 debt. I am very grateful for your support and hope you will continue until we have paid it off

Also, thanks to the volunteers who work Mondays and Thursdays and add to POP'. A reminder to Board Members--March 18 is a joint County meeting at Hartland.. See you there.

Our Department Revitalization program at Hartland resulted in ten new members! Thanks to Mike Daigle who helped me there.

Please help make the Print Raffle at the bar a big success. Every dollar goes to POP and you get the beautiful print by Scott Zoellick. Thanks to the Zoellicks.

Much going on at the Post. Please join us and meet great people in a fun place.

*Ron*

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of the 449er is Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Please email articles to Don Hensch @ ddhensch@milwpc.com  
Hard copy may be brought to the Legion office and left in the Editor's mailbox, or given to the bartender.

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## 1st Vice Message..By Mike Daigle

(414) 817-2153



After attending the Recruiting, Retention, and Revitalization Conference held by Department, and National, I have realized a few things. I have personally felt these challenges and negative feedback myself.

It is common for Veterans of prior wars and conflicts to look down upon Veterans of wars and conflicts past their period of service. As stated by National Commander Mike Helm, and Department Commander Bob Shappell, the future of the American Legion is dependant upon these younger Veterans to carry on the mission of the American Legion. I have personally experienced a number of " what do you know about war" conversations. My response to this is as follows: 'Why does it matter?' I'm a qualified member of the Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and for that matter, VFW. I have done nothing but give my full dedication to this Post! But the criticism of younger veterans still ensues. I ask one simple question. "We all have been in combat in one form or another, we are supposed to be *Brothers and Sisters In Arms*. What makes us different than your service?"

We all want younger Veterans to join our Post 449 Family. My statement is - *GIVE THEM A REASON TO WANT TO BELONG!* The social climate at our Post needs to change. A number of high participating younger members have received criticism to the degree of not wanting to come back. I will ask this simple question, "Why do you, the member, not give them a reason to come back?" The future of any Legion Post depends on those Veterans.

*Service Before Self*

## Adjutant's Report

By: Mike Cannon (414-464-7885)

### Attention To All Members!!!!

I have over the past several weeks received calls and letters from members that have paid their 2015 dues, but got a past due notice. If you have your 2015 membership card that I sent you, your dues are paid for 2015. Please disregard the past due notice. I did not send the notice. It takes sometime from the time I send the renewals to State HQ to get to National HQ. National HQ sends out the past dues notice — not ME!!

Please have some patience with the way this all works. This has to go through several channels and it takes time.

Our paid up membership count as of this printing is 722. We need 80 to get to 802. . our goal for 2015. Please talk to your fellow members to get their dues in.

*Michael L. Cannon*  
Adjutant, Post 449



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

The snow has stayed away but not the cold, so that means our WE Energies bill will be a whopper.

The new cooler for the kitchen is being paid with \$500 each month from our General Fund. Our new windows are also being paid with \$500 each month from our General Fund.

Guess what - the ice machine needs to be replaced. A new one is on order (another \$3400).

Now the good news. We were able to payoff another \$10,000 of our loan and it is now down to \$30,000. A big thank you to our Auxiliary Unit 449 for their check of \$2,000. Thank you to our Taco customers on Monday, our wheel participants every week, and your donations. Friends and relatives of Gerald Kroh contributed memorials of over \$700. We now already have \$3,000 toward our next "POP" payoff.

Keep coming to the Post Thursday nights for our COOK-IN. Come for a Friday Fish Fry. Music starts at 4:30 with Joyce Bevan on the piano;

Saturday is our sign-in with lunch, raffles, wheel and winning number drawing at 2:00 PM.

We need your support. Make the Post your first choice for relaxation and good fellowship.

### Thanks to contributors to "POP" fund:

Kent and Vemell Schleinger	Mildred Wdowicki
Harvin Abrahamson	Gerald Kroh memorials
Ron amd JoAnne Anderson	Robert Steltz
William Braatsch, Jr	ALA Unit 449
Kathy Steinberg	A.J. Groh

Saturday Meat Raffle

Send your "POP" checks to Harvey Kroening, W178N9739 Riversbend Cir W., Germantown, WI 53022 (Your donation is tax deductible)

### Burial Plots Available

#### Pinelawm 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.



**You Can Bet on a Ton of Fun at "CASINO EVENING"**

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

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

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449 Fundraiser

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

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

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

16 Gaming Tables tables operated by Badger Poker

And there will be a *Grand Raffle & Silent Auction*

Make Checks Payable To: ALA Unit 449

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

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

### Reservation Form

No. of Tickets @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tuesday, March 17th**  
**At**

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

### O'JENNY'S MENU

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner — \$12

Corned Beef Sandwich — \$7

Served 11:30 to 5



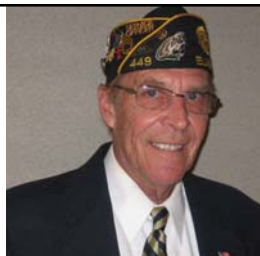
*Guinness Beer*

*Irish Drink Specials*



## 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)

Robert Kujawski WWII

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

(a cartridge pouch and scroll were presented).

Eric Tess Persian Gulf	John Lochbaum Vietnam
Donald Flowers WWII	Scott Krueger Vietnam
Robert Schultz Vietnam	Paul Ackeremann Vietnam

### Sick Bay:

Tony Bertino

### Notes of Interest:

The Honor Guard will be hosting a Post Lunch/ Meat & Booze Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the date open. Get ready to have some fun. More details will follow in the April 449er.

I would like to thank the following for their generous donation to our Post for services rendered by our Honor Guard.  
The Leahy Family

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

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Choice Card Program is a new, temporary benefit that will begin to cover non-VA care for eligible veterans already enrolled in VA health care. Veterans are eligible for Choice Card benefits if any of the following conditions apply: (1) they were told by their local VA medical facility that they need to wait more than 30 days from their preferred appointment date or the date medically determined by their physician; (2) their current residence is more than 40 miles to the closest VA health care facility; or (3) they face significant travel hardships to get to the nearest VA health care facility. For more information on the Choice Card Program, call 866-606-8198 or contact your county veterans service officer. Waukesha County (262-548-7732) Milwaukee County (414-266-1233).

2. The VA has new prescription drug labels. Your name has been moved to the top of the label. Directions on how to take your medication are now larger and bolded. The date the prescription can no longer be refilled is clearly stated. The new design makes it easier to identify important drug and safety information.

3. The Milwaukee VA Medical Center, and Milwaukee VA Regional Office, will jointly host a Town Hall/Claims Clinic for Veterans, Service Members, & their families and survivors, to discuss VA benefits and health care. Community members and organizations that assist Veterans with their benefits, as well as the general public are also invited to attend. This town hall will be Saturday

March 7, 2015 from noon to 2:00 p.m. The Town Hall will take place at the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

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

"The Ides of March," "The Scandinavian Blues," "The Winter Blues," each of these expressions may be heard when people are feeling the effects of a long winter in Wisconsin and "Cabin Fever" is taking its toll.



My mother once told me she felt there was "a touch of melancholy" in her family because her great grandmother who lived in a royal palace in Denmark, fell in love with a handsome Royal Palace Guard, married him who then took her back to his home in Norway, where she cried incessantly, for she had to endure the long winters with very little sunlight because of the mountains. Perhaps the birthing and raising of a large family in a manner to which she was unaccustomed added to her problems.

All of us, have at times, difficulties seeing solutions to our problems---especially at this time of year.

In lieu of succumbing to the "Scandinavian Blues," let us open our eyes, trust and have faith in the Lord for solutions, plus the fact a beautiful Spring season is on its way.

*Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain*



## Honor Guard Fund Raiser for the Post



*April 25th  
American Legion Post 449  
3245 N. 124th St.  
Brookfield*

*Lunch Prepared & Served  
By  
Chris & Mike Cannon  
And  
Alex Kolander*

*There will be a booze and meat raffle, and money wheel.*

***Come and support the Post and have some fun!!***

***More details in the April Newsletter***

## Report from the Bar Manager

By: Bill Simon (414) 520-0425

If you have been at the Post recently and seen the posters around, then this is old news for you. If not, let me fill you in.

Every Wednesday during Lent, the Post will be offering a Fish Fry Dinner or a Fish Sandwich, along with the regular menu, for noon lunches.

Service is from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.. Carry outs are always welcome. Don't forget about our Legion Fish Fry on Fridays from 4:30 to 8:30.

On March 17th. you will be able to enjoy a traditional St. Patty's Day corn beef dinner or a corn beef sandwich. The Post will be having live music and special Irish drinks. Green beer will be available upon request.

Easter is right around the corner and I am happy to report that we will be having an Easter Buffet See information below. In order to make the Easter Brunch, and all events a success, you need good



people to step up and help. We have those people.....ITS YOU.

We will be in need of helpers for the brunch. If you can help in ANYWAY, please see Jenny Michaels or myself to volunteer for this wonderful event.

I would once again like to call your attention to the special beer we have. As reported earlier, the Founding Fathers beer is the only beer that is sponsored by the American Legion. The beer is made by the "Founding Fathers Brewery " in Brooklyn, NY only for the American Legion. 50% of all profits go to the Posts that sponsor it and to the National. We have it in Pale, Amber and a Light beer. Both on tap and in bottles.

We still have sweat shirts (Red, Blue and Gray) and the Post jackets available.

*Make your Post greater then it is by your support!!*

Respectfully

*Bill*



*Easter buffet  
Sunday April 5  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*




**American Legion Post 449**  
3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield  
Adults - \$15.00  
Children 12 & Under - \$7.00  
Adults 90 Plus - Free


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Omelets - Scrambled Eggs - Biscuits & Gravy  
Bacon - Sausage - Carved Ham - Fried Potatoes  
Cut-Up Fruit - Assorted Bakery  
Milk - Juice - Coffee

*Public Welcome*



**MILWAUKEE  
BLOOD CENTER  
BLOOD DRIVE**



Thursday, May 7, 2015  
2:30 - 6:30 P.M.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 449**  
3245 N. 124th St.  
Brookfield, Wisconsin  
Contact Carol Lers At 262-691-5873 or e-mail Carol @  
[carolelers@outlook.com](mailto:carolelers@outlook.com) to schedule your appointment



**Come Gamble with Us**  
**Saturday, May 16, 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

*Seating is Limited!*



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*Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities*

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## The President's Message...

By: Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107

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**"SERVICE, NOT SELF"**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**



Our February 17th Day meeting was attended by many smiling and happy members. Lunch was delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the meal spectacular. A huge THANK YOU to Kathy McCarthy for giving us some "FUN" facts about men and women's hair. The March 17<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary meeting will be an evening meeting starting at 7:00pm. Hope to see everyone there!

Come gamble with us on Sunday, April 19, 2015. Post will be open for the Auxiliary's Casino Evening Event ONLY. The Post will be closed for the day until the Casino Evening Fundraiser starts. You must buy a ticket to be at the Post on Sunday, April 19th. Time will be from 3pm to 9pm. We will have 16 gaming tables operated by Badger Poker. Gaming will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Buffet will start at 3:30 p.m. Grand Raffle and a Silent Auction will take place at some time during the evening. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door.

Be sure to check out and purchase tickets to WIN the print "The Honeymooners". Number two in a series, signed by the three nationally recognized wildlife painters "The Mountain Men," Scott Zoellick, Don Kloetzke and Jerry Gadamus. A huge thank you to Pete and Jackie Zoellick for donating this spectacular print. Hurry and get your tickets. Drawing will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Auxiliary's Kentucky Derby Raffle and Sign-In.

This month's Camp American Legion "Donation of the Month" includes plastic cups, sturdy foam plates, plastic utensils and napkins. Please bring to the March 17<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting.

The Past Presidents Raffle and Sign-in on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success due to a team effort. **A big thank you to everyone who supported the event by donating their time, effort, food, raffle items and purchasing raffle tickets and lunches.**

Several people from the Auxiliary attended the fun filled day for George Washington's Luncheon at Klemmers. All the ladies wore their "best hats and gloves" and had a delicious luncheon.

Please make sure you are at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary meeting, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the students who will be reading their winning

Americanism Essays on "What does Freedom mean to My Family". Thank you to Kitty Larkin and Lilli Schwantes for coordinating this program. Also, a big thank you to Melinda Gladney for her help with promoting the Americanism Essays at Ralph H. Metcalfe Elementary School.

Don't miss the Past Presidents Card Party on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservation for yourself and friends. There will be lots of fun, food and prizes for everyone!

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for March, 2015: 6) Claire Gerboth, 7) Gayle Schneider, 11) Marion Kolsch, 17) Dawn Hauck, 28) Elaine Kleinhans, LaVonne Biedenbender, 29) Alice Shumway, 30) Mary Ihrig. 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!

Mar 7 Sat	Leadership Training in Portage
Mar 12 Thur	Casino Evening Fundraiser Meeting - 5 p.m.
Mar 16 Mon	Veterans from Zablocki VA Hospital St Patricks Day Party
Mar 17 Tue	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 18 Wed	American Legion County Meeting, Hartland – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 26 Thurs	PPP Meeting at Noon at Post
Apr 19 Sun	Casino Evening Fundraiser 3 p.m.-9 p.m.
Apr 21 Tue	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Apr 25 Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> District Spring Conference – 8:00-9:00.a.m. Registration - \$15.00/person
May 2 Sat	Auxiliary Kentucky Derby Raffle/Food/Sign-In
May 6 Wed	PP Card & Games Party

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

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

## PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

**Amend Article IV - MEETINGS - Section 2** - by adding "in even numbered years" after the first sentence.

If adopted would then read: Section 2. A special June meeting will be held for Installation of officers in even numbered years. This may be a joint meeting with the Legion.

**Amend Article VII - COMMITTEES/CHAIRMEN - Section 2 (g) Auditing Committee** by striking the word "annually" and substituting "in even numbered years".

If adopted would then read: Auditing Committee - shall consist of three (3) Unit members who shall audit the treasurer's books in even numbered years prior to Installation.

These proposed amendments to be voted on at the March 17, 2015 Auxiliary Meeting.

Kitty Larkin, Parliamentarian

## Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: Sandy Dearing sandrakdearing@gmail.com

### Greetings to All

The celebration of Purim is taking place in many Jewish households this month. For those who are not familiar with this Jewish holiday, Purim is the celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish people from their enemies in ancient Persia. This holiday is celebrated on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar. In 2015, it is celebrated on March 4 – 5. The story can be found in the Bible's book of Esther.

Throughout history the Jewish people have been the target of annihilation and have persevered and survived. This continues even to this day. God tell us in his Word to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and today, more than ever, it is necessary. Israel is one of our nation's strongest allies in the Middle East.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure. Psalm 122:6*

Let us pray for peace in Jerusalem and our nation, safety for our troops and a blessing on all.

#### The Aaronic Blessing

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:22 -26*

God Bless, Chaplain Sandy



## Notes From The Membership

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Whitney Madison Susie Thompson Sylvia Cook  
Maureen Heuer Valarie Blamer  
Lilly Faber (JR member)

"Thank You" for joining our wonderful organization and "thank you" to the members of the Auxiliary and Post who extended the invitation to each of them. Please remember to introduce yourselves to the new members and to each other at all meetings and events.

These new members, along with the renewals received thus far, bring our membership total to 423 (90.8%) as of this writing. Keep it going everyone! We still have a ways to go and there are about 60 members who have not yet renewed for 2015. If you are reading this newsletter and have NOT sent in your 2015 dues, please consider WHY you initially said: "Was it to give financial support to Veterans and their families?" Your dues help do this, both locally and nationally. Was it to volunteer and get involved at events for the Veterans and their families?

We have several Vet Parties each year, visit facilities and share time and conversation with Veterans, and run special sign-in events throughout the year. There is always a need for baked goods, man power, raffle prizes and especially time to spend visiting and coming up with fun ideas to further our efforts.

Did you join to be included in activities with other women who share in your passion for helping others? We have a serving group starting up, we collect personal care products and baked goods to deliver to Veterans and their families.

Did you join to help a JR member grow into a stronger American citizen? We have scholarship opportunities and Badger Girls State. They can march in the community parades as well as volunteer time at the Post.

Whatever your reason, our Veterans still need your support. So I ask you to think about this and not lose sight of the reason we all answered YES. We all need to come together and answer the call of "Service not Self" **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 or email 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 Dues on the outside of the envelope and seal the envelope.
- You can hand them to the bartenders if you want, again mark Auxiliary Dues.
- Mail to the Post to my attention: Sam Catura, Aux. Membership.
- Mail to me at my home: Sam Catura, 4660 N 69<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 5321
- 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.



## WINNING TICKET

The "WINNING TICKET" for the Mahogany Mink Cape, drawn on 2/14/2015, is #941177. Please call 414-378-4107 ASAP, with your winning ticket number, to claim this excellent prize. If no one claims the winning ticket, another drawing will be held at the 3/17/15 Auxiliary Meeting.

### Couples Dart Ball

**Starts Wednesday, April 15th, 6 p.m.**

**Sign-up Sheets are posted on the front lobby bulletin board**

**Call John Winters @ (414) 476-2014 for more information or if you have any questions**

## Sorry

We inadvertently forgot to include the following Friday Night Fish Fry Volunteers in the "Jenny Michael's Column", published in the February issue of the 449er.

These volunteers were:

Kent and Vernell Schienger, Debbie and Bernie Mursch, and Joan Felski.

Thank You Kent, Vernell, Debbie, Bernie, and Joan.

## CARD PARTY & LUNCHEON SOCIAL

Open to Members and Public

American Legion Post 449

3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Sponsored by ALA Unit 449 Past Presidents

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Cocktails @ 11 am - Luncheon @ 12 noon

Cost \$16.00 per person

Cards or Games of Your Choice or just Socialize

Call Dolores Kroening for Reservation 262-253-0994

**Make checks payable to ALA Unit 449, and mail to W178N9739 Riversbend Cir W, Germantown, WI 53022**

**Deadline - May 1, 2015**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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**WE ARE NUMBER 1**

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

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**APR.. MTG.**

**Tues. 4-7-15**

**7 p.m.**

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



This month, I'll start with a joke: Are people jealous of the Irish? A..Sure, they're green with envy! "The Day of the Festival of Patrick" is celebrated annually on March 17th.. Celebrations include prominent displays of the color green, eating and drinking, and numerous parades. It is customary to drink green beer and dance a jig. St. Patrick's Day is fun!

Around 7,000 American Legion volunteers contribute 900,000 hours each year at VA medical centers, Vet Centers, nursing homes, Fisher House, community-based outpatient clinics, state veterans homes and other facilities where veterans receive care. Why you might ask, its fun!

The best volunteer experiences benefit both the volunteer and the organization. Volunteering is a fun and easy way to explore your interests and passions. *Volunteers are not paid-- not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.* This quote spoke to me. A member is a person who belongs to a social group. As a member of the American Legion Family, we depend on volunteers to step forward to assist in promoting what we stand for. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. The better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals. Volunteering can also help you build upon skills you already have. Use them to benefit the Legion Family Community. Post 449 needs volunteers to step forward and work for our common good. There is always something to do if you are willing to pitch in. Both the Legion and the Sons have vacant Officer Positions that need to be filled. Talk to your elected officers and go from there.

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

**On April 7th, our Special Guest will be:**

**Dolores (Denfeld) Schubilske**

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class

Parachute Rigger, World War II

Legionnaire, American Legion Post 449



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

By Brad Catura, Chaplain, Squadron 449 and Detachment of Wisconsin Chaplains  
<http://www.bradsfitness-lifestylesolutions.com/>



February is our shortest month and now that it is over, we can look back on it and reflect on some of its events, while anticipating that both Spring and Easter, will soon be here. February's highlights include Valentine's Day (so romantic), President's Day (so patriotic) and of course my Birthday! Unfortunately, it wasn't all good times and parties....we also saw the passing of one of our Son's members: James M. Powell.

James M. Powell, better known around the Post as Capt. Jim, passed away on Feb. 14th. He will be remembered at our March meeting in a "Squadron Everlasting Ceremony". We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, which include his son Ronald, another Son's member of our squadron. While words alone often fail to comfort us in times of death, Christians can often find solace in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. Here is my favorite:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"  
*John 11:25-26*



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**Welcomes all Members & Non-Members**

**To Our**

- **Tuesday thru Friday Lunches**
- **Wednesday Lenten Fish Fry**
  - **Monday Taco Night**
  - **Thursday Cook-Out Night**
  - **Friday Night Fish Fry**
- **Cordial Bartender Service**
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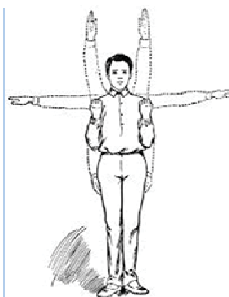


**DART BALL BANQUET**

**SUNDAY-APRIL 12TH**

**Cocktails - 4 p.m.**

**Dinner - 5 p.m.**



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EVERY TUESDAY**

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Q: What do call a guitar player without a girlfriend?

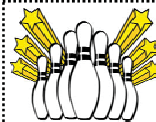
A: Homeless.

Q: What's the difference between a saxophone and a chainsaw?

A: You can tune a chainsaw.

Tuba Player: "Did you hear my last recital?"

Friend: "I hope so."



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Mar. 6 .Best o Everything. .Variety, Dance Pop  
 Mar. 13 .Mike Eve. .Sings 50s-60s  
 Mar. 20 .Tomm Lehnigk . .Variety  
 Mar. 27 .Mike Eve . .Sings 50s-60s  
 Apr. 3 . .Brennan & Mike. .Solid Gold Oldies  
 Apr. 10 . Roger Boll. .Variety  
 Apr. 17 .Mike Eve. .Sings 50s-60s  
 Apr. 24 . Tomm Lehnigk. .Variety

### SATURDAY 7:30 - 11:30 (\$5 Cover)

Mar. 7 .Best of Everything. .Variety, Dance Pop  
 Mar. 14 . .Ricochettes . .1960's British Invawion Rock  
 Mar. 21 . Hat Trick . .60's - 90's Dance, Pop  
 Mar. 28 . TBA  
 Apr. 4 . Hot Rod Mob 60s-80s Dance, Pop  
 Apr. 11 . Brennan Totton Band. .60s-80s Dance, Pop  
 Apr. 18 . Nostalgia. .50s-80ss Dance, Pop  
 Apr. 25 . Boomer Nation. .Guitar 60s-80sf Dance, Pop  
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### A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

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### BEN STEELE HONORED WITH CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TRIBUTE

Bataan Death March survivor Ben Steele picked up another honor Friday when U.S. Sen. Jon Tester stopped by the Billings veteran's home. Steele, 97, was presented with the transcript of a tribute, which Tester read into the Congressional Record last month. "I

appreciate what you've done for this country, what you've done for the state of Montana and the example you set for people all over this country. So, thank you Ben," Tester said.

The citation, entered into the Congressional Record, preserves Steele's role in U.S. history forever, Tester said. Steele was a 23-year-old soldier in the Philippines when the Japanese attacked in December 1941. Steele and the other soldiers were taken prisoner and forced from the Bataan Peninsula on a six-day march. Those who struggled along the way were shot or bayoneted to death. Steele spent more than three years in prison, drawing his experience on the concrete floor of his cell. He wasn't freed until after the United States dropped atomic bombs on Japan.

Steele pursued an art career after the war, teaching at Eastern Montana College in Billings for several years. An artist, he has been honored several times. Steele said it was a great honor for his story to be entered into the Congressional Record. Tester got a smile out of the veteran when he mentioned that Steele, as a boy, would sneak out of class under the pretense of going to the bathroom, but would go outside, saddle up a horse, and ride home.

**We Need Your Help** - Please consider a donation to the National Alliance of Families. We know these are difficult economic times, but we really need your assistance. Mail donations to:

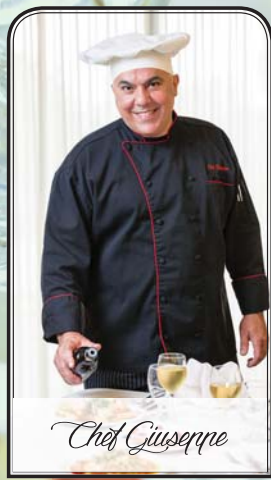
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## American Legion Post 449



### NOON LUNCHES

*Monday Lunch- Soup - Pizza*

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