



*Four Forty Niner* is the official newsletter of  
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**MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS PLACEMENT**

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetary (rain or shine) located at Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, south side of the road, next to O'Donoghue's Irish Pub. Legionnaire Jim Young will be there to provide instructions for flag placement.

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**Commander's Report**

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

I am extremely grateful to several members of the Post for their financial support. Others are initiating fund raising programs.. We are steadily improving.

Chef Pierre provided a wonderful Easter Brunch, which many supported and enjoyed. We all appreciate his dedication. Thank You!!

May will be busy. Please cut the calendar from the newsletter and keep it on your bulletin board, to keep up with events.

Thanks to the following Kitchen Fund donors: Barbara and Frank Kruck, Lois and Frank Tessmer, Joanne and Ron Anderson, Robert Meurer, John Schreiber, Bob Kelly, and Don Hensch.

Thanks also to the following Recovery Fund donors: R. F. Garnes, Beverly and Ronald Wegner, and Dolores and Harvey Kroening.



**Mother's Day Brunch**

*Prepared by Chef Pierre & Legion Family*

**Sunday, May 11, 10:30 - 3:00**

**American Legion Post 449**

**3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield**

**Call for Reservations . . . (262) 781-0488**

**Adults: \$17.95 Children 6 to 12: \$9.95**

Carved Beef	Carved Ham	Roast Chicken	Home Fries
Omlets	Scrambled Eggs	Lasagne	Rice
Sausage	Bacon	Baked Cod	Vegetables
Belgium Waffles	Assorted Desserts	Salad Bar	
ORANGE JUICE	COFFEE \$1.50	MILK \$1.00	



**2014 ELM GROVE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

We will meet at the Post at **8:00 AM** departing at **8:30 AM**. They want participants to be at the staging area at **9:00 AM**. We will be staging in the same general area as in the past few years. Parade Kickoff is at **10:30 AM**.

The Parade Committee asks for **ALL** members of the American Legion Post 449 family—Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL—to participate. This is probably our biggest parade of the year. As in the past we are planning on having cars but most importantly **we will have a bus** for those who cannot walk.

After the parade, the Post Memorial Service will be held. If you have any questions feel free to contact a Parade Committee member: Bob Kelly, Pete Schiller, Lilli Schwantes, or Jerry Durian.



## CASINO EVENING FUNDRAISER

Many 'Thanks' to our sponsors listed below, all the many, many Donors, Big Al and his crew, Mike Daigle, Brandon Wing and Colette Hager, the Bar Staff (Jackie & Samantha), Badger Poker, Planning Committee (Pat Katisch, Mike Birchfield, Ryan Schaekel, Lilli Schwantes, Lylette Smith), Volunteers (Sue Braeger, Sierra Richmond, Dolores & Harvey Kroening, Shannon Hargraves, Bonnie Piszczek, Diane Larsen, Leslie Birchfield, Kathy Schiller, Garry Kennedy, Gayle Schneider, Pat Katisch, Ryan Schaekel, Lillie Schwantes, Mike Birchfield), Jim Schwantes for taking all the pictures, Fred Withrow for set up, Everyone that helped in any way, and ALL ATTENDEES!!

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## NOMINEES FOR 2015 - 2016 LEGION OFFICERS



**Commander** - Ron Anderson  
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**Finance Officer** - John Horter  
**Chaplain** - Harvin Abrahamson  
**Service Officer** - Richard Strehlow  
**Sgt-At-Arms** - Bill Roche

Voting will take place at the May 27th meeting when the floor will be open for nominations from the membership.

**Monday, May 26**  
**Memorial Day**  
*Special Music*  
*Commander's Choice*  
**Hat Trick**  
*1 pm to 5 pm*

**One More Time Band**  
Playing for your dancing pleasure  
Every Second Monday of the month  
From 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
At America Legion Post 449  
\$3.00/Person Donation Appreciated

# 449 LIVE MUSIC LOUNGE

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

**WEDNESDAY 7:30 - 10:30      FRIDAY 5 - 10:30**

**SATURDAY 8 - Midnite**

### Wednesday

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

### Every Friday (5-7)



**Joyce Bevan Entertains**

### Friday(7-10:30)

5/2 Mike Eve  
5/9 Chris Vesche  
5/16 Frankie Donn  
5/23 Bobby Way  
5/30 Pat Crawford

### Saturday(8-Midnite)

5/3 Ricochettes  
5/10 Rev. Raven  
5/17 The Starlites  
5/24 Rick Holmes (R&B)  
5/31 Rockin' Robins

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

## Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977

Your Honor Guard is having a very busy year. Since July 1, 2013, they have participated in 147 Military Honors Funerals.



**Last Bugle (Members)...** (a card, a scroll, a ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch were presented).

Gail Beyer WWII

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

Clarence Zastrow WWII

Vern Shanahan WWII

Harold Clemens Korea

Robert Kingsbury Peacetime

Allen Kelves Peacetime

Donald Wegner Korea

Paul Biedenwieden WWII

Harold Barkow WWII

Matt Lehtimaki WWII

Max Lemberger WWII

Robert Thiede Vietnam

Carl Zimmermann WWII, Korea

Edwin Klemann WWII

William Kimble WWII

**Sick Bay:** None reported

### Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families for their generous donations to our Post for the Honor Guard; The Metzfeld Family, The Crotteau Family, The Dietze Family, The Kroening Family, and the Krueger Family.

The Honor Guard is still looking for new members. If you feel you may be interested in becoming a member, please contact myself or any other Honor Guard member.

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

1- On July 4<sup>th</sup>, veterans + 4 family members can get free admission to Summerfest.

2- From May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, Fire Base Camp American Legion is open for A Help To Heal Week for veterans, active duty and families

3- The U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recently began notifying 55,000 VFW members that their names, addresses and Social Security numbers may have been exposed when a hacker "gained access to the VFW's Web server through the use of a remote access Trojan and malicious code." "Based on other activity by the hacker, suspected to be from China, VFW has been informed that the purpose of the attack was not identity theft, but rather to gain access to information regarding military plans or contracts, and VFW has been in contact with federal law enforcement authorities regarding this potential threat," VFW Quartermaster General Robert B. Greene wrote in the notification letter [PDF]. "We cannot be certain this was the only motive, however, and the hacker accessed the type of information that puts you at risk for identity theft." All those affected are being advised to review their credit reports for unauthorized activity and to consider placing fraud alerts or security freezes on their credit files.

4- Veterans and active-duty military personnel with service-connected amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, are now presumed medically eligible for grants up to almost \$68,000 from the Department of Veterans

Affairs to adapt their homes. The program provides grants to eligible service-connected disabled veterans and service members to construct or modify a home to meet their unique housing needs. Grants are also available to help eligible individuals purchase adapted homes or pay down mortgages on homes that are already adapted.

5- Your County Veterans Service Officer is now able to Certify your Eligibility if you are interested in having the Veteran Identifier put on your Wisconsin Driver's License. Please bring in your original or Certified DD214 form your Active Duty along with a photo ID. Waukesha County Veterans Services Office is available to process your requests between 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday – Friday.

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.*

*THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU.*

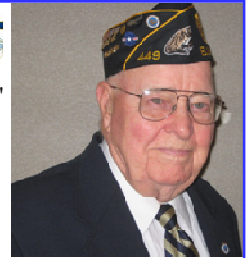


## Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson

The following "Hymn to a Departed Veteran" is dedicated to my WW II air crew and comrades who have gone on to their eternal rewards.

Melody: Eternal Father Strong to Save  
Words by Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain



You fought in air on land and sea.  
You fought our fight for liberty.  
In battles lost and battles won,  
Your courage shining like the sun,  
Your inspiration and your pow'r  
Sustained us through our shining hour.  
You were our strength through weary days  
Of conflicts long in every phase.  
Old friends are gathered here  
To say, "Good Bye" to someone dear.  
Another comrade's passed away.  
We wish him Godspeed on his way.  
Your tour of duty's at an end;  
As we say, "Thank you," Comrade, Friend.  
To other worlds you now may soar;  
Meet other comrades gone before.  
Our prayers are with in your quest.  
God grant you now eternal rest.  
Amen. Amen.

## From the Adjutant's Desk

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

Memorial Day is almost here. Amid the Memorial Day sales, picnics, and yard work, please take some time to remember those who gave everything for our freedom.

One thing that we all practiced in the service is teamwork. We need to stop the rumors, backstabbing and cliques and go back to functioning as a team in service to veterans both alive and dead. This is our mission. We seem to have forgotten this. I'm as guilty of this as anyone else. As we honor our dead, let's give some thought to reuniting and focus on helping Veterans.

Even though we have now surpassed last year's membership total, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of 805. Please continue recruiting.

*Kat, our bartender, has surpassed 100 total new recruits.* Way to go Kat.



### Remembering Our 2014 Deceased Family Members Legionnaires

Kenneth Schwerer  
Theodore Crawford  
Lionel Singer  
Edmund S. Soliwoda (Salty)  
Terrence Gilboy  
Oliver Moths  
Max Dietze  
Robert LeRoy  
Gail Beyer

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Jo Ann Ross  
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Service  
Post Member  
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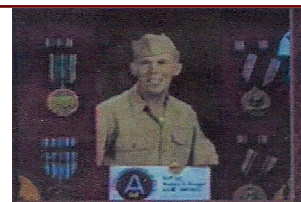
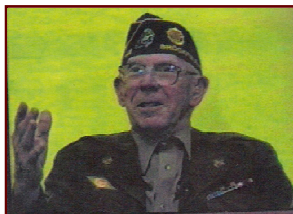


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### Wallace Krueger Interview

(LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

A DVD of this very interesting interview is available at the Post. To "sign-out" the DVD, contact Don Hensch, 449er Editor, at [ddhensch@milwpc.com](mailto:ddhensch@milwpc.com), or dial 262-786-0949.

Wallace (Wally) is a WWII Veteran, and a member of Post 449, who served in Germany. and shares a very interesting story of his service experiences, including his *face-to-face* meetings with General Patton and Hermann Göring, and his duty during the Nuremberg Trials.

Wally was drafted at the age of 18, after graduation from Washington High School, Milwaukee. The DVD "walks" you through his military experiences after he was drafted to when he returned to the States.

This is an approximate 43 minute video. There is no cost to enjoy this DVD.

Wally's wife of 66 years, Marjorie, passed away on March 26th. Our condolences to him, daughter Claudia (husband Doug), son John (wife Elizabeth), grandchildren and great grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

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*Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities*

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## The President's Message...

By: Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107  
beacon03@yahoo.com

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

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY &  
MEMORIAL DAY**



Casino Evening was a spectacular event!! This would not have been possible without the support of our 16 Sponsors! Thank you to each of you. Thank you to all of our Donors, Big Al and his crew, the Bar Staff, Badger Poker, Our Planning Committee, Volunteers and All *the* many Attendees!! This was amazing! The Auxiliary would like to thank each and every person who helped and contributed in some way. It took teamwork to make this a fabulous event!!!

Congratulations to LaVonne Biedenbender who was "Queen for the Evening" for being the raffle basket lady. Congratulations LaVonne!!

1st District Spring Conference in Union Grove was attended by 13 Auxiliary Members and we had more attendees than any other unit. Thank you ladies for supporting Unit 449!

The WALASBA State Bowling on April 5th and 6th went very well and everyone had a great time!

Thank you to our Nominating Committee, Doris Riepel, Chairman, and committee members Sandy Dearing and Betty Bertino for all their hard work getting the slate of candidates that are running for 2014-2016. The slate is shown in the next column.

The May Meeting will be May 20, 2014, at 7:00pm and elections will be held. The crowning of the Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy will also be held on May 20th. May is Poppy month. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for the fallen, and serves as a public awareness tool for the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Pass on the poppy, promote patriotism and share our legacy of "Service Not Self". Please consider helping with the distribution of Poppies. Please see Dolores Kroening to sign-up for the Poppy distribution on May 16th and 17th.

Welcome to all of our "New Members". Please continue to work to increase membership. We are all responsible for membership.

Please be a team; think about what we can do rather than what we can't do. Positivity never loses its power! Walt Disney once said, "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing".

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for May 2014: 4) Eunice Hanson, 6) Murlyn Dietze, 10) Arlyne Lambrecht, Mary Ann Passon, 11) Leslie Birchfield, 12) Mary Schwartz, Patti Diekfuss, 21) Hope Draak. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above for the month of May. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR  
SUPPORT!**

- May 1 Kentucky Derby Sign-In and Raffle Saturday 11:30a.m.
- May 7 Past Presidents "Lilacs & Lace" Card Party and Social 11 :30, lunch at noon followed by cards.
- May 14 Bingo at Zablocki VA Hospital with Veterans 9th Floor 1:30 - 3:00pm
- May 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm - Elections
- May 22 Blood Drive 2:00 - 6:00pm - Call Carol Lers for information (see page 7)
- July 17 - 20 Midsummer Conference, Appleton

## SLATE OF AUXILIARY NOMINEES FOR 2014-2016

President . . . . . Lylette Smith  
1st Vice President . . . Kathy McCarthy  
2nd Vice President. . . Colleen Rupert  
Treasurer. . . . . Dolores Kroening  
Chaplain. . . . . Sandra Dearing  
Sgt.-At.-Arms. . . . . Bonnie Piszczek  
Historian. . . . . Lilli Schwantes

Voting will take place at the May 20th meeting when the floor will be open for nominations from the membership.

*Submitted by the Nominating Committee...  
Doris Riepel, Sandy Dearing, and Betty Bertino*

## Hello From 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Colleen Rupert

(414) 336-8261 [colleen\\_rupert2002@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen_rupert2002@yahoo.com) time.

**Hello Everyone!!**

There's a saying, "April showers bring May flowers" but I don't recall it saying SNOW. We would like to thank our special guest, Patricia Clason, from HEALING WARRIOR HEARTS.

Let's give a big thanks to our hostesses at the April 15th meeting who were Doris Riepel, Jan Waldron, Kitty Larkin and Jean Ramlow. The food was great! Our hostesses for May 20th will be Chris Ertl, Carol Rzepny and Dolores Kroening.

We are still collecting school supplies. Until next time,

**God Bless**

## Chaplain Sandy's Message

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



There is price for freedom and it costlier than gold. All the wealth of our nation could not purchase our liberties, but only through the sacrifices of the brave men and women who give of their lives daily can we remain free. As our nation celebrates Memorial Day, we remember our soldiers who have given all they had, their very life and breath. We wear our red poppies to remember the blood that so many have shed for our freedom.

This Memorial Day as we honor those who have given their lives for our freedom, let us never forget the sacrifices they made or take them for granted. Let the red poppies we wear always remind us that blood is worth more than gold and that our freedom came with a price.

We thank God for the blessings of our nation and those who have fought to keep us free. We also thank God for His Son who shed His blood at Calvary so we could be free from the power of sin and death.

"So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." *John 8:36*  
He is the One who "gave His life as a ransom for many."

*Luke 10:45*

## In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

Submitted By Dolores Kroening

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row by row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead, Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high,  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields*

## SEE YOU ON

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH**

**"Lilacs & Lace"**

**Past Presidents**

**CARD PARTY & LUNCHEON**

Cocktails @ 11 a.m. . . . Luncheon @ 12 Noon

Cards or Games of Your Choice, Or Just Socialize

Pre-Registration Required

## Anita's May Message

By: Anita (Sam) Catura



Well ladies, we are closing in on that membership goal of 479 members. As of this writing, we are at 448. Our personal goal is to reach 479 (or better) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. YES, WE CAN DO IT!!

"Thanks" to all of you who have either called or mailed your dues so quickly. I loved hearing from every one and would love to meet every one of you someday.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Susan Weed	Recruited By: Kat Kalyvas
Kathleen Riley	Recruited By: Kat Kalyvas
Mary Wilcott	Recruited By: Kat Kalyvas
Lynn Lueck	Recruited By: Colleen Rupert
Samantha Spahr-Vitucci	Recruited By: Jackie Maier and Ryan Schaekel
Diane Crowley	Recruited By: ???
Barbara Alpert	Recruited By: Dana Lustig
Patricia Katsich	Recruited By: Lylette Smith
Linda Mansfield	Recruited By: Lylette Smith
Patricia Wood	Recruited By: Kat Kalyvas
Lorraine Zaborske	Recruited By: Fish Fry volunteer

### WELCOME BACK:

Gail Landskron . . . Rejoined 449

### IN MEMORIUM

Genevieve Clark - Found peace on March 24, 2014 at age 92. She was preceded in death by her husband Harvey. Our condolences to her daughter Diana, sons Harvey (Cheryl) and Richard (Kathy), and 8 grandchildren. She was a 22 year member.

I do have to include a note of apology. In my haste to do my first newsletter article last month, I failed to mention my partner in membership, Laura Roche. For that I am so sorry Laura! Some of you may have gotten a call from Laura, regarding your renewal. I hope you gave her good news and you are sending in your dues for 2014. Time is running out! "Thank you Laura" for taking the extra time to make these calls.

I also owe an apology to Dolores Kroening. She deserves such a HUGE THANK YOU from yours truly and the Auxiliary. She is such a "GEM", spending endless hours working with me and supporting the Membership Goals, and deadlines. It is so important to have someone as knowledgeable and experienced as Dolores, to mentor the less experienced members, like myself. AND her patience is remarkable. THANK YOU!!!!!!

**Keep those memberships coming in!!!**

Your Unit 449 Membership Team  
Sam Catura & Laura Roche

# MOVE OUT



Join Us for **FREE** Low-Impact Exercise Sessions Every Tuesday Evening @ 5:00 P.M.

American Legion Post 449  
3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield  
Hall to the left

MOVE OUT is sponsored by the VA Medical Center. Please call Nancy Wilke @ (414) 384-2000, Ext. 42893 if you have questions



**Come Gamble with Us!**

June 7, 2014

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

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**AUXILIARY  
POPPY  
DONATION**

Once a year, we seek donations for veteran made poppies, the memorial flower of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

Enclosed with the April newsletter was a self-addressed envelope to be used for your donation to our VA&R fund, with a poppy inside the envelope for you to wear. The poppy represents the poppies that bloomed in the battlefields of France during World War I. Remember the sacrifice our service people made so that we can keep our nation strong and free.

Checks should be made payable to ALA Unit 449, and mailed to Dolores Kroening, W178N9739 Riversbend Cir W., Germantown, WI 53022

We will be distributing poppies in the Elm Grove/Brookfield area on May 16th and 17th.

Volunteers are needed for an hour or more. Call me for a specific time and place (262-253-0994)

*Dolores Kroening (Mrs. Harvey), Poppy Chairman*

### **Auxiliary State Bowling, Green Bay 2014**



Back row: Mary Garnier, Melinda Gladney, Joan Schmit, Jean Ramow, Carol Lers, Mary Ellen Crandall  
Front row: Jennifer Michaels, LaVonne Biedenbender, Colleen Rupert, Charity Pook, Marion Kolsch

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### **2014 AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**Riviera Lanes, Green Bay—April 5-6**

#### **TEAM EVENT w/Hdcp**

1. 449 Jets	2247	Marion Kolsch-518, Joan Schmit-589, Mary Garnier 642, Charity Pook-518	
2. Four Forty Niners	1817	LaVonne Biedenbender-478, Melinda Gladney-436, Jen Michaels-486, Colleen Rupert-419	
3. The Caboose	1809	Carol Lers-364, Mary Ellen Crandall-446, Jean Ramlow-509, Judy Steinkraus-490	

#### **Team High Game Scratch**

1. Joan Schmit	217
2. Mary Garnier	196-198
3. Marion Kolsch	190
4. Charity Pook	157

#### **Doubles w/Hdcp**

1. M. Garnier / J. Schmit	1144
2. M. Kolsch / C. Pook	1068
3. L. Biedenbender/M. Gladney	955
4. J. Michaels / Colleen Rupert	937

#### **Doubles High Game Scratch**

1. Mary Garnier	202
2. Marion Kolsch	186-184
3. Joan Schmit	175-167
4. Charity Pook	168

#### **Singles w/Hdcp**

1. Marion Kolsch	650
2. Joan Schmit	629
3. Charity Pook	581

#### **Singles High Game Scratch**

4. Judy Steinkraus	564	1. Marion Kolsch	242-193-212
5. Melinda Gladney	507	2. Joan Schmit	240-174
6. Mary Garnier	503	3. Melinda Gladney	180
		4. Mary Garnier	177

**Destination Appleton in 2015. Start planning ladies, we need more bowlers next year!**

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**S.A.L. Commanders Message . .**

By Leigh Rainer, Squadron 449 Commander

**Let's hear it for your S.A.L. Color guard.**

We've been invited to present the Colors at two "Honor Flight" homecomings, the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the June 7<sup>th</sup> Flights. This is the kind of stuff that makes me proud to be an S.A.L. member and Commander, and to represent our American Legion Post 449.

If you have the time, please come out and join us as we welcome home our veterans.

My heroes are those who risked their lives to protect us and our country, to make it a better place to live. They are our Armed Forces and our Veterans. We, the members of your S.A.L, say THANK YOU. Have a wonderful Memorial Day.

**Thank you for your support!!**

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



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SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2014**

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**Tee Time-10:00 am**

**Brookfield Hills Golf Course**

**Dinner Time-5:00 PM @ Post 449**

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**Menu**

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Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ People @ \$19/Person

**Deadline Tues. June 10th — NO EXCEPTIONS**

**June 3, at 7 pm, the Squadron will be voting on the 2014-2015 Officers.**

**NOMINEES FOR 2014 – 2015 S.A.L. OFFICERS**

**Commander**—Leigh Rainer

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice** - Brandon Wing

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice** - Open

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice** - Open

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

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



I am pleased to announce that on Good Friday, April 18th of this year, I became an ordained minister in the Christian National Church. So yes, I can now legally officiate & solemnize marriages; however, that is not the reason I chose to become ordained. As Chaplain of both Squadron 449, as well as the Detachment of Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion, people were often confused when I informed them that I was not an ordained minister. Some people questioned why I never mentioned Jesus in my prayers, not understanding that, as Chaplain, protocol requires me to remain non-denominational, and requires me to embrace members of all faiths, just like the US Military does!

Never forget that we are all God's children and we should all act accordingly. It saddens me that many people cannot overcome their prejudice and look beyond the "packaging" to what is inside a person's heart. Easter is now past, but PLEASE, do not forget its very real message of hope and resurrection into a new life.

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**ADMISSION IS \$7.00**  
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**262-641-0211**

**What's Wrong With This Scene?????**

On the lobby bulletin board there is a "Sign-Up Sheet" for Friday Night Fish Fry Greeters. Take a close look at it when entering the Post. There are only two names predominately on the list . . . Bob Kelly & Alan Johnson. Pete Schiller, Rod Haines and Garry Kennedy (SAL) are the only other volunteer greeters who have 'stepped up'.

Volunteer greeters do not have to spend the full 4:30 to 8:30 period greeting; work only the time you want to. It's not hard work opening the door for the disabled, and/or saying "good evening welcome to Post 449". A greeter does not have to be continually standing; you can sit if you want or need to.

If we are such a great, caring Post, why is it so difficult to volunteer for this easy, simple task? Some of us cannot drive at night, have medical problems, or have other issues prohibiting volunteering. This is understandable and we know that 'if you could you would'. *But* - there are still others that could and it is to those we are looking to for help.

So, won't you please *step-up-to-the-plate* and place your signature on the Fish Fry Greeter Sheet.



### **COUPLE'S DARTBALL**

#### **LEAGUE**

American Legion Post 449  
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*The League starts Wednesday May 7th @ 6:00 pm.*  
 See 'Roster Sheets' on the lobby bulletin board.  
 League's goal is to enjoy fellowship while enjoying the game of dartball.

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 Hope to see all the smiley faces again this year!





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### A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

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

If you would like to receive our newsletter, *Bits 'N' Pieces* by e-mail, let us know. E-mail us, at [lynn@nationalalliance.org](mailto:lynn@nationalalliance.org) and ask to be added to the distribution list.

**April 5, 2014: Another Early Rave Review for *Abandoned in Place*, The Men We Left Behind and the Untold Story of Operation Pocket Change the Joint Special Operations Command Planned Rescue of American POWs Held in Laos Six Years After the End of the Vietnam War by Lynn O'Shea -**

**From - Dr. Jeffrey Donahue, brother of Maj. Morgan Donahue, MIA in Laos since December 13, 1968.**

*Abandoned in Place* is the product of Lynn O'Shea's nonpareil archival research into the Indochina POW-MIA issue. It is the culmination of over 25 years of meticulous and disciplined research and analysis, and it is a book the Department of Defense, the State Department, the CIA, and the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia will wish never had been written. *Abandoned in Place* puts to rest the debate whether American servicemen were left behind in captivity after the end of the Indochina war.

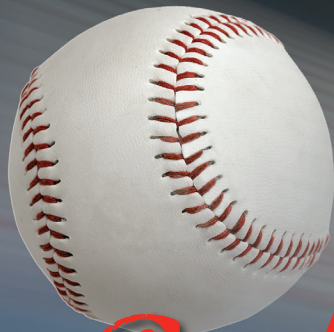
While concentrating on the U.S. Government's staggeringly inept actions regarding POWs in a prison camp in Laos six years after Operation Homecoming, Lynn masterfully connects a mind-boggling array of dots to not only affirm the truth of the Indochina POW-MIA issue but also to rigorously convey *how* and *why* the U.S. government knowingly left men behind and then covered it up. Lynn has woven together tens of thousands of documents and countless hours of interviews to produce a cogent and unassailable profile of one of the most tragic episodes of modern American history. *Abandoned in Place* will become the "go to" reference work on the Indochina POW-MIA issue. Sadly, don't read it if you have high blood pressure.

*Abandoned in Place* is a thorough rebuttal of the claims of those who deny the truth of the POW-MIA issue, including John Kerry and John McCain who in fact were catalysts for the U.S. Government turning its back on the POW-MIAs. Knowledge is power, and when confronted with a skeptical or uninformed opinion on the POW-MIA issue, all one has to say is, "Read this book."

War unequivocally and absolutely is hell, and the military always has been sacrificed in the pursuit of foreign policy. The men left behind in Indochina and their families and friends have known a deeper hell than most because they trusted the U.S. Government to bring all the POWs home. The path of blame leads straight to Washington, D.C. and the incompetence, mendacity, lies, deceit and prevarication that went hand-in-hand with ego-bound officials who valued their careers higher than the men who were willing to sacrifice their lives for their country.

*Abandoned in Place* is a tribute to all POWs and MIAs in Indochina, and to all who hoped and prayed that someday the truth would be revealed so compellingly.

Visit the website for *Abandoned in Place* at <http://www.abandonedinplaceblog.com> Also visit the *Abandoned in Place* page on Facebook Page and give it a LIKE.



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