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Stay Tuned!!

*Big Al's Tom and Jerry Party
December 20, 3 to 8 p.m.*

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Commander's Report...

By Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195
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The year is rapidly coming to a close, and we have much to be thankful for. We are grateful for the good health we enjoy, the company of friends and members and the continued improvements in our post. Many have contributed much to successful events to meet the goals we set.

Our new amplifier is installed and works great. Our post is in good shape, but most importantly our \$ 25,587 road tax and the \$1,200 interest is paid in full. My sincere thanks to those who loaned us their money, the donations of corporate supporters, and the tireless work of many volunteers over these several months.

Veterans Day Parade downtown is Saturday, Nov. 7. Participants will meet at Post at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30.

Let's celebrate at our 69th Post Birthday Party on December 6th. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Don't forget to remember our troops in your prayers.

WE ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS

1st Vice Message...

By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153

Greetings to all!

As membership committee chairperson, I would like to strongly encourage all members from our 449 family to renew annual dues before 01 Dec 2015. There has been an increase in Legion dues by National for 2016 in the amount of \$5. If your Legion dues are paid by this date, the full dues money that is allotted by National and Department will still go to the POST. If not, the POST is obligated to provide more funding to National and Department.

I would like to establish a dedicated number of folks to re-decorate the lounge area. My intention is to have a FULL representation of all services and conflicts. I feel it would be appropriate to have a wall or area for all the services. I would like to do this on the morning of 22 Nov 15. We have the full support of the Auxiliary, so we can ensure that the pictures will be straight and color oriented!

Keep Calm, And Four Pillars Strong!



Finance Officer's Report...

By Harvey Kroening (262-253-0994)

Hallelujah! The Robin Lane Assessment has been PAID IN FULL to the City Brookfield. \$23,538.86 Plus interest amount of \$1,235.79

THANKS TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS:

ALA Unit 449 BBQ	ALA Unit 449	Oktoberfest profit
Post Dartball League	Richard Porto	Rosalie Schober
Mark Gaeth	Joe Becker	Robert A. Schultz
Uptown Motors	William Simon	Harvey Kroening
Ronald Anderson	Kitty Larkin	Arlyne Lambrecht
Legion Post 449	Harder Funeral Home	
Krause Funeral Home	ALA Unit 449 Past Presidents	
Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home		Mon; Night tacos
All Services Dinner Raffles		Sat. wheel profit
Larry & Susan's sign-in		Mon. wheel profit
Packer Game food donations		

Stefan Zuber purchased WI Memorial burial plots

Slushi drinks sold at Packer Party

WOW! Isn't that something. In three months we wiped it out. Next, lets get "POP" wiped out too.

Burial Plots Still Available At:

Wisconsin Memorial Park	Pinelawn Memorial Park
Box 12, Lot 555, Space 6	Section 9, Block A, Lot 186
Value \$2500, asking \$1700	Value \$4200, asking \$3500

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Section 1, Block F, Lot 525, Space 2
Value \$2000, asking \$1500

Please Contact Harvey Kroening

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Adjutant's Report...

By Mike Cannon (414-464-7885)



URGERT NOTICE DUES UPDATE

A resolution passed at the National Convention 2015 to raise the National portion of the dues by \$5.00.

Question: How does this effect my Post 449 membership dues?

Answer: At this time, Post 449 dues will stay at \$40 per year. Post 449 dues are \$40. The Post pays \$25 per member which the State and National take their portion. Our Post only keeps \$15 out of the \$40 from each member. After Dec. 31, 2015, the Post will pay \$30 per member to the State and National. This means Post 449 will only keep \$10.

Question: How can I as a member of Post 449 help?

Answer: Pay your dues before Christmas 2015 and the Post will keep \$15 of the \$40. Pay after Dec. 31, 2015, the Post only gets \$10. The deadline for the Post is Dec. 31, 2015 as membership needs to be post marked before Dec. 31, 2015. So please pay before Christmas.

- At this time the Executive Board cannot raise the Post dues. In the future the Board may submit papers to National to increase the dues. An increase in dues could not take effect till 2017.
- Please help your Post and pay your dues before Christmas 2015. If you have any questions about membership, please call me at 414-464-7885

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 5,
1:30 - 5:30 P.M.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 449
3245 N. 124th St.
Brookfield, Wisconsin



Contact Carol Lers At
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to schedule your appointment

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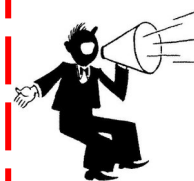
LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE SESSIONS:

EVERY TUESDAY 5 P.M.

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You Do Not Have to be a Post Member or a Veteran—
This is for Everyone!



HONOR GUARD FUNDRAISER FOR THE POST RAFFLES, FOOD AND WHEEL

Saturday December 19, 2015

11:30 a.m. Serving food till it's gone.

There will be two items to choose from.

Choice #1: Corn beef sandwich, Chips, pickle and dessert. \$7.00

Choice #2: Traditional Irish Stew, rye bread, and dessert. \$7.00

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

Come and support the Post and have some fun. The Honor Guard will be selling the raffle tickets and doing the money wheel.

Food cooked by The Cannon's!!

Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977



Last Bugle (Members)...

Thomas Savignac, WWII
Leon Kramer, Korea

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



Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

Joan Mattlach, Korea	Constantine Andruscavage, WWII
Stavri Joeseph, WWII	Charles Mack, Peace Time
Milson Price, WWII	Jack Holloway, WWII
Henry Tillman, Vietnam	Robert Minarovic, Vietnam
Donald Gehl, Korea	James Bemis, WWII
Wallace Klager, WWII	Carl Lunowa, Korea
Walter Zorn, Korea	Don Gilchrist, Peace Time
Clark Nagel Classified	Thomas Makens, WWII

(A cartridge pouch and scroll were presented.)

Sick Bay:

James Grieb

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: Boyle Family, Lectenber Family, Weis Family, Price Family, Moersfelder Family, Andruscavage Family, Savignac Family, and Klager Family.

The Commander, Myself, Pete Schiller, Bill Ochowicz and Bill Roche went to visit fellow Legionnaire James Grieb. We were honored in being able to present James with his 70-year continuous membership certificate. Hopefully, this will appear in The Badger Legionnaire.

The Honor Guard is looking to recruit some new members.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact me or any other member.

V.A. News & Info:

1- Military families and retirees who regularly refill some brand-name medications at retail pharmacies will need to either switch to home delivery, get their drugs at a military treatment facility or start paying for them out of pocket beginning October 1. Right now, Tricare subsidizes all covered brand-name medication at in-network, civilian retail pharmacies. Users pay \$20 for a 30 day supply, while Tricare covers the remaining cost. But the new rule will force users who buy "maintenance" drugs at those locations to pay the entire cost out pocket. The change only impacts prescription drug refills considered "maintenance" medications by Tricare because they are refilled and taken regularly to treat chronic health problems like high cholesterol, allergies or anxiety. Brand-name drugs filled for any other reason, like short-term pain or antibiotics, will still be covered at the current rate. Users will also be able to fill at a retail pharmacy an initial 30-day supply of a new maintenance drug before switching to the mail order or MTF systems, officials said. Mail-order brand-name drugs will continue to cost users \$16 for a 90-day supply. All drugs filled at a military treatment facility (MTF) will continue to be free.

2- The VA has determined a list of Ships or boats that were part of the **Mobile Riverine Force, Inshore Fire Support (ISF)**

Division 93 or had **one of the following designations** operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam. Veterans whose military records confirm they were aboard these ships qualify for presumption of herbicide exposure. **AGP** (Assault Group Patrol/Patrol Craft Tender)**LCM** (Landing Craft, Mechanized)**LCU** (Landing Craft, Utility)**LCVP** (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel)**LST** (Landing Ship, Tank)**PBR** (Patrol Boat, River)**PCF** (Patrol Craft, Fast or Swift Boat)**PG** (Patrol Gunboat)**STABS** (Strike Assault Boats)**WAK** (Cargo Vessel)**WHEC** (High Endurance Cutter)**WLB** (Buoy Tender)**WPB** (Patrol Boat)**YFU** (Harbor Utility Craft).

3- American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett repeated his organization's call for Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Benefits Allison Hickey to resign amid new allegations of more wrongdoing by senior VA executives. "In 2014, then-National Commander Dan Dellinger called on the VA secretary, the under secretary for Health and under secretary for Benefits to all step down due to widespread scandals that infected the entire department," Barnett said "While the VA secretary and under secretary for Health did step down, Under Secretary Hickey ignored the wishes of veterans and stayed on. Now, we have VA's own **Inspector General's office** determining that two senior executives under Hickey inappropriately used their positions to benefit from an overly-generous relocation policy. It's disturbing to read terms like 'criminal referrals' and 'coerced' in an official report about an agency that was created to serve veterans. It is time for Under Secretary Hickey to finally do the right thing and resign."

May God bless our Veterans and Fallen Heroes

Chaplain's Corner...

By Harvin Abrahamson

I was born in Chicago and was raised in a rural community in east central WI. Because there was no law involving entry age, I enrolled in 1st grade at age five in a one-room rural school. Though the walk to and from school each day was four miles, I had my brother and other older boys as companions. A month after beginning school, "Black Friday" occurred and the Great Depression began.

In 2 Corinthians Chapter 9, Paul writes, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance." He goes on to say, "That by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good works."

During the Depression, had we been asked, "did we have enough of everything, I am certain our answers would have been a resounding "No!" However, because everyone in the community followed the words, "Make over, make do, or do without," and with farmers helping farmers who were in need—plus a simple faith in God, everyone survived and no one had to ask the government for "Relief." (Welfare was known as 'Relief' during the depression.) In these days of central heating, A/C, computers, cell phones, HDTV, etc. we are still inclined to say, "We do not have enough."

In this month of November, let us be thankful to our departed veterans for their sacrifice and God on Thanksgiving Day, for his giving in abundance. Today, may these words inspire us to give generously when our Department and our Post request funds to help the many who are in need.

God bless our troops, you, your comrades and families.



Report from the Bar Manager

By: Bill Simon (414) 520-0425

First, I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and to let everyone know that the Post will be closed that day to allow all our employees to enjoy the day with their families.

We will be open on Friday, November 27th for our Fish Fry and invite you to get that special "cook" out of the kitchen and enjoy a night out and also some great music.

General Meetings will once again be offering a light lunch to go with that cold beer. The lunch will change each month, and we are asking for a \$2 donation to help offset the cost that is being paid by the bar and prepared by the Auxiliary. Please come to the meetings and enjoy the lunch.

The holidays are coming fast. You might want to consider the Legion sweatshirt, sweater or jacket for that special person. We have them in red and blue except for the winter jackets—blue only. We also have a supply of "shell" type Legion jackets; this one comes in red or blue.

We had a great time at the All Services Dinner but the turnout was disappointing. Out of over 400 plus members (all veterans) only about 50 members attended. This will be held again next year; we hope all of you will try and attend.

Start now making plans for our Post Birthday Party on December 6th.

Last, but not least, a big welcome to our newest bartender Shannon Daigle (Hargraves!).

*Don't listen to rumors—
attend the meetings and get the facts.*



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OKTOBERFEST THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Tammy Thompson, David Boyd, Kirstin & Chris Stoltmann, Jennifer Michaels, Sarah Michaels, Bill Kolander, Bill Simon, Laura Roche, Jennifer Schiller, Bonnie Piszczek, Joyce Oglesby, Jim & Linda Cofta, Kay Cucinello, Kat Kalyvas, Ernie Jaekl, Lylette Smith, Kitty Larkin, Bill Roche for helping in the kitchen, Shannon & Mike Daigle for running the Liquor raffle, Everyone who donated the liquor, Dolores & Harvey Kroening, Ron Anderson, Chris Vesche and Frank Sternisha for playing the German Music, all the Ladies from the Auxiliary who graciously donated time to bake all the delicious German Chocolate cakes, everyone who came to support and donate to the Oktoberfest and the Road Assessment. A huge thank you to Everyone for their time, help and support!

Thank you, Alex Kolander

STENZ-GRIESELL-SMITH POST 449



*Celebrates its 69th Birthday
Sunday, December 6, 2015*

And You Are Invited To Help Us

(Charter was received April 1946)



5-6:00 P.M. Cocktails (cash bar) with music by Joyce Bevan
6:00 P.M. Dinner Announced and Program 6:30 P.M. Dinner is Served

Sliced Ham and Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn,
Dinner Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Birthday Cake

7:30 P.M. Raffle by the Auxiliary

8:00 P.M. "One More Time" Dance Band

\$25 per person Limited seating



Please make check payable to American Legion Post 449 and Mail to Ron Anderson,
1116 N. 117th St., Wauwatosa WI 53226 Telephone # 414-774-8195 OR give to a bartender

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, November 30, 2015. If more than 6 or 8 persons, PLEASE CALL RON.

(NO REFUNDS AFTER THE 30TH)



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The President's Message...

By Lylette Smith (414) 378-4107
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“SERVICE, NOT SELF”

The Auxiliary would like to thank ALL VETERANS for their service, sacrifices, & duty to our nation. Please check out our book in the front entry, with several of our Veterans pictures and biographies. All Veterans are welcome to add their picture & biography to the book. If anyone needs help, please let me know, I would be willing to help in any way. Please join us on November 7th for the Veterans Day Parade in DT Milwaukee. Also, join us on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. for the Veterans Day Service by the SAL & at 6:00 p.m. for the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Please come to our November monthly meeting on Nov. 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. It is great to know what is happening, socialize with your friends, meet new friends and be part of the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world. We have many great opportunities for members to volunteer for, which fulfills our mission to help Veterans and military families. Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who have paid their 2016 dues. For the members that are not yet paid, please mail your \$22.00 dues to Sam Catura, drop them off in the boxes at the Post or bring your dues to our Nov. 17th meeting. Checks should be made out to ALA Unit 449.

Cookies for Soldiers is a project the Auxiliary will be working on. We will be getting cookies from a group of people willing to help our Soldiers and they usually collect around 200 dozen cookies. We will collect the cookies on Dec. 6th and 7th from this group of people, which has no name, they get together in their neighborhood to bake and deliver cookies. We will pick up and package the cookies on December 8th, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will need many, many hands to help us with this project. Please consider volunteering to help package the cookies. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the front lobby, by November 18, 2015 for people to sign up to help with packaging.

Diane Larsen will be working on Stockings for Soldiers in the month of November. Please buy Christmas stockings & fill with items for Soldiers. The following is a list of some items the Soldiers are in need of & a list will be put on the bulletin board in the front lobby; Candy Canes, Hard Candy, Jolly Ranchers, Chewing Gum, Mints, Multivitamins, Vitamin Tablets or drops, Moisturizer, Lip Balm, Shampoo, Eye Drops, Sun Block, Batteries – AA & AAA, Deck of Playing Cards, Crossword Puzzles, Dominos, CD's & DVD's. Last year we donated 70 stockings, so this year let's see if we can ship 100 Christmas stockings to our Soldiers.

If you would like to make donations for this project, please give to Diane Larsen or anyone on the Auxiliary Executive Committee.

Children's Christmas Party—Bring your children & grandchildren to the post on Sat., December 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a joint party by the SAL, Auxiliary & the Legion. A Christmas Story will be read from 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Children will be entertained by the Mad Scientist from 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. All children eat free starting at 11:15 a.m. There will be games for the children. The Auxiliary will be collecting toys, stuffed animals and gift cards (\$10.00) for ages infants through 12 year olds, valued at approximately \$10.00 each (no Dollar Store toys, please). Please do not wrap the toys; they can be brought to the November 17th meeting, at 7 p.m., given to any member or left at the bar. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's Special Elf, "Al", will be there from Noon to 1 p.m., to greet the children, and pictures will be taken of each child with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's Special Elf "Al". Everyone is welcome. Please bring your children and have FUN!

The Auxiliary "Holiday Styles with Sparkle" Fashion Show is Saturday, November 14. Please send in your reservations by Nov. 10. Cost is only \$27 per person. Seats are limited so get your reservations in soon. Cocktails start at 11 a.m., Lunch is at 12 Noon and the Style Show starts at 1 p.m. Fashions by "A Little Pizzazz" of Cedarburg.

Thank you to Sam Catura for being the Chairman of our Halloween Raffle & Sign-in on October 31st. Thank you to Kathy Schiller for all her help with buying the meat and organizing the meat and liquor raffle with Sam, and Kathy Schiller for making the scrumptious spaghetti dinner. Thank you to Pat Mustapich for securing the Green Bay Packer autographed football, Packer jacket and pin. It was the biggest hit of all the raffles. Thank you to all the Auxiliary Ladies for donating raffles and the desserts and to everyone who helped in any way & a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Raffle and Sign-in, in any way.

Since we didn't have an October Newsletter, we would like to wish a belated Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for October, 2015: Katie Bloedorn, Millie Wdowicki, Kathy Johnson, Leslie Gray, Jo Pasbrig, Lynn Kelly, Marie Zellmer, Colleen Rupert, Theresa Seegert, and Betty Bertino.

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for November, 2015: 4) Pat Ranz, 5) Kristine Vesche, 6) Shannon Daigle, 7) Dolores Kroening, 10) Melinda Gladney, 12) Bonnie Piszczek, 16) Emme J. Kuether, 17) Kathy McCarthy, 19) Beverly Gunther and Mary Runnells, 21) Pat Katisch, 25) Janese Baket, 29) Betty Conlon and Twin Sister Patsy Gutierrez. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names are not mentioned above. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

*◆Please keep all of our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers◆
God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!*

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- Nov 4, Wed.....Assemble Newsletter - 11:00am, Dolores Kroening
- Nov 5, Thurs.....Blood Drive – 1:30pm-5:30pm in Hall, Carol Lers
- Nov 7, Sat.....Veteran's Day Parade – meet 8:00am at Post LV 8:30am
- Nov 11, Wed....SAL Veterans Ceremony – 11:00am
Legion Flag Disposal Ceremony – 6:00pm
- Nov 14, Sat.....Auxiliary Luncheon/Fashion Show – 11:00am
- Nov 17, Tue.....Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00pm
- Nov 18, Wed....Metcalfe School Americanism Program, 1—2:15pm
County Meeting – 7:00pm Hartland Post
- Nov 21, Sat.....USS Milwaukee Commissioned – 1:00pm
- Dec 6, Sun.....Post Birthday Party – 5:00pm Cocktails
- Dec 7, Mon.....Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 8, Tue.....Cookies for Soldiers (sign-up sheet out 11/18/15)-10am
- Dec 10, Thurs...Fill Children's Christmas Stockings – 1:00pm
- Dec 12, Sat.....Children's Christmas Party – 10:00am-1:00pm
- Dec 15, Tue.....Auxiliary Christmas Party/Meeting—7pm.

Chaplain Sandy's Message...

By Sandy Dearing sandrakdearing@gmail.com

Greetings to All!!!

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:3

This is the promise that God gave to Abraham when he called him out from his home into a strange land. This strange new land would come to be known as the nation of Israel, the land set apart for the Jewish people. This promise to Abraham calls on us to bless the nation of Israel and pray for them. As written in the Psalms; "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure." Psalm 122:5. As we pray for our country and our leaders, let us also pray for the nation of Israel, our strongest ally in the Middle East. And as we pray for God's protection of our troops, let us also pray for our nation to stand strong with Israel as the future unfolds.

Please lift up our friends in prayer.

Vivian Schmidt— lost her husband Roger
Don Hensch – still in Rehab

In our celebration of Thanksgiving this month, let us all give thanks to our sovereign God, our protector and our provider. May our Lord bless you and keep you in his care.

2nd Vice Report...

By Michele Johnstone

Happy Fall Everyone!

I would like to thank our hostesses Lylette Smith and Laura Roche for bringing snacks for our meeting last month and for helping to set up .

Hostesses for November are Sandy Dearing, Chris Ertl and, one of our newest members Geri Klebenow, thank you in advance.

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in helping out with the collecting of school supplies for Metcalfe School, other than just a few items we are very close to our goal.

Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.



- supports Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449. **Thank You for delivering our newsletter 'on-time' !!!!**
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Notes From The Membership

Team...*Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche*
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Here we are, beginning of a NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR. You should have received your 2016 renewal notice from National by now and mailed me your dues, or dropped them off at the Post. If you have your new 2016 cards from me already, you do not have to do anything with the notice, but verify that it does have the correct information on it.

However; if you have not yet renewed for 2016, PLEASE do so now! Remember, we want to reach 100% by Veteran's Day, in honor of all those Veterans we became members to support.

We do have several new members in process as of this writing. Officially we have 48.3% (270) paid members. Unofficially, we are at 291 members (52.1%). The good news— everyday I am seeing more renewals in my mailbox. Let's keep it going!!

Our Early Bird Winners for September and October were Kathy Schiller and Colette Jaekl and each received a check for \$10. Congratulations!

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Jan Thelaner J	Jennifer Stewart	Kinsley Stewart (Jr.)
Mary Marion	Elizabeth Lunde	Catherine Baket
Anna Higgs	Susan Barnes	Megan Polcin
Carrie Ray	Elizabeth Karger	Bonnie Brokema
Pamela Canon		

Just as a clarification for 2016 dues: You can compare paying your 2016 dues NOW, to paying for a magazine subscription. If you really enjoy that subscription, you do not want to lose out come Jan 1, 2016 when your magazine stops coming to your door! Anyone that does not have the 2016 dues paid by Jan 1, 2016, your membership technically stops 12/31/2015 and you do not enjoy the benefits until your 2016 dues are paid. So why wait???? Get those dues paid now, and you will not have a break in your benefits. You can mail them to me, drop them at the Post or even pay them on line now.

- Sr Dues: \$22.00—Jr. Dues: \$3.50. Just think about the wonderful opportunities you can partake in and share for such a nominal fee.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank Unit 449 for your endorsement for the position of Waukesha County President. It is quite the honor!

See everyone on Nov 7th at the Veteran's Parade and on Veteran's Day Nov. 11th at the 11 a.m. Memorial Service to honor our fallen soldiers. Then again at the Flag Retirement Ceremony that evening.

KEEP BEING ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AND WE WILL MEET OUR GOALS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING OR EVENT.

Please note: The Auxiliary Craft Fair and Bake Sale has been cancelled due to lack of vendor participation..

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Is It Tuesday Yet!

By Mike Pook, SAL First District Commander
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Face Book Mike Pook

WHERE IS JOSH? Around the Post and on Face Book, a plush stuffed dog named Josh is now seen out and about. Several Legion Family members have adopted Josh to help promote the American Legion Program he represents. The GI Josh dog is a stuffed animal wearing a camouflage bandana with the American Legion on it. It is meant to comfort the child of a deployed service member. The Josh puppy is weighted, and it basically covers a child's chest and gives them a very physical presence of somebody who's there with them. These plush "Josh" puppies are able to transform anxious children who are missing a parent because of deployment into creating a friendship for their wellness. Please welcome Josh in your Post activities. Contact Brad or Mike if you know of a child of a deployed service person so the Squadron can present them with a GI Josh dog. The GI Josh Dogs are one of many American Legion Programs that few people are aware of.

Another Program is the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Basically, each participant gives a speech on some part of the Constitution. This year the contest is focusing on Amendments 8 and 26. Each Post sponsors students for these competitions which starts with District and then advances from there. See Post 449 Americanism Chair Lisa Gerboth for more information. Winners receive Scholarship monies!

The Squadron is at 130 members and 100% is 219. Please keep those renewals coming in. Naturally, we encourage you to sign up other male family members to honor their forefather's service.

November 11th at 11 a.m. is the annual Memorial Service held at the Post and officiated by Chaplain Brad Catura. It's always a moving service. Please plan to attend.

Greetings from your Chaplain...

By Brad Catura (262-617-2749)

It was my honor to officiate at the wedding of our Vice Commander Mike Daigle to his beautiful bride, Shannon. A nice change after so many funerals. Though we just can't escape death.

So on Veteran's Day, Wed., November 11th at 11 A.M., we will be holding our annual Memorial Service to honor our Post Veterans who have passed in the last year. YOU are invited to attend. Please show your support to our Veterans by attending this event. May God bless us all!

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Style Show...1:00

MENU

Chicken Stroganoff over Buttered Noodles
Medley of Fall Vegetables
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Warm Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk
Key Lime Pie

\$27.00 per Person

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For Information: 262.784.6088

Deadline: November 10, 2015

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Send to: JoAnne Peterson

2525 N. 128th St.

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NAME: _____

TELEPHONE _____

Please reserve _____ seats at \$27 per person

Total Enclosed: \$ _____.

Please list below with whom you wish to sit...tables
seat eight:

We wish our Editor Don Hensch good health and God speed on his recovery process. He told me he'd be back in action and ready to go in time for the December newsletter. Marion

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

PUBLIC WELCOME—DRINK CARRY INS NOT ALLOWED

JOYCE BEVAN on the piano **EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT** 4:30 TO 6:30 (*No Cover*)

FRIDAY LOUNGE MUSIC 6:30 - 10:00 (*No Cover*)

Nov. 6—Frankie Donn	Dec. 12—Tom Lehnigk
Nov. 13—Chris Vesche	Dec. 11—Best of Everything
Nov. 20—Mike Eve	Dec 18—Bobby Way
Nov. 27—Roger Boll	Dec. 25—Closed



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

Nov. 7—Freddie & The Cruisers (variety-pop-rock)	Dec. 5—Nostalgia (60s to 80s rock)
Nov. 14—Larry Lynne (variety 60s to today's rock)	Dec. 12—Ricochettes (60s British dance-pop)
Nov. 21—Our House (60s today's rock)	Dec. 19—Larry Lynne (variety 60s-today's rock)
Nov. 28—Best of Everything	Dec. 26—Hat Trick (variety 60s to today's rock)

S.A.L. Membership... Brad Catura

It is once again renewal time. If you haven't sent in your dues for 2016, please do so today. It is \$15.00 for 2016 as we had a dues increase back in July. This was due to both an increase by our State detachment as well as the fact we haven't had the support to hold a fundraiser in over a year. So we can no longer supplement the low dues we had in the past. If more members would attend our meetings and get involved, we could perhaps hold fundraisers again and revisit our dues cost. Currently, we have a bet going with the Auxiliary to reach 100% by Veteran's day. While neither one of us will reach that goal, I would like us to come as close as possible. Currently we have 128 members with 2 more in process. Our goal is 221 members—we can do it with your help. Each one, get one! We do have a 2-year special for NEW members only of \$25, so recruit, recruit, recruit.

Exercise Daily - Walk with God!



Veteran's Day Recognition Sunday, November 8

Please join us at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Delafield on Sunday, November 8th for our Veterans Day service, complimentary breakfast buffet, and patriotic program.

Church Services: 8:15 and 10:45

Veteran's Reception: 9:30-10:30

Program:

- Fisher House Wisconsin (brief presentation) by Curtiss S. Peck, Board of Directors and Vietnam Veteran
- Patriotic Sing-a-long
- Taps: Joey Neimon, Eagle Scout



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A NOTE FROM EARL WOOD

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

POW/MIA Recognition Day was September 18th. It was a day to honor and remember our service members listed as "Prisoner of War or Missing in Action", from World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Operation El Dorado Canyon and the Gulf Wars who never came home, service members whose fate remains a mystery today.

As we mark another POW/MIA

Recognition Day, we note that recent articles in the media have focused solely on the recovery and identification of remains. We commend and fully support all efforts to recover and scientifically identify remains both from the field and those buried as "Unknown" in our wartime cemeteries.

The Department of Defense has done a magnificent job getting the media to focus on remains recoveries while ignoring the issue of Live Sighting reports and the possibility of surviving POWs from our past wars. We must challenge the Defense Department and specifically the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), asking what about live POWs? In recent years we've seen Japanese POWs, captured by the Soviets during World War II, and South Korean soldiers captured and held in North Korea during the Korean War returned to their homeland. If the Soviets held Japanese POWs, and the North Koreans held South Korean POWs, why would they not hold American POWs?

As for Vietnam, during the war the U.S. government operated under the assumption the North Vietnamese would also hold back American Prisoners of War. As early as January 1969, the Rand Corporation in a study titled "Memorandum RM 5729 1-ARPA January 1969 - Prisoners of War in

Indochina" by Anita Lauve Nutt, recognized the strong probability the North Vietnamese would hold back a number of POWs at the end of hostilities. The North Vietnamese considered POWs as bargaining chips. The Central Intelligence Agency reported in November 1970 the North Vietnamese would look for reasons "for not returning all American prisoners." Everyone recognized the value placed on POWs by the North Vietnamese, Lao and Viet Cong and expected them to use POWs as bargaining chips. Why is anyone surprised they did exactly what everyone expected them to do? They held back American POWs.

By the Defense POW/MIA Office's (now DPAA) own admission, some 2.76% of all Live Sighting reports remain unresolved.

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.

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VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.



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1 Post Opens 11:30 Packer Game 7:30 p.m.	2 Post Opens 11:30 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Mon. Night Tacos and Sign-In, 4:30-8 p.m.	3 Lunch 11:30-2 Move Out Exer- cise Session 5pm SAL 7 P.M.	4 Lunch 11:30-2 p.m. DARTBALL 7 P.M. Bar Specials-See Ad <u>Assemble/Mail</u> <u>449er=11 a.m.</u>	5 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30 Post Cook-In 5-8:30 VFW 8320 Mtg. 7:00	6 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Live Music 4:30-10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30	7 Pearl Harbor Day Post Opens 11:30-- Veterans Parade DT Music, 7:30
8 Post Opens 11:30 Packer Game 12 Noon	9 Post Opens 11:30 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Big Band Dance <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> Mon. Night Tacos and Sign-In, 4:30-8 p.m.	10 Lunch 11:30-2 Move Out Exer- cise Session 5pm <u>Exec. Bd. Mtg</u> <u>7:00</u>	11 Veterans Day SAL Service, 11 a.m. Flag Disposal Cere- mony, 6 p.m. 	12 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Post Cook-In 5-8:30	13 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Live Music 4:30-10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30	14 Sign In -Post Opens 11:30 <u>Fashion Show:</u> See <u>Pg. 7.</u> Music, 7:30
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22 Post Opens 11:30 Packer Game 12 Noon	23 Post Opens 11:30 Lunch 11:30-2:30 Mon. Night Tacos and Sign-In, 4:30-8 p.m.	24 Lunch 11:30-2 Move Out Exer- cise Session 5pm <u>Membership</u> <u>Mtg.. 7:00</u>	25 Lunch 11:30-2 p.m. <u>NO DARTBALL</u> Bar Specials-See Ad.	26 Happy Thanksgiving Day Post Closed Packers vs Da Bears	27 Lunch 11:30-2:3-0 Live Music 4:30-10: Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 <u>449er Articles Due</u> <u>NLT 7 p.m.</u>	28 Sign In-Post Opens 11:30 Music, 7:30
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