

POST NOTES

May 2024

Edwards-Foye



American Legion Post 534

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Members,
 We have a very busy month ahead with May. We will be holding our annual spring cleaning on Saturday 4 May. Please come on down and help us get things looking good before Memorial Day. The following day on 5 May we will be holding an open house for recruiting new members. We have been hard at work at recruiting and have achieved

100% membership! I believe that is the first time we have done so in a while, so that is great news! Way to go everyone that has chipped in helping! On Friday 10 May we will be holding another night of Cards Against Humanity. It is a fun game with adult words that has people in stitches as they play. So come on out, have a drink and a good laugh! On Saturday 10 May we will be having a Taylor Swift Eras Tour Dance Party to benefit the Dane County Humane Society. I am no "Swiftie" but, I know we have quite a few kids and grandkids who are; it should be a fun time for them for a good cause. On May 18th, Ten Speed Legend and Eunoia will be playing from 7pm-11pm. Lastly, we will be holding our Memorial Day gravesite honors, parade and ceremony on Monday, 27 May. We always need some help with firing the weapons in the morning, so please consider helping with that. If you are interested

in being on the color guard, please contact Jodie Armstrong. Anyone interested in being in the parade, contact Cory Gessler. This year's Guest Speaker will be Colonel Bart Van Roo; Base Commander of the 115th Fighter Wing and a McFarland native. Let's all chip in and make these events successful!

Post Commander
 Nate Weier

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

OPEN HOUSE May 5.12-4 Please come to the post to



engage with possible new members. Spread the word. Invite 1 person to attend. Bring them to the post for a tour. Very often people say. I was never asked to join or I didn't know I could join the SAL or Auxiliary. You have made it through some hard times and made it through. Now you need to help someone go through what you did. After getting through it ,you may see

very clearly what others need to do. You asked God to get you through the hard times,you made a promise to serve him if he would. Have you kept your promise? Your story is not complete. Your gifts are developing daily. You will be able to do things,you never thought possible.

PS: Not socializing is worse for your health than

smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Loneliness and isolation increases death rate by 27%. Stop in the bar, we serve a variety of NA beer .Come to our many events,volunteer. Make the post your HAPPY place.

Challenge: Enjoy every minute of your life. Don't take anything for granted. We don't know what tomorrow may bring.

Challenge: Give a gift to others twice daily A SMILE. If you are checking on someone daily,send them a joke,to make them laugh.

Please Volunteer at the Post. If you see something that needs to be cleaned, step up and take care of it. We have hired cleaners on Monday AM only.

When you are planning/writing your will, or if a loved one dies, please remember American Legion Post 534. Your memorial gift is a beautiful way to help, no matter how small or large a gift. For tax purposes, we are a tax deductible, 501C19 organization.

Please notify me when there is a death,if you would like a Pass and Review at a service let me know ASAP. Illness or special concern in the membership.

God is the source of all rights and privileges; God has a great future in store for you. Ask and you shall receive. Dream BIG and put actions behind them. Start your day with God. Pray 5 minutes a day. Daily, know that God said, let me Love you. LISTEN to Gods word daily, many TV shows, pod casts available Question how to live? Read Proverbs in the Bible. You Prayed for forgiveness, You confessed your sin. You are forgiven the first time you asked. No need to keep asking. Move forward.

Free anonymous counseling for depression, suicide, anxiety Text 741741 or call 800-273-8255 (Press 1) Veterans Crises hot line. ALSO, GOOGLE 22 ZERO-Text or call 988

Chaplain Dale

608-395-5942

E mail: am534chaplain@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



We have added several new members recently. Great to see! Please welcome our newest recruits.

Kathryn Happe
Jeffrey Mistele
William Stinnett
Andrew Vogel
Christopher Arenz
Sarah Franzen
Sara Jo Buchanan

National Headquarters recently announced membership dues increase. To keep pace with National, membership dues will be going up to \$45 a year. This will ensure that Post 534 receives a portion of that versus it all going to the State and National level. Your membership keeps Post 534 active and thriving! Thank you!

New 3 year membership

Legionnaires needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can lock-in a three-year membership. Please contact me at am534firstvice@gmail.com if there are any questions.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website. Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Renew now with a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/renew.
- Join now with a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/join.
- Legionnaires already renewed for 2024 will soon be able to renew under the multi-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year.
- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

AUXILIARY NEWS



Greetings!

We are finally getting some warm weather – it's about time. It's also time to think about how we can help our veterans with yard work, doing errands or just a friendly chat over coffee.

I want to take a moment to give a great big Thank you and Congratulations to all those that helped and supported our Spaghetti Dinner in making it a huge success. We served 103 dinners and most everyone enjoyed the "Lady and Tramp" theme and movie – if you missed it – NO WORRIES – we will have another Spaghetti Dinner. But you will just have to wait and see what the theme will be..

We, the Auxiliary, together with the SAL will be having a chicken dinner on the 28th of April. All proceeds going to our Legion Parking lot and Building fund, come out, have a chicken dinner and support our Legion.

The month of May is right around the corner with the parade, the ceremony and lots of Brats and hot dogs. Ohhh!! Let's not forget the camaraderie. Come down and join the fun!! May 27th ALL DAY!!

Check the Calendar often there is always something happening at our Legion.

Again Thanks for all you do ...WE SUCCEED BECAUSE OF YOU.

Meeting on May 7th, see you there.

Stay safe,

Karen Larson
President



EVENTS REPORT



May is here is hopefully continued nice weather On May 18th Ten Speed Legend is return for another night of 90s rock. Then on the 19th we have the S.A.L. Meat raffle on Sunday.

For those of you that may not know, we sponsor our annual parade each year on Memorial Day. This year Memorial Day falls on May 27th. The parade begins at noon, at Christ The King Church, and ends at the American Legion Post #534, 4911 Burma Rd. with services at 1:00 p.m.

Our Post also provides the Color Guard and Firing Squad for the flag raising at Lewis Park and at each of the cemeteries in McFarland that morning, as well as for the Memorial Day service following the parade. If there are any veterans interested in joining us for either the color guard or firing squad, please contact Jodie Armstrong at 838-3745. The uniform is for the firing squad is: White shirt, black pants, black shoes and Garrison cap. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, contact us soon as possible so we can be sure we have a full uniform ordered for you in time for Memorial Day. If you would like to learn more about what it entails, please give Jodie or myself a call. We would love to grow our Color Guard and welcome anyone interested.

I will also need the help of 6-8 people to help me set up the parade at the church. We will need to get people in, organized, and lined up. I would need you between 10 a.m. to noon, after that you are free. If you are interested let me know soon please.

Mark you calendars, come on down and join us for a day of remembering every service member, every family that fought to protect the American ideals and dreams. Make this a day to celebrate our freedom, liberty and independence.

Cory Gessler
2nd Vice Commander



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 2 - Officer Nominations
- 10 - Cards Against Humanity
- 11 - Taylor Swift Night
- 18 - Ten Speed Legend
- 19 - S.A.L. Meat Raffle
- 27 - Memorial Day Parade and Services

JUN

- 6 - Officer Elections
- 15 - TAVF
- 15 - Stone Cold Country under the tent

JUL

- 21 - S.A.L. Meat Raffle
- 25 - Officer Installion

AUG

- 17 - 10 Speed Legend
- 18 - S.A.L. Meat Raffle

SEP

- 15 - S.A.L. Meat Raffle
- 21 - 3rd Annual Oktoberfest

join us on our upcoming events and don't forget to volunteer when you can. .



Saturday, June 15th 2024

WISCONSIN FISHING LICENSE is needed for all participants. You must provide your own fishing license.

Fishing Time is 7 – 11:00am. Please be off the water by 11:15am

Present the Flags, National Anthem, and Prayer at 12:15pm at the American Legion Post 534 - All families of participating military personnel are welcome to join. Each guest must be registered through the Take a Vet Fishing website at takeavetfishing.org.

American Legion Post 534

4911 Burma Road

McFarland, WI. 53558

Lunch will be served starting at 12:30pm.

The Honor Ceremony will immediately follow lunch at 12:15pm



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT



Despite the late snowstorm, spring has finally arrived. That means many many events taking place at the American Legion Post. Check the post notes and our calendar for list of events. We definitely need people to step up

and volunteer. That being said we have done a really good job of adding new members lately and I believe our membership now exceeds 100%. Excellent job by all. Let's do the best we can to stay in touch with those new members that have signed up and get them to the meetings and get them involved. I just wanted to let people know about some proposed legislation regarding veterans benefits in Wisconsin. Currently Wisconsin veterans that are 100% disabled receive all of their state property taxes back at the end of the year. There is a bill that has been proposed to lowering that to veterans that are 70% disabled. Receiving all of your property tax money back could really help a lot of veterans. I will keep people updated on this matter. Come and



BUSINESS HOURS:		
Mon.	CLOSED	to CLOSED
Tues.	2:00	to 7:00
Wed.	2:00	to 7:00
Thur.	2:00	to 7:00
Fri.	2:00	to 7:00
Sat.	2:00	to 7:00
Sun.	12:00	to 5:00

McFarland
Post 534
4911 Burma Rd



S.A.L. Commander
Paul Roelke

S.A.L. MEAT RAFFLE & 50/50 PROCEEDS

FOR SUNDAY APRIL 21ST. and SUNDAY MAY 19TH.

**WILL BE DONATED TOWARDS THE MCFARLAND BASEBALL
DUGOUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

POST 534 S.A.L. HAS ALREADY DONATED \$1000.00

PLEASE JOIN US FROM 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 4/21 & 5/19 - *FOOD*

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION – 4911 BURMA RD.

Information: The dugouts for the Varsity and JV fields have not had a location (*the new Osborn Dr. fields*) for our players and visiting teams to place their helmets and other baseball gear. Some community members and past youth coaches are coordinating efforts, fundraising, and acquiring material donations. To complete this project this baseball season with current coaches, the McFarland School District and McFarland Youth Organized Baseball.

Project information Contact Scott “Gumby” Miller – 608-212-0943 GUMBYFIRE2@GMAIL.COM



SAL CORNER



Greetings Sons,

Hope spring finds you well. Spring is a rebirth in a way.. an opportunity to try new things and impact the community. I encourage you all to explore opportunities of volunteerism. Please see any Officer with the SAL to learn more about our team's directives, initiatives and activities benefiting our Veterans and the McFarland Community. Better yet, please join us at our

monthly SAL meeting on May 1st.

Our meat raffles continue to astound and amaze! Thank you for those that attend and as importantly, those that volunteer their time and resources to make the Post 534 Meat Raffle a special event.

Respectfully Submitted,
SAL Commander
Paul Roelke



DONATIONS NEEDED

- Parking lot replacement \$60,00.00 (Ask your employer to be a Corporate sponsor)
 - \$30.00 to sponsor a military flag on the hill. Army,Navy ,Marine, Air Force ,Coast G
 - \$2,900.00 per month needed for monthly operating cost.
 - \$500.00 to install a dusk to dawn photo eye to marquee reader board sign.
 - \$1,900.00 to install double vanity ,sinks and faucets in each bathroom.
- Contact, Commander or Chaplain or send your donation to the post with a note to where you would like your donation to be applied.



SICK CALL PRAYER LIST



Allen Ahrensmayer,
Ron Walsvick, Bill and Micky
Jeager, Charles Thieme,
Linda Swenson, Rich Eith,
Tom Ubersetzig,

Please notify the following Legion members for sympathy or get well cards:
Legion Chaplain – Dale Sankey (608)395-5942
Aux. Chaplain – JoAnn Schuet (608)234-0603
S.A.L. Chaplain – Albie Wheeler (608)516-7769
Sunshine – Sue Whipperfurth (608-535-0495)

ELECTION FOR LEGION OFFICERS

For the upcoming year.
All positions are open.
Ask any officer for details.
Nominations at May meeting.
Elections at June meeting.

SPAGHETTI DINNER HIGHLIGHTS



WE NEED YOU VOLUNTEERS

Tithing 10% of your time as a volunteer, serving others, opportunities listed below

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW Members and Friends (NEW MEMBERS PLEASE SIGN UP):

Legion family members to work all events. Legion, SAL, Auxiliary to work each other's events.

2-leaders per event. May 27, Memorial Day.-Days for bands performing, April 27-June 15-Nov 2-Sep 21.Christmas Party-Toys for Tots and Food Drive We have a checklist for you to follow. Contact Cory Gessler 608-213-6769

1-To lead a Buddy check program, simple phone calls to veterans, to make sure they are OK. Look up legion.org/buddy check/tools for more information. Contact any officer.

1 -Communications coordinator, send event infor-

mation to local TV and Radio stations. Facebook McFarland Community, McFarland Moms and Dads, Thistle Newspaper, Senior outreach. McFarland community calendar. (Submit form) Local cable.

1-Help maintain the hill, Contact Russ Jenkins 608-333-5787

8- To work Meat raffles Contact Paul Roelke 414-467-5051

6 -Veterans to join Madison Veterans Firing Squad to attend Veteran's funerals, when you are available. Uniforms are provided. No experience required. Takes approx. 1 ½ hours. Contact Joseph M. Lustgraaf 608-249-2581 (IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO A RIDE ALONG TO SEE WHAT IT ENTAILS, Contact Dale Sankey 608-395-5942)

4-Join Color guard,uniform are provided at no cost. You are called upon about 3 times a year. Contact Jodie Armstong 608-332-3688

BADGER HONOR FLIGHT:

Mike Verdico participated in the Badger Honor Flight on April 6th.



WE WANT YOU

TO JOIN MCFARLAND'S
AMERICAN LEGION POST 534



OPEN HOUSE

May 5, 2024
12-4

Bring your DD-214, NGB-22, or proof of ancestors service

Veterans and their spouses, sons, grandsons, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and grandmothers and step relatives.

Not eligible to join? Become a friend of the Legion and we will add you to our mailing list.

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Bar Manager.....Nate Weier/Jeff Jourdain
 Hall RentalsSue Wipperfurth
 Newsletter.....Cory Gessler

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.A.L. MTG NO MTG	2 LEGION MTG 7:00P	3	4 SPRING CLEAN-UP
5	6	7 AUX MTG 6:30P	8	9	10 CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY 7-10P	11 TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT 6-9P
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 10 SPEED LEGEND 6:30-11:00P
19 SAL MEAT RAFFLE 2-4P	20	21	22	23 EXEC BRD MTG 6:30P	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 12P SERVICE 1P	28	29	30	31	