

POST NOTES

APRIL 2024

Edwards-Foye



American Legion Post 534

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Members,

Spring is finally here! I look forward to all the fun events and activities we have planned in the coming weeks ahead. We welcome back Stone Cold Country this month, the Auxiliary will be holding a spaghetti feed, and the SAL will be having a chicken feed.

Soon we will be breaking ground for the playset to be installed on the hill. If you would like to help put it all together, please let me or Albie Wheeler know. We will also be looking forward to installing a pergola on half of the patio to provide more shade.

Megan Jakubiak will be stepping down as our co-lounge manager. We thank her for all her hard work maintaining the quality of service at our lounge. Jeff Jourdain will take on her previous role. I will co-manage the bar with him. Having a co-lounge manager has helped us spread the duties out for the lounge so that not everything is on one person's shoulders and doesn't completely take over their lives.

We are at 95% as far as membership for the McFarland American Legion. Here's where I need your help getting us to 100%. Contact any members that haven't renewed and inform them about what we do for our Veterans, their families, and the community. If a

non-member is in the lounge as a guest, talk to them about joining either the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. There are A LOT of people who have no idea that they are eligible to join. Our dues are low compared to many other community organizations. Having growth with new members helps us maintain our post long into the future! Everyone needs to be a "recruiter"!

Post Commander

Nate Weier

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Happy Easter ! The most important festival for Christians. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Going through hard times? Don't give up! Tackle one day at a time. Surround yourself with positive people that support you. Take a break ,watch something that makes you laugh. Take a walk in nature. Try smiling. Is there something you need to

change? Are you blaming every thing on others?

PS: Do a Random Act of kindness. You are here to be a blessing to others. Your job is to Love others.

Challenge: Say the Lords Prayer, the Our Father. Think about what it means.

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 are at 95% membership renewal for 2024! If you haven't renewed yet for 2024, there is still time! Your membership is in a grace period until July 1st where it will transition to expired. Your continued membership helps us serve the community and veterans alike.

I've noticed a few members renew with the new 3 year membership. Good to see that working. Below are details on the 3 year membership.

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.

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](https://legion.org/buddy-check/tools) for more information. Contact any officer.

1 -Communications coordinator, send event information 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

EVENTS REPORT

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



AUXILIARY NEWS



Happy Spring!

Spring is on the way . . . once we get past this last snow blast. March came in like a lamb , , but it will definitely go out like a LION.

As we look forward to summer and better temperatures, we need to plan our

calendars and come up with some fund raising ideas. Any ideas? Bring and attend our April 2nd meeting.

Coming up events:

April 6th	Spaghetti Dinner (see Flyer)
April 28th	Chicken Dinner (joint event w/ SAL)

May should be busy with Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. The Auxiliary will join in the celebration at our Post with Brats and Hot Dog Sales. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated for any and all events, make a difference sign up.

We succeed because of you! Stay safe.

Yay Spring!

Karen Larson
President

Happy April,



April has a lot in store down at the Post. We have a Spaghetti dinner on the 6th, Meat raffle the 21st and Stone Cold Country is back on the 27th. We are installing the playset this month and Memorial Day preparations have started.

Meat Raffles by the S.A.L., are the third Sunday of the month. Come on down, it's fun had by all.

Please volunteer to help at these events so we can continue to generate members and income for the Post.

Cory Gessler
2nd Vice Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR

6 - Spaghetti Dinner
21 - S.A.L. Meat Raffle
27 - Stone Cold Country
28 - Chicken Dinner

MAY

2 - Officer Nominations
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 Installation

AUG

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

SEP

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

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT



Spring is just around the corner, and we will soon be springing forward and adjusting our clocks. The groundhog didn't see his shadow and we are expected to have an early spring. With the warmer weather comes more events and more opportunities to volunteer. Please, if you haven't been stepping up to help ask one of the officers with the

post how you can get more involved. We need everyone to take some stake and ownership in the post so that the same people aren't always volunteering all the time.

Are there people you know who qualify to join the post. If they aren't a veteran, ask if their parents served. It's funny once you start talking with people that we can find that people are eligible to join the post in some way. Finally talk to people about the fact that we rent out the post for events. If someone isn't a member they will need to be sponsored by a member. That being said the more people we get through the doors to see how nice the place is the more likely they will think of us when looking to rent a place for an event. Thank you to all of those who came out and volunteered for Stone Cold Country in February. They will be back in April and June to play so spread the word.

Are there any events that you would like to see us put on? Bring it up to one of the officers or at one of our meetings. I would like to take a bus trip to the High Ground in Neillsville so stay tuned for information on that event in the future.



Lake Waubesa Take A Vet Fishing Event 2024

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



Featuring the Movie during Dinner



SPAGHETTI DINNER

April 6th

4:30 to 7:30 pm

(or we run out)

**Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs,
salad, and dessert**

Adults: \$13.00 4—8 yrs: \$7.00

4 yrs and under Free

SAL CORNER



Greetings Sons!

As springtime comes near please give thought to the immense importance of being of service to our Veterans. Veterans have dedicated years of their lives to serving and protecting our country. They deserve our gratitude and respect. By volunteering, we honor their sacrifices and show appreciation for their selflessness. If you have interest in learning more about service opportunities within the Sons of The American Legion, please approach any officer in the SAL for more information.

March was a big month for community giving for the SAL. Proceeds from the March Meat Raffle went to the Hmong Institute and a \$1000 donation was given to the McFarland School District for baseball field upgrades. The Sons have also approved a \$2500 scholarship to a qualified McFarland High School Senior, as we have done in past years.

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Please mark your calendars for the following events in April: Monthly SAL meeting at 6pm on April 3rd, April Meat Raffle on the 21st at 2pm and the annual chicken dinner bake on April 28th. The Chicken dinner bake will begin at 11am and will be limited to 400 dinners, so please come early!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Guard

\$2,900.00 per month needed for

monthly operating cost.

\$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 Uberseitzig,
Raymond Doyle.

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)



What a wonderful opportunity! McFarland American Legion Post 534 has been gifted an amazing collection of museum mounted Owen Gromme prints from a private collector. These prints are a part of a silent auction raising funds effort to raise cash for a new parking lot.

**CRUCIBLE K9
TRAINING**

**GROUP CLASS FOR
*Veterans***

Free canine training for current/former military and law enforcement!

CLASSES START APRIL 14 (FOUR WEEKS LONG)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Laughing Dogs Daycare, Lake Mills

For dogs 6 months and older with little or no obedience (Maximum 6 dogs)

Any donations will go directly to
Ten Eight Service Dogs, LLC

**CONTACT CRUCIBLE K9 TO REGISTER
CRUCIBLEK9@GMAIL.COM**



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COUNTRY

Performing country from the 80s, 90s, early 2000s and today

* \$5 COVER AT THE DOOR * *EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*
* FREE TO LEGION MEMBERS W/ MEMBERSHIP CARD

SATURDAY APR. 27, 2024

7PM TO 11PM

At Edwards-Foye American Legion Post 534
4911 Burma Road, Mc Farland



American Legion Post 534
P.O. Box 556
McFarland, WI 53558

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

April 2024						
◀ March	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
						May ▶
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		AUX MTG 6:30P	S.A.L. MTG NO MTG	LEGION MTG 7:00P		SPAGHETTI DINNER 5-7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SAL MEAT RAFFLE 2-4P				EXEC BRD MTG 6:30P		STONE COLD COUNTRY 7:00-11:00P
28	29	30				