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American Legion Post 449

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Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

The Air Force Birthday was held on September 15th, and was very successful. The 36 attendees heard Lt. Colonel Todd Walton, 128th ARW, Chief of Standardization, update us on their current mission.



This ninth consecutive dinner served a delicious dinner menu served by Executive Chef Pierre and his volunteers.

Abundant displays illustrated the careers of Lt. Col. Henry Ratenski and Major Ron Anderson. The evening was topped off with toasts to all services, and members everywhere.

SPECIAL THANKS to Chris Ertl and Colleen Rupert for their help setting up a beautiful dining environment. My **THANKS** to Lt. Col. Ratenski and Rod Haines for all of their support.

See you on September 16th, 2014!!!!

Important Announcement

There **WILL NOT** be a drawing on Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, because of the Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony. The time for this drawing will be announced later.

Ron Anderson, Post Commander.

THANK YOU JOANNE AND RON for organizing a wonderful evening of camaraderie, good dining, delicious birthday cake & an excellent after dinner program. A wonderful 'night out'! Thanks again for your time & organizational efforts that resulted in, and gave all who attended, an enjoyable evening!

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*We said "goodbye" to a wonderful friend & neighbor Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Leon Gosse, Father, Grandfather, Friend, and Legionnaire, passed away September 15th. As the minister said at the funeral, and confirmed by Debbie, Steve, Stacy & LaVonne, Leon enjoyed polka music & many other Friday night musical talents at the Post. His smile, handshake, camaraderie, and sense of humor will be 'mightily' missed. **We will think of you in silence, We will often speak your name, We will have our memories, Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in Heaven, We have you in our hearts.***

1st Vice Message

By Pete Schiller 414-464-9210



I'm extremely proud of all who have helped maintain the inner and outer of our post. Without you we would be floundering, with no direction.

With regards to our noon lunches, Tuesday night, and of course the Friday fish-fry, I don't think there are enough words to express my THANKS.

To those who cleaned the outside ☺WOW☺! To the bar manager, if there would be a medal for what you have done you'd walk lopsided. A true Marine!

Remember this. . . *Battles are sometimes won by Generals. Wars are nearly won by Sergeants and Privates.*

In conclusion: I'm the silent listener to every conversation.

Drive on, strike hard.....

*Love of God, Country and the American Way of Life
Pete and Kathy*

Finance Officer's Comments

By: John Horter (262) 641-0211



August brings to a close our fiscal year (9/1 – 8/31) and I am happy to report that we have closed out the year on an upbeat note. Things are starting to “hum” around the Post and I'm quite sure that the increase in activities will reflect in our September Report. It is also important to note that ALL our food service operations are each operating in the black – profit. With all of our current and future activities, we are looking forward to a great 2013-2014. Come on in and enjoy all of your available hospitality and services.

See you at the Post!

SATURDAY NITE LIVE @ THE POST

AMERICAN LEGION POST 449
3245 N 124TH ST., BROOKFIELD
262-781-0488
8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

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|--|-------------------------|
| Oct. 5, The Boomers | Nov. 2, RAR (Rare) |
| Oct. 12, Nostalgia | Nov. 9, Phil & Chrissy |
| Oct. 19, Chuck Travis & the Do Wah Wahs | Nov. 16, Ricochettes |
| Oct. 26, Boomer Nation (Halloween Party) | Nov. 23, Tom Cat Joe |
| | Nov. 30, Brennan & Mike |

2nd Vice Commander's Message..

By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153





GREETINGS TO ALL!

First off, the new fish fry is a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers and the customers for supporting YOUR Post. The Saturday music is back and it is better than ever. New bands, new customers, and more importantly new members signed up!. All prime examples of what we can accomplish as a family!

I would like to ask each and every member to bring someone new to the Post, for a drink, lunch, or our Thursday and Friday dinners. We are our own best advertising. We must grow as a membership family for us to be able to be to accomplish our mission. May the Supreme Commander bless and keep our post.

SEMPER PARATUS!

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
3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield
\$3.00/Person Donation Please

Friday Night Entertainment

American Legion Post 449

3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin

NO COVER CHARGE !!!!



Joyce Bevan brings delight, smiles & happiness Friday Nights 5 to 7 p.m.



Enjoy listening, dancing, and/or singing-a-long as Joyce entertains us with her past and present musical Repertoire!

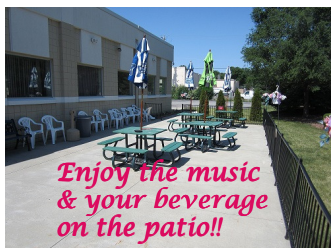


FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

7 to 10:30 p.m. Enjoy listening & dancing to

- Frankie Donn, Oct. 4
- Tom Lehnigk, Oct. 11
- Roger Boll Trio, Oct. 18
- Chris Vesche, Oct. 25

- Mike Eve, Nov. 1
- Chris Vesche, Nov. 8
- Red Deacon, Nov. 15
- Roger Boll Trio, Nov. 22
- The Boomers, Nov. 29



Enjoy the music & your beverage on the patio!!

Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977

Your Post 449 Honor Guard Unit has been extremely busy this past Month.

Your Guard Unit continues to represent Post 449 to the public on a very busy weekly schedule. At the time of this writing, your Honor Guard has serviced 10 Military Honor Funerals in the last 9 consecutive days. These are the names of our fallen heroes in the last Month:

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

◆ Leon Gosse Korea ◆

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

Bernell Krayu WWII

William Worgull WWII

Erwin Huber Korea

John Owen Vietnam

Donald Stein WWII

Herbert Haydock WWII

Marvin Patten WWII

Kent Williams Afghanistan

Williard Jameson WWII

Julian Ferstenfeld Vietnam

Arthur Desbouillions Peace

Chestetr McGregor WWII

Joseph Farmer WWII

Dallas Hanson WWII

Clarence Blend WWII

Charles Kovalaske WWII

Sick Bay:

None Reported

Notes of Interest:

I'm happy to report that your Honor Guard received generous donations to our Post from the following families; The Modl Family, the Beck Family, the Kraimer Family and the Ferstenfeld Family.

I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out for our 3rd annual Honor Guard Fundraising Raffle. This includes Mike & Chris Cannon (food & serving), Frank Sternisha (music), Ryan Schaeckel (video movie & lounge), the Auxiliary (desserts), Troy Smith (special raffle donor), and all of my Honor Guard Members (raffle prizes), and JoAnn Ross (cashier). Thank You all for making this a great event!. Also big thank you to all of you Post members who showed up to show support of your Honor Guard.

V.A. News & Info:

1- The American Legion's National Commander has provided a list of what he calls "anti-sequestration" incentives in a message before the 95th national convention of the nation's largest veteran's organization. He told thousands gathered that "Congress is failing to respond to veteran's needs and the American people".

2- Tricare for life beneficiaries are being notified that as of this October 1st, military retirees (over 65) who receive care at a DVA facility for non service connected ailments will be required to pay the 80% of the Tricare allowable charges. By law, Tricare will only pay up to 20%.

3- Marshall Auto Body has teamed up with the American Legion and will donate a 2004 Buick Rendezvous vehicle to a deserving veteran living in Southeastern WI. An application is required and must be submitted by the visiting www.marshallautobody.com Application deadline is Oct. 11, 2013.

4- The VA has boosted the number of mental health facilities and has added 1.600 more mental health providers to serve our veterans. Locations of these sites and info can be found on line at www.veteranscrisisline.net.



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

Remembering Our Friend, Warren "Gabby" Meier

Gabby died in October 2012, just a month before Veteran's Day. Gabby was a 'regular' at the Post. His presence was known as you entered the bar area. A very pleasant person . . . 'the BEST' . . . as we at 449 would say. It was an honor to know him.

Goodbyes are not forever, Goodbyes are not the end, They simply mean "Gabby, we miss you". The chain will link again.

Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain

I was five years old, in first grade and was completing the two miles, daily walk to a one room rural school near Tigerton, Wisconsin, with my older brother and two other boys. The date was November 1st.

As we passed by a wooded area and some farm buildings, we could see the school with the white country church just beyond. Looking for other kids to play with before school opened, we were taken aback when we spotted the fully assembled hay wagon, complete with wooden wheels, steel rims, and the wagon tongue (on one side of the chimney), straddling the ridge of the roof of our school! I don't know who perpetrated the Halloween prank --- but older, high school boys volunteered to disassemble and take it down.

Where did Halloween begin? The word Halloween originated with the Catholic Church from *All Hallows Eve, All Hollows Day, or All Saints Day*, as a day for honoring saints. The Celts believed that spirits of the dead came back on October 31st every year to mingle with the living. Not wanting to be possessed, they put out fires in their homes to make them undesirable and would dress in costumes, do destructive acts to drive off the spirits.

"Trick or Treating" may have originated in 9th century Europe with a custom called 'souling', where poor Christian people, on November 2nd (All Souls Day) would pray for villagers' dead relatives in exchange for *soul cakes* . . . square pieces of bread with currants.

Jack-O-Lanterns probably came from an Irish tale of a man named Jack, a notorious drunkard and trickster, who tricked Satan to climb a tree and then quickly carved a cross in the trunk below, thus trapping him in the tree. Jack made Satan promise never to tempt him again and then let the devil down from the tree. When Jack died, because of his sinful life, he was not allowed in heaven. Neither was he allowed in hell because he had tricked Satan. However, the devil gave him an ember to carry through cold and darkness. The ember was placed in a turnip to keep it glowing longer. When the Irish came to America, they found pumpkins to be more plentiful than turnips for their "Jack's Lanterns".

So, what are your thoughts? Are we worshiping and promoting evil? Is trick or treating teaching extortion? I leave you with the words of Jerry Wilson (one source for this article), "Though some cults have adopted Halloween as their favorite 'holiday', the day did not grow out of evil practices, and today, it is only as evil as one cares to make it." *Respectfully, Harvin*



From the Adjutant's Desk

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

Physical security concerning the office continues to be a problem! Someone with padlock keys continues to leave the Adjutant's desk unlocked. The door to the office also is being left unlocked. Your private information is in that desk and office. To protect everyone associated with the Post, and yourselves, please make sure that the area is secured.

The big 'renewal rush' is over. Those of you who have not sent in your 2014 dues . . . *please* do so as soon as possible. Post Officers need to lead by example.

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A Message From the House Manager

By Mike Desrosiers
(414) 507-0225, OR (262) 781-0488



Our Post is holding Concealed Carry Training Sessions through 12/8/13, and possibly beyond. If you are interested in learning the 'do's and don'ts' of carrying a concealed weapon, you should attend. These classes are held by Precision Arms Training lead by Chris Withrow (Fred's son), a certified pistol instructor with the NRA. The classes are \$80.00 each and last 4-5 hours. [See schedule below.](#)

There is NO LIVE FIRING in these classes, NO weapons or ammo allowed.

None of the Sunday classes conflict with the Packers, you will be able to do both.

See you at the Post!!!!!!!



**Protect Your
Constitutional
Rights**



Concealed carry training at
American Legion Post 449
Call 262-278-0065 to Schedule

Thurs. 10/10/13—5 to 10PM
Sun. 10/27/13—1 to 6PM
Thurs. 11/14/13—5 to 10PM
Sun. 12/8/13—1 to 6PM

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MOVE OUT

Shorter days and colder weather got you feeling a bit sluggish? We have the answer! Join us at the Post on October 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. (just before our monthly meeting), for a low impact, 30-minute indoor walking exercise demonstration by health professionals from the Zablocki VA and a team of Veterans just like you.

This group would like to start a FREE weekly exercise session at our post as part of a program called MOVE OUT, a community-based extension of MOVE, the VA's national weight management and healthy lifestyle program.

Ten other American Legion and VFW posts in the area have already joined the fun! Participating post members (and their friends and family) are exercising more, eating better, and losing weight. Just ask Chuck Steinkraus how he lost 30 lbs.!! Wear comfy clothes and shoes; the VA will provide bottled water.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

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The President's Message...

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



**"VETERANS FIRST" FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

Everyone had a great time at Fall Forum at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center, in Oconomowoc on Saturday, 9/21/13. District 1 had the biggest basket for the Raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the basket. The Fall Forum is a great learning experience and was enjoyed by all eleven that attended. I hope next year we can have more attendees from Unit 449. The lunch was superb.

Please don't forget the Auxiliary Food Drive for the month of October. Fill the bins and show that we care. "Share Your Life, Be Gems of Service, Pass It On." Thank you to all who have made donations for all of our Veteran Events!

Please remember the date for the Field Service Orientation at 1:00pm on October 12 in the Post Hall.

Reminder, October 26, 2013 will be the Auxiliary's next Sign-In. Our theme will be Halloween, so everyone please wear a costume, come and let's have some FUN!!

Meet the Veterans from the Congregational Home and have lunch with them on Monday, October 28th 11:30am at the American Legion Post 449. This would be a great time to interact with some of our Veterans and thank them for their service.

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for October: 1) Katie Bloedorn 2) Millie Wdowicki 10) Jo Pasbrig 12) Lynn Kelly 18) Colleen Rupert, Theresa Seegert 31) Betty Bertino. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above for the month of October. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

WHAT IS A VETERAN? A VETERAN IS A PERSON TO WHOM WE OWE EVERY BREATH WE TAKE!!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- November 9 . . . Veterans Day Parade - 50th Anniversary
- November 16 . . . Auxiliary Fashion Show . . . 11 → 2
- November 19 . . . Auxiliary Meeting 7:00
- November 21 . . . Blood Drive (see page 6 for details)
- November 23 . . . Aux. Holiday Faire/Bake Sale/Lunch/Sign In/ Raffle
- December 1 . . . Legion Post 449 68th Birthday Party
- December 17 . . . Auxiliary Meeting/Christmas Party @ 7:00pm

Greetings From 1st Vice

By: Jennifer Michaels (262-893-0741)

Hard to believe that October is almost here! On October 7th, we will be welcoming 30-35 veterans from Zablocki VA. If you haven't been to one of these party's, join us, you will really enjoy fun! We will be doing a picnic party. There will be brats and hamburgers. We will again be doing horse racing. I want to thank Frank Sternisha for donating his time to play the dinner music for the veterans! I know it's traditional that these Veteran parties have been a Ladies Auxiliary event, but I would really love to see some Legion and Sal members attending. You guys would really enjoy the fun. . . .so, be at the post by 4:15 -4:30.

Thanks again to everyone that helps with these events! I could not do it without your help.



DINNER



FUN

**Greet the VETS from Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center
HOSTED BY THE LEGION AUXILIARY POST 449
MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 5:30 P.M.**

Vendors

Raffles

4TH ANNUAL



*Presented By
American Legion Auxiliary
American Legion Post 449*

**3245 N 124th St,
Brookfield WI
Saturday,**

November 23, 2013

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Lunch Available
Bar Open**

Bake Sale

Hot Beverages

Hello From 2nd Vice

Colleen Rupert (414) 336-8261
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The seasons are changing and Fall is on its way. The Auxiliary would like to thank Jerry Witts, spokesman and Vietnam War Dog handler, and the families who brought their dogs to present the War Dogs program at our September meeting. We learned that countless soldiers' lives have been saved by War Dogs.

Special 'thank you's' go to our hostesses Sandy Dearing, Betty Conlon, Diane Larsen and Beverly Thiele for the delicious food they provided. Hostesses for October are Lynn Kelly, Kristine Vesche and Cheryl Mielke.

We are still looking for school supplies such as notebook paper, pencils, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and tissues.

Hope to see everyone at next month's meeting.

Have a blessed day!

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandydearing@yahoo.com



In the parable of the talents, when a man went on a journey he entrusted three of his servants with talents of money. Two of the servants invested wisely and as a result of their actions, the man was blessed and he richly rewarded them. However, one of his servants hid the talent of money he was entrusted with when he buried it in the ground while awaiting his master's return. Because of this, the man had not earned any interest or multiplied any of the money entrusted to him. This servant was not rewarded...in fact the talent of money was then taken from him. Each one of us has been given both gifts and talents to be used and just as the servant who lost his talent of money, if we don't use them they become stagnant and are wasted. But, if we use our talents and gifts as God intended, they benefit others and are multiplied.

One Sunday last month our Home Group had the opportunity to play bingo at the VA. Several of us were bingo callers, one gal pushed around the cart showing off the prizes while describing them in detail, and others sat with the veterans helping with bingo, while listening intently to their stories. One friend in our group sat lovingly with a young woman who could not see, communicate or even participate. Yet she held her bingo card for her, marked off the numbers and cheered her on when she finally won. However, the sweetest moment occurred when I saw my friend holding this young woman's hand while quietly praying for her with tears in both their eyes. She had understood!

Each of us has a different gift or talent that when used will be a blessing to others. We should never fear that we are not good enough, talented enough or available enough to do something for another. It only takes a moment of using what God has gifted us with to make a difference in someone's life.

It is by our using of these talents that we are able to bring glory to God.

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

KEN LAMSTER UPDATE

Ken has moved!!! His address and telephone number ► Ken Lamster, Layton Terrace, 9200 W. Layton Ave., Apt. C105, Greenfield, WI 53228. Phone #: 414-235-8504. 'Give em' a call or send a note...he would like to hear from you.

Greetings From JoAnn Ross at the Membership Desk...



Auxiliary membership stands at 462, with 177 paid.

Our "Early Bird" winners of \$10.00, for August and September are:
Karen Adams – August Diane Larson – September.
Congratulations to both!

Welcome New Members:

Cindy L. Dix . . . recruited by Kat Kalyvas
Ednah M. Kaminski . . . recruited by Kat Kalyvas
Debbie Z. Mursch . . . recruited by Mick Cucinello
Susan R. Bartoszewicz . . . recruited by Sandy Dearing
Venice M. Meyer . . . recruited by Sandy Dearing
Patricia F. Mustapich . . . recruited by Jackie Meier



IN MEMORIAM

For those of you who remember Gertrude Pizzino, her son notified me of her death, no details listed. She had moved to Chandler, Arizona, died there on June 24th of this year.

• Our Sympathy to LaVonne Biedenbender for the loss of her brother-in-law, Leon Gosse.

May Gertrude and Leon *rest in peace!*

Remember to send address changes and new phone numbers to me, NOT headquarters or National. I will send them through the proper channels. Thanks for your cooperation.

Happy Halloween - Enjoy the Fall season

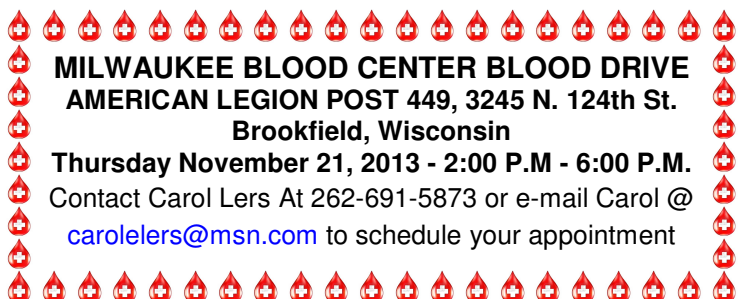
Blessings on our Military wherever they may be serving, and keep them out of harms way. Bring them home safe!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOOD DRIVE FOR WAUKESHA SALVATION ARMY OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

The Salvation Army Food Pantry has delivered barrels for us to fill in October. Bring your food donations to the Post until the end of October. They need non-perishable food items such as: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED SOUPS, BABY FOOD, PASTA & RICE SIDE DISHES, OATMEAL, JELLO, PUDDINGS, BAKING MIXES, TUNA, ETC.

PLEASE ► NO GLASS OR EXPIRED PRODUCTS.

All food items will be distributed at no cost to needy residents in Waukesha County.



MILWAUKEE BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 449, 3245 N. 124th St.
Brookfield, Wisconsin
Thursday November 21, 2013 - 2:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M.
 Contact Carol Lers At 262-691-5873 or e-mail Carol @ carolelers@msn.com to schedule your appointment

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S.A.L. Commanders Message . .

By Leigh Rainer, Squadron 449 Commander

“There’s no place like home”



There is no place like home that can compare to our own beautiful home we call Post 449. A THANK YOU to the few of its members and volunteers that keep it that way, again, it’s only a few of the members that do it. We can rely on those people, because they are a committed few. A “THANK YOU” being said to those people would mean a lot to them.

That being said; let’s talk about our Saturday Night Dances. This is a Post function and if it were not for the S.A.L. and Auxiliary members, and just a few Post members that show up every week, the turn out from our Post would be non existent. All that I’m asking is that more of our own Legion members show up. The committee works hard to get you the music you all enjoy, so come, join the fun, and dance the night away (Or at least bumble around like I do).

Also, a big THANK YOU to all the people that bought our food and raffle items at the September 14th sign-in. The S.A.L. sponsored this event and I would like to thank all the volunteers that worked so hard to make it a success. The money we make at these events goes a long way in our commitments to charitable organizations.

In October and November, the S.A.L. will be holding our annual “Toiletries Drive” for the veterans at the V. A. Hospital. Boxes will be placed at the entrance doors for the items, so please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

Last, but not least, our friends at G.S.F. Mortgage will be around at the October 19th sign-in to answer any questions you may have about mortgages, and on top of that, they will be sponsoring the Saturday Night Dance on November 16th. We want to thank G.S.F. Mortgage for sponsoring these events.

Mark your calendar for the SAL Memorial Service on Veteran’s Day at 11am

S.A.L. Costume Contest is October 26

By Mike Pook, Past Squadron Cmdr

Once again this year, the SAL will be sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest during the Saturday Nite Music of Boomer Nation on October 26. Cash prizes for the top three places will be awarded to the best costumes. Band mates Jim Wall and Jim Boettcher are SAL members. Come & hear them perform classic rock favorites. Dress in costume and enjoy the fun!

SAL Membership...

By Jerry Durian, Squadron 449 Adjutant & Finance Officer

Our Squadron membership is at \$0. Our membership dues remain at \$10.00/year. We have a special for **RENEWALS ONLY** which is 3 years for \$25.00. We have another special for **NEW MEMBERS ONLY** which is 2 years for \$18.00.

The renewals are running behind this year, so I am looking for our returning members to renew their membership. We are always looking for members to attend our meetings, to support the S..A. L., and volunteer to work our events.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 50TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH.KICKING OFF AT 11:00 AM.

There is a continental breakfast downtown before the parade, a lunch at the War Memorial after the parade. We encourage as many participants as possible for this parade. Our parade committee is meeting to plan the parade. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Bob Kelly, Pete Schiller or myself.

The Wednesday Night Dartball League has started and we are always looking for new members. All you have to do is show up at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Thanks to everyone who helped at our September 14th Sign-In. We were able to raise a nice sum for our Color Guard Uniforms.

SAL Chaplain’s Message...



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

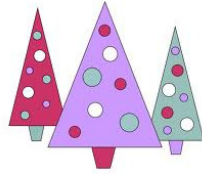
–It was the best of times.....it was the worst of times!

So starts the great novel "A Tale of Two Cities". Life in general, is the same way. We have happy events that we celebrate and we have sad events that are not so happy and joyful. This past weekend, my wife and I, along with other members of Post 449 helped to celebrate the lives of returning veterans on the Honor Flight and thank them for their service to God and Country.

On a sadder occasion, we mourned the loss of one of our own Post members, Leon Gosse. Again, my wife and I were happy to witness the outpouring of support by post members as well as our Honor Guard at Leon’s funeral.

The point here is that while we all celebrate and mourn in our own way, it is much easier to do when surrounded by others who feel the same way. We must continue to show our public support to the veterans and their families in both their "happy times" and well as their "sad times". God is with us in both our "times of triumph" as well as our "times that try men’s souls".

Brad CuturaKeep on trekkin' on!



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A Note From Earl Wood

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

Where is Lee Nordahl

Nordahl was the co-pilot on an RA5C shot down December 20 1965. Nordahl ejected from his aircraft, landed alive, and was captured.



September 14 2013

Please continue your prayers for the safe return of our POW in Afghanistan, Bowe Bergdahl.

The Myth of Vietnamese Full Cooperation - Almost 21 years ago, in October 1992, President George H.W. Bush dispatched a high-level delegation to Hanoi. The Vietnamese were about to release a cache of photos promised to be a major breakthrough on the POW/MIA issue. Leading the delegation were retired Army General and Presidential emissary John Vessey. A last minute addition to the group was former POW and the online poker playing Senator from Arizona, John McCain.

Today, we know many of the photos provided were already in U.S. hands. Two individuals operating independently under contract to the Defense Intelligence Agency gained unprecedented access to Hanoi's POW records. Under the project names Druid Smoke and Swamp Ranger, they obtained photos of aircraft, identification card and remains, proving the Vietnamese government knew the fates of these men and the location of their remains. At least one of these contractors, Swamp Ranger, operated with an ample supply of cash, supplied by DIA.

Days after the delegation returned from Hanoi, Senators John Kerry and Bob Smith, sent a letter to the Vietnamese Ambassador to the United Nations, Trinh Xuan Lang requesting additional information on the eleven servicemen. The remains of three of the eleven were identified between 2000 and 2005. We wonder how many of the remaining eight servicemen have been returned and identified since 2008. As of September 11 2013 the last time DPMO updated their list of accounted for servicemen . . . the answer is ZERO!

The Vietnamese photographed these men and buried them. Yet, decades later, they remain among the missing. Indeed the government could do better by all our POW/MIAs from all wars.



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Food and Drinks will be available for sale during the tournament! ¼ lb. Brat's with chips & a pickle for \$ 6.00 each. (w/ dessert)

Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration. (Doors open @ 10:30) For you early birds! Arrive No later than 11:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m. Announcements-Rules/Scoring, etc.
 (Please complete your score sheets neat & legible)

12:10 a.m. Start Playing Cards--- Round 1

1:20 p.m. Round 2

2:30 p.m. Round 3

3:30 p.m. "Drawing" Good luck to all!

4:10 p.m. Announcements of winners!!

All entrances are Handicapped Accessible!!

FEE'S: \$ 12.00 (After Oct. 13th \$ 16)

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6 Post Opens 11:30 Dist. Mtg. @ Post 8:30-2	7 Post Opens 11:30 Aux. Veterans Dinner Party (Vets from Zablocki VA Hospital) 5:30 p.m.	8 Ideas Comm. Mtg. 6:00 Exec. Board Mtg./ Cards 7:00	9 Men's Dart Ball 7:00	10 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	11 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	12 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30 Field Serv. Orientation Class @ the Post 1:00
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27 Post Opens 11:30	28 Post Opens 11:30	29	30 Assemble Nov. 449er 11 a.m. <u>Past Pres. Mtg. 1:30</u> Fashion Show Mtg. 4:00 Men's Dart Ball 7:00	31 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8 Happy Halloween	Future Events (Continued) 11/23, Aux. Holiday Fair/Sign In/ Raffle/Lunch/Bake Sale 12/1, Post 68th Birthday Party	