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Commander's Report

By Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195
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April has flown by and much has been done. The highlight of the month has to be the nominations of new officers for the new term. I am extremely grateful for your nomination as your Commander. I have worked hard to resolve problems, repair all outdated systems, pay off all existing debts (\$58,000+) so far with only \$15,000 left on POP! However, my goal is to make this Post a comfortable, enjoyable place to socialize, enjoy great food prepared by our great staff and most importantly to provide numerous programs for Vets together with the Auxiliary and SAL has improved our Post. I am requesting your vote for another term as your Post Commander to enable me to complete the merger process and continue to grow our Post. In the past three years, I have asked you to support three projects:

1) Project Renew—We replaced the over, the warming ovens and refrigerator and replaced faulty wiring.

2) Project Refresh—We installed two new windows, a new state of the art security system, a secured rear service door, updated our alarm system, replace the ice machine, replaced our very old sound system and made many minor repairs.

3) Pay off Principal (POP) Program—we raised funds to pay off \$35,000 of our \$50,000 bank loan to this date and I continue to ask for your support.

4) And finally, we paid our road improvement assessment of \$23,538.

In addition to the above, I bring to the table my experience and the following education background; a B.S. degree in Economics/Accounting and a M.A. degree in Business Management.

Thanks to all of you who made time to attend the April meeting. Please make time NOW to attend the ELECTION IN MAY!

My sincere thanks to all the volunteers who supported Rich to make our Post look much better.

Our Memorial Day Parade is coming soon. Please join us to show the public we are still here and still strong! I look forward to the warmer summer and seeing you at the Post.

Thanks, Ron

1st Vice Message

By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153



I am excited to inform my 449 Family that I am officially announcing my candidacy for the office of COMMANDER of Post 449. I would like to express my priorities for 449's future.

1. Ensure the completion of the merger with Post 23.
2. To empower our member of 449 FAMILY through active JOINT committees.
3. To provide our Post family a sense of confidence in our operations through total financial transparency.
4. Put the right folks in the right jobs.
5. To explore more revenue generating activities to attain overall fiscal success.
6. To showcase our facility to District and Department to utilize our facility for meetings and functions.
7. To provide funding and support to an active advertising and marketing plan.
8. To welcome and empower our new Post 23 family members and utilize their experience in LEGION programs to make 449 the flagship of Wisconsin.

TOGETHER, WE WILL STEADY THE COURSE OF 449.

STRENGTH THROUGH FAMILY



Finance Officer's Report...

By Interim Finance Officer John Horter
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American Legion Post 449, like all other Posts, exists principally for the use and enjoyment of their respective Veteran members along with the members of the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). These 3 groups either operating as a separate entity or together on a major project have as their primary objective the health and well-being of our senior Veterans as well as those individual Veterans and Veteran shelter facilities.

We collect funds to perform these services through food and drink revenue, special events, donations and to a small degree, dues.

We MUST use these funds wisely and prudently. Funds from ALL sources must be forwarded to the Finance Officer with the appropriate support documents. This is the only way that is acceptable to the Legion and the only way we can control our expenses which is a daily challenge for a facility such as we enjoy. PLEASE, everyone follow our money-handling guidelines. THANK YOU!

Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson



Dedicated to my air crew and other comrades who flew with the 478th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force who have gone on to their eternal rewards.

"Hymn to a Departed Veteran"

You fought in air and land and sea.
You fought our fight for liberty;
In battles lost and battles won.
Your courage shining in the sun.
Your inspiration and your pow'r
Sustained us in our shining hour.
You were our strength through weary days
Of conflicts long in every phase.
Old friends are gathered here
To say "Good Bye" to someone dear.
Another comrade's passed away.
We wish him God speed on his way.

Your tour of duty's at an end,
As we say "Thank You" comrade, friend.
To other worlds you new may soar;
Meet other comrades gone before.
Our prayers are with you in your quest.
God grant you new eternal rest.

Melody: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" also used for "The Navy Hymn"

Words by Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain



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Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977



Last Bugle (Members)...

George Lawrence Korea
Melvin Tates Korea



Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

Willard Brandau WWII	Jerry Carlin Korea
Thomas Krajna Korea	Richard Hausner Korea
James Dix Vietnam	Charles Marfitt Korea
William Hollenbeck Peace Time	Lyle Geske WWII
Richard Malensek Persian Gulf	Susumu Musashi WWII
Robert Wenzel WWII	Calvin Leddell Peace Time
Melvin Gusho Korea	Peter Picciolo WWII
Robert Kolell Korea	Alan Jeffrey Vietnam
Adam Boehler Vietnam	Norbert Zentkowski WWII
Frank Prochnow WWII	Robert Waters WWII
Jack Polzin Korea	Gaylord Poeschi WWII
Russell Parsons WWII	David Perkins WWII
Russell Billmyer Vietnam	Carl Funk WWI
Donald Goniu WWII	

Sick Bay:

Donald Zautcke

Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families and groups for their generous contributions to our Post for the Honor Guard's service for their loved ones... The Carlin Family and The Ilenfeld Family.

On another note, I would like to thank Ralph Fernhaber and Chet Salmela for their many years of dedicated service with our Honor Guard. They both have decided to retire from the Guard. Chet had 28 years of service and Ralph had 22 years of service. We salute each of them and a big Thank You to them for their service to our Post.

Also, I'd like to welcome Ray Mansfield and Ricky Robinson as new members to our Honor Guard.

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

1 - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that it is now able to fund care for all veterans with Hepatitis C for Fiscal Year 2016 regardless of the stage of the patient's liver disease. The move follows increased funding from Congress along with reduced drug prices. Treatment priority is established for the sickest patients. Also, if veterans are currently waiting on an appointment for community care through the Choice Program, they can now turn to their local VA facility for this treatment or can elect to continue to receive treatment through the Choice Program. VA expects that with the expansion, many more Veterans will be started on Hepatitis C treatment every week.

2 - Members of a congressionally appointed Commission on Care, many of whom are medical industry executives, are reportedly pushing lawmakers in Washington to support long-term plans to accelerate privatization of VA health care. American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett says such a proposal

seriously undermines the committee's purpose – develop a 20-year strategy to provide timely, high-quality care for veterans who use Department of Veterans Affairs services – and raises conflict-of-interest concerns when those promoting privatization stand to gain financially if that becomes VA's future.

3 - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that its Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System has allowed it to identify claim processing errors affecting approximately 14,000 veterans and survivors. These veterans' and survivors' claims were initially filed over many years. The errors concern cases in which VA had proposed that due to disability or age the beneficiary was unable to manage his or her VA benefits without assistance, but did not complete the action by transferring it within VA for appointment of a fiduciary. VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has set up a team to immediately review the cases, notify beneficiaries, complete the claim processing steps, and appoint a fiduciary as quickly as possible.

Remember... That all gave some, but many gave all!



Vacation is just a phone call away...

It was a rather disappointing turn-out on Cabin Reservation Day....only two veterans, from Post 449, secured their piece of paradise in the fabulous Northwoods. As of 4/17, we still have these great weeks available:

	<u>Kellett</u>	<u>Painter</u>	<u>Graff</u>
5/28 - 6/4	X	X	X
6/4 - 6/11			X
6/11 - 6/18			X
6/18 - 6/25	X		
6/25 - 7/2			
8/20 - 8/27	X		
8/27 - 9/3	X	X	X
9/3 - 9/10	X	X	X
9/17 - 9/24	X		X
9/24 - 10/1	X		X



Each cabin will accommodate up to six persons in a newly renovated two bedroom/one bath cabin. Relax in the spectacular beauty of northern Wisconsin across from Camp American Legion on Big Carr Lake in Tomahawk. Take advantage of our low weekly rates (a fraction of other lodging elsewhere in the area).....**only \$300 to \$360.**

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or
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The President's Message...

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"BE THE SPARK FOR OUR VETERANS"



Thank you to our hostesses, Kitty Larkin, Doris Riepel & Joanne Peterson, at the April 19, 2016 meeting, for the delicious snack of ice cream sundaes. Thank you to the six winners from the Essay Contest, their families, the teachers & Ms. Gladney, who took time out of their schedule to come to our meeting to read their winning essays. Congratulations to our first place winner, 3rd grader, Arianna Taylor. Arianna's essay was sent to Department. All six winners received a monetary gift from Unit 449. Congratulations to Chris Cannon for being the Auxiliary's "Special Queen" for the evening. Our next Auxiliary Meeting is May 17, 2016 at 7:00pm. Please join us for our very busy and special meeting. We will have the voting for our Executive Officers for 2016-2018 and a Memorial Service for our beloved Deceased Members. Miss Poppy & Little Miss Poppy winners will also be crowned.

Please help to make a difference for our Veterans. Sign up for Poppy Distribution on May 20-22 for an hour or more. Legionnaires wearing their covers at the sites are readily recognized by the public as Heroes and Defenders of our Freedom. Donations received are used to help all Veterans. Please contact Dolores Kroening to sign up.

The 1st District Conference was fun for everyone. The New Executive Committee Officers were voted on. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch made by Post 95 in Delavan.

The Auxiliary will be working on Blessings Bags for Veterans & for the homeless. Please watch for flyers.

We will be visiting several Assisted Living Facilities/Nursing Homes in the next 2 months. Two dates are listed below in up-

coming events, rest will be announced at a later date.

Memorial Day Parade, please consider joining the Auxiliary in the Elm Grove Parade. This is another way to honor Veterans. Kathy Schiller is in charge of the Bake Sale. We need mini loaves of bread of any kind, cookies, muffins (but no cupcakes), any baked goods & candy appreciated, plants and flowers of any kind. Kathy Schiller is in need of help with selling the baked goods and plants. Any questions, please call Kathy. Also, all Juniors are invited to join the parade. Jr's will have their own float & are invited to ride or walk in the parade. Please let Shannon Daigle know if you will be in the parade. The Auxiliary will have a hot dog lunch starting at 11:30 at the Post. Yummy desserts can be purchased at the Auxiliary Bake Sale. Please join us & support the Auxiliary & the Post!

Don't forget to make your reservations for the American Legion Convention, July 14-17th, 2016 at Madison Marriott West, Middleton, 608-831-2000.

Oconomowoc will have their 2nd "Walk, Run & Roll for Veterans and their Families and money will be donated to the Fisher House, May 21, 8:00am-11:00am. Please register online. Early Bird Cost is \$27.37 by April 6th and after April 6th but before May 19th is \$32.64. Register by May 1st to receive your free tee shirt. Link is: <https://walk-run-roll-oconomowoc.eventbrite.com>.

Happy Birthday & God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for May, 2016: 4) Eunice Hanson, 7) Patti Grieb, 10) Arlyne Lam-brecht, Mary Ann Passon, 11) Leslie Birchfield, 12) Mary Schwartz, Patti Diekfuss, 13) Esther Gordee, 21) Hope Draak, 26) Betty Porter, 27) Cheryl Kartes. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names are not mentioned. 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!

May 7, Sat	Auxiliary Raffle Sign-In – 11:30am Kentucky Derby, Hat Contest, see flyers
May 14, Sat	Stars & Stripes Honor Flight – Milwaukee Airport
May 15, Sun	King VA Hospital, Waupaca, Open House 10:00am-3:00pm
May 17, Tue	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm – Elections
May 20-22	Poppy Distribution Weekend – Dolores Kroening
May 21, Sat	Walk, Run & Roll for Fisher House, Oconomowoc Unit 91 – 8:00am-11:00am
May 30, Mon	Memorial Day Parade Meet at Post at 8:00am in back parking lot Bake Sale – Kathy Schiller (no cupcakes, please) Hot Dog Lunch by Auxiliary – 11:30am
Jun 6, Mon	Horse Races at Congregational Home, 2:30pm, Everyone Welcome
Jun 11, Sat	Auxiliary Food, Raffle, Sign-in – 11:30am Spaghetti Lunch
Jun 19 – 24	Badger Girls State University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh Campus
Jun 20, Mon	Bingo at Menomonee Place, 1:30-3:00pm Menomonee Falls
June 28, Tue	Joint Installation of Officers, Legion Executive Meeting, 7:00pm

1st Vice Report

By Kathy McCarthy (262) 442-5703
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Hello Everyone!

Spring has arrived part time. I sure wish it would come full time.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with furnishing our Homeless Vet's apartment. If you were at the last meeting you got to meet TAWNY.

Just a few reminders. We need raffle items, desserts and salads for our Derby Day May 7th. It is also Poppy season so please sign up to help distribute our poppies this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. This is what we use to help our vets out and have them here at the post.

We had a great turn out at the Junior's Spring Conference which was held at our Post. One of our members became the State Secretary of the Juniors. Congrats, Kimmi Oliver.

The next couple of months will be busy so hope to see you all at the Post.

Until then God Bless and stay well.

- Kathy

BEWARE OF AUTOMATED CALL FROM THE VA: SCAM

Message from

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

Please spread the word to our Veterans!

Please help them protect their information. The VA does NOT have an automated system that CALLS YOU and requires you to punch in your personal information/Social Security Number for any reason. Last week one of our Veterans received a telephone call requesting their Social Security Number be punched into an automated system. According to the VAAHS Privacy Officer, this is occurring across multiple government agencies and locations. Please advise our Veterans to hang up and report the incident by contacting the VAAHS Privacy Officer, Julie Lowery, at (734) 845-5314.

All VA automated systems that request information require Veterans to call that service; no VA automated system will call a Veteran and require information be entered into that system. An example of this is prescription renewal through the VA's automated pharmacy prescription renewal service. The VA offers multiple ways to renew prescriptions. Myhealthvet, for example, is an online service only. Through Myhealthvet, a Veteran must log onto the website to renew a prescription online. Some Veterans choose to call the pharmacy to renew a prescription utilizing the pharmacy's automated prescription renewal system. In this case, the Veteran is asked to enter their personal information including their Social Security Number; however, the Veteran must call the pharmacy. The pharmacy's automated system does NOT call the Veteran.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY DAYS

Enclosed with this newsletter is a self-addressed envelope (with a poppy enclosed) for you to use to make your donation to our Poppy Fund.

The poppy represents the poppies that bloomed in the battlefields of France during

World War I. Remember the sacrifice our service people make so that we can keep our nation strong and free.

Checks should be made payable to ALA Unit 449.

WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE!

Also, we will be distributing Veteran-made Poppies in the Elm Grove and Brookfield areas on Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. (Sendik's; Elm Grove; Sendik's, Brookfield; Ace Hardware; Elm Grove Post Office; Elm Grove Liquor)

Time periods are available for one hour or more. Sign up sheet will be available at next Auxiliary meeting or call me for a specific date, place and time at 262-253-0994.

All donations received are used to support the many programs for our veterans.

- Dolores Kroening, Poppy Chairman



Back left to rt.—Sara VanderGrinten, Mary Garnier, Joan Schmit, Shannon Daigle, Michele Johnstone, Bonnie Worgull, Jean Ramlow, Geri Klebenow-
 Front left to rt.—Linda Cofta, LaVonne Biedenbender, Marion Kolsch, Carol Ehrlichmann

AUXILIARY UNIT 449 2016 AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT REPORT Wally's Seymour Lanes, Seymour, WI -- April 9-10					
TEAM EVENT w/Hdcp					
1. 449 Aces	2103	(c) Bonnie Worgull-562, Carol Ehrlichmann-517, Sara Vandergrinten-489, Linda Cofta-626			
2. 449 Jets	2101	(c) Marion Kolsch-506, Joan Schmit-545, Mary Garnier-519, LaVonne Biedenbender-531			
3. 449 Strikers	2086	(c) Michele Johnstone-565, Jean Ramlow-445, Geri Klebenow-726, Shannon Daigle-350			
Team High Game Scratch		Doubles w/Hdcp		Doubles High Game Scratch	
1. Geri Klebenow	237-224	1. M. Kolsch / L. Biedenbender	1100	1. Bonnie Worgull	208
2. Joan Schmit	223	2. G. Klebenow / Linda Cofta	1063	2. Geri Klebenow	180
3. Bonnie Worgull	222-176	3. M. Garnier / J. Schmit	1052	3. L. Biedenbender	179-165
4. Marion Kolsch	187	4. B. Worgull / C. Ehrlichmann	1041	4. Marion Kolsch	177-167
Singles w/Hdcp		Singles Hi Game Scratch A/E w/Hdcp			
1. Bonnie Worgull	705	5. Mary Garnier	582	1. B. Worgull	241-228-236
2. Geri Klebenow	659	6. Carol Ehrlichmann	543	2. Joan Schmit	196-191
3. Michele Johnstone	624	7. Marion Kolsch	519	3. M. Kolsch	195
4. Joan Schmit	609	8. Linda Cofta	498	4. G. Klebenow	189-183
				G. Klebenow	1949
				B. Worgull	1767

Thanks to all the new bowlers this year. Registration fell from 113 last year to 80 this year!!
 We're working on at least one more team. Destination Monroe in 2017.

Chaplain Sandy's Message...

By Sandy Dearing
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Memorial Day, a day to remember those who gave all for their country. The first Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30, 1868 to honor those who had died in the Civil War. These early Memorial Day services were held in many of our nation's churches to honor our fallen soldiers and pray for a healing of our Country. This was a solemn event where the loss of our countrymen was mourned by all. We were a nation that needed to remember that these great sacrifices were made by our family members and friends for the benefit of all those who call this country our home.

This truth still remains today. Through the many wars our nation has fought, men and women have given their lives for freedom and a better tomorrow. As we continue to celebrate this solemn day of remembrance, let us also never cease to teach our children and our grandchildren about the sacrifices that were made for us and the meaning of this day. As scripture says, "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 11:19. How else will they carry on and remember unless we do our part? Let us also remember not only to pray for our nation and our soldiers, but to invite our children and grandchildren to participate in our prayers. That is how they will learn and that is how they will remember.

May the Lord continue to watch over our Country, our soldiers, and our veterans. May all that we say and do bring honor to God Almighty and those who gave their lives for us.

Please remember in your prayers:
The family of Elaine Kleinhans (member of the Auxiliary)
The family of John (Jack Schmitt) Legion member

God Bless! See you at the Parade!!!
Chaplain Sandy

Auxiliary Nominating Committee

The following slate of elected officer candidates for 2016 – 2018 was read to the membership at the April 19 monthly meeting:

President	Kathy McCarthy
1 st Vice President	Shannon Daigle
2 nd Vice President	Joan Felski
Treasurer	Dolores Kroening
Chaplain	Kathy Schiller
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bonnie Piszczek
Historian	Lilli Schwantes

Nominations from the floor (membership) can be made at the May 17 meeting when elections will take place. Combined installation will be Tues, June 28.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Lilli Schwantes – Chairman, Marion Kolsch and Joleen Gordon

Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kay Hoffmann
Shelley Ziech
Veteran: Tawny Fetzer (daughter Autumn still in process)
And our newest JR Member: Piper J Bogart (born 3/31/16)

PLUS: we have had a few more members send in renewal (keep 'em comin').

Our latest membership stands at 464 members or 83.2%. We do have a couple more new members in process but we still need to continue working towards our goal of 559. Time is running out! Let's keep inviting members to join. Remember to carry a membership application with you at all times. If a potential new member (or you), need assistance in completing the application, anyone from the Executive Board can help or give me a call. If you want to renew and are having some difficulties, let me know and maybe we can find some way to make it happen for you. You won't know if you do not ask and we value each and every member. Together we accomplish so much more. Remember: 'Service not Self'.

Any payments and/or membership material can be left for me in either of the BLUE boxes at the front or back entrances. They are locked and I check them every time I come to the Post. OR you can mail dues to:

Sam Catura
4660 N 69th St
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questions???: email: acatura@fmglc.com
Phone: 414-418-0289 OR work number: 414-908-8858

SR DUES: \$22.00 (JAN 1ST THRU DEC 31ST)
JR DUES: \$ 3.50 UNDER THE AGE OF 18

The year goes by so fast! This is just a reminder that following the July State Convention, new cards will be sent to us for the 2017 membership year. You can be one of the first to get your "2017" membership card by paying right away, then have your name entered in the "Early Bird" drawing.

Also: **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE**

If you are moving, have moved, know of someone who moved OR have a change in contact information, I need to receive this as soon as possible. National is already working on the 2017 cards and renewal notices. If they do not have the latest information, you will not receive timely renewals nor your new cards.

"GET EXCITED, CATCH THE SPIRIT, AND ASK OTHERS TO JOIN THE LARGEST, PATRIOTIC, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION."

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Is It Tuesday Yet?

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What is your something that amuses, pleases you instead of sitting in front of the TV for your entertainment? The Sons of Veterans at Post 449 help to give you many options to pass time. **Mick Cucinello** and his staff on Monday Nights serve you a hot meal while you socialize. **Wayne Kuether** works in the kitchen preparing and serving lunches and the Fish Fry. **John Mahoney** is helping to replace the light bulbs with LCD lighting. It's about helping each other out and caring about something more than about yourself. If you help others, you'll find it gives you joy!

On May 21, a car and/or motorcycle rally will take place on the public road of First District. The **Road Rally Poker Run** starts with Registrations at Post 171 Union Grove: 9 to 10 am. That's when you'll get your road map and score sheet for \$ 10. The Road Rally will start in Racine County take you into Kenosha County, then west into Walworth and Rock Counties. A scenic route will take you through Rock County into Lake Country of Waukesha County. There will be several stops in Waukesha County until you find yourself at Post 449, hopefully before 5 pm. Awards and raffles start at 5:30p. This is a fun way to discover First District American Legion Posts and our Veterans' memorials.

Car enthusiasts get your vehicles out and bring them to the Post on **Saturday June 4, 10 to 3pm. Car Show**. It is more than just a Car Show as there will be many special features to enjoy including the US Coast Guard and the War Dogs. Proceeds for the Man Raffle will support the G. I. Josh Dog Program. This will be a Dog Friendly event. The Legion Family members get to vote on the best for the Best of Show Trophy. All are welcome to attend. Show vehicles pay an entry fee as they arrive. Tell your friends!

Squadron 449 continues to be the number one Squadron for membership in the State of Wisconsin. We are 23 renewals or new members away from reaching 100 % and naturally we want to go at least one over by June 1. **Membership dues are \$15** per year. For new members only, get two years for \$25. All memberships go to Brad Catura.

You missed it! At the April Squadron meeting **Sgt Major Frank**

Parker Jr spoke to us about his 46 year career serving in the US Army. He enlightened us with a very colorful outlook on his military experiences starting with his service in Vietnam. Thank You Frank Parker Jr!

The elite **Squadron 449 Color Guard unit** is looking for several new members to assist with our patriotic duty of presenting the colors at the various community events. Please contact Leigh Rainer for more details.

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No Monday Night Dinner on Memorial Day Drawing at 7:00 pm



Adjutant's Corner

By Brad Catura BCatura@wi.rr.com

Good News Comrades, we are slowly getting closer to our goal of 220 members as we now have 204. However, we have very little time left to recruit and process the 16 remaining members that we need. As you may or may not know, The Department of



Jonathon Sokol	Mark Wollinka
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Jason Beaumont	Joe Krall
Adam Behnke	Gary Mason
Colby Frost	Christian Fetzer
Richard Cornelius	Richard Robinson
Gary Wallenkamp	

Wisconsin ends the year on June 30th - not December 31st. This means we have less than 2 months to reach our goal. After June 30th, I will be asking for your 2017 membership renewal dues, unless of course you signed up for our 2 year special as a new member for \$25.00. Yes, even though the calendar says there are 6 months left in 2016, as of July 1st, we start the 2017 membership renewal year.

But in the meantime, please help me welcome the following new members to our squadron:

assistant bar manager Kat K remains our top recruiter for the SAL, she has already received a 5 member recruiting pin - congratulations, Kat. So now, please congratulate another of our bartenders, "former" Marine and a dual member, Tom Krall on recruiting 5 members. Who will be next? Will it be dual member and 1st Vice Mike Daigle, who has 4 recruits and needs just 1 more? Or will it be Squadron Commander Mike Pook who has 2 recruits and needs only 3 more? Or will it be YOU? Each one - recruit one or two or five!

Exercise Daily - Walk with God!

Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings to you all from our Commander-in-Chief in both Heaven and here on Earth, I am sure that no matter what faith you practice, or none at all, you are familiar with the term:

Mercy. William Shakespeare writes about in scene 1, act IV, of *The Merchant of Venice*, saying: The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.....

In the Christian faith, you learn about two types of mercy: The corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy. Both of these spring out of the teachings of Jesus yes, but also were taught by the leaders of other Major Religions of the world. You may be asking yourself, why do I bring this up? Well, please bear with me as we delve a bit deeper into the subject of Mercy.

In our preamble to our Constitution, we pledge our loyalty to both God & Country. But I ask, can we give more than just lip service to our cause? Can we all show a little mercy?

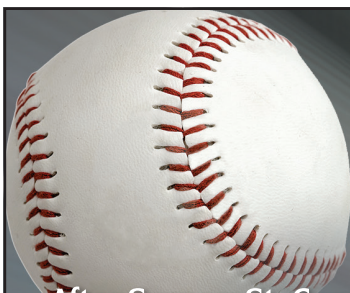
The 7 acts of corporal mercy are listed as follows- can you help? These are all charitable actions by which we help our neighbors (veterans) in their bodily needs.

1. Feed the Hungry - did you put food in the food barrels yet?
2. Give drink to the thirsty. No, I don't mean at the bar either- LOL! Think bottled water at our veterans' picnic.

3. Shelter the homeless - help with the auxiliary's Adopt-A-Homeless Vet project.
4. Visit the sick - Give blood at the post, send out get well cards or thinking of you cards, offer to give a ride.
5. Visit the Prisoners - POW/MIA - get more involved, send In a donation.
6. Bury the dead - join the Honor Guard by attending funerals, send out a condolence card.
7. Give alms to the poor. Buy one or more, much needed items for our hospitalized veterans. Please don't leave it all up to the Auxiliary.

I hope you better understand now how teachings of long ago are still relevant today. Next month, I'll talk about the spiritual mercies. Have a blessed day!

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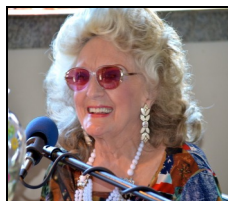
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 May 7 Rev Raven
 May 13 Bobby Way
 May 14 Our House
 May 15 Rev Raven (\$10 cover)
 May 20 Mike Eve
 May 21 Larry Lynne
 May 27 Tomm Lehnigk
 May 28 *No band due to Memorial Day*
 May 30 *Memorial Day* Hat Trick

June

Jun 3 Roger Boll
 Jun 4 Ricochettes (*last Saturday band for the summer*)
 Jun 10 Chris Vesche
 Jun 17 Best of Everything
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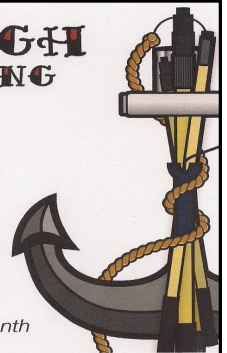


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