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**DATES
TO REMEMBER**

April 5, 2016

Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

April 5, 2016

SAL Meeting
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

April 19, 2016

Executive Bd Meeting
7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

April 19, 2016

Auxiliary Meeting

May 3, 2016

Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

May 3, 2016

SAL Meeting
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

May 8, 2016

Mother's Day

May 17, 2016

Executive Bd Meeting
7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

May 17, 2016

Auxiliary Meeting

May 21, 2016

Armed Forces Day

May 30, 2016

Memorial Day

Commander's Corner

It has been quite a month already and we are just over half way done. The Smoker was a grand success!!! Thanks to Dave and Brian for their planning and coordination. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their efforts!! From Set up the night before, to running around prior to the start of the event for the "last minute" stuff, helping thru the night and on to the cleanup. We as a Legion Family worked together to make it a big success.

Membership continues to be in the forefront of most meetings I attend. The year is winding down and so is the time to left to get your dues paid. I will be contacting members that have not paid up for this year. As always if you are in need of assistance please contact Joe or myself and we will assist you.

A reminder again that training for the Wisconsin American Legion College is coming soon. There planned dates June 11 and 12 in **Appleton** and September 17 and 18 in **Eau Claire** both dates will be for both the Basic and intermediate courses. I believe one each day. More info to follow.

- Keep an eye on the calendar of events we have a lot going on in the upcoming months!!! Elections, initiation, installation of officers, Memorial Day... (Just to name a few)

- Always remember our veterans at the Milwaukee VA. They can always use a visit and a kind word.

- As always if I can be of assistance don't hesitate to call or email me. We as a Family are doing many great things. Between Post, the Auxiliary and the SAL there is nothing we cannot get done.

- In closing remember that there are those who could use a little hand. Sometimes just a kind word, a smile, or a quick call to say "How are you doing?" can make a world of difference! As a post we can do a lot of good for our community. If we see a need and can fill it we not only help the person in need but we help ourselves fulfill our obligation to the community and each other.

See you around the post,

Jim

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PRIDE - TRADITION - EXCELLENCE

By the time you read this, it should be April. Spring is officially here, although Mother Nature might have other ideas regarding the weather. 3rd Vice-Commander John Edelblute and I were guests of Post Commander Kevin Braden and members of Neville-Dunn Post 489 who participated in the St. Patrick's Day on March 12th. At the beginning of the parade, there were many people dressed in traditional green and gold and white, and as we crossed the Juneau Street bridge from Old World 3rd Street, the color scheme changed to darker colors and a LOT of Red Solo Cups. Guess everyone was dressed for the weather and the beer in the Red Solo Cups helped to keep everyone warm, too. We had great time and hope we can attend again next year. Department Commander Dale Oatman has issued a challenge to all District Commanders asking them to work on getting membership in their district up by 3 full percentage points by April 7th. Wisconsin has slipped to 4th in the nation and a big push is being made to increase our membership. I am asking everyone who has not paid up yet to please do so and do your part in supporting Denise Rohan for Candidate for National Commander. The Fisher House Dedication will be held on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 11am on the VA grounds. The Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion has formed a Color Guard Unit, which will participate in parades, funerals, and other events eventually including Color Guard Competitions. Their first parade will be the City of West Allis Memorial Day Parade. I am asking anyone who wants to participate in the parade to contact either Commander Jim or myself. Color Guards, marchers and vehicles are needed. The next meeting of the Mighty 4th District will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, at Oeschlaeger-Dallman Post 434 in Oak Creek starting at 730pm.

See ya around the Post.

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3rd Vice

There will be a Concealed Carry Class at the Post on May 15th from 11AM-3PM. The class is offered by Freedom Firearms. Information and registration is available on their website www.freedomfirearmsnow.com or by calling Tom at 414-430-7617.

Cost:

WI \$50 (free to veterans) + \$40 application fee

UT non-res \$50 + \$49 application fee (carry in 38 states) [must have WI first]

FL non-res \$50 + \$70 application fee (carry in 38 states) [must have WI first]

Conceal carry reciprocity map is located at www.usacarry.com.

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SAL

Greetings everyone. It would seem that Spring is finally here, but don't put the shovels away just yet. Remember, this is Wisconsin and snow isn't unheard of in April.

April is officer election time. Our meeting is on April 5th at 6:30 PM upstairs at the Post. Your vote is important. Your willingness to want to do a good job in the squadron and for the SAL organization is imperative for the Squadron to be successful. I believe our forefathers would expect that of us. Do you have what it takes to be a leader?

The Post Smoker this year was a big success. There was a good crowd, the food was excellent as usual, all the raffles went well and it was a great group of helpers from the Legion Family that all worked well together. As usual, we could have had more help at the end with the clean-up. I want to thank all of the helpers who stuck it out until the end. You did a great job.

The SAL is still contemplating a weekend get-a-way at the Evergreen Campsites and Resort in Wild Rose, WI. You can find them online to see everything they have to offer. Please let us know your thoughts.

The SAL is still thinking about having a spaghetti dinner, but it looks like it will have to be sometime in the Fall due to peoples schedules. We will keep you posted.

The SAL will again be helping to put on a delicious pancake/omelet breakfast at the Post on Sunday, April 10th. Please pass the word to your family and friends and plan on attending this fundraiser.

For those members who haven't paid their 2016 dues yet, you will need to get with the program. Our dues are only \$17.00 a year and we are already through the first quarter of the year. If you are having a problem, please let us know. Your dues help support a lot of the programs that our group is involved in. Please send in your dues now.

Sincerely,

Danny Key

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From the Editor

Did you know the Todd Tattler is also available electronically through your email? You are able to receive the Post newsletter in 3 ways: through regular mail, off of the Post Website and via email.

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Any questions, please see the Commander.



POST 537 AUXILIARY REPORT

Sounds like the chilly weather is going to be with us for awhile, making it even more meaningful to have made fleece blankets for our veterans at Kenosha Outreach and Union Grove VA. They turned out beautiful and will hopefully bring "spring cheer" to their rooms. A group of us got together from our unit at post #416 on March 12th and I commend our unit for making 9 of the 39 total blankets made. With spring coming soon, it's time to save time for poppy distribution. Thank you Audrey for designing and mailing all the "Patty Poppy" letters. They really turned out nice. Our unit will distribute poppies at Ace Hardware and Giggly Wiggly in West Allis on May 20th and 21st.

It's also time to look forward to the Veterans Spaghetti Luncheon on April 7th. It's an honor to have them come for a meal and to play bingo with them, as they are so appreciative. We get more than we give. Then it won't be long until the Vendor/Craft Show on April 24th. Can we call you our "Vendor Lady" Debbie? You need a title for all you do to put everything together for the fair to happen. The bakers in our unit will supply bakery for the event. Come join us and don't forget to invite you family and friends.

Again, it is encouraging to see the units generosity each month for donating needed items for the Kenosha Outreach. A reminder we are all invited to participate in the "Team Duschek Penny War." to take place on May 7th. Each penny is worth (1) point to our district. Winners are not determined by the value of the money collected. It's the amount of pennies and the most points will win! Have a great month, save your pennies and remember to get out and vote on April 5th.

Pat Griswold
Unit President

Hi Everyone

Well the weather wasn't too bad for our meeting this time, the last 2 months were bad. We had 17 regular members and as usual had a good meeting and a good time.

We talked about a few of us went to Unit 416 and with other units did 39 tie blankets for Kenosha Outreach. The blankets were great and we had a good lunch and time went fast

Remember your dues if you haven't paid them yet. Put them in with your Miss Poppy Letter. Our meeting on April 19th makes sure you bring items for our friends at Dalton House Kenosha Outreach again Don't forget our Vendor/Craft Show April 24th need help and bring bakery to sell

(DATES TO REMEMBER):

- April 7th Veterans Luncheon come and help, us it is at 10:00 to set up Veterans will be there at 11:30
- April 15th is at St Mathias at 8:00 to stuff the bulletins with our flyers to our Vendor/Craft Show anyone can come and help
- April 19th our meeting, don't forget to bring things for Kenosha Outreach.
- April 24th the Vendor/Craft Show, be there to set up at 8:00 or come later to help, show is from 9:00 to 3:00 Need bakery to sell
- April 27th stuffing envelopes for the Todd Tattler at 5:00 There will poppies for us at Miller Park
- H A TODD FAMILY on June 10th and July 8th
- 4th District will be on August 13th & 14th more on that later.

Treats for April Meeting is Maggie Wnuk, Terri Miresse, Barbara Kuczynski. Marilyn Reese had a stroke; please remember her in your prayers.

Joan Kroll Recording Secretary

TAPS



We honor all those who have gone before us to the Arms of the Great Commander of us all.

We honor those who are missing and unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts.

May our fallen comrades rest in peace, and may their families be comforted by our thoughts and prayers.



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