

**DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

- August 4, 2012  
Post Picnic  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Valley View Park  
New Berlin  
...
- August 19, 2012  
Annual Post Corn Roast  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Post Parking Lot  
...
- August 20, 2012  
Post Executive Bd Mtg  
7:00 pm - Post Hall  
...
- September 3, 2012  
Labor Day  
...
- September 4, 2012  
SAL Meeting  
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room  
...
- September 4, 2012  
Membership Meeting  
7:30 pm - Post Hall  
...
- September 17, 2012  
Fund Raising Mtg  
6:00 pm  
Ex Bd Meeting  
7:00 pm
- December 8, 2012  
Childrens Xmas Party  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Joint Post Xmas Dinner  
5:00 pm



**POST PICNIC**

**August 4, 2012**

**10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Picnic Area 2 - Valley View Park  
5051 S. Sunny Slope Rd, New Berlin, WI  
approx 1/4 mile south of Beloit Rd, on the right**

Bring the family, and come join us for a fun day. Beer, soda, and ice cream will be available all day. Cooked food, hot dogs, brats, pork & beans, and corn (we hope) will be served starting at noon. Bring your children and grandchildren, and a couple of balls to kick around. We will have a few board games available for the kids who may want to sit and play a game. There is no charge for the picnic. We will have a variety of items to raffle. This is a fun social event, so come and visit with members of the Legion family. There is a shelter in the event of rain, and we plan on spraying for those pesky, flying mosquitoes prior to the start of the picnic.

We will need help with set up and clean up. Please contact 2nd Vice Brian Duerr at 414-477-0501, if you are able to help. Also, you can show up at the picnic, and we will accept your help and put you to work. Remember, one step forward?

1st Vice Linda Pfeiffer will be there to collect 2013 dues for those people who have not yet paid their dues. The Auxiliary and S.A.L. will also have someone there to collect dues for 2013. Auxiliary dues for 2013 are \$25.00. S.A.L. dues for 2013 are \$15.00.

**COMMANDERS CORNER**

Wally Pfeiffer

State Legion Convention notes: Congratulations to Auxiliary member Diana Sirovina. Diana was elected to serve as Auxiliary President for the State of Wisconsin at Convention. We extend our Congratulations to Wayne Jensen, from the 4th District, as he was elected as State Commander. Diana and Wayne will make a great team. Also, congratulations to our own Linda Pfeiffer, who was presented the Wisconsin American Legion Press Award for the 4th District Newsletter. We also thank Jim Marinkovich for his hard work this past year, as the Post received the 4th District Certificate of Participation, from the State, for all the great work that was done with the American Legion Children and Youth Programs.

## ATTENTION: ONE & ALL

Sunday September 23, 2012 will be a day filled with Fun, Food, Friendly People, and for someone, Good Fortune. Between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, a Champagne Brunch will be served at a cost of \$15.00 per person, that will be prepared by Todd Post's in house Chef, the one and only Darryl Wnuk and his talented crew of superb cooks. The complete menu will follow in the next newsletter but you can get a sneak preview of the menu and buy advance Brunch tickets at the Post Picnic. One hour after the fabulous meal the day will continue with a Reception to be held between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Entry cost into the reception has yet to be determined, but rest assured it will be a Good Time! With your paid entry you will be provided with liquid refreshment, snacks and for your listening and dancing pleasure, North Country, will be on hand to help you enjoy yourselves. Good Fortune will be in the form of The Legion Family Sweepstakes Drawing.

Tickets for the Sweepstakes can be purchased at the cost of \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. The top three Prizes are 1st - \$300.00, 2nd - \$200.00, and 3rd \$100.00, along with many other prizes. The drawing will be held at 4:00 pm. So come on out and see Your Newly Remodeled Post and meet your fellow members from the Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and S.A.L. Squadron and see what this American Legion Family has to offer you and your family.

Tickets are available at the Bar, from

\*\*\*\*\*LATE BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

### **This just in:**

**This event will be attended by The newly elected Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary President, H.A. Todd Unit 537, own Diana Sirovina and with newly elected Department of Wisconsin Legion Commander Wayne Jensen.**

**This is your chance to help Your Post kick off a new year and show your support for the entire Legion Family and its programs!**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Linda Pfeiffer

We have 128 paid memberships, and 20 Paid up for life (PUFLS) for a total of 148 paid memberships for 2013, as of this mailing. Thank you to all the EARLY BIRDS, who have kept us busy sending out membership cards. We met the challenge at the Department Convention with over 42% of our memberships turned in at Convention.

Please be sure to contact Service Officer Berg, the Commander or myself, if you need help with something. We, as a Legion, are here to serve our Veterans, which means each and every one of our members needs to know that we are here for each other. Do not hesitate to let us know if we can help you.

I will be at the picnic to collect "more" dues. I would really love to stop pestering everyone, so the faster you mail your dues, or drop them off at the Post, or pay at the picnic, or corn roast the sooner I can refrain from "being a pain in the neck for everyone." Just please remember that if you get a 2nd notice to pay dues, that it may just be a "timing" issue. Ladies and gentlemen, fulfill my dreams and pay your dues quickly, so that I can take time to do other projects at the Post level, and spend time relaxing. I hate being a pest. 100% by Veterans Day would be wonderful. We send dues to Portage where they are processed and then sent to Indianapolis. Sometimes the paid dues and the notice to pay, pass each other in the mail.

Bring an eligible friend, or family member to the picnic and sign them up as a new member. Once they meet with all the friendly faces, and eat the good food, cooked by our "in house" chefs, they will not be able to resist being part of our Post.

To all of our members: "Thank you for serving, and for continuing to serve".

Dues for 2013 are \$35.00. If you are retired and have been a member of Post 537 for 10 or more years, your dues are \$28.00.

## ED'S HEAD BANGIN' QUIZ

1. What is the largest state in area (square miles) east of the Mississippi River?  
a. Michigan                      b. Florida                      c. Maine
2. What is the oldest American settlement west of the Rocky Mountains?  
a. Tombstone, AZ                      b. San Francisco, CA  
c. Astoria, OR
3. Which State Fair attracts the largest annual attendance, and runs for 24 days?  
a. California                      b. Texas                      c. Nevada
4. Which President saw the largest number of states admitted to the Union during his Presidency?  
a. James Garfield                      b. Benjamin Harrison  
c. Chester Arthur
5. The sight of blood made which President physically ill?  
a. George Washington                      b. Theodore Roosevelt  
c. Ulysses S. Grant

## SUMMER PROJECT

If you are shopping at our local stores and notice a sale on school supplies, and you have a few dollars to share with our Adopted 4th grade class, please feel free to pick up supplies and bring them to any post function, or to the membership meeting in September.

Items needed by the students: wide lined loose leaf paper; Crayola crayons and markers and colored pencils (they do not stain the desks); pocket folders for papers; pink erasers; #2 pencils; glue sticks and washable Elmers glue.

If we get more than enough school supplies, we can adopt another class, or help the children of deployed troops with items for filling "buddy backpacks".

REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND GIVE ADJUTANT DAVIES A COPY FOR OUR REPORTS.

## MEMORIAL VIEWING OF THE HONOR FLIGHT AT MILLER PARK

On Saturday, August 11, 2012 Stars and Stripes along with the WE Energies foundation will be presenting a memorial viewing of the Honor Flight. They felt that since many Vets are unable to endure the long flight and day they would have a presentation as an honor for those unable to travel. The presentation will be various activities on the Miller Park grounds prior to the main event, a movie featuring the WW II Washington memorial. The movie will be shown on the Brewers giant screen with seating arranged so that everyone has a good view of the screen.

The \$11.00 tickets can be purchased either on-line at [StarsandStripesHonorFlight.org](http://StarsandStripesHonorFlight.org) or through the Brewers ticket office. To date some 8,000 tickets have been sold and there are hopes for 25,000 to 30,000 being sold. Group tickets are also available and can be obtained at [StarsandStripesHonorFlight.org](http://StarsandStripesHonorFlight.org) and then clicking the Honor Flight icon.

Gates will open at 3:30 p.m. for tailgating. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and the Event will begin at 6:30 p.m. The only negative issue is there are surcharges. \$3.00 at the window for cash, \$3.50 for credit card use at the window and for a phone order with credit card use it's a \$4.50 surcharge charge. Lastly, there is a \$10.00 parking lot fee so car pooling is most economical and advised.

**PLEASE NOTE: COMMANDER Pfeiffer has been contacted by the Whitnall Park Rotary Club regarding the above event. The Rotary Club has a limited number of tickets on a first come, first served basis, at no cost to World War II Veterans. They will also provide transportation. Please contact Commander Pfeiffer, immediately if you are a WWII Veteran and would like to go to Miller Park for this event.**

## SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Nick Berg

If you are aware of a Post Member that has become ill or who has passed away, please let me know as soon as possible so I can take care of what I need to do. If there are any other questions please let me know. My contact information page 6 of this Newsletter.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST REPORT

WOW. Thank you to all the people that attended the Memorial Pancake Breakfast.

The Ladies Auxiliary, added to the large amount of funds that we netted from the breakfast to send \$1500.00 to Camp American Legion to be put toward a much needed generator. Thank you to all the workers. We thank our S.A.L. cooks who served the delicious pancakes, sausage and omelets.

## CHAPLAIN NOTES

Doug Kueny

“For God and Country, WE associate ourselves” to  
“Service to God and Country”

The American Legion, pledged to service “For God and Country” has continuously emphasized the spiritual foundations of our Freedom.

To preserve this Freedom, we must continue to hold before the American People the spiritual foundations of our Country. We must reaffirm our faith in almighty God and constantly rekindle that spirit of humble reliance in Divine Guidance which inspired the Founders of our Country. It behooves us as a Nation to arm our people in time of peril with the ageless weapons of moral and spiritual might and to uphold and preserve, unimpaired, the spiritual heritage of America.

The Providence of God was ever in the mid of those who laid the foundations of our Nation. Our Nation’s security was not placed in any one individual, in classes of people or mortal plans, but was based on trust in God and in the individual responsibility of a free people to God and to all citizens. The Founders of The American Legion knew that God and Country must go together, if our Country would remain great and permanent. Such is still the concept of those who guide the destinies of our organization.

Quote from US President John Adams: “There is no such thing as human wisdom; all is the providence of God”

## WWII VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT

If you are a WWII Veteran and want to go on the Honor Flight, or have a WWII Veteran who is a family member, or friend, please apply to take this worth while, heartfelt trip to Washington D.C. information on the honor flight can be found at: <http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/> applications can be downloaded online at: [http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/pdf/Veteran\\_Application.pdf](http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/pdf/Veteran_Application.pdf).

If you do not have internet access and wish to receive an application, please contact a Post Officer.

## SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH FESTIVAL

Aug 24th 5-11pm \*      Aug 25th 2-11pm \*  
Aug 26th 12-8pm  
Food, Live Music, Alpine Amusement Rides, Sheepshead Tournament Sunday, Fish Fry Friday, Chicken Dinner Sunday, Cash Raffle, Wine Bar, Corn, Heavenly Roasted Nuts, Kids Games, Craft Beers, Meat & Liquor Raffle and much, much more!!

Saint Mathias Parish is a wonderful support for our Legion Post. They have allowed us to put flyers in their Sunday Parish Bulletins for our Post Activites, and activity support Veterans. Thank you for your support St Matthias Parish and members.

## ALUMINUM CANS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND

Please continue to save aluminum Cans and other recycleable metal for Children & Youth. You can bring the cans to the picnic or corn roast and give them to the Commander. You can also call Commander Pfeiffer and he will make arrangements to pick them up from you.

## BADGER BOYS STATE

Post Members Chuck Cooney (who received an award for years of service), and Post Member Dave Wischer and Auxiliary Member Trish Wischer, helped at Badger Boys State. Thank you for working with the youth of Wisconsin.

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## ALL VETERANS / THOSE THAT CARE / RALLY / MEETING

JULY 30, 2012 - 6:00 PM, 3rd Floor of the War Memorial Center - Memorial Hall, (by the Lake Front in Milw).

If you have listened to news or read the paper you know that there is a move to have the War Memorial moved out of the hands of the Veterans.

If you are able to attend this "peaceful rally" to retain the War Memorial for use of Veterans Activities, Services and Honor, please attend. The more Veterans that attend the louder our presence will be. The Memorial was Dedicated on Veterans Day 1957 as a Veterans Memorial to HONOR THE DEAD / BY SERVING THE LIVING.

Wear your Legion Hats, Service Insignia Caps, jackets, etc, to show that you are a Veteran. Remember to be honorable and respectful and peaceful. We have a board that is speaking for us, but they need us to be physically there to show support for what they are doing to retain the War Memorial for Veterans. We need to retain this Memorial for our Veterans of yesterday, today and tomorrow and for the families of Veterans whose loved ones are no longer living.

Veterans groups have planned new Events, Job Fairs and Exhibits for the War Memorial, but this will not happen if the War Memorial Center no longer belongs to our Veterans. We need your proud support.

750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milw. Parking is on the north side of the War Memorial Center, or on city streets. Car pooling is recommended, as we hope to have many Veterans there to show support.

## ED'S HEAD BANGIN QUIZ ANSWERS

1. a. Michigan
  2. c. Astoria, OR
  3. b. Texas
  4. b. Benjamin Harrison
- note: 6 - ND, SD, MT, WY, WA, ID
5. c. Ulysses S. Grant

## 2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Brian Duerr

I will need help at the Annual Picnic on August 4th. Please contact me by phone or email if you can assist me, or just show up at the Post at 8:00 am to get things together to go to the Picnic Area. Thank you.

## FUND RAISING

Chairperson Gretchen Davies

Our next big event is the Smoker (Card Party) in March of 2013, however it is not too early to start planning for the event. We are always looking for small and large raffle items for the smoker, so if you received a gift that needs re-gifting, or won an item in a raffle you do not want or need, remember to bring it to a membership meeting. If it is a large item, we need to know ahead of time, so we have a place to store it. Thank you.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Mark your calendar for Saturday December 8th for the Annual Childrens Christmas Party, and the Annual Joint Christmas Dinner.

## S.A.L. NEWS

Commander Bob Sirovina Jr.

Squadron 537 will be holding a spaghetti dinner in October. Advance tickets will be available at the September meetings, and the Post Bar. Details will follow in the September issue of the Tattler.



## ANNUAL POST CORN ROAST

Sunday  
August 19, 2012

11:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Post Parking Lot

Come and join us for a fun time in the Post Parking Lot for our Annual Corn Roast.

“Go Fish” game for children. Raffle Tickets will be available at the time of the Corn Roast, or in advance at the Post Bar. If you want tickets and cannot get to the Post to get them, please call Commander Pfeiffer, and we will make arrangements to get the tickets to you. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Prizes are: 1st prize - \$250.00, 2nd prize - \$150.00, 3rd prize - \$100.00, and other prizes as well.

Food and drink are available at a nominal cost.

We will also have music, (if you wish to dance in the parking lot), paddle raffles, and lots of visiting. RED DEACON will be performing from noon until 5:00 pm, with lots of great musical goodies, to include John Cash, Merle Hagard, Waylan Jennings and more.

Stop by for music, beer and foot, raffles, and visiting with Legion members, neighbors, family, friends and the Post Staff.

If the weather is inclement, no worry, the show still goes on, but we move inside for comfort. PS: Check out the remodeled hall.

### FROM POST MANAGER JULIE

Greetings to all, I would like to take this time to mention a few things to all of you. Thank you to ALL our customers and Post members for your continued support and help throughout the year. Each and everyone of you make a great difference.

## TAPS

Dennis Brzycki  
May 27, 2012  
Navy Vietnam

Edward Stoecker  
June 7, 2012  
Army WWII



We extend our sympathy to their families.  
May they rest in peace in the arms of the  
Great Commander of us all.

The time has come for our Annual Post Corn Roast, which is always a great deal of fun. See details on the left.

If you are able and willing to help with the Corn Roast, please call me at 414-543-2030. Ask for Julie. We have lots of things that we need help with, from bringing up tables and chairs, setting up the food area, and of course putting things away after the event. Not able to work, then please come and eat, and have a good time.

If I am not there, please leave a message and I will return your call. I appreciate all the help that each of you give.



Shown above are our Five of our past Commanders, all are Life Members of Post 537. Two have over 50 years in the American Legion. Combined they have 206 years in the Legion.

Left to right: Dave Wischer, Gully Murphy, Harold Garvey, Chuck Cooney and Wanda Fremut.