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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 7, 2017
Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

February 7, 2017
SAL Meeting
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

February 21, 2017
Executive Bd Meeting
7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

February 21, 2017
Auxiliary Meeting

March 3, 2017
Post Smoker

March 7, 2017
Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

March 7, 2017
SAL Meeting
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

March 12, 2017
4th District Bowling
Tournament 1:00
Classic Lanes, Oak Creek

March 21, 2017
Executive Bd Meeting
7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

March 21, 2017
Auxiliary Meeting

Commander's Corner

Well the holidays have come and gone and here is sit at Mid-Winter Conference between meetings. Your post is represented well with Legion members, Auxiliary members and SAL Members. Meetings today and Training tomorrow. I highly recommend you mark your calendar for next year. I'll have a full report an the membership meeting.

Membership for the post is currently around 85% and we are working on it. The membership committee continues calling and contacting members to get this number up. Thanks to those who have already paid your dues. We need new members also so don't be afraid to ask. See any post officer for assistance in recruiting.

Our Candidate for National Commander Denise Rohan continues to recover well and is in great spirits. Two broken heals have not slowed her down at all. She is back on the road and doing well. You can see where she is going on her web page http://www.deniserohan.org/. Keep an eye out for Fourth District Fund raisers to support our National Candidates and participate where you can.

Reminder of dates to watch:

--February 4 Our annual Hunters dinner. Please contact officers for tickets

--February 5 SAL Snow blower Raffle. Contact Don or any SAL member for tickets

--March 3 Our annual Post Smoker. For Raffle tickets, see Brian, Dave or any Post officer.

Both the Dinner and Smoker are our major fundraisers for the year and what we use to support or Post programs. If you have donations of Raffle Prizes, please contact the appropriate event chairs or any Post officer. The Snow blower Raffle helps the SAL with their efforts, as always, to support veterans and veterans programs.

Keep an eye on the calendar for other events. We have a lot going on in the upcoming months!!! Check the web page and the post for updated calendar of events.

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

Remember that election of Post officers is approaching fast. If you are interested in a position, or have questions see me or any post officer.

If I can be of assistance don't hesitate to call or email me. Call any time and if I don't answer please leave a message for me and I will bet back to you as soon as possible. If you have something that needs immediate action please contact any post officer for assistance. We as a Family are doing many great things. Between Post, the Auxiliary and the SAL there is nothing we cannot get done.

As always if I can be of assistance in any way please call. See you around post,

Jim

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4th District

PRIDE - TRADITION - EXCELLENCE

This is being written just before Mid-Winter, one of the many things to do on my agenda before heading up to Ho-Chunk. I hope everyone had a good time at Ho-Chunk and attended some of the training offered this year. It was worthwhile if you learned something regarding your position in your Post, the County or the District. Maybe it inspired you to start thinking about something your Post doesn't offer and you could provide the spark needed to get the wheels rolling. Maybe it inspired you to run for an office. Maybe you donated blood and are interested in helping out at the next blood drive. Whatever the case, the training was there and I hope you took advantage of it. And if you weren't able to attend this year, perhaps next year you can go and learn more about your American Legion.

We celebrate Presidents' Day in February; that is the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We need to know more about how they affected the history of this nation, not just that President's Day is another name for a retail sales event. We celebrate 4 Chaplains' Sunday on February 5th, honoring the 4 chaplains aboard the troop ship USS Dorchester, who gave up their life jackets to crew members after the ship had been torpedoed. The ceremony starts at 2pm on Sunday, Feb. 5th, at Matousek Hall at the VA. and lasts about an hour; so you will still be able to watch the Super Bowl. The finals for the State Oratorical contest will be held in Ripon on Saturday, February 11th. The 4th District will send one contestant from Bay View George Washington Post 180. We wish him well. Now is the time to start thinking about running for a Post Office. We need a new Post Commander other positions are up for grabs as well. If interested, contact Commander Jim.

I want to take a minute to thank everyone who worked at my "Candidate for Department Vice-Commander Hospitality Suite" at Ho-Chunk. I' m glad I know so many people who know what they are doing and doing it well. Thank you . The next meeting of the Mighty 4th District will be held at Greendale Post 416, 6351 W. Grange Ave. sponsored by Milwaukee Post 18 on Wednesday, February 15th, starting at 730 pm. I hope to see you all there.

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4th District Commander

Ed's Headbangin' Quiz

1. What kind of wood is the Mona Lisa painted on?
A. Pine B. Poplar C. Oak

2. What Country first tried, unsuccessfully, to build the Panama Canal?
A. England B. France C. Spain

3. Who assassinated Lee Harvey Oswald?
A. Louis Diamond B. William Pearl C. Jack Ruby

4. What president refused to name a Vice President and served his whole term without one?
A. John Tyler B. James K. Polk C. Millard Fillmore

5. Prior to 2016, how many Presidents lost the nationwide popular vote and won the election?
A. 0 B. 2 C. 4

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SAL

Hello all,

With the start of a new year the SAL is looking forward to the opportunities to work together with our Legion Family to provide assistance to veterans, community and country. The American Legion Family and its members most certainly are an important part of the fabric of our country.

Some upcoming events for the Sal include our snowblower raffle. We are currently selling tickets for the raffle to be held on February 5th (Superbowl Sunday) at 5:37 PM 1st Prize is a 24" Briggs & Stratton Model 1024, 24", 2 Stage, Electric Start Snowblower. 2nd Prize is $200.00 / 3rd Prize is $100.00
Tickets are one for $10.00 or seven for $20.00 and are available at the Post Bar or SAL members. We shouldn't run out so feel free to obtain as many as you want. Need not be present to win.

Another upcoming event is The American Legion Bowling Tournament being held March 12th at Classic Lanes in Oak Creek at 1:00 PM. There is still time for individuals or teams to enter but entries must be postmarked by February 1st 2017.

Lastly, mark your calendar as we are planning a spring Spaghetti Dinner on April 29th. 2nd Vice Darryl Wnuk always puts out outstanding food and an equally outstanding presentation. Details to follow in the March .

Membership is currently showing at 84.21% on the SAL website. If you have not paid your dues for 2017 you are encouraged to do so. We are striving to make 100% or more. Dues are currently $17.00 and should be sent to the American Legion Post 537 Attn: Danny Key.

A special note to our Family, SAL member Charley Stein passed away this past week. Charley was always willing to help the American Legion Family in wherever capacity he could. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to his family. He will truly be missed.

In closing I would like to encourage all members to try and attend our meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Wimmer Room.

Don Revolinski
SAL Squadron Commander

POST 537 AUXILIARY REPORT

As we start our new year with our first meeting in January, it occurs to me what a great American Legion Family we have at H.A. Todd Post #537. When I look at all the events that are already planned for this year, we can all be grateful. What an ambitous group of people who give their time, talent, and energy prospering us to have more to give to our Veterans and Their Families.

We are also grateful for the two guests that joined us at the January meeting. It's always great to see new faces and have more people contribute their ideas. Ladies, you can always attend one of our meetings on the third Tues. evening at 7:00 to see "What we do and what we're about."

For members, who would like to contribute their time and talents to our American Legion Family, talk to any officer. We would be happy to have you. Just "try it you might like it."This spring we will have our election of officers. We will need a replacement for office of Secretary that Joan Kroll has held for 17 years. Thank you in advance Joan for the great job and contribution you have been to our unit. Anyone considering the office of Secretary, just get in touch with one of our officers. Holding office is sort of like being a Mom for the first time. You're thrown into new responsibilities and you "learn as you go."

Talking about new responsibilities, as I write this article, the U.S. is preparing for the Inauguration of our new President. May God Bless America.

Have a good month and we'll see you again at our February Meeting.

See Joan Kroll's dates to remember.

Pat Griswold
Unit President

Hi everyone

It's January and we start our meeting again with 16 members in attendance.
We had two guests tonight one that joined and the other is thinking about it.

Our membership is increasing every month. Joan Carter sent this message, hoping that this would help to decide to renew your membership.
"Ladies our 2017 membership is in full swing. We still have members that have not paid this year dues. Our dues are $25.00 and we now have a number of ways to pay. New this year is you can call National Headquarters directly at 317-569-4536 and pay with debit card or credit. Another way to process your membership is to pay online. The website is wwwALAforVeterans.org. The last way to make payment for your membership is to pay by check."
Return to:
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Our next meeting is February 21st. Remember to bring articles for the Veterans at Kenosha Outreach Dayton House.

(DATES TO REMEMBER WRITE THEM ON YOUR CALENDARS)

February 4th Hunters Dinner $25.00 see members or the bar limited tickets
February 21st our meeting
March 3rd our annual Smoker at the Post will need help
March 19th Vendor Fair will need help
March 12th Annual Bowling which will be at Classic Lanes Howell Ave
April 15th Children & Youth the Girl Scouts that help us will be honored.
April 9th this distribution is by District 4th Poppies at Miller Park
June 5th this distribution is by District 4th. Poppies at Miller Park

Treats for February are Carol Dornbach and Nancy Campbell.

Joan Kroll Recording Secretary

1. B. Poplar
2. B. France
3. C. Jack Ruby
4. A. John Tyler
5. C. 4

Note: The 4 Presidents were John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B Hayes, Benjamin Harrison and George W Bush

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Saturday - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(stop cutting meat at 3:30 pm on Sat.)
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