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**DATES
TO REMEMBER**

January 1, 2016

New Year's Day

January 5, 2016

Membership Meeting

7:00 pm - Post Hall

January 5, 2016

SAL Meeting

6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

January 19, 2016

Executive Bd Meeting

7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

January 19, 2016

Auxiliary Meeting

February 2, 2016

Membership Meeting

7:00 pm - Post Hall

February 2, 2016

SAL Meeting

6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

February 14, 2016

Valentine's Day

February 16, 2016

Executive Bd Meeting

7:00 pm - Wimmer Room

February 16, 2016

Auxiliary Meeting

Commander's Corner

Winter appears to have taken a slow start. The temperature has dropped but the white stuff has held off (for now). Let's hope this keeps up for a bit, but we all know this is Southern Wisconsin and it can change in a heartbeat. One day shorts, the next thermal everything.

The past few weeks have been really busy. I attended Our Post Christmas party, the County Christmas Party and the District Christmas Party. A good time was had at all. I have enjoyed talking to many people about the American Legion and looking forward to the New Year and the good things that are planned. The District and County are working hard for membership and our Children and youth programs. Stay tuned for more information as events come up.

I would like to say thanks to all for the efforts on the Our Post Christmas party. The food was great, the hall was beautiful and the conversation enjoyable. We did have three members recognized for having over 50 years with the American Legion: Don Runnells 57 years, Chuck Cooney 55 years and Dick Gravelle 51 years! Thanks again to all who helped!

Had a great time at Candy Cane Lane with Joanie, Nick Dave and Brian!! Thanks for coming out and Helping

Keep an eye on the calendar of events we have a lot going on in the upcoming months!!!

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 the Post, the Auxiliary and the SAL there is nothing we cannot get done.

In closing remember that there are those who could use a kind word and a little hand, Especially at Holidays time. If you know of someone in need or are in need yourself please call me and I will try to point you in the direction to get the help you need. 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Santa was good to all. He didn't give me a lot of bills, and no thanks, I don't want any of yours, either. HO HO HO! The 4th District has moved up to 10th place in the State Membership roster. The Todd Post has some room for improvement with membership. If you haven't paid up yet, now is as good as time as any. I'd still like to see this Post at 100% membership. It's sorta sucky if the District Commander's home Post can't make 100%. Let's all work on that. The 4th District Oratorical contest will take place on January 10th at Greendale Post 416. For more information contact Tim Baranzky at 414-628-7081. Midwinter will be held at Ho-Chunk starting January 15th. If you are interested in training, there will lots of it. Get signed up to go.

Curtis Peck, the Commander of Harley Davidson Post 400 is the new Executive Director of Fisher House Wisconsin, Inc. For more information, contact him at 414-241-2400 or cpeck@fisherhousewi.org.

The next meeting of the Mighty 4th District will be held on Wednesday, January 16th, 2016 starting 730pm at Greendale Post 416 hosted by Hales Corners Post 299. Hope to see you there.

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4th District Commander

Ed's Headbangin' Quiz

1) The first 45 RPM record came out when?

A) 1949 B) 1951 C) 1953

2) The first and maybe only President to give a dog a Presidential Pardon was who?

A) John Tyler B) Warren G Harding C) Millard Fillmore

3) What President once had his Credit Card number stolen by a crook who didn't recognize his name?

A) Gerald Ford B) Jimmy Carter C) George H.W. Bush

4) What President had a fear of being buried alive?

A) George Washington B) James K Polk C) Thomas Jefferson

5) Which President once boxed a heavyweight champion?

A) Andrew Jackson B) Ulysses S Grant C) Theodore Roosevelt

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SAL

Well, we managed to make it through another year. I hope your summer was long, your fall was colorful and that your winter will be warm and short. I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas Season.

I want to thank all of the hard working and determined members of Squadron 537 for all of the hard work and dedication they had in 2015. It was a banner year for our squadron with many awards received for your hard work. Our squadron was marked as one of the best squadrons in the state.

We didn't do it alone. We had plenty of help from our lady friends from within our group. These ladies worked as hard as we did to make it a successful year for us and much appreciation goes to them.

We all need to think about projects for 2016. We need to get our heads together and come up with some plans for the year. Can we accomplish more than what we did in 2015? I believe we can, but it will take the whole squadron pulling together. Together we can do it!

We would still like to plan a weekend getaway camping outing at Evergreen Campsites and Resort in Wild Rose, WI if there is enough interest by the squadron. Weekends fill up fast. Let us know your thoughts.

We are still behind in paid up membership. All dues that are sent in after Jan. 1st have gone up to \$17.00. Please be aware of this when submitting your dues payment.

On Dec. 12th we did a Christmas party and put on a dinner for our First Responder friends and their families at the Engine 24 fire house. I'm sorry I was so sick, but I want to thank you all for the great job that you did. I know it was appreciated by all attending. I saw all the smiles on your faces too.

Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome at our meetings. Please come and share them with the group. You are always welcome.

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 5th at 6:30 PM in the second floor meeting room.

I hope 2016 brings you and your families many blessings and much happiness. See you all around the Post!

Danny Key

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POST 537 AUXILIARY REPORT

Ho Ho Ho.....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to you and your families. Here we are in a busy, joyful time of the year so may we remember to pray for "Peace on Earth" and the safety of all our troops at home and abroad, and also for our Veterans who have done so much for all of us and our country.

It was great to see so many of you at our Christmas Dinner and many thanks go out to all of you that made the gathering successful. The dinner was truly an American Legion Family event. The main dishes were provided by the Legion and the SAL and prepared in our kitchen by Darryl and WoJo and his cooking crew. The food they prepared was delicious and all the tables you decorated were beautiful. It was a fun surprise to have poinsettias from Don Revolinski on all the tables to be shared and raffled to those attending. The side dishes and desserts provided by the Auxiliary were yummy, proving what good cooks we have among us.

So enjoy the holidays and we will look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on January 19th. For other dates to remember please see Joan Kroll's article.

Until then, have a Joyous Christmas and Blessings for a Happy New Year.

Pat Griswold
Unit President

Aux Minutes:

Hi Everyone

We will not have a meeting in December so there will not be too much news. The Christmas Dinner was very good and it was nice to see some of the people we haven't seen for awhile.

Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues call Joan Carter for information. At the January meeting we will be putting a box out for Kenosha Outreach again.

(Dates to remember write them on your calendars)

- January 19th our Auxiliary Meeting.
- February 7th 4th District bowling will be at 76th and Oklahoma Ave the price \$12.50 per person and it's a 5 person team. If interested see Pat Griswold about registration.
- February 15th is the George Washington Luncheon at Klemmers, the price is \$20.00 and need to be in by February 5th.
- April 24th will be our Vendor Show. More on that later.

Treats for January Meeting is Shirley Scott, and Joan Carter

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Joan Kroll Recording Secretary

Quiz Answers

1. A. 1949
2. B. Warren G Harding
3. B. Jimmy Carter
4. A. George Washington
5. C. Theodore Roosevelt

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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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