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## COMMANDERS CORNER

I would like to start out by introducing you to our 2010 - 2011 H.A. Todd Post 537 Officers. Commander Brian Duerr, 1st Vice Linda Pfeiffer, 2nd Vice Kevin Barry, 3rd Vice Jim Marinkovich, Adjutant Wanda Fremut, Finance Officer Walter Pufahl, Chaplain George Christopherson, Judge Advocate Chuck Cooney, Historian Mark Sandow, Service Officer Nick Berg, Sgt. At Arms Walter Pfeiffer and Ron Kaun. Legislative Committee: Chuck Cooney, Gretchen Davies and Dick McClain. Executive Committee: Robert Fyfe, Dorathy(Gully) Murphy and Jim Linneman. House Committee: Walter Pufahl, Danny Key and Doug Kueny. 4th District Delegates: myself, Linda Pfeiffer, Ron Kaun and Past Dept. Commander, Chuck Cooney. Delegates to the State Convention: myself, Mark Sandow, Ron Kaun and Linda Pfeiffer. Delegates to the Milwaukee County Council are myself, Linda Pfeiffer, Chuck Cooney and Ron Kaun.

I would like to first thank all the Officers that served the Post during 2009 - 2010. Without your effort, we would not have accomplished what we did. I would also like to thank the new Post Officers for accepting the nominations for the office they were elected to. I look forward to working with each of you.

On Wednesday, May 19th, the 4th District Spring Conference was held at our post. Thank you delegates for attending. I know it was a long meeting. I would also Like to thank Walter Pufahl and Darryl Wnuk (SAL) for helping me in the kitchen with the meal that was served after the meeting, and Roger Pufahl (SAL) for helping bartend.

Thank you, to all who helped at the May 8th dance. We had a good crowd and we were able to make a profit.

June 1st, is our last membership meeting until September. Please try and attend the meeting at 7:30 pm. Even though this is our last meeting before our summer break, we have a lot going on at the Post, and several items we need to vote on. Without a quorum, we cannot complete the business that is necessary before our summer break. This summer the National Legion Convention is being held in Milwaukee. We are hosting the American Legion Riders at our Post, on Thursday August 26th. We are expecting over 300 Legion Legacy riders on their motorcycles on this date. We can use all the help we can get on this date to help welcome them. If you can help us on this date, please let me or Chuck Cooney know.

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## POST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The June Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday June 21st at 7:00 pm in Cramer Hall. All Post Officers, Legislative Committee, and Executive Board Members are asked to attend. Please note: All Executive Board Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Monday of each month beginning in June, so that they can be held in Cramer Hall. If you cannot attend, please notify Commander Duerr.

### HARV'S QUIK QUIZ

1. What is the oldest city in the United States
  - a. St louis
  - b. St Augustine
  - c. St Petersburg
2. Which State borders four of the five Great Lakes?
  - a. Ohio
  - b. Michigan
  - c. Pennsylvania
3. What State lasted only four years in the 1780s?
  - a. Franklin
  - b. Jefferson
  - c. Adams
4. How many States could Texas have been broken into?
  - a. Four
  - b. Seven
  - c. Five
5. What State had an area officially knows as "No Man's Land"?
  - a. Texas
  - b. Arizona
  - c. Oklahoma

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are currently at 293 paid members and to reach 100% we need 321. Please contact me if you have questions. If you have not paid your dues for 2010 you are considered delinquent by National. If you do not pay 2010 dues, and then send in 2011 dues, you will lose your continuous membership years in the American Legion.

By the beginning of July, everyone will receive his / her dues notice for 2011. The fiscal year for Legion Dues runs from July to the end of June, however, if you are not paid by the end of December you are considered to be delinquent. At that time, your address is suspended and you no longer receive the Badger Legionnaire and National sends in a "stop" order for the American Legion magazine. You will continue to get a notice for dues, in hopes that you will renew and continue your membership.

Recent legislation, at both the State and National government levels, are due in part, to the efforts of the American Legion. The stronger our membership in numbers, the more pressure the American Legion can put upon our Congress and Senate, to preserve the rights of the American Veteran. If the Legion continues to lose membership through both death, and non-renewals, the weaker the American Legion will become. We all tend to lose Veterans benefits, should our membership numbers dwindle.

Not only do we need help with the renewal of dues., we need new members. If you know any service member from the Gulf War era, please ask him or her to consider becoming a member of the American Legion.

1st Vice Commander Linda Pfeiffer  
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## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

During the summer we are on a break for most fund-raising for the Post. The exception to this will be the Annual Corn Roast. Proceeds from the Corn Roast are used for improvements and maintenance of the Post Bar Clubhouse. This can range from the bar stools that were replaced a couple years ago, to any repairs that would have to be done to keep our bar in good shape.

Much of this fund raising (corn roast) is done by the men / women who patronize the bar. While many of these people are members of Post, Auxiliary or S.A.L., they are at the Clubhouse frequently, and willingly to help with the Corn Roast. If you wish to be on the committee, and /or work crew for the Corn Roast, please be sure to let Julie (our manager) know that you are willing to help. You can also let any Post Officer know, and your name will be given to Julie. There are also a number of patrons who help with the Corn Roast, who are not members of the Legion Family. We thank each and everyone of them for caring enough about our Post Clubhouse to help.

The Community Outreach Fundraising Event was a great success.. A report on the event will be given at the June Membership meeting. We need to have a quorum to vote on expenditures from this fund in June. If we do not have a quorum, the fund will remain intact until September. Please attend the June membership meeting.

## COMMITTEE FOR FUND RAISING

While Linda Pfeiffer and I are co-chairing the committee, we are not there to do all the work, or run the Fundraising. Help is needed from other Post Legion Family members. The Chairperson of a committee does not have a vote, except to break a tie, so one of the co-chairs

must abstain from voting. What we would like to see is a committee with 3 members from each Legion Family Group, to give input, ideas, and leadership of all Post Fund Raising. If you would like to be on this committee, and you are an Auxiliary or S.A.L. member and would like to be a member of the Post 537 Family - Fund Raising Committee, please attend the meeting on June 21st at 6:00 pm, in Cramer Hall. You must notify the Post Commander, the Auxiliary Unit President, or the S.A.L. Commander that you wish to be on the committee, as these positions are appointed by the Commander, or President of your group. We need ideas, suggestions and ambition. Please note: anyone who wishes to attend the committee meeting is welcome to do so, however, only three (3) members from each group attending will be allowed to vote. If you have questions, you may contact Commander Duerr, Linda Pfeiffer, or myself, and we will be glad to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Gretchen Davies  
414-731-8240

## SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Greetings to all. If you are aware of a Post member who is ill, in need of assistance, or who has passed away, please contact me as soon as possible, so that I can perform my duties as Service Officer. If you have questions on Veterans benefits, please contact me, and I will help as best as I can. My contact information is at the end of this article.

There is program out there that helps soldiers who have come back from Iraq and need help merging back into society. It is called **SALUTE AMERICA'S HEROS**. Their website is <http://www.saluteheroes.org/>. The programs that they have are listed below. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks!

## PROGRAMS

### HOW WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Since its inception, the Coalition to Salute America's heroes has provided more than \$22 million dollars in direct financial relief and support services to disabled American veterans from the global War on Terror; more than all other non-profits that help recently wounded veterans combined.

We are helping these brave men and women and their families rebuild their lives in many ways. For some, it's paying bills because the financial strains of the adjustment are so overwhelming. For others, it's a computer so they can continue their education. And for some it's as simple as getting out and going to a concert to break the monotony of rehabilitation. There are four key programs targeted to the specific needs of returning heroes:

Emergency Financial Aid - Direct financial aid to disabled American veterans and their families in crisis.

Family Support Network – Including concerts, sporting events, special outings to help reunite families; and therapeutic day camp for children of wounded soldiers.

Wounded Hero Career Network - Programs that assist wounded Vets (and their spouses) in transitioning from their career in the military to exploring options in the civilian workplace.

Road to Recovery Conference - An all expense paid educational and service event for wounded heroes and their families

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes is supporting our troops and meeting the needs of hundreds of wounded and disabled American veterans of the War on Terror, one hero at a time. How to apply for assistance

If you or a loved one need assistance, please apply online, email us, or call us today at 914-432-5400.

Be Inspired: The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has proudly provided nearly 11,000 cases of aid to severely injured and disabled American veterans and their families through its five programs targeted to their specific needs. Read the inspiring stories of our wounded heroes as they travel their roads to recovery.

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## 4TH DISTRICT NEWS

The Todd Post was host to the 4th District Spring Conference on May 19th. Honored guests included Department Commander Leo Endries, Department Adjutant Dave Kurtz and candidates for the Office of Asst. NECman, Department Commander, Department Vice-Commander, Department Sgt.-at-Arms; Department Assistant Chaplain Vern Weinke, SAL Department Vice-Commander Robert Ames, and Mike Rohan, who now works for the Auxiliary and VISTA.

Mike Rohan announced that there will be an upcoming JOB FAIR on Saturday, August 28th at the Milwaukee Theater, formerly the old Auditorium, for Veterans who are in need of a job. Addition information on the Job Fair will be in the July / August Tattler.

I am working on getting a blood drive set up during the National convention. Progress has been slow due to work and various Legion meetings and functions. I expect to have more time to dedicate to this project in June.

The Pancake Breakfast and Parade are still in the future as of this writing, however, things

appear to be on course and I hope for the best in both events.

Thanks to all who helped distribute Poppies at Miller Park and at various sites throughout the greater Milwaukee area during Poppy Weekend.

The Executive Board met with officers of Post 505. They are looking for a Post to merge with. Officers of 505 will poll their members during the summer and get their preference on which Post they might like to merge with or join separately.

Per Department Adjutant Dave Kurtz, look for a "Double-Up" coupon book at various convenience stores during a six week period from Memorial Day thru the 4th of July. This promotion, sponsored in part by Time-Warner, will highlight the American Legion in the Milwaukee area and is meant as a recruiting and retention tool.

Remember the old American Legion Emblem that faced North Avenue on the hill at Reservoir Park? Well, it's being renovated and will be rededicated, if you will, during the National Convention. I will let you now more as I get it.

Just one more thing: Thanks to all of you for keeping this Post active. I have been to a few Posts where a member may be holding down several offices at the same time. It's very hard to keep a Post going without support from its membership. So, please, keep up your support for this Post and all it represents. Thanks also to the bar and bar patrons for their continued support. I'll let you guys buy me one the next time I "See Ya at the Post".

Mark Sandow  
Post Historian and 4th District Vice-Commander  
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## POST BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

### Power Program

Our Legion Post's involvement in the POWER program continues! The POWER (Posts Working for VetERans Health) Program is a study which will compare two ways to help people learn how to control their high blood pressure. As part of this study, Gretchen and I are required to give a short presentation at every Legion Meeting - each on a variety of topics.

We will be presenting a topic called "Get Fit For Life" at the next meeting. Here's a brief explanation of the topic to be presented:

### Get Fit For Life

You all know that physical activity burns calories and improves fitness. But it's hard to figure out when and how to exercise especially if you haven't done it in awhile.

The good folks at the VA have put together an exercise DVD called "Get Fit For Life" made especially for veterans. The DVD demonstrates different cardio, strength and stretching exercises you can do at home, even if you have health issues. A booklet complements the DVD and will also be made available, which explains the different types of exercises.

The people at POWER recommends the F.I.T.T. approach when using this DVD, which is explained in greater detail in the booklet. In short, F.I.T.T. stands for Frequency, Intensity, Time, and Type. We will go over this at the next meeting.

Lastly, an exercise planner and log will be provided to you as well to help motivate you to be active and participate in this exercise program.

Activity, strength and flexibility are essential for healthy living. We owe "healthy living habits" to

ourselves and those we care about. That is why the VA, the people at POWER, Gretchen and I hope that you'll join us at the next Post meeting.

Again, thanks for your continued participation and support in the POWER program. Members of the POWER program, from the VA, will also be at the next meeting. Please join us and make this topic a great success!!

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Robert Fyfe  
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## **H.A. TODD POST WEBSITE**

Have you visited our Website lately? If you do - note that you may see lots of new things. We are also now on Facebook, and if you visit the website you will see a button with the letter "f". Click on that and you can get to the Post Facebook account. You will need to sign up to make comment. Just follow the directions.

Rob Fyfe has put several clips of Post Events on You Tube - and that button is on the website as well. We are also signed up for Twitter. and you can access the State, National, and Post Auxiliary Websites from our Post Website. Miss a newsletter, or misplaced your newsletter. Post Newsletter are posted on the Website.

Want to know what is going on at the Post, or important dates to remember, you can access that information by clicking on the Calendar of Events.

There is lots of information for you on the website. and we have a Taps Page for all those members of the Post who have been called to the

Arms of the Commander of us All since November of 2009.

Visit us and take a look. And if you have suggestions, click on Contact Us, and your message will be forwarded to the right person.

Rob has also put lot of pictures on the Website - just click on the Post Gallery.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Costa Basement Specialists have completed the basement repair. Anyone interested in seeing what has been done, in the basement, is welcome to a tour. As usual, Chuck Cooney and Wally Pfeiffer have been busy putting everything back in order. Many thanks to both of them.

Costa and Company, also cut and installed the ceiling trim in the Ladies Room, at no charge to the Post. We thank them for a job well done.

The kitchen remodeling is experiencing a slight delay, which is not all bad, as the kitchen will be intact for the Pancake Breakfast on May 31st. Hopefully, we will be able to get started with the remodeling by June 14th.

The City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services informed us that we needed to install panic hardware on the exit doors in the Post Hall. This needed to be done, in the event that if a crowd needs to exit the hall in a hurry, one merely has to push on the door bar and it will open, FROM THE INSIDE ONLY. This has been done, so we are now up-to-date on our safety features at the Post.

If you have questions regarding the Post Clubhouse, please come to a meeting and address your concerns.

Wally Pufahl  
House Committeeperson

## June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Post Blood Pressure Screening SAL Meeting Membership Meeting	2	3	4 Battle of Midway Began	5
6 D-Day	7	8 House Committee Meeting	9	10	11	12 Badger Boys State Ripon
13	14 Flag Day US Army Founded 1775	15 Auxiliary Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 FATHERS DAY	21 Fund Raising Committee Mtg Post Ex Bd Meeting	22 GI Bill Signed 1944	23	24	25 Korean War Began 1950	26
27	28	29	30 Milw Cty Council Meeting			

June 1

6:30 pm - Post VA / Blood Pressure Screening

6:30 pm - S.A.L. Membership Meeting  
Wimmer Room

7:30 pm - Post Membership Meeting

June 8

6:30 pm - House Committee Meeting

June 14

FLAG DAY

June 15

7:00 pm - Women's Auxiliary Meeting

June 21

6:00 pm - FUND RAISING COMMITTEE Mtg

7:00 pm - Post Executive Board Meeting

NOTE: THIS IS A MONDAY

June 30

7:30 pm - County Council Meeting

Oak Creek Post, 434 - Shepard Ave

July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 7

POST 537 Legion Family Picnic

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## AUXILIARY NEWS

As summer is approaching and most of the auxiliary events are on hold until Fall, we still have many exciting things happening. The State Convention is in July at Wausau and several of our members will be attending. Also, the National Convention will be in Milwaukee this summer and the Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary are gearing up for the exciting happenings associated with the convention.

Poppy days turned out to be a success, a great big thank you to all that were able to participate. The monies collected will assist us in helping veterans.

Happy and safe summer to all! As always please contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

Auxiliary President Sue Hembrook  
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## Harv's Quik Quiz Answers

1.     b. St Augustine - established in Florida by Spain in 1565.
2.     b. Michigan
3.     a. Franklin; now part of Tennessee
4.     c. Five - It's 268,000 some feet. Texas was against it. Texas won.
5.     c. Oklahoma

## POPPY DAYS

Thank you to all the Post 537 Family Members who helped at Miller Park with the Poppy Distribution on May 14th. I also wish to thank all the members of the Legion Family who volunteered their time on Friday, during the day, and Saturday May 15th, to distribute poppies at various locations. We could not have accomplished this project without the help of so many different people.

Jim Marinkovich  
3rd Vice Commande

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## WHAT CAN MAKE OR BREAK A LEGION POST

This answer is really very basic. Gossip and arguments. Often times as members of the Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L, and bar patrons sit at the Legion Clubhouse Bar, and they begin to chat. Talking about news, weather, etc can create a healthy discussion, however discussion of Legion Family Business, at the Bar, especially after a drink or two, can lead to loud discussions, and sometimes, angry discussions.

Legion Family Business belongs at Post, Auxiliary or S.A.L. meetings. It does not belong at the Post Bar. Just think, if there is a loud discussion that is non-productive, and is overheard by a potential member - will that person join the Legion family, or quickly walk away - never to look back? We are all guilty of saying things we do not mean to say, that hurt other people's feelings. But, we need to try to keep Legion Business in Legion Meetings. Please, and thank you.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The June membership meeting of the S.A.L. will be held in the Wimmer Room at 6:30 pm on June 1, 2010. Corrections to S.A.L Officers:  
2nd Vice Commander: Cody Fitzwilliams  
Adjutant: Jim Thomas

S.A.L. Commander Danny Key  
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## TAPS



We pray for those who have gone before us, and rest in the arms of the Great Commander.



We also pray for all who have not returned home, and may be waiting for the homeward journey. May God comfort them.