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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5, 2013
Membership Meeting
Post Everlasting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

November 5, 2013
SAL Meeting
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room

November 10, 2013
US Marine Corps Birthday

November 10, 2013
Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast
7:00 am - 12:00 pm

November 11, 2013
Veteran's Day Ceremony by VFW Post 7485 at 11:00 am

November 18, 2013
Executive Bd Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

November 20, 2013
4th District Meeting
7:30 pm - Post 120

November 28, 2013
Thanksgiving

December 3, 2013
Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - Post Hall

Commander's Corner
Nick Berg

Greetings,

One of our bar patrons has 4 coffee mugs that state, individually, USS Sierra, USS Independence, USS Wisconsin, and the United States Navy with Walter printed underneath that print. She is looking to give these away to anyone that has served on those ships or one of their family members.

Our Pancake/Omelet breakfast will be held on Sunday November 10th from 7:00am to 12:00pm. I need 18 volunteers to run the event successfully so please let me know if you can help out. We have some people in place already, to include some volunteers from Marquette University ROTC, but we will still need some more help.

We are pre-selling tickets for $7.00 for Pancakes or Omelets and $10.00 for both, in advance, and a dollar more at the door. Come to the post for more info or if you wish to sell tickets.

Congratulations to the SAL for hosting their Pasta Dinner. It was packed and the food was great! Good Job!

Please keep your prayers and thoughts in mind for Vi Kaun, George Christopherson, and Keith Froemming's dad. All have had medical issues and need your support.

See you all at Post Everlasting at our November membership meeting.

Nick Berg
Commander

SAL Report

Bob Sirovina, Jr.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 5th and 6:30PM in the upstairs room at the Post. Also, if you have not sent in your 2014 membership dues, please do it today!

More activities and events are being planned throughout the year, many as a Legion Family. Come and be part of the success of each of our projects. Have ideas you would like to share? Come to our next meeting and make your voice heard. This is **YOUR** Squadron, and your opinion does matter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Commander Bob at 414-321-1479 or email sirovina@att.net

Bob Sirovina, Jr., SAL Commander

ALUMINUM CANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND

Please continue to save aluminum cans and other recyclable metal for Children & Youth. You can bring the cans to the post and give them to the Commander.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION LIST

From time to time, things come up between the general membership meetings, which require member notifications, or simple reminders of scheduled events. The easiest way to go about doing this is via email. So, if you'd like to be a part of this group reminder and notification list, please send an email to toddpost537@gmail.com and provide your full name and the email address you'd like to use as part of this list. This will only be used for official Legion business only. Contact the Commander with any questions.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Gretchen Davies

PLEASE remember our home bound and hospitalized Veterans and their families everyday, not just on November 11. Offer to visit, run errands or provide transportation whenever you are able; or perhaps include one of them at your Thanksgiving dinner. If you are not able to give time, at least vocalize your gratitude to fellow Veterans for their service. <<the perfect opportunity to socialize with multiple Veterans would be at the November 10th Pancake & Omelet breakfast!!!!>>

Please keep in mind that during November we celebrate "Family Week" and "American Education Week"; both of which are good opportunities to support the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation programs and excellent conversation starters with someone from the next generation…… let them know how important Americanism is every day, not just on holidays.

Lastly, I am wishing for each of you a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends.

Chaplain Gretchen Davies
gw.davies@revenue.wi.gov
414-227-4301

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Joe Delaney

We need to get our membership up to 100% so please get your cards into me as soon as possible. In addition, we have 15 members who have not paid their dues for 2013. In order to retain your continuous service, you must pay your 2013 dues along with your 2014 dues. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any officer of the post.

Joe Delaney

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4th DISTRICT NEWS

Mark Sandow

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of 4th District SAL Liaison Russ Evanson from Post 18, who recently passed away. Russ was a caring family man and a respected SAL leader. He will be greatly missed.

The SAL sponsored a great spaghetti dinner on October 19th. There were breads, salads, pastas, pizza, meat balls spaghetti and a fabulous sauce. If you left hungry, that was your fault believe me. People are already talking about coming next year. Thanks to the chefs in the kitchen, and to the SAL, the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Post who worked it. Great Job!!

The 4th District Fall Conference was held recently at Greendale Post 416. Special Guests included Department Commander Ken Reynes, Department Vice-Commander Bob Chappell, and Auxiliary President Joyce Endries, plus other Department and District dignitaries. The 2013-2014 Oratorical Contest will be held in January at Greendale Post 416.More information to follow.

The 4th District is still in 11th place in membership Statewide. If you know of someone whose membership has lapsed or if you know of someone who might be interested in joining the American Legion, contact our 1st-Vice Commander and get 'em signed up. I'd like to see the Todd Post be the first Post in the District to reach 100% membership.

Sunday, November 10th is the Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast at the Post. November 10th is also the 238th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. We stand and salute you and thank you for your service.

Monday, November 11th, there will be a short Veterans' Day Program sponsored by Krecji-Braun-Meier VFW Post 7485 commencing at 11am. All are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Mighty 4th District will be held on Wednesday, November 20th, at 730pm at Tanner-Paull American Legion Post 120 6793 W. Orchard Ave.

Mark Sandow | 4th District Vice-Commander
414-418-0993 / 414-545-0409

POST 537 AUXILIARY REPORT

Linda Pfeiffer

Unit 537 hosted a Luncheon for Vets from Zablocki on October 10th. We played bingo with them, gave them a lunch of pasta and meatballs and ice cream and cookies for dessert. Post member Chuck Cooney was there to help serve the Vets along with several of the Unit Members and our Poppy Princess. The Vets also receive a monetary gift as they depart our Post Hall, to shop at the Zablocki Canteen or gift shop. We hope to be able to do this again in the spring. I wanted to mention this, because this is one the things that Poppy Funds are used for. So, when spring arrives and you are asked to help distribute poppies, or give a donation in a poppy container, you can remember that we serve our Veterans who are confined to a facility, and give them an outing for an afternoon, as well as other important Veterans Programs.

At the pancake breakfast on November 10, Auxiliary Unit 537 will have a "bake sale". We welcome donations of bakery to sell at this event. Please price the item you donate, and if you have a peanut product in the item, please list that on your price tag. We will also be selling our snowman "support our troops" ornaments at $3.00 each, as well as the Unit 537 cookbook for $10.00.

In this issue is a reservation form for the Joint Post / Auxiliary / SAL, Christmas Luncheon to be held on Sunday December 8 at 1:00 pm. We are asking our "cooks" to bring a dish to pass. Please indicate on the reservation form what you plan to bring. There is no charge, however, we need a head count so that the Post can plan for the amount of meat to purchase for the Luncheon. The SAL will provide refreshments. We hope to see many of our "Legion Family Members" at the Luncheon. This is open to all "Legion Family Members" and your minor children. Please indicate if you are bringing a child and ages of child(ren) under the age of 6 (six).

The unit wishes all hunters a safe hunting season and everyone a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Unit 537 President Linda Pfeiffer
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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Keith Froemming

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 do what is necessary for them or their family. If there are any other questions please contact me. My contact information is on page 3 of this Newsletter.

If you need help with filing claims, or getting information on your rights as a Veteran, please contact:

Milwaukee County Service Officer Jim Duff
6419 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI
Phone 414-266-1234

Keith Froemming

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.

Reservations for Todd Post Family
Joint - Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 8, 2013
1:00 pm
9159 W Beloit Rd
Milwaukee, WI

The Annual "537 Legion Family Christmas Party" will be held on Sunday December 8, 2013 at 1:00 PM in the Post Hall.

Our Auxiliary Ladies will be bringing a dish to pass. Any Post or S.A.L. member who wishes to bring a dish to pass is welcome to do so as well.

The Post will be furnishing the meat and the S.A.L. will be furnishing the refreshments.

Children of Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members are welcome as well.

Please return your reservation form to:

2nd Vice Brian Duerr
9159 W Beloit Rd
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or

President Linda Pfeiffer
9159 W Beloit Rd
Milwaukee, WI 53227

NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2013. Your form can be brought to the December 3rd Post meeting.

This is for purposes of knowing how much meat needs to be purchased for the Luncheon.

Member Name _____please circle: Post Auxiliary S.A.L.

Spouse/ Partner Name _____ please circle: Post Auxiliary S. A. L Guest

Minor Child(ren) and age(s) of Child(ren) _____

Your dues for 2014 must be paid to attend. This is for members of the Post, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and spouse or Guest, and children of Post / Auxiliary, and SAL members. We apologize, but this is not open to the public.

I will bring a dish to pass. Please indicate what you will bring.

Pasta / Other Salad _____

Casserole: _____

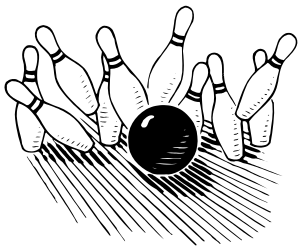
Desserts: _____

Potato Salad _____

Beans, or other Vegetable _____

Pickles, Olives, Relish Tray _____

Other: _____



2014
AMERICAN LEGION
COMBINED 4th and 5th
DISTRICTS
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014

AMF - 7505 W. Oklahaoma Ave - (414) 321-5050

- Bowling will start at 1 p.m.
- Line-ups, unless specified otherwise, will be used as submitted
- American Legion, SAL, American Legion Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary members with paid 2013 - 2014 dues are eligible.

Team Name: _____

Post #: _____ Aux#: _____ SAL#: _____ JR#: _____

Commander / Adjutant Signature: _____

Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Bowlers (please print)	ABC Card #	Bowling Average
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Cost is $62.50 per team.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 8, 2014

Make checks payable to:

Leo Taylor
5800 Broad Street
Greendale, WI 53129
Phone: (414) 421-6750

NOTE: All entries must be legible, with surnames used, or names in ABC Average Book. Names of substitute bowlers, if needed, along with averages, if they have one, must be submitted to the Chairman an hour prior to bowling start.

RULES: 2013-2014 dues cards must be produced. Bowling based on 200 scratch. Bowler with an average will take average plus 75% of the difference from 200. Bowler with average of 200 or more will receive minus pins. Bowlers with no District Tournament Average will use 140 average for men, 125 for women. SAL will bowl in Men's Division, JR Auxiliary in the Women's Division.