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LEGACY RIDERS at the Todd Post

Local riders started arriving by 9.00 am on August 26th. The Milwaukee County Sheriffs Department did an excellent job of getting all of them here safe and sound. We had people inside, outside and all over, and motorcycles packed together all around the building. We had to buy more food and used over 550 plates so we do not have an accurate count of how many riders attended, as we had many extra guests that were not riders. but everything went as smooth as possible. Many thanks to all of the workers who parked bikes, handled the crowd and the kitchen staff who worked their "buns" off. Everyone did a tremendous job.



Thanks to Julie, the post bartenders.

Rob Fyfe will put pictures on the Post website. What a great day it was. Many

"thank you's" were extended from the riders and "big wheels" I met and talked to at the Convention center on Friday. They felt welcome at Post 537 and really enjoyed themselves.

Chuck Cooney, Event Chairperson



The entire parking lot looked like this.



Sheriff's escort



The Parade of Legacy Riders

COMMANDERS CORNER

I hope everyone had a nice summer. It went by so fast. I could have done with a little less rain and cooler temperatures. In July, I attended the American Legion State Convention in Wausau. It was a learning experience for me. I will be giving my report on the convention at the September membership meeting.

To those of you that attended our picnic on August 7th, I hope you had a good time. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the picnic. It takes a TEAM to help organize and run the picnic. We could not have done it without it being a TEAM effort. Thank you to 2nd Vice Kevin Barry for providing us with the music during the picnic and to Steve Johnson for donating the delicious corn as he does every year.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the annual corn roast on Saturday, August 14th. This year we held the Corn Roast on Saturday instead of Sunday. I hope this worked out for everyone.

As most of you know, the American Legion National Convention was held in Milwaukee this year. Because of this, there were several activities held at our Post. The first was August 26th, with The American Legion Legacy Riders are stopping at our Post. This was the final leg of their fund raising ride that started in Indianapolis. For those of you that do not know, the Legacy Riders raise money for scholarships for children of our service men and women killed in action. At last count, there were over 350 bikes in the parking lot, end to end and side by side. The Legacy Riders presented the total funds raised to the National Commander at the National Convention. I would like to thank Post member and Past State Commander Chuck Cooney for organizing the Legacy Rider event at Post 537.

We wish to thank RUSS BROWN & KORD, LAW FIRM, who generously donated Bumper and Helmet Stickers for the Legacy Riders, and MICHAEL HUPY & ASSOC LAW FIRM on Wisconsin Ave, who generously donated motorcycle coasters for the Riders to put their kick stands down on, in our Post Parking Lot. Thank you to both law firms for their donations and sponsorship of the Legion Legacy Riders. Our Post will also hosted the Past National Commanders Dinner as well as dinners for delegates from Texas. We also hosted the Legion delegates from Puerto Rico. As you can see, this summer was very busy.

Now that summer is almost over, I hope that you start making plans to attend this coming years meetings. Our first membership meeting is on Tuesday, September 7, at 7:30 pm. I hope to see everyone there. Also if you have not yet sent in your membership dues, please send it in or bring it along to the meeting in September. See you then.

Commander Brian Duerr
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are currently at 195 paid members for 2011 and to reach 100% we need 321. Please contact me if you have questions. The sooner you pay the sooner I stop bugging you. Dues for 2011 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.

We always 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.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The September membership meeting of the S.A.L. will be held in the Wimmer Room at 6:30 pm on September 7, 2010. S.A.L Dues for 2011 are \$10.00.

S.A.L. Commander Danny Key
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true methods that have been used by other organizations please submit them to your unit's representative or feel free to attend the next "family fund raising" meeting on September 23th at 6:00 pm in Cramer Hall. All ideas are welcome.

Gretchen Davies
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HARV'S QUIK QUIZ

1. What size shoe would the Statue of Liberty wear?
a. 539 b. 879 c. 655
2. When was the first e-mail sent?
a. 1969 b. 1980 c. 1973
3. There are letters of the alphabet on all currency. How far does the alphabet extend?
a. A to Z b. A to L c. A to P
4. Where is the only diamond mine in the United States?
a. Alaska
b. Nevada c. Arkansas
5. What State has the most Lighthouses?
a. Florida b. California c. Michigan

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Greetings to the "family". The coordinated efforts to have fund raising events are progressing nicely. We are definitely working on joint ventures to keep the Community Outreach Fund a viable concept. Unfortunately we have had needy neighbors that we are unable to assist, at this time. Please mark your calendar for the dance after the Oktoberfest pig roast, as the proceeds from this event will be for the Community Outreach Fund.

We are still looking for ideas that will reach a broader audience; if you have tried and

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.

If you need any information on the program, please visit the Todd Legion Website and click on the link to the Power Program. All information is available for your review.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Robert Fyfe
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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.

**VA Long-range Health Care Costs For Iraq/
Afghanistan Veterans Unknown**
4/9/10 - The Department of Veterans Affairs has no way of determining long-range health care

4TH DISTRICT NEWS

costs for the veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a Congressional study on the wars' impact shows. Conducted by the National Academies' Institute of Medicine, the study says costs for the nearly 2 million veterans of the two wars will expand over the next 30 years before tapering off. The VA's budget is almost \$113 billion and has nearly doubled since 2003. "VA does not have the personnel, the funding or the mandate from Congress to produce broad forecasts," the study says, adding that "the human burdens of war extend far beyond the period of active conflict." Projections are crucial for anticipating how much money and how many services the government must set aside for helping Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, the report says. Gauging those needs is difficult because the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are "fundamentally different" than previous wars. For example:

- **Troops serve multiple combat deployments for cumulatively longer periods.
- **Body armor and improved battlefield care save lives, but many wounded servicemembers are left with complex psychological and physical problems.
- **The heavy use of National Guard and reservists means older troops serve more than in previous wars.
- **Troops are more likely to be married with children than in the past, complicating the impact of deployments. Research has shown that spouses and children can suffer emotional problems linked to deployments.
- **More women than ever serve in combat zones, and they tend to have more health issues than male troops. That will lead to higher costs.

History shows that health care costs keep rising after wars end, the study says. Disability compensation or pension payouts for veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict increased for 25 to 47 years after the end of hostilities.

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I hope everyone had a great summer, despite the heat and rain. Of course 4 months from now when its -10 Below, everyone will be complaining about the wind and cold. We take what we can get.

We had a great time at State Convention in Wausau in July. By this time, you should have received your copy of the "BADGER LEGIONNAIRE" to read about the newly-elected officers and to see who won in the Sweepstakes contest. No, you and I didn't win anything. What else is new?

I attended the Post picnic in early August. A great time was had by all. The food was excellent, especially the corn. The following week we attended the Corn Roast sponsored by the Bar. Julie did a great job in her first year as organizer. Also it was great to see Mr. Bill and his family out there partaking in the festivities. A special "THANK YOU" to ALL who volunteered in any capacity for either or both events.

By the time you read this, the LEGACY RIDERS will have made their stop at the Todd Post on the way to National Convention. National Commander Clarence Hill is scheduled to accept a check from the RIDERS. Past Department Commander Chuck Cooney and Dave Wischer were in charge of getting the RIDERS parked and fed in a timely fashion. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this a truly memorable event.

Those of you who remember the old American Legion flowered emblem on the hill by E. North Ave next to the reservoir will be happy to learn that a new emblem was dedicated on August 26th. A picture of the new one was recently printed in the Badger Legionnaire.

There was a blood drive scheduled for

Wednesday, Sept 1st at the Frontier Center during Convention. I want to thank 4th District Commander Wayne Jensen and National Convention Chairperson Dick Holmes for everything they did to make this happen. My son Brian is scheduled to be home on leave from the Army during National Convention and I would like to get him in as a guest for a day. We'll see how it goes.

The next 4th District meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 15th at 7:30 pm at VanEimeren-Klonka Post 27, 920 Monroe Ave., South Milwaukee. All are invited to attend. See you at the Post!

Mark Sandow
Post Historian and 4th District Vice-Commander
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POST CLEANUP

On behalf of the House Committee, I wish to thank the following people who came out to help with the cleaning of the Post Tables on August 21st: Wally & Linda Pfeiffer, Cody Fitzwilliams, Doug Kueny, Jim and Carmella Marinkovich, Dorothy Schackmann, and Chuck Cooney. Chuck also took care of some cleaning in the Hall that needed to be accomplished, while I swept the Post parking lot of butts that were laying around. It takes a team of people to accomplish these cleanups, and we appreciate all that you accomplished.

Danny Key, House Committeeman

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The next item on our agenda for upgrading is "under the bar coolers" The ones we have now have served us well, but they are old and are in need of replacement. We will be looking for bids from at least three vendors.

The Post has received a lot of positive

comments on the kitchen remodeling and decor. However, we are beginning to notice that the counters and tables are starting to become storage areas again. If you use the kitchen and put something on the counter for use, please be sure to put it away after you use it. If you don't know where it goes, please ask and we will let you know.

The corn roast was a success, as usual. We do not yet know how we did, as all the bills and receipts are not yet totally reported.

The House Committee extends our thanks to all the volunteers for cooking, serving, selling, handling the raffle paddles, etc. Also thank you to all the people who attended the event.

Wally Pufahl
House Committeeperson

DONATION FOR A VETERAN

Recently James Davies, brother of Gretchen Davies, found he no longer needed his 27" flat screen TV, so he asked his sister if a Veteran at one of our Veterans Homes could use it. We recently learned that post member, Robert Brock, is now a resident at Union Grove Veterans Home, so contact was made with his daughter, and she was more than happy to say that her dad could use this donation. So, the TV was picked up from James, and through Service Officer Nick Berg, delivered to Union Grove for Robert Brock to enjoy. Robert was very grateful for this gift. If there is anyone who knows Robert, he would enjoy having company from time to time as well.

If you have an item that you feel a Veteran may be able to use, please contact Nick Berg and he will see if he can find a home for your donation. Please do not drop items off at the Post unless you have contacted Nick or a House Committeeperson, as we do not have storage space, and may be damaged or forgotten.

ANNUAL POST CORN ROAST

Hot, Hot, Hot! What a hot and humid day we had for the corn roast and the corn roast cooking crew. But, as always, the volunteers stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. Thank yo to Steve Johnson for the donation of the corn. A big thank you to ALL THE GREAT VOLUNTEERS. Without all of you it would not be possible to have a great event. Also, thank you to all those who attended. It's always a great time with great music, food and games. Thank you to "Knight Train" for entertaining us. May there be many more Corn Roasts to come.

Corn Roast Sweeptakes Winners

Wm. Schrubring	#1542	\$250.00
John Barbian	#1902	\$150.00
Robert Cramer	#0817	\$100.00
Jack Meidam	#2222	Brewers Jersey
Brian Gulley	#2073	Korbel Clock/ T-shirt
A. Hansen	#2677	12 pk lite/2 sausages
Bill Murphy	#0195	12 pk lite/2 sausages
Tom Bentz	#2815	Bottle Vodka/T-shirt
Randy Clendenning	#2809	Bottle Vodka/hat
Mike Mason	#3287	Bottle Rum/T-shirt
Jack Meldam	#2220	Btl Vodka/T-shirt/ water btl
Tom Wolf	#1649	Btl Brandy/T-shirt/hat
L. Davies	#2202	Btl Rum/T-shirt/hat
Mike Mason	#1932	Btl Vodka/T-shirt
Bert Crook	#2860	Cherry Drs/T-shirt/ shotglasses
Patricia Radtke	#1469	Btl Vodka/miller race car
Phillip Radovich	#1810	Btl Vodka/shirt/ water btl
Trish Wischer	#1652	Btl Vodka/T-shirt/hat
Kevin Barry	#2976	Cherry Drs/T-shirt/hat
Diana Sirovina	#3568	Btl Brandy/T-shirt/hat
Jerome Treder	#1372	Btl Brandy/T-shirt/hat
Elaine Nuernberg	#2210	Btl Rum/shirt/sausage/hat
Bob Nuernberg	#1916	Btl Brandy/hat/sausage
Paul Conley	#2530	T-shirt/2 sausages/ shot glasses
Mike Mason	#1943	Btl Vodka/shirt/sausage
Mary Mantsch	#1878	Btl Brandy/shirt/hat/ 2 sausages

Julie
Post Manager

POPPY DAYS

We will again be distributing Poppies at Miller Park on September 20th and 21st. We need all the members from the Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. that are able to help, join us in this project to raise funds for Veterans and their families. There will be a Joint Poppy Committee meeting following the membership meeting on September 7th, to coordinate this event. Please attend. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to help, please contact a post Officer for information.

Jim Marinkovich
3rd Vice Commander

HOME DEPOT DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS

If you shop at Home Depot, when you checkout present your current membership card or other proof that you are a veteran and you may receive a 10% discount on your purchases. Several Post members have received this discount. You must ask for it, and be able to show your V.A. card, Legion, VFW, or other Veterans Organization card at the time of checkout. It's a nice perk that Home Depot gives to Veterans. They also have discounts in place for Active Duty Personnel.

Lowes also has discounts for Active Duty personnel, and discounts during specific times of the year for Veterans. Please be sure to ask before you checkout.

LEGION RIDERS RUN FOR CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

September 17th-19th, there will be a Capitol Improvement Expense Fund Raiser for Camp American Legion, at the Camp. This is being sponsored by the Legion Riders, with food, refreshments and entertainment on Saturday the 18th. You do not need to be a rider to participate. Call Camp for more information at 1-715-277-2510.

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Legion Convention - Milwaukee	2 Last Day of National Convention VJ Day	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7 SAL Meeting Post Membership Meeting	8 Rosh Hashannah Begins	9	10 US Naval Sea Cadet Corp Inc 1962	11 Department Golf Tournament
12 Grandparent Day	13	14 House Committee Mtg	15 4th District Meeting	16 American Legion Day	17 POW / MIA Day Yom Kippur	18 US Air Force Est 1947
19	20 Miller Park Poppy Day	21 Miller Park Poppy Day	22	23 Executive Bd Meeting	24	25
26 Gold Star Mothers Day	27	28	29 Auxiliary Meeting Milw Cty Council Mtg	30		Octoberfest Dance and Celebration

September 6

Labor Day

September 7

6:30 pm - Blood Pressure Screening
6:30 pm - S.A.L. Meeting - Wimmer Room
7:30 pm - Membership Meeting - Cramer Hall
JOINT Poppy meeting following membership meeting

September 14

6:30 pm - House Committee Meeting

September 15

7:30 pm - 4th District Meeting
Post 27, 920 Monroe Ave, South Milwaukee

September 20 and 21 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Poppy Distribution - Miller Park

September 23

7:00 pm - Executive Board Meeting - Cramer

Hall

September 29

7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting - Cramer Hall
7:30 pm - Milw Cty Council Meeting (tba)

October 2 - Post Octoberfest Celebration

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Dance - to raise funds for the Community Outreach Fund

December 21 - Post Children's Christmas Party

followed by Legion "Family" Christmas Dinner at 5:00 pm in Cramer Hall

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings Legion Family, I Hope everyone had a safe and fun filled summer. Here it is fall and another Legion year is unfolding. Already many things are in place, following are some dates to mark in your calendars. Sunday, November 14th, we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our Auxiliary. Saturday, November 20th, is our annual Craft Show. Wednesday, December 8th, is our annual Fashion Show.

As always, we are looking for new projects, fundraisers, etc. so please come to the meetings with some new and exciting projects and ideas. We also, will be doing projects in conjunction with our Legion and S.A.L. counterparts. Many of our family were at Miller Park distributing poppies last Spring, and we have picked up two more dates this fall. Monday, September 20th and Tuesday, September 21st we will be distributing Poppies at Miller Park. Please mark these dates on your calendars, as we will need all the members that are able to help on both days, with this distribution.

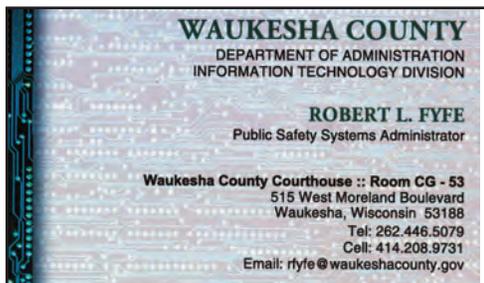
One of these dates falls on our regularly scheduled meeting nights. So, with the approval of our board, we decided to move our September meeting to Wednesday, September 29th, at 7:00 PM. I hope this is not an inconvenience for anyone, but we wanted to be able to participate in the Miller Park event.

As always, if you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Auxiliary President Sue Hembrook
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Harv's Quik Quiz Answers

1. b - 879
2. a. 1969 - Note: now there are 247 billion e-mails sent daily
3. b. A to L
4. c. Arkansas
5. c. Michigan - Note - they have 150



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**POST OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 2, 2010
11:00 - 6:00 pm in Cramer Hall**

The Post will hold its annual Octoberfest celebration "Pig Roast" on October 2, from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. There will be pork dinners, chicken, brats, fun, great times and raffles. Raffle tickets for many prizes, with the top three prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 will be available at the Post Bar. If you are unable to come to the bar, please send a check to the Post and ticket stubs will be mailed to you, or contact a Post Officer for tickets. We are more than happy to give you a chance to win a raffle prize. Bring the family for lunch, or dinner. Prices are reasonable, and the food is well prepared by our Post "Chef's".

**POST OCTOBERFEST DANCE
OCTOBER 2, 2010**

7:00 - 11:00 pm in Cramer Hall

proceeds will go the Community Outreach Fund

Our own Post D.J. (2nd Vice) Kevin Barry, will be our D.J. for the evening with a variety of music for you to dance to. Do you Karokee? If so, come Karokee with Kevin for the evening. Price is \$10.00 at the door, and includes beer,

soda, and popcorn. We will have many raffles and the S.A.L., will be there with their famous "jello shots". Come join us for a fun evening.

This is a fund raising event for our Community Outreach Fund. If you have an item you would like to donate for a raffle, please bring it to the September membership meeting, or contact Gretchen or Linda, and we will arrange to be at the Post for delivery or arrange to have your item(s) picked up. Many people in our community need help, and we would like to be able to give them a helping hand.

TAPS

Ernest J Held Sr.
6/17/2010
Army - WWII



William T Duerst
7/14/2010
Navy - WWII

Edward Radosevich
August 23, 2010
Army Air Corp - WWII



Are sympathy is extended to their families.
May they rest in peace.