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American Legion Post 449

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Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195

"The spirit of Christmas should not be just for one day but for the whole year! Wishing you love, joy and peace the whole year round. Merry Christmas !!!"

Joanne & Ron

The month of December presents an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends, as well as an awareness of the opportunities of the New Year. Spend time with those you love, take time to smile. Share yourself by helping others who need someone to care. Be safe during your activities.

I wish all of the Legion Family *Best Wishes* for a Safe, Joyful Holiday Season. Remember to read your copy of the 449er to keep up on all our holiday events. See you there.



American Legion Post 449 wants to acknowledge, and thank, the following Car Dealerships for providing the beautiful new cars for our Honored Veterans to ride in, in the Milwaukee 50th Anniversary Veterans Day Parade - Nov. 11, 2013.



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Thanks Again!!!!

Post 449 Veterans/Legion Family

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*Happy Holidays
From Your*

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Thank You

Bob Kelly for organizing our Post involvement in the Veterans Day Parade, and to committee members: Commander Ron, 1st Vice Peter, Auxiliary President Lylette, Service Officer Richard, SAL Adjutant Jerry, & Parade Car Coordinator Leo Terzes. Thank you for taking the time to help!!!!

Executive Board and General Membership Meetings (NEW DATE & TIME!)

Executive Board Meeting: Tues. Dec. 10 . . . 6pm

General Membership Meeting : Tues. Dec. 10 . . . 7pm

See Calendar & Page 8 for 'January 2014' Newsletter Assembly /Distribution Date

1st Vice Message

By Pete Schiller 414-464-9210

"May God bless your home with peace, joy and love. Have a merry Christmas!"

Pete and Kathy



The post was very active for the month of November.

The parade for the Veterans Day parade went very well. Bob Kelly, after the last parade committee meeting, had completed all his tasks. Although it was cold and windy, our Post made a good showing. The bus was only 1/2 full. Dave, our bus driver, knew the route and got us there without any problems. **Thanks** to ALL who had vehicles in the parade.

The next event was on the 11th, the flag retirement ceremony. The weather was cold and nasty, but the ceremony was humbling & somber. Over 30+ flags were retired. The rest of the flags will be retired at a later date. The Post 67th birthday party will be held. The response was very slow. More about the party will follow in the next newsletter.

I have been listening to many complaints as to how the Post should be run. This makes me very unhappy. If you think you can do better, then by all means show up at the general membership meetings and voice your opinion(s).

2nd Vice Commander's Message..

Holiday Greetings to all!

I would like to express my my personal thank you to all the volunteers who have made the events at Post 449 truly special throughout this year. Our 449 family truly has some class-act folks!

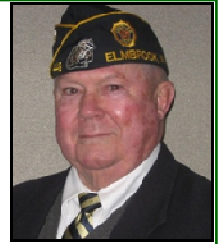
I Hope you check out all of our Holiday events coming up the next couple months. Details will be provided in this months, and also next months 449'er.



Finance Officer's Comments

By: John Horter (262) 641-0211

"Have a great Christmas!nTake the timen to celebrate yivur desires, values andaffections with your loved ones. Wishing you all the best!"



I want to start out this month's report with an apology for not having an article for your reading enjoyment in the November 449er. It appears there was a mix up between yours truly and the editor. We've taken steps to be sure this does not happen again.

We did have good news from a financial standpoint to report for September, our first month of the new fiscal year. One of the reasons for getting off to a good start is our new, very own fish fry, just like the old days! Our new fish fry made an immediate positive contribution to our bottom line, and the future looks unlimited. THANKS for our Fish Fry success goes to Chef Pierre, Ryan Schaeckel, Bar Manager and Jim Thode as Special Assistant to the Commander for this endeavor. However, none of this would be possible without our VOLUNTEER wait staff who do a great and patient job for TIPS ONLY! THANK YOU WAIT STAFF.

We did not have as good a month financially in October but we must not forget that Rome was not built in a day! Our Post now has something to offer every night of the week. With all that we have going this Post is destined for success. We do need more volunteers for the Saturday Lunch. We do need more attendees at our events. We do need YOU! Please come often and stay late.

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Joyce Bevan

Friday Nites 5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday 6 - 9 p.m.

12/5 - Tomm Lehnigk
 12/12 - Jazz Men (5pc jazz group)
 12/19 - Tomm Lehnigk
 12/26 - No Music
 1/2/14 - Danny Moore
 1/9/14 - Tomm Lehnigk
 1/16/14 - Jazz Men
 1/23/14 - Tomm Lehnigk

Friday 7 - 10:30 p.m

12/6 - Chris Vesche
 12/13 - Pat Crawford Combo
 12/20 - Roger Boll Trio
 12/27 - Frankie Donn
 1/3/14 - Lenny
 1/10/14 - Papi Nakaena
 1/17/14 - Starlites
 1/24/14 - Mike Eve
 1/31/14 - Ed Franks does Frank Sinatra

Saturday 8 - Midnite

12/7 - The Starlites(Sponsored by GSF Mortgage)
 12/14 - Nostalgia
 12/21 - Liam Ford
 12/28 - Freddie & the Cruisers
 1/4/14 - Larry Lynne
 1/11/14 - God's Outlaws
 1/18/14 - Starlites



Wednesday Nite Open Blues Jam
with Rick Holmes—Dave Braun
& Guest Artists 7:30-10:30 p.m.

No Carry Ins Allowed (Food or Drink)

Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977

*"Happy Holidays"
Dick*

Your Post 449 Honor Guard Unit continued to stay busy this past Month.



Last Bugle (Members)... (a card, a scroll and a ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch were presented)

James Kartes Peacetime

Last Bugle (Non-Members)... (a cartridge pouch and scroll were presented)

Harry Sawatski WWII

John Dumbleton WWII

David Lers WWII

Clarence Drifka Korea

Edward Reyes Peacetime

Anton Moser WWII

Harvey Hilgendorf WWII

Nick Buttitta WWII

Elliott Kiff Korea

James Golubeff Vietnam

Sick Bay:

Jack Draak

Notes of Interest:

I'm happy to report that your Honor Guard received generous donations to our Post from the following: the Ceolla Family, the Men's Dartball League (in the memory of Mike Paris), the Post's Marine Corp members, and the James Cofta Family.

If anyone has lost their discharge papers, I now have the proper forms to submit to receive a copy of them. If interested, please contact me.

News & Info.....

1- The new health care law is The Affordable Care Act. Simply speaking, the act will have very little impact on TRICARE beneficiaries. Beneficiaries who receive TRICARE benefits, whether at no cost, by electing to pay an enrollment fee, or by paying monthly premium have minimum essential coverage under the act.

2- Starting in 2014, Americans who do not have health insurance coverage may have to pay a fee when they file their income taxes. The amount will be a flat fee or a percentage of taxable household income, depending on which amount is higher. The fees for an individual will be phased in according to the following schedule: \$95.00 or 1% of taxable income in 2014, \$325.00 or 2% of taxable income in 2015, \$695.00 for taxable income in 2016. Go to website www.healthcare.gov for more information,

3- The Dunn County Fish & Game Club is sponsoring a free day long ice fishing event for for all Veterans, from 9:00am until 3:00pm, on January 11th. Go to website www.icefish.com, or call (608) 403-6725 for more information.

If you have any questions regarding any of this news, or need more info, please contact me and I will provide you with the proper, detailed information to pursue your interests. This also includes informing me of illnesses or deaths that may have occurred or questions regarding your VA benefits. You can contact me at home (262)-641- 0977, or mobile (262)-389-4638. If you don't contact me, I can't help you out.

May God Bless Our Veteran's And Fallen Heroes



Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson,



Joy To



The World

"Mary Ann and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!" - Chaplain Harvin

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

"From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Some one during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning---the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each' element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which children could remember."

"The partridge in the pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and charity.

The four calling birds were the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit---Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

Eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit---Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping stood for the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed."

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me. I found it interesting, enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol---so pass it on if you wish.

VFW Post #8320

MEAT RAFFLE

Will be held Saturday, November 30

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At American Legion Post 449

Proceeds will support care packages to our "Military Adopted Unit" in Afghanistan.

Please support this worthy cause.

Thank you...Bob Wiedel, VFW Post Commander



Adjutant's Notes

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

"May you have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!" - Bob

Membership is running behind the 800 Member Goal. We are currently at 600. Membership attrition is taking its toll.

We are adding new members every week. Some of our new members are Active Duty or 'Just Returned'. To these, we say . . . WELCOME HOME - WELL DONE! We are very happy to have you join the Legion Family.

My personal goal for future 2015, is one thousand members. So recruit! Our bartenders are doing a great job in recruiting.

Coming shortly will be a *Legion Medal* for recruiting. Details next month.



Happy Holidays From the House Manager

Mike Desrosiers

"May your Christmas be filled with lots of happiness, peace and love... ooh and lots of presents!" - Mike




See you at the Post!!!!!!!

American Legion Post 449 Says 'Thank You' To

Shelia Andorfer, Dale Stephens, Ernie Jaekl, and Mike Daigle for their donations to our Post. Shelia donated the materials for the patio 'firewood box' in honor of her father, John Andorfer, who recently passed away. John was a Korean War Veteran & a member of the Delafield Post. Dale built the box (he is a Legionnaire at Post 115, Stearns, Kentucky and visitor to Milwaukee & 449). Ernie donated the fire wood for the patio fire pit. Mike has provided the fire pit to help keep the "patio loungers" warm.

Again. . . . a BIG THANK YOU to Shelia, Dale, Ernie, & Mike for their contributions.



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Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

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The President's Message...

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"May this Christmas season bring you closer to all those that you treasure in your heart. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Lylette



"SHARE YOUR LIFE, BE GEMS OF SERVICE, PASS IT ON!!!"

Thank you to Harky Bartsch for taking time out of his schedule to share his experiences from the Freedom Honor Flight which he embarked on November 2, 2013. The program was spectacular! Harky, from the bottom of all the Auxiliary hearts, we thank you for your Service!!

A huge thank you to Sandy Dearing for organizing the Elegant Fashion Show! It is one of the biggest fund raisers of the year. Thank you to all our beautiful models: Betty Bertino, Margaret Betz, Betty Conlon, Marion Kolsch, Doris Riepel, Jan Waldron, Colleen Rupert & Lilli Schwantes. Thank you to everyone on the Fashion Show Committee, to everyone who donated the super baskets, to everyone who made donations of any kind & a big thank you to Betty Bertino & her husband David for soliciting many of the gift cards. It was a huge success & could not have been done without each & everyone's help & support.

A huge thank you to Cheryl Mielke for organizing a very successful Holiday Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Sign-in. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen, with the raffle & sign-in, with the bake sale & everyone who made donations & helped in any way. Thanks to all the craft vendors & thank you to everyone who came to show their support. It was a huge "Success" due to each & every person who helped & supported this event.

Thank you to Fred Withrop for always having the tables set up & ready for the Auxiliary Meetings. It is always very much appreciated.

Please support the First District Christmas Party, December 7th, cocktails at 5:00pm, dinner at 6pm, at Post 494, in Caledonia, cost is \$15.00/person.

Share your Life and Christmas Spirit with the Veterans from the Zablocki VA at the Veterans Christmas Party on December 9th at 5:30pm at Post 449.

The Kids Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 21st from 11:30-2:00pm with a free hot dog lunch for kids starting at noon. The amazing "Rick Allen Magic Show" with balloon animals, 12:00-1:30. Have fun with the carnival games win lots of spectacular prizes. Kids, don't forget to pickup your candy filled stocking before you leave. Bring your children and/or grandchildren for a fun filled party. Please invite a deployed soldier family. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer, on the bulletin board. We will continue to collect toys up to the day of the party. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the bar. Attention all Auxiliary "Cookie Queens", please donate 2 dozen cookies from each Cookie Queen. We will need several dozen cookies for everyone to enjoy at the Kids Christmas Party & the Auxiliary Christmas Party. We will need lots of cookies regular & sugar-free.

Our December 17 Auxiliary Meeting will be short followed by our Auxiliary Christmas Party. Don't forget your \$5.00 exchange gift & enjoy the food, fun & festive evening.

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for December, 2013: 4)Pat Mikkelson 5)Chris Rischard 7)Margaret Mehigan 8)Carol Lers 10)Sue Miller 11)Joyce Campbell, Molly Schiller 15)Jeanne Wilde 20)Kathy Schiller 24)Gloria Smith 27)Betty Campbell 28)Michelle Conlon. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above for the month of December. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

As we all go through the Christmas Season, "Share your Life, Be Gems of Service, Pass It On". Please take time to appreciate what we each have and give to those who have less.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas Season !

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Dec. 1	Christmas Stockings for Soldiers (deadline to Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home)
Jan 17-19	2014 Mid-Winter Conference – Ho-Chunk Hotel, Wisconsin Dells
Jan 18	2014 Mid-Winter Auxiliary Luncheon 12:00-2:00pm (reservation required)
Jan 21	Auxiliary "DAY" Monthly Meeting, Lunch at Noon, Meeting to follow

Greetings From 1st Vice

By: Jennifer Michaels (262-893-0741)

"Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!" - Jennifer

Hope everyone had a great thanksgiving with friends and family! Won't be long before the Veterans Party! Still looking for gifts. I want to thank everyone who brought gifts to the meeting! See you at the Veterans Party on December 9th.

Hello From 2nd Vice, Colleen Rupert

(414) 336-8261 colleen_rupert2002@yahoo.com

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas. Have a bright and merry day!" - Colleen

I thank Harky for telling his story about his time on the HONOR flight. It was very moving and wonderfully educational.

Thank You to our November hostesses Karen Adams, Chris Ertl, and Laura Roche for the food they provided. Our December hostesses are Lilli Schwantes, Marion Koiseh, Janese Baket, and Gayle Schneider.

I am looking for any patriotic ornaments for a tree that I will be putting in the front hall. Please let me know if you have any. I will talk to the bar manager to see if he could hold them for me until can I pick them up. On November 20th, a group of members went to Metcalfe Elementary and gave a presentation to the 8TH Graders. They were very pleasant and grateful for the school supplies they received. I'm starting to collect more school supplies for our trip back in the spring. We need Pencils, Pens (black and blue), Pencil Boxes, Post-It-Note Pads, Erasers, Glue sticks, travel size hand sanitizers, travel size tissues, Notebooks, and folders. Till next time be safe and enjoy the holidays season with family and friends.

God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandydearing@yahoo.com

Wishing all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!



"May His love surround you at Christmas-time and always!" - Sandy

It's that time of the year when there is frost on our windows, cookies in our ovens and bell ringers outside of every store. Christmas lights fill the night with color and brightness to dazzle all those who feast their eyes upon them. Each house is more beautiful than the next as you drive through the city. All this in preparation to celebrate Christmas, the day Christ was born.

In those days, over 2,000 years ago, it was the stars that lit up the night to welcome Jesus into the world and celebrate his birth. Wise men followed a star for months across the land to find the child while shepherds left their flocks to follow the bright star to worship the newborn baby. That starry night, Immanuel, meaning "God with us", was born to a virgin named Mary in Bethlehem, the city of David. He came to us to pierce the darkness and bring an everlasting light into our world.

As I drive through the neighborhoods on Christmas Eve, the streets are quiet and every house is ablaze with beauty and light. It reminds me of what Christmas is all about. It is all about the one who was born to dispel the darkness and light up the world, and the one who was born on that first Christmas morning, is truly what he said he is

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

May God bless our troops here and abroad, our veterans and all of you as you celebrate this Holiday season.

Greetings From JoAnn Ross at the Membership Desk...

"My husband, Chuck, and I, extend to everyone of our Legion Family a blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Year's!



JoAnn

Hark, we now have 319 paid members! We're really flying, and getting closer to our goal of 479. Keep it up gals!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tori L. Schultzrecruited by Kat Kalyvas

Janice L. Nuerebergrecruited by Marion Kolsch

IN MEMORIUM

† Our condolences to the family of James Kartes, his wife Ruth "Pat" of 57 years, daughters Linda and Cheryl, brother Harold, sister-in-law Ruth, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Wife Ruth and daughter Cheryl are Auxiliary members. May James rest in Peace.

† Our member, Edith Freiberg, lost her husband, Milton, on November 11th. Our condolences to Edith, daughter Helen, sons Milton, Wayne, & Keith (Wanda), 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, & 2 great-great-grandchildren. May Milton rest in Peace.

With the coming New Year, we pray our active duty military personnel come home safely and soon.

Remember to send address changes and new phone numbers to me, NOT headquarters or National. I will send them through the proper channels. Thanks for your cooperation.

Children's Christmas Party

When: December 21, 2013
Where: American Legion Post 449
Time: 11:30 - 2:00 PM in the hall

Free for kids through 12 years old -- adults \$3.00
Have Your Picture Taken With Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

ENJOY *The Magnificent Magic of Rick Allen and his Amazing balloon sculpting!!!!*

PLAY games . . .WIN spectacular prizes . . .MAKE some friends!!!



Hungry? Hot Dogs, French Fries, Pickles, Cookies & Milk will be available to fill your tummies!!

Remember, Santa knows who has been naughty or nice!!!

We hope you've been good and we look forward to seeing you there!

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S.A.L. Commanders Message . .

By Leigh Rainer, Squadron 449 Commander

"Season's Greetings!"
Leigh



I wish to "thank" everyone that bought our raffle and food items at the last Legion Sign In that the S.A.L. sponsored.

One of the main goals of mine was to see that our Color Guard was the best looking Color Guard in Wisconsin, and thanks to all of you people, we are getting it done little by little.

The shirts are now purchased and the next items are the pants, hats, underwear, socks, shoes, whatever.

Another pleasant surprise was that we were the lead Color Guard at the last Honor Flight that Harky was on, so we must be doing something right.

I wish to thank Commander Ron Anderson for including the S.A.L. in the Flag Disposal ceremonies on November 11th. It really means a lot to the S.A.L. to be included. Again, Thank You, Grand Pubba Ron.

At the December 14th Sign-In, the S.A.L. will have Mr. Joshua Young from GSF Mortgage Consultants here to answer any questions you may have concerning mortgages.

Please keep in mind all of the events coming up at the Post and show your support at these functions.

God bless our Troops and Veterans where ever they are.



CPL. LEO G. TERZES

"A Personal Odyssey with the B-29 Super Fortress of WW II"

I served in the US Army Air Corp, 20th Air Force, from July 1943 to February 1945. I was stationed on the Island of Guam, Marina Island Chain, Central Pacific, 24th Air Depot Group, 314 Bomb Wing, US Air Corp, from November 1944 to February 1946. We were at North Field, Guam. My duties were issuing navigational equipment to the Navigators of the *Infamous B-29 Super Fortress*.

After repeated extensive bombing raids and the final blow, an Atomic Bombing, Japan finally surrendered on August 15, 1945, unconditionally.

On September 18, 1946, the Army Air Corp officially became the U.S. Air Force, with Academy and Campus headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado,.

SAL Membership...

By Jerry Durian, Squadron 449 Adjutant & Finance Officer

Merry Christmas & A Safe and Happy New Year
Jerry

Our Squadron membership is at **104**. Our membership dues remain at \$10.00/year. We have 'specials' for "Renewals Only", which is **3 years for \$ 25.00**, and for "New Members Only", which is **2 years for \$ 18.00**.

The Squadron Color Guard was at the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight home coming on Nov 2 welcoming home our SAL Advisor, Harky Bartsch, and about 140 other deserving WWII and Korean War Veterans. It was a great honor to be there.

December 21st, SAL and the Women's Auxiliary will host the Annual Children's Christmas Party from 11:00 – 2:00. Children and Grandchildren of all of our Post family are invited. If you wish to volunteer, please contact a SAL Officer or an Auxiliary Officer for more details.

Thanks to all who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade and to everyone who participated in the activities at the Post on Veteran's Day. **As usual, everyone did a great job.**

ATTENTION MEN'S DART BALL LEAGUE PLAYERS

There will be **NO** dart ball games played on the following dates:

December 25

January 1, 2014

SAL Chaplain's Message...

By Brad Cutura, Chaplain, Squadron 449 and Detachment of Wisconsin Chaplains

"May God's Blessings Be Yours This Christmas!"
Sam & Brad



Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all my American Legion friends and family. By the time you read this, both Thanksgiving and Black Friday will be over with, and we will be on our way to Christmas and New Year's.

While the holiday season is indeed a very busy time of year with all the gift buying and exchanging, all the traveling and visiting with friends and family, we literally must stop and take the time to smell the turkey and poinsettias. The years have seen many changes in our holiday traditions, and this year is no exception.

Whichever way you fall on the issue of stores opening on Thanksgiving Day, let us not forget that our active service men and women, as well as our fire, police and EMS personnel also work on the holidays. So please everyone, please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers this holiday and be extra thankful if you are able to spend all of the holiday with your family.

And lastly, if the Spirit moves you, please consider volunteering to serve our homeless vets at a community meal, or visit a lonely, forgotten veteran at a nursing home or VA facility. God Bless Us All!

Keep on trekkin on!



PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS
Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449
3245 N.124th Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin
Date: November 12, 2013



The Post Executive Board has unanimously approved the following proposed changes to the Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449 By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1:

Add subparagraph (a) **“The term of office for all elected Post Executive Members will be a two (2) year term beginning with the June installation of officers in 2014. Any and all vacancies to this term of office (for any reason) are listed in Section 5 of these BY-LAWS”.**

SECTION 3:

Change the word “year” to **“term”**.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 6:

Add to the Post Adjutant’s duties, **“The Post Adjutant shall also be responsible to keep both an electronic and hard copy of the current Post 449 By-Laws and announce or publish any changes made to them”.**



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

The American Legion offers a *Membership Achievement Medal* for all Post 449 Family Members for their recruiting efforts.

In a one (1) year period, an award medal can be earned by any Post 449 member who recruits more than 30 new members. The calendar year shall be the same as our fiscal year (September 1st – August 31st).

- A Bronze Medal for 30 new recruitments.
- A Silver Medal for 40 new recruitments.
- A Gold Medal for 50 new recruitments.

A list of these recruitments shall be kept by the individual recruiter and verified by the Post Adjutant, and/or the Auxiliary Membership Officer, and/or the SAL Adjutant.

A motion to approve this request was made by The Post Executive Committee.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We have an early deadline for articles for the January 2014 449er.

Have your January articles to the Editor on or by Wednesday, December 18, 10 a.m.

We will assemble/mail the newsletter on Monday, December 23rd, 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	← Articles Deadline 10 a.m.		
22	23	← 449er Assembly/Distribution				
29	30	31				



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A Note From Earl Wood

●National Alliance of POW/MIA Families Newsletter *Bits N Pieces*●

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If you would like to receive a 'hard copy' of any of the following articles, please contact Janella Apodaca Rose or Lynn O'Shea at the telephone numbers shown above. If you have an e-mail address, send e-mail request to one of the E-Mail Addresses shown above.

BITS 'N' PIECES INDEX -- 2013

Oct. 12 - JPAC Uses Remains of Missing Servicemen In Fraud - A New Low

Sept. 14 - Bergdahl's Captor Killed by Drone Strike

Aug. 3 - JPAC and DPMO Taken to the Woodshed

July 27 - July 27 1953, The Day the Shooting Stopped and the Lies Began

July 20 - What About Live POWs

July 13 - The Release of "American Trophies: How US POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China and Russia by Washington's "Cynical Attitude"

June 29 - Four Years in Captivity for Bowe Bergdahl... South Korea Asks North Korea to Return POWs Held

May 11 - Over 100 South Korean POWs Still Alive in North Korea

Apr. 13 - Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon Sabotaged the Paris Peace Talks in 1968.... Johnson and Nixon Gamble With the Lives of Thousands

Mar. 16 - How to Find a Live MIA... Live Sighting Reports of a Caucasian Living in a Remote Area

March 2 - Father Emil Kapaun, Korean War POW to Receive Congressional Medal of Honor

Jan 26 - Peace With Honor... Survival, At Least For A Small Number, After Operation Homecoming

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The lovely models for the 2013 Auxiliary Fashion Show, held on November 16, 2013, are (left to right): Lilli Schwantes, Colleen Rupert, Betty Bertino, Doris Riepel, Betty Conlon, Marion Kolsch, Margaret Betz and Jan Waldron.

Holiday Styles with Sparkle

Saturday November 16 was a day of fashion, good food, lots of sparkle and fun at the annual Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon held at the Legion Post. Over 160 women enjoyed a great lunch prepared by Chef Pierre while taking in the beautiful clothes and valuable fashion tips provided by "A Little Pizzazz of Cedarburg". The models were dazzling in their lovely outfits and some even donned a new look after having their makeup done by Mary Kay director, Andrea Gracyalny. A big thank you to our beautiful models; Betty Bertino, Margaret Betz, Betty Conlon, Marion Kolsch, Doris Riepel, Colleen Rupert, Jan Waldron and our newest model, Lilli Schwantes who also organized the gals.

The raffles were a huge success and I want to thank all of those who put effort into the raffles, super baskets and 50/50 cash drawing, along with all those who donated items for the baskets and sold tickets. In addition I want to thank Betty Bertino who "hit the streets" and went door to door to many business asking for donations.

Finally, I want to give a special thank you to the Fashion Show committee for donating their time and talents to this event. It is because of your efforts that this fundraiser was a success: JoAnne Peterson, Betty Conlon, Chris Ertl, Kathy Schiller, Gayle Schneider, Lilli Schwantes and Debbie Jans. Also thank you to Jo Ann Ross and Dolores Kroening who are always there for us behind the scenes counting money. I hope everyone enjoyed this event as much as I did.

Looking forward to next year!
Sandy Dearing

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8 Post Opens 11:30	9 Post Opens 11:30 Big Band Dance 1:30 - 3:30 VA Veterans Christmas Party 5:30	10 Bingo @ Zablocki VA Hosp. 9th floor 1-2:30 Exec. Board Mtg./ 6:00 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 7:00	11 Men's Dart Ball 7:00 Blues Music 7:30-10:30	12 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	13 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	14 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30	
15 Post Opens 11:30	16 Post Opens 10:30	17 Aux. General Assy. Meeting & Xmas Party 7:00	18 Men's Dart Ball 7:00 Blues Music 7:30-10:30 Articles Deadline 10 a.m.	19 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8 449er to printer 9a.m.	20 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	21 Sign In/Post Opens 11:30 Kids Christmas Party 11:30 - 2	
22 Post Opens 11:30 <i>Big Al's Tom & Jerry Party 3-8</i>	23 Post Opens 11:30 Assemble 449er 11 a.m.	24 Christmas Eve Day POST CLOSES @ 4 p.m.	25 POST CLOSED 	26 Cards Afternoon Sit Down Dinner 4:30 - 8	27 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 Live Music 5-10:30	28 Post Opens 11:30 VFW Post #8320 Meat Raffle 2-4	
29 Post Opens 11:30	30 Post Opens 11:30	31 New Year's Eve Party 6:30 p.m. See flyer in lobby & bar areas	UPCOMING EVENTS: Jan. 17 - 19 2014 Aux. Mid-Winter Conference-Ho Chunk Hotel - Wis. Dells Jan. 18 2014 Mid-Winter Aux. Luncheon 12-2:00 Res. Req'd Jan. 21 Aux. DAY Monthly Mtg. Lunch @ Noon. . .Mtg. to follow				