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Commander's Report

By Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195
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The election is over and the results are known. Now it is the members' turn to support this team. They will need our suggestions to manage our Post. The installation will be June 28. Be there to learn who your board members are.

Joanne and I are extremely proud to have represented you at the many activities and meetings we attended over the past three years. But, after two years as a member-at-large, two years as the 1st Vice and three years as your Commander, we are ready to travel and fish!! We thank you for your suggestions, your support in the many activities WE provided and the significant improvements we have achieved.

Our Post is the talk of the State because we are where the action is. We will continue to grow. Can we do more? Absolutely and WE will. The merger is imminent and it will strengthen us. We welcome all the members of Post 23.

I especially thank all the Ladies of the 449 Auxiliary. If we guys could only work half as hard as they do, we would surprise ourselves with all we could accomplish.

Remember what 1st District Commander Tom Strey told us "There is no I in We." Working together we can do anything.

My sincere thanks for your support. Best wishes.

See you at the Post, Ron



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1st Vice Message

By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153



Greetings to all,

I would like to give my sincere appreciation to the MEMBERS that elected me the next COMMANDER of POST 449.

I would like to ensure all our members that my TEAM and myself are fully dedicated to the success of OUR POST.

My priorities are as follows:

- 1) Ensure the completion of the audit and utilize the results to improve our financial procedures and reporting.
- 2) Guarantee the completion of the merger with POST 23.
- 3) Empower the members of our entire POST FAMILY by joint committees to utilize the expertise and knowledge of our entire family.
- 4) To formulate an aggressive marketing plan to increase POST revenue, and to recruit new FAMILY members.
- 5) To create more special events at our facility to increase revenue.

Together WE WILL SUCCEED.
We will be ONE TEAM ONE GOAL!

Mike Daigle
Commander ELECT



As I wind this down for the final time, I want to thank Commander Anderson and Board Members with roles I have served over the past seven years. And lastly, I want to thank our accountant, Angie, who is really the financial expert who does her best to keep our ship afloat.

My best wishes to the new Board. You have challenges to meet but also plenty of opportunities for new excitement as we welcome our new members from Cudworth Post 23.

See you at the Post,
John Horter

Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson



An ABC Prayer—Author Unknown

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain,
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame!
Even when the times are hard,
Fierce winds are bound to blow.
God is forever able,
Hold on to what you know.
Imagine life without his love,
Joy would cease to be.
Keep thanking Him for all the things,
Love imparts to thee.
Move out of "Camp Complaining."
No weapon that is known
On Earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone.
Quit looking at the future.
Redeem the time at hand.
Start every day with worship.
To "thank" is a command.
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky,
We'll run the race in gratitude
"Xalting" God most high.
Yes, there'll be good times and yes, some will be bad...
Zion waits in glory... where none are ever sad!

I am blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Take heed, Post members and may love and peace be with you forever. *-Harvin*



Finance Officer's Report...

By Interim Finance Officer John Horter
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The financial status of Post 449 is good and getting better. We have a solid balance sheet and our profit and loss statement is getting healthier and stronger by the month. We have money in the bank and have polished off over \$55,000.00 in debt and street repairs. We have committed funds and some debt balance remaining which could be paid off by the end of the calendar year.

No one person can take credit for all of the work and generosity that has been shown at the Post especially over the past 6 months. At the risk of overlooking anyone or any sub group of the Post, I would like to acknowledge some individuals and groups who have gone the extra mile:

- The Auxillary
- SAL
- Mick and his team for Monday nights
- Alex and his team for Thursday nights
- Jenny and her crew for food services
- Bill and all the bartenders
- Volunteers by the hundreds
- Rich and his volunteers
- The music organizers and players
- Everyone else who helps make this a great Post

Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow (262-641-0977)

Last Bugle (Members)...

None to report

Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

I O Greer, Korea	
Robert Koeckenberg, Korea	
Thomas Donahue, Peace Time	Donald Schaning, WWII
Earnest Baumgart, Korea	Robert Dieter, WWII
James Mitchell, Korea	Tony Maida, WWII
Robert Corrao WWII	Raymond Buzzard, Korea
Donald Schneider, Peace Time	Joseph Stimac, WWII
Thomas Buehler, Peace Time	Dillard Tittle, WWII
Samuel Bemavides, Vietnam	



Sick Bay:

None Listed

Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families and groups for their generous contributions to our Post for the Honor Guard's service for their loved ones. The Wenzel Family, The Zentkowski Family, The Maikowski Family, The Grothmann Family, The Perkins Family, The Tittle Family, The Schaning Family.

V.A. News & Info.....

1- Many [Tricare](#) users would face annual enrollment fees in a newly named plan under a draft proposal released Monday by the House Armed Services Committee. Under the plan, current users of Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra would fall into the newly minted Tricare Preferred plan. Users would continue to be permitted to self-refer to providers, but doing so would come with an annual enrollment fee of \$100 for individuals and \$200 for families starting in 2020. New Tricare users would pay even greater fees. Active-duty family members would pay \$300 for an individual or \$600 for families to enroll each year, while future retirees who joined the service after 2020 would pay \$425 for an individual or \$850 for families. New beneficiaries who want to use Prime can do so, but also at a cost. Active-duty families would pay \$180 for an individual or \$360 for a family, while retirees would pay \$325 for an individual or \$650 for a family. Current users would not pay to use Prime. Under the new Preferred option, users would have no annual deductible, but would pay set fees out of pocket. For example, emergency room visits would cost \$40 in network for active-duty families and \$60 for retirees. The catastrophic yearly cap would be at \$1,000 for active-duty families and \$3,000 for retirees.

For Prime users, no annual deductibles would apply unless users chose to receive care without a referral. In that case, they would face a \$300 for individuals or \$600 for families deductible, with the same catastrophic cap as Preferred users. Other services, such as emergency room use, would continue to be free.

The bill also includes proposals that would provide better access to care, including an order that some military treatment facilities operate urgent care centers until at least 11 p.m. each night. Beneficiaries who don't have access to on-base urgent care, the bill says, must be able to use urgent cares off-base without referrals.

2- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently launched Caseflow Certification, the first of many tools that will begin to improve the processing of benefit claim appeals at VA. Caseflow Certification is a simple web-app that automatically detects if

required documentation has been added to an appeal before it moves forward in the process. This simple check will help reduce preventable errors and avoidable delays caused by disjointed, manual processing.

3- A showpiece of the Veterans First package that the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee unveiled last week is a multi-billion-dollar initiative to phase in for older generations of severely injured veterans robust caregiver benefits first enacted in 2010 only for the Post-9/11 generation. Though it's only part of a huge omnibus bill containing many veteran reform measures that senators previously introduced as separate bills, the plan to expand caregiver benefit coverage carries the biggest price tag. The early estimate is \$3.1 billion over its first five years.

4- Through its Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion has been caring for the children of the men and women who honorably served their country and gave the ultimate sacrifice while on active-duty military service on or after 9/11. The scholarship's eligibility requirements are expanding and the amount of financial aid awarded is increasing. Children of post-9/11 veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher are now eligible to apply to the Legacy Scholarship, which will award up to \$20,000 in aid. Changes to the scholarship will go into effect starting with the 2017 application, which is due April 20, 2017. The Legacy Scholarship is now a needs-based one.

Remember..... That all gave some, but many gave all!



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The President's Message...

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"BE THE SPARK FOR OUR VETERANS"

This is my final newsletter article as your Auxiliary President. It has been a great privilege and honor to serve you all for the past three years. This has been a great working experience for me and I hope it has been for each of you. Our Auxiliary has accomplished many great things in the past three years and will continue to do so. Thank you all for your friendships, encouragement and support. It is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our newly Elected Executive Officers: President-Kathy McCarthy, 1st Vice President-Shannon Daigle, 2nd Vice President-Joan Felski, Chaplain-Kathy Schiller and Treasurer-Darlene Baczek. Installation will take place on June 28 at 7:00pm in our Post Hall. It is very important that all Auxiliary officers wear their ribbon pins and name tags the night of the Installation. Auxiliary members are encouraged to bring appetizers, casseroles, salads and relish trays to the Installation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to our hostesses for our May Meeting; Yvonne Locker, Charlene Baretta and Karen Adams. The food was so good and very much appreciated.

Sadly we lost another wonderful member, Judy Steinkraus. Please keep Chuck and their family in your Prayers.

A huge thank you to Ryan Schakel and Mike Derosiers for moving furniture and making it possible for a Veteran to be able to come home from Zablocki VA Hospital. Thank you guys!

The Auxiliary will be working on Blessing Bags for Veterans & the homeless. Please see the flyers. We will be working on the Blessing Bags on June 11th at the Post. Please come for the Auxiliary food and Raffle and help put the Blessing Bags together.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with



the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to the Parade Committee, donors of cars, trucks and jeeps, Parade Participants, Hot Dog Lunch servers, Cashier, Auxiliary Bake Sale Team, everyone who brought in baked goods, rhubarb and plants, Bartenders and everyone who contributed and supported the Auxiliary in any way.

Thank you to all the Poppy Distributors. You did an outstanding job and YOU make it possible for the Auxiliary to help Veterans and their Families and to continue our Mission.

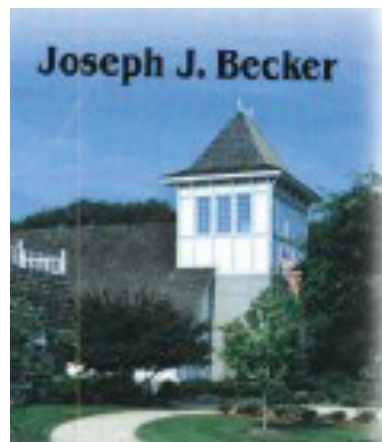
Happy Birthday & God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for June 2016: 1) Sandy Dearing, 3) Dee Dee Schiradelly, 5) Kathy Zunke, Kathy Peters, Colette Jaekl, 7) Cheryl Mielke, Tawny Fetzer, 9) Jan Waldron, 10) Joyce Sternisha, 12) Mary Marks, 14) Joy Marks, 16) Beverly Thiele, 24) June Bergholze, 27) Ila Mae Hora, 28) Kat Kalyvas, 30) Rita McCann. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names are not mentioned. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

Please keep all of our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- Jun 1, Wed Assemble June Newsletter – 11:30am in Post Hall
- Jun 6, Mon Horse Races at Congregational Home, 2:30pm
- Jun 11, Sat Auxiliary Spaghetti Lunch, Raffle, Sign-in, Blessing Bags Assembly
Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, Milwaukee Airport
- Jun 13, Mon Horse Races at Hart Park Square – 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Jun 15, Wed County Installation at Post 449, 7:00pm
- Jun 19 – 24 Badger Girls State – UW Oshkosh
- June 21 No Auxiliary Meeting
- June 23, Thu Badger Girls State Inauguration
- June 25, Sat Tawny Fetzer – Adopted Woman Veteran, Baby Shower – 3:00pm-5:00pm
- June 28, Tue Joint Installation of Officers, Legion Executive Meeting, 7:00pm-Potluck
- July 4, Mon 4th of July Brookfield Parade – meet at Post 8:00a
- July 14-17 Department Convention, Middleton, WI



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1st Vice Report

By Kathy McCarthy (262) 442-5703
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Hello Everyone!

First of all let me Thank Everyone for your vote of confidence in becoming your new President. I am honored and excited for the next 2 years. I hope that we all work to make this Auxiliary the best in the State. Seeing we will be the largest in the State with our merger we might as well be the best! (...we don't have far to go...I think we're great already!)

A huge thank you to Lylette Smith for her support and mentoring I have received. Lylette has been an excellent role model for me to follow and a beautiful lady with a heart of gold. I hope I can follow in her foot steps. "Thank you Lylette."

Thank you Kitty Larkin and Lilli Schwantes for your help and guidance. You can count on me asking a lot of questions. You both are exceptional women and I look forward to working with you. Thanks again!

Our installation is June 28th, there is no meeting the week before. I hope to see all of you there. Also, please support our June 11th food and raffle sign in. We will not be meeting in July as is normal, however, I hope to see you at the 4th of July Parade and back at the Post for all of our activities. It is a terrific time. If you and your families have other plans let me wish you safe and Happy 4th of July.

Come August, I'll be running my first meeting and looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces looking back at me, but until then,

May God keep you safe and healthy

May we never forget our men and women who have or are serving
our country

And remember to be kind to everyone!!!!

So until I see you at the Post,
Stay Well!!!!!!

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SUPPORT YOUR WAUKESHA COUNTY OFFICERS

The Waukesha County Legion and Auxiliary will hold their Installation Ceremony on June 15th here at Post 449 in the hall. Please come to the "meet and greet" from 5:30 to 6:45 and enjoy Brats and/or Burgers for a very reasonable fee. Then attend the Installation itself at 7:00. We look forward to a very exciting year in Waukesha County with the help and support of all the American Legion Family.

Thank you

For more information or questions:
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Chaplain Sandy's Message...

By Sandy Dearing
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God has richly blessed me during this time that I enjoyed as Auxiliary Chaplain for Unit 449. I have gotten to know so many wonderful women who have a heart to serve others and a heart for the Lord. One of these special ladies is Dolores Kroening, who has served as your Auxiliary Treasurer for more than 20 years. I have witnessed Dolores in her role as Treasurer and she has demonstrated the qualities that our Lord esteems. Dolores has sacrificially donated her time, money and talents to our Unit as Treasurer with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. These qualities which Dolores so clearly possesses are what Paul in his letter to the Galatians refers to as the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This fruit is only produced by a life surrendered to God. THANK YOU Dolores for showing us how to walk in the Spirit. May God richly bless you in all that you do.

Many thanks also, to Lylette Smith, who has served as our Unit President over the last three years. I have enjoyed both serving with her and learning from her. She has demonstrated the motto "Service not Self" in all that she has done and encouraged us to do likewise.

This is my last article as Chaplain and it has been my pleasure to serve you. It is my hope for all of you to know Christ and His amazing love for you. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

Congratulations to Kathy McCarthy, our new Auxiliary President, the new Executive Board and especially to Kathy Schiller, the incoming Auxiliary Chaplain. You will all be in my prayers.

Please remember in your prayers Chuck Steinkraus, husband of Judy Steinkraus. Judy, who has been a member of our Auxiliary, just went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

God Bless you, Chaplain Sandy

Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

Adele Lund	Sherri Vogt
Audrey Olson	Carol Jensen
Judy Zielke	Jr Member: Georgiana Robinson

PLUS: we have had a few more members send in renewals (keep 'em comin')!

Our latest membership stands at 474 members or 84.7%.

Keep in mind our goal is 559 members. Time is running out! Let's keep inviting members to join. Remember to carry a membership application with you at all times. If a potential new member (or you), need assistance in completing the application, anyone from the Executive Board can help or give me a call.

Remember: if the Veteran is living (that the new member is eligible to join under), that Veteran MUST be a member of an American Legion Post. This has caused quite a bit of confusion lately and it has resulted in some hurt feelings. If you want to renew and are having some difficulties, let me know and maybe we can find some way to make it happen for you. You won't know if you do not ask and we value each and every member. Together we accomplish so much more. Remember: "Service not Self".

Any payments and/or membership material can be left for me in either of the BLUE boxes at the front or back entrances. They are locked and I check them every time I come to the Post. OR you can mail dues to:

Sam Catura
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SR DUES: \$22.00 (JAN 1ST THRU DEC 31ST)
 JR DUES: \$ 3.50 UNDER THE AGE OF 18

The year goes by so fast! This is just a reminder that following the July State Convention, new cards will be sent to us for the 2017 membership year. You can be one of the first to get your "2017" membership card by paying right away. Then have your name entered in the "Early Bird" drawing. I would like to thank the following members for their "2017" dues already:

Pat Mustapich	Joleen Gordon
Laura Roche	Doris Dittl
Theresa Seegert	JR member: Natalie Lawler

I would like to recognize the following members. They have continued to serve our Veterans and their families for over 50 years! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Gloria Smith	66 years	joined in 1950
Emily Ganiere	65 years	joined in 1951
Mary Olson	65 years	joined in 1951
Bernadette Zych	63 years	joined in 1953
Jolene Gordon	60 years	joined in 1956



Suzanne Ricca	58 years	joined in 1957
Jo Pasbrig	54 years	joined in 1962

When you see these ladies, please tell them "THANK YOU" for their service. Ask them why they have continued "Service NOT Self". What an inspiration and how fortunate Unit 449 is to have these "experienced" ladies to look up to.

Sam Catura
 Membership Chairman Unit 449



JUNE 19, 2016

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 BARBECUE FOR
 FATHERS DAY AT
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**ALL FATHERS RECEIVE 1 DOMESTIC BEER OR
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**HAPPY
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**Celebration to Include Buffet with a
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Buffet is Served
 11:00am - 2:00pm
Music
 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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 Adults**

**\$8.00
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Buffet Menu

- Southern Style Fried Chicken
- Carolina Style Pulled Pork
- Slow Roasted Beef with Pan Roasted Gravy
- N'Awlins Jambalaya
- Loaded Baked Potato Bar
- Cold Bar to Include American Potato Salad and Italian Antipasta Salad
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Dutch Apple Pie

[COMPANY NAME]

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the poppy drive. You have made the effort if you stood at a store front for donations, helped with mailings, or if you just returned your envelope.

Thanks to: Lylette Smith, Brian and Jenny Fowler, their daughter and Junior Member Katie Fowler, Kathy McCarthy and her grandson Sean Oliver, Bonnie Piszczek, Sharon Miller and Harvey Kroening for their help in preparing the 1400 return envelopes.

Thanks to our 449er newsletter crew for additional time in preparing the mailing.

Thanks to our 25 volunteers who distributed poppies at our local businesses.

We have received donations from: Florida, Arizona, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and of course, Brookfield, Cudahy, Hartford and other cities around the area.

We appreciate your help in making our poppy drive a success.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Delores Kroening
 Poppy Chairman



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July 16 State Officer Elections in Middleton
 August 2 Shooting Sports meeting at 12730 W Burleigh, WFTC.
 Sept 6 S.A.L. Regular meeting

We are Sons of Veterans.
 Help us support the American Legion and its programs!

It's about Service, not self!



Is It Tuesday Yet?

By Mike Pook, , Squadron 449 Commander
 & First District SAL Commander
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The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new. As the outgoing Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 449 Commander I am looking forward to assisting the newly elected Squadron Commander Leigh Rainer as his Finance Officer and advisor. This is an exciting time as Post 449 and Post 23 unite to be one! The air is filled excitement like at Easter, a new birth has arrived. All of us who have been elected or newly appointed are thrilled to serve and work together for the greater good! As the torch is passed from the weary to the excited, now is your turn to carry on with the American Legion mission.

Officers remember to always stay positive, even among friends and you lead by example. As a leader, you have a purpose that sets you above the gossipy clubhouse environment, to assist in God and Country. These are not mere words said at the beginning of meetings as you learn it's about service, not yourself. The outgoing officers have much experience to share with the four pillars and the organization. Include them as they are a valuable resource to use. The American Legion stands for much more than patronizing a bar, the lure of bar room activities, and supporting Veterans.

We are the Sons of the American Legion, or the S.A.L., not Sal, or the Sons for short. The Sons host activities throughout the year. Events like the Car Show takes a huge volunteer staff help to pull it off. I'd like to thank Mike Daigle and Ricky Robertson for being our Traffic cops in the Parking lots. Leigh Rainer for coordinating the Raffle and Sam Catura for assisting. At the Registration Table are Brad Catura and Chris Johnson. Our Trophy Sponsor was American Family Insurance, agent Earl Stone. The trophy maker is Jason Cichacki. The beautiful trophy Girls are Audra and Cassandra. Also I am thankful for Jenny Michaels and her staff in the kitchen. We are the American Legion Family and thank you for your support!

July 5 no S.A.L. meeting

Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 449 Present...

Car Show

At Legion Post 449

Saturday, June 4th, 10-3pm

\$5.00 Car Show Entry fee

Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Jeeps, Classics

Food, Raffle 2pm, Trophies 2:30pm

G.I. Josh Dog Fundraiser

Special Appearance by War Dogs, US Coast Guard, S.E. Jeep Club

This is a dog friendly event. All leashed dogs are welcome outside!

Chaplain's Corner

By Brad Catura

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Greetings to you,

Last month I discussed the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy and made suggestions as to how they may apply to us today. And as promised, this month I will discuss the Spiritual Works of Mercy, as both are designed to give us a model for how we should treat others, as we ourselves would like to be treated. The American Legion Family is founded on the principles of duty to both God and Country, yet many people feel unqualified to reach out to their "brother-in-arms" and minister to his spiritual needs. But, you do NOT need to be a Chaplain or an Ordained Minister, to minister to the needs of others to help ease their suffering, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. So, let's begin, shall we?

The 1st Spiritual Mercy is Counseling The Doubtful. They say there are no atheists in a foxhole. But what happens after the war is over? Today, we have more service men and women, suffering from PTSD than ever before. 22 of them commit suicide every day! So please, I am asking you, if someone reaches out to you for help, please don't turn away from them. You could save their life and their spirit.

The 2nd Spiritual Mercy is Instructing The Ignorant. Do you ignore the "Bible Thumpers" when they come to your door? Do you perhaps hide? If so, it may be time for you to either start or renew your own spiritual journey by studying the Bible. At the

same time, learn more about the programs available through the American Legion Family that can help both you and others in times of desperation.

The 3rd Spiritual Mercy is Admonishing The Sinner. Now, let's be honest - we all love to point out other people's flaws and sins. Sadly, most of us do it very poorly, increasing the tension between us. The secret to doing it properly? Do NOT judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way back on to the right path.

The 4th Spiritual Mercy is Comforting The Sorrowful. Again, you don't need to be a Chaplain to send out a sympathy card or offer your sincere condolences to someone who is suffering a loss. Even standing silently next to someone can often be enough to show your support. Hence we have our First District Silent March every year for our POWs/MIAs. Why not join us this year?

The 5th Spiritual Mercy is Forgiving Injuries. This is definitely a hard one for all of us. Turning the other cheek and letting go of grudges is something most of us struggle with every day. But just remember, if we want God to forgive us, we must forgive others. Remember the Lord's Prayer?

The 6th Spiritual Mercy is Bearing Wrongs Patiently. Yes, very similar to the previous one. Remember what your parents taught you? Count to 10 before lashing out? Sometimes all you can do is to step away from the situation and allow yourself to calm down. Only then can you begin to think clearly again. It does indeed take two to tango.

The 7th Spiritual Mercy is Praying For The Living And The Dead. We just observed Armed Forces Day, where we pray for the continued safety of our service men and women. Next is Memorial Day, where we contemplate the sacrifices of those members of the Armed Forces who died for us in battle. In November, we again observe Veteran's Day where we celebrate our comrades who not only fought for our freedom, but who came back alive and continued to serve their Country. Join the rest of us on each of these special days by praying for these fine folks and remember our motto of "Service - not self"

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Fri 8 Chris Vesche
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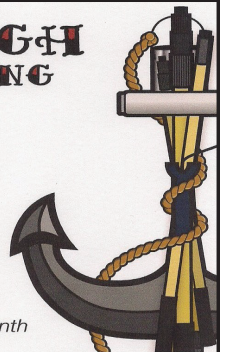
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