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## Commander's Report

By Mike Daigle, 414-817-2153



I want to personally and sincerely thank the members of Post 449 Family for empowering and entrusting me to this important position. My ultimate priority is to ensure the successful completion of our merger with our Post 23

Legion Family Members. I want to ensure our members that the audit is on schedule and will likely be completed earlier than expected. It is imperative that this audit be complete by July 14, 2016. It is the Executive and Merger Committees' goal to present the merger to the Department Executive Committee at the Department Convention the weekend of July 14, 2016.

As one of our Legion Programs we sponsored 4 young gentlemen to Badger Boys State. A number of them will be speaking at the July General Membership Meeting to share their experiences and the knowledge they gained in this important Legion Program. Along with our new Cudworth Partners next year our goal is to send 12 young men to this event.

Also, we will empower our Post Family Members through joint committees to ensure every member of our Post 449 Family shall feel they are able to contribute to the overall success of our home. These committees will be confirmed and made active after the July 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting.

All of our Post 449 Family have been entrusted with our 4 Pillars of the American Legion, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Simply put these are our Post Goals. There is absolutely no room for personal agendas in our house. We shall stand together as one and ensure we complete the duties of American Legion membership as intended by our respective organization. We are one family, we are one team, and we have one goal.

For God and Country,  
Commander Mike Daigle



## 1st Vice Message

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702

As we move forward to a new era at Post 449 with the merger soon to be completed and new officers on the Board to include a new Commander, I see a bright future. With the influx of Post 23 members serving on the Board in the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders, Adjutant and Finance officer, the knowledge is two fold. The advent of a Bar committee (5) positions: one SAL, one Auxiliary, one Post 23 and two 449 members; a House committee (5) positions: one SAL, one Auxiliary, one Post 23 and two 449 members; and a Finance committee consisting of 7 members. The overall operation will finally be streamlined to enhance all areas of operation. The priorities brought forth by each committee during their monthly briefing to the Executive Board will improve all areas of operation. Any ideas you may have should be addressed to the committee members. Make sure you find out who the committee members are after the installation of officers.

## Notes from the Adjutant

By Mike Cannon, 262-794-3293

Well, we made it over the top to 100% membership as of June 15 2016. Congrats to all of you!! Many of the Board members will be at the State Legion Convention in Middleton, WI from July 15 -17.

Chris and myself have met with our website company One-Click Computer to train us on the ins and outs of the Post website. We will be updating and adding information to the site on a regular basis. Please be patient as we get the site up and running. Visit the site at [americanlegionpost.ipage.com](http://americanlegionpost.ipage.com) for more information.

The Packer Fundraiser is set for Aug 7, 2016. Post opens at 11:30, food will be available for purchase, music from 3:00 till 6:00 pm. The raffle is at 6:00pm. The Packers will be playing at 7:00pm. Come and wear your Green & Gold.

God Bless America!!!

Adjutant, Post 449  
Mike Cannon



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## Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson, 414-462-0097



With all of the serious problems facing our nation at this time, my thoughts were perhaps a little levity would be in order for this month. Here is a story from a church bulletin's STEWARDS BUILDERS page, "On the Lighter Side."

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask his congregation to come up with more money than they had expected would be needed for repairs to the church building on the following Sunday. He was then upset to hear his regular organist was sick. A substitute was brought in and wanted to know what he should play. "Here's a copy of the service," the pastor said. "But you will have to think of something to play after I make the announcements about the finances."

During the service, the pastor paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$7,000 more! Anybody who can pledge one hundred dollars more, please stand up!"

At that moment the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner".

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.

- Harvin

## Don't Miss 2nd Annual October Fest

At

American Legion Post 449  
*Presented by Alex Kolander and  
the Legion Family*

**23 October 2016**

**Mark your calendars!**

## Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow, 262-641-0977

### Last Bugle (Members)...

Erwin Komschiles WWII      Robert Miller WWII  
Donald Zautcke WWII

### Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

Willie Little, Peace Time      Robert Strehlow, WWII  
Patrick Riley, Korea      Robert Berlin, WWII  
James Sprenger, WWII      Harvey Kurtz, WWII  
Russell Frye, Korea      Willie Norwood, Unlisted  
Clarence Krebs, Korea      James Anderson, Korea Vietnam  
Donald Jensen, Korea      Kevin Marshall, Peace Time  
Ronald Stoll, Vietnam      William Loshuertos, Peace Time  
Luther Lewer, Korea      Gerald Strand, Korea  
Robert Zysk, Vietnam      George Schneider, Korea

### Sick Bay:

Larry Rice (Past Commander)      Robert Koth

### 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 Miller Family, The Stimac Family, The Smith Family, The Dieter Family, The Goniu Family, The Frye Family and the Jensen Family.

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

1-The Senate Armed Services Committee is embracing some TRICARE fee increases proposed by the Obama administration, particularly for working age retirees and their families. But it links those fee hikes to some surprising and long overdue improvements in patient access and quality of care. This is a far different and seemingly less strained approach than that adopted by the House, which would delay most TRICARE fee increases for a generation so they impact only persons who enter the military after 2017 and begin to retire 20 or more years later.

2- American Legion Past National Commander Harry Colmery assembled into one proposition what has been described as the most important social legislation of the 20th century: the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill. On June 22, his contributions to American society will be immortalized with the dedication of Harry Colmery Memorial Park in Topeka, KS. The dedication ceremony starts at 2 p.m. The park is located one block from the Kansas State Capitol building on South Kansas Avenue. The American Legion Department of Kansas worked with volunteers and the Colmery family to raise funds, design and construct the memorial park.

3- The American Legion urged lawmakers not to listen to veterans' groups that are merely "mouthpieces" for organizations intent on privatizing [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) health care, a move that it says will spawn "a host of billion-dollar federal contractors, private medical enterprises and cottage-industry opportunists." Though the Legion does not identify the "mouthpieces," it appears to be taking aim at Concerned Veterans for America, a Koch brothers-linked group that would have the VA overseen by a non-profit government organization while moving more veterans' health care to the private sector. The Legion said that "to suggest that the nation's largest veterans service organization, or any other major VSO, supports a strong and robust VA because we are somehow 'insiders' or uninformed is insulting and counterproductive."

4-The Department of Veterans Affairs failed to comply with a law aimed at increasing the number of federal contracts awarded to small businesses owned by disabled veterans, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Thursday. The justices sided with Kingdomware Technologies Inc., a veteran-owned contractor based in Maryland that said it should have been considered to provide services for a VA medical center. [The case](#) is important to veterans groups that claimed the VA was wrongly interpreting bidding requirements in a way that deprived thousands of small companies owned by veterans. Those companies want a slice of the billions of dollars in contracts the VA awards every year.

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



## THE CABINS ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Wisconsin Vets, their friends and families are welcome. However, the veteran must remain in occupancy during the entire rental period.

After a successful spring work party, the Cudworth Cabins are ready for this season's renters.

All-in-all, **the cabins are in splendid shape.** The Committee's hard work over the past 15 years has really made a difference. Our continued investment in quality maintenance has paid off immensely.

We kicked-off our 'merger' a bit early by welcoming a couple 449ers into our ranks - **John Winter** and **Monte Lunde**. We actually got some work out of them and it was refreshing to listen to some 'new' war stories and banter for a change. The Cabin Committee has lost several key members over the past year, so it's noteworthy to acknowledge these new recruits.

**Only 5 weeks, during the Fall, are available** ... talk to John or Monte to get their first-hand opinion of the cabins.

**Don't miss out on this opportunity,**  
for a rather inexpensive Northwood's vacation.

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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Continue to have a wonderful summer and thank you for all of your support in everything we do.

Stay well until our next meeting and I'll see you at the Post,  
*Kathy, Auxiliary President*

## **1st Vice Report**

By Shannon Daigle, 904-415-1597



I want to thank you and show my appreciation for the level of trust you put on me for this important position within the Auxiliary. I am excited to be a part of the long standing traditions within our Post. As a Post family, we need to find new ways to grow and especially support and attract our younger returning veterans. In addition to our traditional VA Hospital dinners and parties, we will also be doing a number of functions to support Fischer House Milwaukee. These events are only made possible by the hard work and dedication of the Post family members who donated their time and effort in the Poppy Drive. Part of my efforts over the next two years will include getting the Juniors involved in volunteering and creating projects to present to the veterans at their dinners. It is essential to involve our Junior Members in these programs to ensure the future of our Auxiliary. We are working on setting a date for the Picnic at the VA. We will let you know as soon as that date is set. If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding experience, please let me know.

The Packer Party is August 7<sup>th</sup>. I am asking for your support of this event for our Post family. In the past, the Auxiliary has made beautiful baskets and donated raffle prizes for this event. I ask for your continued support. The Juniors will be donating a handmade Fallen Soldier Silhouette to raffle off for this event. Please also come and join us for this party. There will be food, raffles, music, and fun.

In closing I am excited for this new opportunity. I am looking forward to serving our veterans and our Post.

God Bless,  
*Shannon Daigle*

## **The President's Message...**

By Kathy McCarthy, 262-442-5703  
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Hello Everyone!

We have been busy between our Raffles, serving dinner at the Fisher House, which was wonderful, to the baby shower for our adopted female veteran Tawney. All have been very successful and that is due to your help. I know it seems like all we do is ask for donations but without your help and donations we would not be doing what we are doing. We recently started making the Blessing Bags which has been a hit were ever we have distributed them, so save the sheet of what we need and yes, I'm asking for your help with those items. We especially need socks, which is the most requested item.

On the 29th of June your new Board was installed. Here is the list for those of you were not there. President Kathy McCarthy (me), 1st Vice Shannon Daigle, 2nd Vice Joan Felski, Chaplin Kathy Schiller, Treasurer Darlene Baczek, Secretary Marion Kolsch, Membership Anita "Sam" Catura, Sergeant at Arms Bonnie Piszczek, Assistant Sergeant at Arms Patricia Winter, Historian Lilli Schwantes, Parliamentarian Kitty Larkin, Jr. Past President Lylette Smith, Member at Large Anita "Sam" Catura, Member at Large Monica Roux. Welcome all of the new members on the Board and let's all work together to make Unit 449 the best in the state.

Keep in mind that our sister Unit 1 in Germantown will be hosting the Vietnam Traveling Wall from September 1st to the 5th. I have been asked to join them in helping getting people, men and women to guard the wall and work some of their other venues those days. I have a sign-up sheet and I'll be giving you more information at our next meeting.

We will be attending the State Convention July 14th thru the 17th and I'm sure we will be coming back with lots of information.



## 2nd Vice Report

By Joan Felski, 414-463-5787

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Joan Felski, the newly appointed 2nd Vice for the Women's Auxiliary of Post #449. I look forward to assisting in making our Post a success. I also look forward to meeting the members that I'm not familiar with.

Summer is finally here! One of my favorite times of the year. Just remember that it's NEVER too early to drop off school supplies for the up coming school year. Please drop off the supplies at the Post. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsors Metcalfe School.

There are so many workers/volunteers that make this Post a HUGE success. I would like to thank each & every one of you. I would also like to thank the patrons that frequent the Post because without patrons, we would not be as successful as we are.

Thank you All,  
Joan Felski, 2nd Vice



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to our Poppy Princesses, from L to R: Gretchen Kuether, Little Miss Poppy, Emme Kuether, Little Miss Poppy and Katie Fowler, Miss Poppy Princess.



## Chaplain's Message

By Kathy Schiller, 414-464-9210

I would like to thank Everyone for giving me the opportunity to be your new Auxiliary Chaplain for Unit 449. Thank You to Sandy Dearing for her inspiration. I hope that I can be as prayerful as Sandy.

As we move forward with our new Executive Board; I pray that God will guide all of us to be kind and helpful to each other and to our mission. Let us all remember "Service Not Self" in all that we say and do.

On this 4th of July, we Thank God our Father, for our Freedom and for the men and women who gave so much for us.

Until we are all together again at our August meeting: I pray that God grants us as Americans and as a Legion Family, the ability to continue to help our Veterans and those in need. Be with us and guide us. Amen.

God Bless and have a safe Summer,  
Chaplain Kathy



## 2016 POPPY FUND REPORT

Mail response	\$3,000 (only 232 returned of 1400 mailed out)
Poppy Days	\$6,500 (Brookfield and Elm Grove locations)
Memorial Day	\$400 (Parade route)

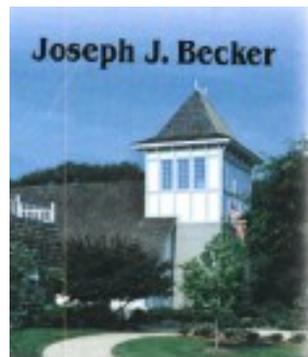
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,900</b>
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After expenses are deducted, 20% is sent to Department of Wisconsin and they divide it equally between Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation and Children and Youth funds.

The balance is donated to our VA Hospitals at Tomah, Madison, Minneapolis and Zablocki; our Veteran Homes at Union Grove and King; and Kenosha Outreach. We also have veterans from Zablocki VA for seasonal parties here at Post 449.

A big THANK YOU to our 27 volunteers who distributed poppies, our parade walkers and our Poppy Princesses for a total of 70 volunteer hours.

*Dolores Kroening, Poppy Chairman*



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## Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche  
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Please join me in welcoming our newest members: Teri Flemming, Debbie Wink, Karen Hill, Jeanette Calvi, Patricia Johnson, Romona Tetzlaff, Jean Ruben.

Our latest membership stands at 482 members or 86.3%. **Keep in mind our goal is 559 members.** It is not too late to renew and your renewal for 2016 can help us reach that goal! If you have not paid for 2016, please remember the reason you became a member in the first place. Remember that Veteran you honor each time you pay your dues, volunteer your time, bring baked goods, or participate in the many activities for the Veterans.

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:

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SR DUES: \$22.00 (JAN 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>)  
JR DUES: \$ 3.50 UNDER THE AGE OF 18

More names which will be entered in the "Early Bird" drawing. I would like to thank the following members for their "2017" dues: Janese Baket, Mary Louise Catura, Colleen Gotowitz, Megan Polcin, Kat Kalyvas, Katherine Pollock, Elizabeth Karger, Ellen Johnson, Claire Pollock, Tricia Wilson, Lylette Smith, Bonnie Brokema, Carrie Ray, Sue Gies, Justina Sviatoslavsky.

I would like to recognize the following members. They have continued to serve our Veterans and their families for 45-50 years! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Patricia Pire	49 years	joined in 1966
Darlene Bartsch	48 years	joined in 1968
Cheryl Brossmann	47 years	joined in 1969
Dolores Kroening	47 years	joined in 1969
(also a PUFL member)		
Christine Pisarski	46 years	joined in 1970
Barbara Unti	45 years	joined in 1971
Dolores Bruskiewicz	45 years	joined in 1971
Kathryn Kubiak	45 years	joined in 1971

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.

Note: You may be asking; what is a PUFL. Dolores is one of 10 members who are "Paid Up For Life". Please see me if you are interested in being a member of this group. I have complete details and applications.

Always Remember: "Service NOT Self"

Unit 449 Membership Chair,  
Sam Catura

## "COUNTY CORNER"

This is something new I would like to add to our newsletter, in an effort to keep everyone informed of the "Waukesha County" Legion business. I am hoping this will increase the communication and knowledge of our members. In this first article, I would like to recognize all of the people who made the Waukesha County Installation a huge success. I have received many good comments on the food, entertainment and program.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU  
Alex, Tammy, Laura, Bill and Ernie: a great food spread. It was so nice of you to offer the Brat, Burger and Hot Dog night on a Wed night for us. It made a "picnic" atmosphere and everyone enjoyed the delicious food.

Lylette and Kitty: for bringing more goodies to the table.

Laura: for the lovely centerpieces and table accessories.

Joyce: for the wonderful entertainment.

Kathy McCarthy: for the lovely corsages that made all the ladies feel special.

Dick: the bugle made the installation meaningful and respectful.

Kay and Bill: for taking pictures (I look forward to seeing and sharing).

First District Auxiliary President Kitty: thank you for "installing" us and for being my mentor.

Past Commander Anderson and Commander Daigle: for the Post greetings. Your welcome messages and your attendance meant so much.

Brad: I could not have pulled this off without your support. You put together the wonderful program cover and helped set up the room.

Thank you to anyone else I may have missed. It takes many hands to make success stories. I certainly hope I did not leave anyone out.

My theme for the County is: "It's a Family Affair" and we truly did have the family involved in the evening.

Next meeting for Waukesha County will be in Menomonee Falls 9/21/16 and this will be a joint meeting, Legion and Auxiliary.

Waukesha County President,  
Sam Catura





# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## My Two Cents...

By Mike Pook, Squadron 449 Finance Officer  
S.A.L. First District Commander  
Facebook- Singing The Blues



When you renew your dues or sign up new members, Sons of Veterans dues are **\$15** per year OR **two years for \$25**. Make your check out to Squadron 449. **Remember** WE are the Sons of the American Legion, not Sal, or the Sons for short!

Here are our up coming dates to note-

July 4	5:00	Gun Drawing (Major Squadron Fund raiser)
July 5		no S.A.L. meeting
July 16		State Officer Elections in Middleton
August 2	7:00	Shooting Sports
		Meeting at WFTC, 12730 W Burleigh
August 7	noon	Joint First District Officers Installation at Post 375
Sept 6	7:00	S.A.L. Regular Meeting

Car Show Winners results from June 4, 2016

- Best Bike-2016 Indian
- Best Truck & Best Never been Restored-1938 Bell Ambulance
- Orphan Class- X-1 Blue Flame Rocket Car
- Best Semi-Modified-Chevy SS 396 Turbo Jet
- Best Custom-1937 Chevy Coupe
- Best Restored-1970 Charger Daytona
- Best of Show-1954 Chevy Chop Top
- People Choice Trophy-Butler Fire & Rescue

Special Thank You to:

- American Family Insurance Agent Earl Stone for his Donation
- Jason Cichacki, Squadron Member and Trophy Maker
- Our Friends Joe & Nancy from A & J Auto Repair
- Live Music by Sorry We're Open Band and...
- The Legion Family for supporting this event!

## Greetings from the Squadron Commander

By Leigh Rainer, 262-549-1939

Hello I'm Leigh Rainer, the newly installed Squadron Commander for Post 449. It is my privilege to serve you as your S.A.L. Commander for the largest Squadron in Wisconsin. Everyday the member's from the Sons, Auxiliary, Legion and Riders work together to help make Post 449 the best we can be. We are strong because we are united!

Making ideas into reality are two hard working, new Squadron Vice Commanders Ricky and John. Ricky is a dual member, an Honor Guard member, a kitchen worker and the S.A.L. Rep to the House Committee. Many of you know John as he has been working around the Post Bar and on the grounds for several years now. In addition, he shows enthusiasm for helping our deployed soldiers through many projects including Batteries to Deployed Soldiers project. Often he works directly with the Legion's Third Vice and is a part of the LCD lighting project.

The Squadron's Sgt at Arms, Tom, is a dual member, an Honor Guard member, our hard working Bartender who seems to be every ones friend. Brad remains as the Squadron Adjutant and Chaplain. He is also the S.A.L. First District Chaplain and the Move Out program coordinator. Elected to the Finance position is Past S.A.L. Commander, Mike, who is also the person that coordinates the Music at Post 449. The Sons and the American Legion are many individuals working and serving for the good of the Legion Post 449.

Congratulations to the newly installed Legion Commander for Post 449. Mike Daigle is a Dual Member, an Honor Guard member, Certified Chef, bartender and an overall good guy! Also the Squadron looks forward to assisting the Legion's Second Vice and Dual Member Jim Michaels. Both Jim and Mike had served on the S.A.L. Board and are still active members of the Sons.



## Adjutant/Chaplain Corner

By Brad Catura, 262-617-2749

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Greetings Comrades,

The good news is that we end the year with 210 members. Unfortunately, that is still 9 short of our goal. So while we will not be a 100% squadron this year, I am hopeful that if we all work together, we will become so again next year. Even more good news is that our squadron officers' elections and installation are now over. Our NEW Commander is Leigh Rainer, NEW Vice Commanders are Richard Robinson and John Mahoney, Chaplain is yours truly Brad Catura, Finance Officer is Mike Pook and Sgt-at-Arms is Tom Krall.

Let us Pray: For the privilege of serving You and our Country, O God, we thank You. As we invoke Your blessing upon these officers, we particularly ask Your blessing upon our commander, Leigh Rainer. Grant to him Your wisdom as he leads us throughout the year. Give us Your grace to be an extension of his leadership and guidance, that together we will be used by You for the betterment of our association together in the Sons of The American Legion. For God and country. Amen.

If you haven't already done so, please join me in welcoming the following new members to our squadron: Gary C Wallenkamp, Mark Wollinka, Thomas J Cofta, Joe Krall, Gary Mason, Christian Fetzer, Richard Robinson, Brian D Fowler, Michel-Andre Lemieux, and Gary F Wink.

There will be NO July Squadron meeting. We normally meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the "Big" room, however, our August meeting will be at the Wisconsin Firearms Training Center on Burleigh Ave next to Sluggo's. We will meet again for our first regular squadron meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM. Please come to meet & greet your NEW officers. Maybe there will be cake???



## Common Threads

By Kay Cucinello, Editor, [cucinello@att.net](mailto:cucinello@att.net)

Do you have a story to tell? Whether it be your own service memories or those of a family member or friend, we'd love to hear it. And of course, pictures are worth a thousand words.

This article is one of many pictures and articles from World War I that were dropped off at our Post.

If you ever feel like sharing your piece of history, let me know. No experience is too small and everyone's service was and is important. And the American Legion is our Common Thread that ties us all together.

- Kay

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Corporal Ray Wagner of Wauwatosa, who expressed these sentiments in a letter home, arrived recently in New York with a few casualties of the Thirty-second division.

At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the National guard, and went to France in the spring of 1918. As orderly, he was driving Maj. Dirk Bruins and Capt. Arthur Mitten, both of Milwaukee, when their automobile was captured by the Germans. Corporal Wagner was wounded five times.

He was confined in a German prison camp until Dec. 7, 1918, when he was sent to a hospital to recuperate. Now he is convalescing after an operation which he underwent on the trip over. He will reach Milwaukee in a few days.

Corporal Wagner was employed by the county at Wauwatosa, under Dr. Beutler, before his military service. His parents reside on a farm at Marathon, Wis., and he has a sister, Gertrude Wagner, in Wauwatosa.

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- Mon 4 Hat Trick
- Thu 7 Freddie Marquez 6:30 - 10
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- Fri 15 Frankie Donn
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- Fri 22 Roger Boll with Ron Kovac
- Fri 29 Mike Eve

**September**

- Thu 1 Open Jam
- Fri 2 Bobby Way
- Sat 3 Danny Moore
- Fri 9 Dean Richard
- Sat 10 Ricochettes
- Fri 16 Lenny Szwiec
- Sat 17 Hat Trick
- Fri 23 Mike Eve
- Sat 24 Rev Raven
- Fri 30 Roger Boll

**August**

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3 Open 11:30	4 Open 10:00 <u>Parade Meet 8:00</u> <u>Gun Drawing 5:00</u> Drawing 7:00	5 Lunch 11:30 <u>NO SAL MEETING</u>	6 Lunch 11:30	7 Lunch 11:30 Cook In 5:00-8:30 <u>VFW meeting 7:00</u>	8 Lunch 11:30 Live Music 4:30-10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30	9 Open 11:30 Drawing 2:00 Karaoke 5:00-8:00
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