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Commander's Report

By Mike Daigle, 414-817-2153



To my Fellow Post 449 Family,

At the 98th Annual Department of Wisconsin Convention, I am pleased to announce, the merger of Post 23 and Post 449 was approved by the Department Membership Committee and the Department Executive Committee. The final step in this process is the overall approval of the National Executive Committee at the National Convention in August. The joint merger committee of Post 449 and Post 23 have worked tirelessly to ensure the health and well being of both of our posts. After the approval of the National Executive Committee we shall be ONE post, ONE Family.

Now we have a responsibility as a joint family and the largest Post in the Department of Wisconsin to set the example for others to follow. With our new Cudworth Family Members, we shall revitalize our Legion Programs and refocus our efforts to the Four Pillars of the American Legion as opposed to simply surviving as a business.

I want to extend my personal thanks and gratitude to Ron and Joanne Anderson and all of the members who were part of the past executive board for their hard work and dedication.

I want to personally thank Mick and all the volunteers who made our Post 449 Fourth of July Celebration a resounding success. It is the hard work of volunteers who make this a place of honor and dedication to our veterans.

We are one team, with one goal.

Mike Daigle

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Annual Packer Party

Sunday August 7

Post Opens at 11:30 am

Mick's Chicken Roast 11:30pm

Frankie Donn 3:00 - 6:00pm

Drawing at 6:00pm

Raffle Tickets \$1 each , 7 for \$5, 14 for \$10

Proceeds help provide assistance for Veterans and numerous community service projects.

1st Vice Message

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702



Greetings Legion Members,

The new era has begun. We have on board the committee members and are on schedule for the committees to begin their tasks of improving our overall operation. We will soon post the committee rosters on the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please remember to convey all your concerns and ideas to the appropriate committees for inclusion in their lists of ideas to bring forth to the Board. Remember, no idea is a bad idea. Let the committees ingest and digest your ideas.

We expect the merger to be complete around the end of August. The current members of Post 23 who have not transferred as of yet will be transferred in mass to Post 449 making us the largest American Legion Post in the State.

As your 1st Vice Commander, I would like to remind the members who attend the Executive Board meetings that if you wish to speak you must submit a request, in writing, stating the reason, to the Commander one week before the scheduled meeting. The Commander then has the choice to grant your request or not. The proper place to speak is at the General Meeting. We will have little time from now on to address general conversation other than at the General Meeting, as each committee has ten minutes to address the Board, which amounts to an extra 30 minutes total time. Please be considerate of our needs.

2nd Vice Message

By Jim Michaels, vice2post499@gmail.com



Greetings to all,

As I assume my new role of 2nd Vice Commander, my first priority is communicating with the membership. I have set up an e-mail account, vice2post449@gmail.com and my phone number is 414-412-0600. Paperwork or written correspondence can be dropped in my mailbox, located in the Commanders office.

Pursuant to the merger, Mr. Mike Bell from Post 23 has been chosen to assist me with the 2nd Vice duties. Congratulations Mike and welcome aboard.

I'm looking for ideas or interest in small 1/2 day outings such as Brewer games, the Domes, etc. If you have an idea or request, please let me know. Next month, I will include the upcoming calendar of standard events until the end of the year.

In closing, I wish to congratulate Mr. Mike Daigle on his election to Commander. Lastly from myself, my family and the membership, I would like to thank Past Commander Ron Anderson, who gave Post 449 countless years of dedicated service, including four years as Commander. Excellent job, Sir.

Until next month - God Bless the Troops, Past and Present.

Notes from the Adjutant

By Mike Cannon, 414-464-7885

Hello to all,

The 2017 membership year has started with renewals being mailed out from National HQ. As you read this, we will be over 300 renewals. Be sure to get your dues in to get your early bird stamp. Enclosed with your membership card there will be an insurance enrollment application. Please read it over - it is a great deal.

My wife Chris and I are in charge of the Post web site as of a few weeks ago. We have updated some areas of the website and will add information as it comes to us.

Packer Party: **Aug 7 2016**. Post opens at 11:30am. Mick will be doing pit roasted chicken dinners with all the fixings. Raffle tickets were sent out for sale so please return them as soon as possible. Music is from 3:00 – 6:00 by Frankie “Don”. Drawing will be at 6:00pm. The Packers play that night at 7:00pm so wear your Green and Gold.

God Bless America!!!!

Adjutant Post 449,

Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson, 414-462-0097



“Those people who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.” - Wm. Penn

1776 - Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania reads: “We the people of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, humbly invoking His guidance...”.

1848 - Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin reads: “We the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, domestic tranquility...”.

1956 - Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Alaska reads: “We the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our Nation and pioneered this great land...”.

1959 - Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii reads: “We the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance - establish this Constitution...”.

Every other state, for a total of 50 in these United States mentions God in their Preambles to their constitutions.

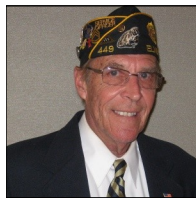
In view of this fact, should we as citizens be questioning the interpretations (or misinterpretations) of the First amendment to the Constitution of the United States by our justices and courts?

Members of the American Legion may take comfort and pride in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion beginning: “For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes...”.

Respectfully,
Harvin Abrahamson, Chaplain

Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow, 262-641-0977



Last Bugle (Members)... None reported

Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

Glenn Wilson Korea	Frank Musbach Korea
Alphonse Ronowski Peace Time	Vincent Fresch Korea
Karl Schumacher Peace Time	Randall Grant WWII
Norman McNeil Peace Time	Steve Berkes WWII
Medford Griffin Korea	George Zylka WWII
Marvin Strasser Peace Time	Edward Haffner Korea
Earl Reistad WWII	William Hanneman Korea
George Steringer Korea	
Eugene Rossi WWII	

Sick Bay: None Reported

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 Zautke Family, Legion Post 495, Tha Baumgart Family and the Schneider Family.

Congratulations to Honor Guard member Bill Ochowicz for his outstanding attendance this past year for participation in Military Honors Funerals. Bill earned the right to wear an elite Honor Guard badge on his beret and was awarded a certificate of appreciation. Thank you Bill and keep up the great job and commitment.

I have been appointed to the position of your 1st District Service Officer. In this position, I will be responsible for keeping all 1st District members informed of the many changes affecting all of or veterans on a monthly basis. I will be setting up a 1st District Newsletter contact database which will go out to all District Officers and County Commanders in Waukesha, Walworth, Rock, Kenosha and Racine Counties.

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

1 -The Nation's leading veteran services organizations are rallying behind the Department of Veterans Affairs and its beleaguered health care system, touting the experience of staff, the breadth of services and its holistic approach to care delivery that they argue the private sector cannot match. The VSOs are warning of politicians and groups with agendas that constantly criticize VA health care, refuse to acknowledge reforms and thus advance a camouflaged campaign to dismantle VA health care.

2- The American Legion has begun a campaign to stop an effort in Congress to limit the advantage veterans have in federal hiring, starting with a letter to members of the House that accuses the Pentagon of conjuring a "morally-bankrupt tactic" to circumvent veterans' preference. A little-noticed provision of the massive defense bill the Senate passed last week would eliminate the preference veterans get once they are in the government and apply for another federal job.

3- As the 2016 presidential and congressional elections draw near, The American Legion has updated its "Our Pillars, Your Platform" brochure to highlight its positions on key election issues. A few of the Legion's stances on some of the most critical issues today include quality health care for veterans, veterans education and careers, illegal immigration, flag protection, a strong national defense, women-veteran specific care, veterans

benefits, and health-care needs for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress or traumatic brain injury. Download the brochure from the American Legion [website](#).

4- Dozens of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) workers rallied July 1 outside the Fayetteville VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC protesting a proposed overhaul of veterans' medical care. The Commission on Care, a panel created by Congress two years ago amid concern over long wait times for care at VA centers nationwide, is expected to recommend soon privatizing care for millions of veterans. The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) says the move would close 12 to 15 VA hospitals. The AFGE has organized similar protests recently at VA centers across the country. For more information, visit the AFGE [website](#) and read the [Opinion Page](#) in the New York Times.



Remember.....

That all gave some, but many gave all!

ROSTER OF BAR COMMITTEE

POST 449 MEMBER: [Ryan Schaeckel \(CPT\)](#)
POST 449 MEMBER: [Monte Lunde](#)
POST 449 MEMBER: [Tom Krall](#)
POST 23 MEMBER: [Larry Kaplan](#)
SAL MEMBER: [Leigh Rainer](#)
AUXILIARY MEMBER: [Diane Larsen](#)

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FINANCE OFFICER: [Rick Bolda](#)
ASSISTANT OFFICER: [Mike Smith](#)
GENERAL MEMBER: [Jim Hargraves](#)
GENERAL MEMBER: [Tim McCaigue](#)
GENERAL MEMBER: _____
MEMBER AT LARGE: [Al Reich](#)

ROSTER OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

POST 449 MEMBER: [Jim Cofta](#)
POST 449 MEMBER: [Richard Robinson](#)
POST 23 MEMBER: [Frank Lubinski](#)
SAL MEMBER: [John Mahoney](#)
AUXILIARY MEMBER: [Kitty Larkin](#)

All Committee members are urged to meet with their respective committees as soon as possible to prepare for the first meeting with the Executive Board on Tuesday August 9.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

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Member-at-Large	Monica Roux	414-462-1560

belated Happy Birthday to our July birthday girls and a Happy Birthday to our August members.

July 1) Sharon Miller, 3) Doris Riepel, 5) Katie Metzfeld, Jennifer Michaels, 6) Joni Kuether, 7) Kimberli Oliver(Jr. Member), Connie Novotny, 10) Lilli Schwantes, 12) Deb Leiness, 13) Bev Ziehlsdorf, 17) Charlene Bareta 19) Mary Louise Catura, 23) Arlyn Robinson, 24) Carol Ehrlichmann, 25) Pauline Sadowski, 27) Marcy Regenwether, 29) Darlene Baczek, 30) Jennifer Fowler 31) Ruth Shim, Catherine Baket

August 1) Mary Marion, 2) Edna Gerlach, Lylette Smith, Mary Kelling, 4) Dolores Schubilske, 7) Laura Roche, 9) Chris Cannon, 10) Ruth Stevens, 17) Pat Mustapich, 18) Marge Dewitt, Mary Olson, 25) Jennifer Wilkinson, 26) Alexis Paape, 27) Claudia Latimer, 28) Arlaine Bloedorn, 29) Bobbie Kuether, Tammy Oliver, Eileen Cauley, 31) Diane Silbernagel, Jonet Hartwig.

Until we meet again please keep all of our veterans, police officers, fire fighters, and those who have lost loved ones in these horrific times in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay well and I'll see you at the Post.

Kathy, President

The President's Message...

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

Wow is it warm outside but here at the post things are cool and busy. We just returned from our State Convention where we had a wonderful time seeing old friends and making new ones. Our new Department President is Laurel DuBois. Laurel's Moto for her term is "Soar for our Veterans". Her pin is an eagle in flight hence "Soar for our Veterans. There were several fund raisers for our 2 Wisconsin candidates running for National positions in 2017. Denise Rohan running for the National Commanders position in the Legion. She would be the first female Commander at the National level. Also running for National Auxiliary President is Diane Duscheck in 2017. The most touching thing was on Friday night at 8pm well all stood in the hallways that faced the center atrium and we hung a very large American flag over a railing along with a sign saying Wisconsin and we all sang God Bless America. It brought tears to our eyes! It was wonderful to be apart of this show of patriotism.

Here are some dates to remember:

August 7th is our Annual Packer Party here at the Post. Also on the 7th of August is the First District Installation in Mukwonago at noon. All are welcome to attend and bring a dish to pass - NO desserts please.

August 16th is our next meeting at 7 pm.

August 18th we will be holding the first of 3 important topics for Older Adults and their families. The first is on Downsizing It's Not Just "Stuff". The 2nd is on September 8th and is on Moving Forward and the 3rd is on October 16th on The Gift and Challenge of Being a Caregiver. These programs are free to all members and their families. Please see the flyers around the Post for further information.

Last month I did not list the July Birthdays, so here is a

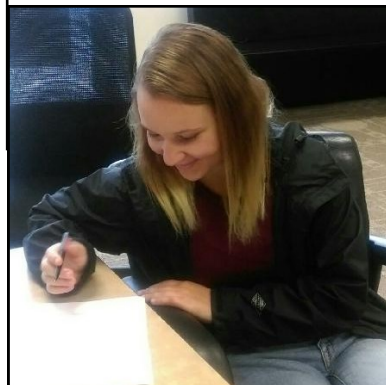


The two pictures you are looking at is of two of our 449 Juniors signing their Army papers to go active Army after the completion of their senior year at Menomonee Falls High School.

Kimmi Oliver has been active since she became a Junior here. She busses on Friday night for our Fish Fry, she is the Secretary of the Department Level Juniors for the State of Wisconsin, she has worked on the Juniors' float, and made the Fallen Soldier silhouette in front of our building.

Alex Paris had also been busy helping around our Post. She also busses on Friday nights, also worked on the float, and was one of our 4 girls that went to Badger Girls State representing our Post.

We as a patriotic organization should be proud of these girls and their parents for teaching them about Service Not Self. If you see Kimmi or Alex around the Post, please give them your support and congratulate them on their decision to serve our country. - Kathy McCarthy



1st Vice Report

By Shannon Daigle, 904-415-1597
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As Fall is quickly approaching, plans are in the works to have our annual barbeque for our veterans at the VA. This is a very special experience for our veterans as well as rewarding for the many volunteers we have each year for these events. There will be more information as to the date and time of this event at the next Auxiliary meeting in August once plans are set with the staff at the VA. Please consider volunteering for this event. A sign-up sheet as well as more detailed information will be available at the meeting if you are interested in either making a desert or assisting with the event on the VA grounds.

I am excited to announce the Juniors are selling patriotic bracelets available for purchase at the Post. These bracelets are special as they represent all branches of service for our veterans and their families. All proceeds from these bracelets will go to our Auxiliary Juniors Program. Come and check them out.

The blessing bags that were made back in May have all been distributed to Dry Hootch. A big Thank You to the Post members who also took some of the bags to distribute to the Homeless they may come in contact with throughout their day. With that being said, we would like to start another round of blessing bags to distribute for the cold winter months.

We will be looking for the following items if you are able to donate: hats, gloves, winter scarves, socks, bottled water, non-perishable small snack packs, Kleenex, sample size soaps, shampoo, conditioner, mouth wash, toothbrushes, cards, puzzle books, deodorant, washcloths, personal hygiene items (razors, toenail clippers, etc.). Please contact me or leave your donations with a bartender to my attention. Thank you in advance for your help in making this project successful.

God Bless,
Shannon Daigle
Unit 449 Auxiliary First Vice President

2nd Vice Report

By Joan Felski, 414-463-5787



I hope you are enjoying your summer. Please remember to support the post with our Monday night tacos, our Thursday night cook outs and of course, our Fabulous Friday Fish Fry's!

Also, please remember to support our Packer Party on **Sunday August 7th**. The Post will open at 11:30. The Packers will be playing the Colts at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase starting at 11:30 until ?

We support Metcalfe School. We are still collecting school supplies, so please bring your supplies to the post. Notebooks, pencils, rulers, glue stick etc.

Also, we need various supplies for our Veterans: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, socks, hand sanitizer, any supplies for the veterans would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank ALL the volunteers that make our Post a Hugh success along with the patrons that support our Post and their activities.

Thank you All,
Joan Felski, 2nd Vice

Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche
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Our current 2016 Membership stands at 484 members or 86.58%. Now we have not met our 100% YET, however; we are ahead of last year by 15 members. This is wonderful and what we are about.....growing stronger, member by member.

So now we begin looking forward to 2017 with "great enthusiasm"! We have 7 more names to enter the August Early Bird drawing: Connie Novotny, Joyce Oglesby, Laverne and Polly Johnson, Mary Ann Passon, Chris and Sierra Cannon.

I have received the 2017 membership cards and some are in the mail to you already. **PLEASE NOTE:** National will be mailing renewal reminders around 9/15/16. If you have an email address on file, you will receive your notice via email. Now, if you have paid already for 2017, you do not need to respond to these notices. How do you know if you did? You will have your 2017 card from me in most cases.

For members who have not renewed for 2016 OR for 2017: what are you waiting for??? Remember why you joined and continue to honor your veteran. 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
4660 N 69th St
Milwaukee, WI 53218
email: acatura@fmgllc.com
Phone: 414-418-0289 OR work: 414-908-8858

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Come Gamble with Us

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Bus Trip

FROM Post 449

TO Four Winds Casino, New Buffalo, MI

Bus Leaves at 8:00 am Sharp!

Returns Approx. 8:00 pm

Cost \$40.00 (Non Refundable)

Payment Required to Hold Reservation

Includes \$10.00 Lunch Voucher

&

\$15.00 Towards Gambling

Drinks, Snacks and FUN on the Bus!

Contact Joan Felski at (414) 418-5816

Seating is Limited!

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

OR: you can renew on line. Go to www.alaforveterans.org and go to members only tab. Be sure to have your membership number (on your card) and of course your credit card.

I would like to once again recognize members who have continued to serve with pride, in honor of our Veterans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Lani Becker	41 years	joined in 1975
Margi Bolton	41 years	joined in 1975
Elaine Croft	43 years	joined in 1973
Lynne Ehnert	40 years	joined in 1976
(A PUFL member)		
Betty Franz	43 years	joined in 1973
Kitty Larkin	42 years	joined in 1974
(A PUFL member)		
Carol Lers	42 years	joined in 1974
(A PUFL member)		
Katherine Tanty	41 years	joined in 1975
Genevieve Wollinka	44 years	joined in 1972

When you see these ladies, please tell them “THANK YOU” for their service. Perhaps you would like to be a member of the “elite” group of PUFLs??? See me for more details.

Always remember: “Service Not Self” as we soar to new heights for our Veterans. Again, who do you honor and remember forever with your continued membership?

Unit 449 Membership Chair
Sam Catura

Question: who can tell me what the PUFL member is????

VFW Post 8320

Meat Raffle / Harley Davidson Items

Date: Saturday August 27
Where: Post 449
Time: Starts right after the Sign In drawing

We will have individual meat raffles with Harley Davidson items included with the meat.

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday November 19
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

If interested in a booth, please call Cheryl Mielke
at 414-699-1854 before all spaces are taken!

“COUNTY CORNER”

We are off and running with County activities in the planning stages.

The main objective of the County Council is to study and discuss the common problems of the units, to promote membership and to further acquaint the members within the county group.

I believe that strong, knowledgeable leadership results in greater numbers in membership. Therefore, I am asking ALL UNIT LEADERS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY (past, present and future) to attend a Roundtable event on AUGUST 20TH. This will be held from 10am to 3pm and a light lunch will be provided. I will be sending out more details very soon. There will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 to help defray costs for the day.

This will be a very informal setting, with the purpose of sharing helpful information, hints, insight as to how we each see our duties and responsibilities as leaders. I would recommend you think about some issues you would like to see addressed. I hope to see many of you there. If you think you do not need this.....think about those of us just beginning the leadership journey. We need your wisdom and advice.

*Waukesha County President,
Sam Catura*

Chaplain’s Message

By Kathy Schiller, 414-464-9210



“Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me”.

“Let us walk with each other as Sisters and Brothers in perfect harmony”.

This is my prayer for our Country and the World. There is so much anger and hate going on right now, that I wonder when will this all end? But sadly it won’t.

Please pray for our Country, the people of France, and all the families who have lost their loved ones due to violence and hatred. Pray for our soldiers and law enforcement. Everyone needs to remember that “all lives matter”. God Bless.

Cards were sent to the following:

Get well: Jan Waldron/Bob Koth, husband of Sue/Jim Kofta, husband of Linda.

*Sympathy: Betty Conlon for the loss of her friend Jim
Thinking of You: Gabriela Vesche*

Please keep them in your prayers

Chaplain Kathy



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



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House Comm. Rep.	Ricky Robinson	508-566-3195

Giving Blood is priceless and Sons members routinely give blood. Every year, each Squadron fills out the Consolidated Report and sends it to headquarters. It shows what the Squadrons are doing on paper. These reports are combined into one and The American Legion uses these numbers in their reporting when they go in front of Congress to fight for the veterans of our country. In 2015-16, the Wisconsin Sons of the American Legion donated over 162 Josh Dogs to children of Deployed service members (35 from Squadron 449). We presented 253 flags to schools. We spent 1105 hours supporting the Troop & Family Support Networks and The Fisher House. Squadron members in their local communities gave 17,274 volunteer hours of service.

Squadron 449 was recognized for our Children and Youth programs, and our donation of \$250 towards the Child Welfare Fund. Detachment Chaplain Brad Catura was recognized for his three years of service. In attendance of the 2016 annual SONS, State Convention was Delegates Mike Daigle, Fred Schulz, Mike Pook and Detachment Chaplain Brad Catura who officiated over his last State meetings. Next years the State Convention will be in Eau Claire. Over the course of the next 12 months, we need to report better to the adjutant the daily activities that each individual member does, in support to the American Legion mission.

That's my two cents....



Happy Vacation!

Cabin availability is down to three weeks, during the best season in Wisconsin - **FALL**

Painter Cabin	8/27 to 9/3
Kellett Cabin	9/24 to 10/1
Graff Cabin	9/24 to 10/1

Your choice is simple - remain in Milwaukee --- **or** --- enjoy a relaxing and tranquil week among the turning leaves, by a placid lake, in Wisconsin's American Legion forest.



YOUR newly remodeled cabin w/ two bedrooms, modern bath and fully equip kitchen awaits. Also, enjoy a row boat, private deck overlooking Little Lake Tomahawk, a corded-off swimming area and satellite television for that occasional rainy day.

Only - \$360

Call the Post's office at **(262) 961-2323**
Check our availability chart on the
Cudworth web site - www.cudworth.org



Greetings from the Squadron Commander

By Leigh Rainer, 262-549-1939

Hello again. I again want to THANK the members of our Sons of the American Legion Squadron on voting me in as their new 2016-2017 Commander. I look forward to serving our Squadron and Post to the best of my ability. Following Mike Pook will not be easy, but with his guidance and ability, we will move forward.

One of the things I want to accomplish is to get more people involved in our Squadron (Meetings, Post functions, **Color Guard**). I would also like to get back to doing all the things we used to do, such as raffles and the Saturday sign-in. Our last fund raiser, the "WEAPONS" Drawing, was a success, and on **August 2nd** we will be holding a "shooting sports" event at WFTC at 7:00p.m. located on 12730 W. Burleigh. This shows that we can once again be a fun organization to be part of. I also wish to THANK everyone that donated to the "Weapon" drawing. The winner of that drawing was Mr. Jeff Peters.

Again, "Thank you" and I look forward to working with the **Post**, the **S.A.L.** and the **Auxiliary** on making and keeping our Post the best in the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he considered "homeless or naked"?

My Two Cents...

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



The installation officer for the Squadron 449 was National SAL Chaplain Michael Lawler. Mr. Lawler is Wisconsin's candidate for National Vice Commander for 2016-17. Elections will be at the National Convention in August. The Squadron donated \$100 towards his campaign. The State SAL is updating their Website and Squadron 449 donated \$100 towards that update. See www.wisal.org on the results.

Adjutant/Chaplain Corner

By Brad Catura, 262-617-2749

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Hello everyone,

I have good news for our squadron. While at the State Convention in Middleton, our Squadron received 3 awards. 1) An honorable mention for the Best Blood program. For those of you who don't know, Carol Lers puts on a blood donor program here at 449. Be sure to join the rest of us in signing up to give blood. A pint every 8 - 10 weeks will keep the vampires away. 2) We also received an honorable mention for the Best Children & Youth Program. So let's all keep up the good work for tomorrow's leaders today! 3) We received a Citation of Excellence for donating at least \$1.00 per member to The Child Welfare Foundation for 2016. Great job fellows, let's do even better next year!

Now let me also congratulate those of you who have already renewed your dues for 2017! Yes, we are now officially at the start of the 2017 membership year. Dues are \$15.00/year or we have a special of: \$25.00 for 2 years. So please, let's get those memberships turned in. If you are a squadron officer or committee chairman, your dues are \$10.00/year. If you're not sure you owe for 2017, please ask me. I would love to save on postage from having to mail out renewal notices. We did turn in 40 2017 new & renewal memberships at Convention and your cards have been mailed out. Delegates at the Convention included myself, Mike Pook, dual members Mike D and Fred S. While it's not a large turnout for our Squadron, we did get everyone elected. Your New Detachment Commander is the same as your Old Detachment Commander, Mike Kollamsberger. Dave Fuller, a fellow 1st District officer, was elected Sgt-at-Arms along with Gary Masnak. Vice Commanders include: Chris Sherman, Robert Sirovina, Jr., Ray Dzieciol, and new this year - Alan Watry. Your new Detachment Chaplain is Shawn Grothe. Okay, those are the highlights from Convention on Saturday. Check Facebook for the fun run/walk photos and the patriotic sing along videos.

I was asked on Thursday morning in our religious emphasis meeting to lead the Protestant Service Saturday evening. We had 24 in attendance. Sam and I were the only ones from 449. On Sunday morning, I assisted with the Annual Memorial Service. Again, not a large turnout, but we did raise over \$800.00 for Camp American Legion.

Do you wonder what is going on in our country? Do you think the world has gone crazy? Why not do something radical? Read the Bible and attend worship services. Don't just keep re-posting Facebook posts! Everything happening today was mentioned in the Bible along with the answers on how to correct it. It really is that easy folks!

Exercise Daily - Walk with God!



Common Threads

By Kay Cucinello, Editor, cucinello@att.net

This month's feature is written and presented by Sam Catura. Thanks Sam!

Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage

So starts the Preamble to The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion. Today, we showcase a proud family that truly exemplifies that phrase, the Samuel "Sam" Hagedorn family. Four generations of PRIDE.

It all starts with the "luckiest" raffle winner at the Post – Samuel "Sam" Hagedorn. Sam has reached 85 years of age after serving 4 years in the US Navy during the Korean War. It continues with the son he had 64 years ago, also named Samuel, who is a member of Squadron 449. Like his father, Samuel is retired.

The Story then continues with Grandson Brian, also a member of Squadron 449. He currently serves as an Appellate Court Judge in the Second District Court of Appeals in Waukesha. But the story doesn't end here.

We now welcome Great Grandson Dominic, one of our newest members of the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 449. He is 22 years old and a student at Loyla University in New Orleans.

Congratulations to these 4 proud American Legion Family Members of Post and Squadron 449!



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August

- Fri 5 Freddie & the Cruisers
- Fri 12 Tomm Lehnig
- Fri 19 Chris Vesche
- Fri 26 Frankie Donn

September

- Thu 1 Freddie Marquez & his All Star
Open Jam
- Fri 2 Bobby Way
- Sat 3 Danny Moore & the Boogie
Woogie Flu
- Fri 9 Dean Richard
- Sat 10 Ricochettes
- Fri 16 TBA
- Sat 17 Hat Trick
- Fri 23 Mike Eve

- Sat 24 Rev Raven & The Chain
Smoking Altar Boys
- Fri 30 Roger Boll

October

- Fri 7 Bobby Way
- Sat 8 Nostalgia
- Fri 14 Frankie Donn
- Sat 15 Vinyl Road
- Fri 21 Tomm Lehnig
- Sat 22 Freddie & The Cruisers
- Fri 28 Chris Vesche
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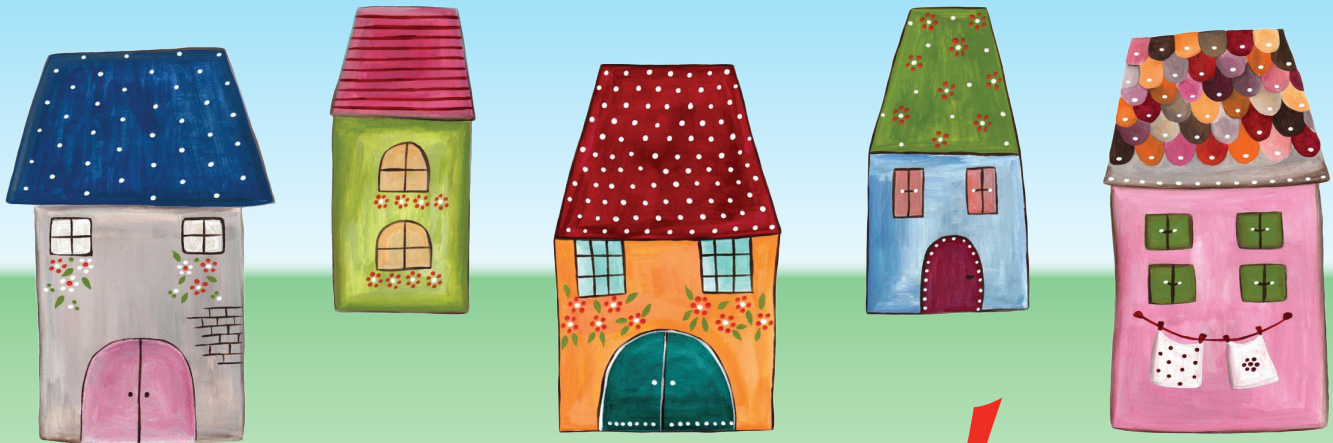
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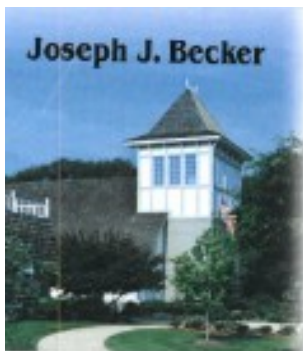
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