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## Commander's Report

By Mike Daigle, 414-817-2153

My fellow 449 Family,

On September 3rd, our Honor Guard, Auxiliary, Sons, and many other members of our Post family took part in the memorial for SSGT Matthew Thompson. SSGT Thompson's family are members of 449. The Honor Guard gave the White Glove Salute, the Legion Auxiliary performed the Poppy Ceremony, and myself, Auxiliary President, SAL Commander, and 1st District SAL Chaplain presented a memorial bible to the family. I will never forget the look of appreciation Lynda Thompson gave me when I knelt before her and presented the Holy Bible to her. That moment will be a memory I will cherish for the remainder of my life. I want to personally thank all who attended.

On 23 September, we performed a Gold Star Mother Service for Joyce Bevan, our Friday night house piano player. Joyce Bevan's son Randy was KIA in Vietnam.

Why am I telling you all this you may ask? Because this is what a Legion Post is all about. Not running a bar, or kitchen, or worrying about your 50 cent drink discount. We are now the largest Post in the State of Wisconsin. The Department, District, and County have their eyes on us to see what we are going to do. It is our onus to show them what we are capable of in supporting Legion Programs, not just patronizing the bar. We must set the example and create a model for other Posts to follow.

God bless 449,

Michael S. Daigle  
COMMANDER POST 449



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## OCTOBER FEST

October 23rd  
11:30-4:30

150lb Piggy, stuffed with homemade bratwurst and sauerkraut  
German Spaetzle Dumplings and deserts  
German music (Chris and Frank)  
German beer and Asbach Uralt

Reserve early and enjoy. Cost is \$14.00 a plate. Make checks out to American Legion Post 449, ATT: 1st Vice, Alex Kolander. Mail in or drop off at Post.

## 1st Vice Message

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires,

As you all may have heard the merger is complete and the State Commander is signing it now. This is some of the finest news we have heard in a long time. An enormous effort was put forth by the Merger Committee and the Executive Board. I salute them all.

**And, just for clarification**, the Merger Committee is made up of: The Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, both Adjutants, both Finance Officers, the Judge Advocate, a member of the Bar Committee, a member of the House Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, and the Asst Sgt of Arms. As you can see the majority of the Merger Committee are from the Executive Board. The Committee oversees the agreed upon arrangements that were stipulated for the Merger to complete. All subject matter that comes out of the Committee for action, is then presented to the Executive Board for action. Please remember that the Executive Board, not the Merger Committee, is in charge of our Post. The following is taken right from the Post operations manual (National Level): Every American Legion Memorial building (that's us), should be a place where members' spouses, clergymen, teachers, and, in fact, anyone who has a right to use it will never feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. May all our members act accordingly thru conduct and speech, especially around all ladies and guests.

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**, a Packer Bye Week, there will be special music in the bar with a cover charge--Blues Explosion with Reverend Raven.

Navy Veteran, Richard Raven is hosting a benefit for Danny Moore who is in need of several medical and dental procedures. There will be raffles also to earn funds. Richard's people will collect door cover and Post 449 will get the bar income. Bar room to close at 2:30 pm for Cover Charge entry only. The music part of this event is to start at 3 pm and run to 8:30 pm.

Musical Line Up is as follows:

3:00 pm	Reverend Raven & The Chain Smoking Altar Boys
3:45 pm	Johnny T-Bird
4:30 pm	Big Al Dorn
5:15 pm	Robert Allen Jr
6:00 pm	Blues Fame Guitarist Paul Flipowicz
6:45 pm	The Blues Disciples
7:45 pm	Danny Moore

Seven Blues Bands for a door cover of only \$15!

ALSO ON SAME DAY-

First District American Legion Fall Forum has reserved Lampster Hall for their Fall meeting starting at 8 am until 3 pm. Cost to attend is \$15, the cost of lunch which 449 is catering. District Fund Raiser is a Bottle Raffle hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> District Cmdr Bill Babb.

General Agenda

8:00 am	Church Service
9:00 am	Meeting
11:00 am	Post Everlasting with 21 Gun Salute
11:30 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Meeting
2:00 pm	Closing

Due to setting up the band equipment and getting the room ready, the hall option was rejected due to the meeting. Therefore the bar room is the best option. In addition, the bar room has direct access to a bar and drink consumption. The bands' cost to the Post is nothing! All bar sales are ours! Also, please leave the Saturday Night Bar room set up the same for Sunday's Live Music. The Saturday night crew will set up the room for Sunday.



## Notes from the Adjutant

By Mike Cannon, 414-464-7885

Hello to all,

Post 449 is now the largest American Legion Post in Wisconsin!!!

As of this newsletter, the merger with Cudworth Post 23 is complete. Our membership numbers have been updated to reflect the two Posts coming together. The Post membership goal for 2017 is now 1,128. As of this article, our paid up members is at 680. Please pay your dues so you can get your early bird. When you receive your membership card in the mail, you will also get a Legionnaire Insurance Trust card. Please read this over and fill it out for no cost insurance. If you do not get the LIT card call me and I will get one to you.

I am asking each and every one of Post 449's members to stop and say hello if they see someone that you may not have seen before in the Post. The person you greet may just be one of our new members.

Chris Cannon is updating the Post database by adding the transferred members from Cudworth so they will be able to get the 449er and Post mailings. If you have a change of address or phone number, please contact Chris Cannon. Chris's e-mail and phone number are listed in the 449er.

If you have any questions about membership please call me at 414-464-7885.

God Bless America

Michael L Cannon  
Adjutant, Post 449



## Judge Advocate Message

By Chuck Roloff

### The Cudworth Foundation, also known as The 449 Foundation

For years, the operations of Cudworth Post generated an ever increasing deficit which was funded from the proceeds of the sale of the Memorial Building on Prospect Avenue. Finally at the end of 2015, a significant group of the Cudworth membership decided they would no longer allow this to continue. Discussions with several possible Posts began and eventually by mutual consent, Cudworth merged with Post 449.

As the process to find the appropriate partner and the actual merger process began, the leadership of Cudworth decided that it was important to preserve whatever would remain in the investment account after the eventual merger. It was intended that the funds were not to be used for "operations" but the income would be used to fund Legion programs such as (but not limited to) High School Oratorical, Badger Boys State, Troop and Family Support, and other Legion projects. One of the positives we found with Post 449, was that the Merger Committee representatives supported that basic premise.

Veterans groups such as the American Legion and all subsidiary entities down to the Post, operate under Section 501(c)(19) of the IRS code. We filed and received exempt status for the Foundation under section 501(c)(3), which is the same category as schools and hospitals. The advantage of that status is that some Corporations and Corporate Foundations will more easily be able to provide funds for projects and programs we sponsor.

The Foundation is an entirely separate corporation, as required by the Internal Revenue Service. The Directors are elected in even

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numbered calendar years by the then current Post Executive Committee and the current Post Adjutant is automatically on the Board. The current directors are: Jim Noonon, Jim Shire, Al Reich, Mike Cannon and Chuck Roloff. The only reason for the Foundation to exist is to further the goals, projects and programs of Post 449 and things we are willing to support.

This is one more thing we as Post 449 have, making us very unique in the Department of Wisconsin. We have a marvelous Memorial Building, three cabins in the Northwoods for veterans, a very active Auxiliary and SAL, three communities in which we are highly regarded (Brookfield, Elm Grove, Wauwatosa), plus a dedicated and active membership. Now that we are all together, this is going to be an exciting year.

Chuck Roloff  
*Judge Advocate, Post 449*

### Annual Giving Fund Created

Upon recommendation of the Executive Board at their September meeting, an Annual Giving Fund has been created for the benefit of Post 449.

This fundraising appeal will be directed to everyone associated with Post 449 - our members, our Auxiliary and SAL. Its purpose is to raise operational cash so we don't have to dip into our line-of-credit at the bank to pay day-to-day bills. This fundraising effort will kick off with a letter in October that provides extra details.

It will be a voluntary appeal for financial assistance, emphasizing the importance and value of our Post 449 facility and our services within the community. It's an effort to reach-out to everyone, especially the majority of members who can't visit the Post as much as they would like because of age, travel and family obligations.

Annual giving funds have worked well at other American Legion Posts because they get everyone involved. Legion members take the financial health and well-being of their individual Posts seriously. We have learned that if everyone is respectfully engaged in a fundraising effort, they tend to be considerate and generous.

We believe our Annual Giving Fund will be a big plus for us!

Mike Smith  
*Assistant Finance Officer*

### Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow, 262-641-0977

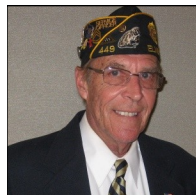
#### Last Bugle (Members)...

Harrison Ludington, Korea

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

Homer Taylor, WWII  
 George Ragland, Korea  
 Richard Newport, Vietnam  
 Harold Miles, Vietnam  
 Daniel Neal, Iraq 2003  
 Kenneth Pedersen, WWII  
 George Kubiayk, WWII

John Kruzycki, WWII  
 Robert Darnell, Vietnam  
 William Ferro, Korea  
 Robert Kendler, Vietnam  
 Donald Lichner, WWII  
 Francis Wamser, 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 Anderson Family, The Hanna Family, and The Waters Family.

I would also like to thank Post 23 for the donation of Honor Guard parkas for our Winter duties to help keep us warm.

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

- 1- The American Legion has released its 2016 Annual Report, which is available as a free download on the American Legion website. Inside the 56-page report, readers can learn about American Legion successes from the past year and find information on the organization's programs which support its four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth. Among those programs are the System Worth Saving visits to VA medical centers across the nation, whose findings and observations from stakeholders are shared with members of Congress and VA. Download a free copy of the 2016 Annual Report.
- 2- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that it is piloting a protocol to implement veterinary health benefits for mobility service dogs approved for Veterans with a chronic impairment that substantially limits mobility associated with mental health disorders. Service dogs are distinguished from pets and comfort animals because they are specially trained to perform tasks or work for a specific individual with a disability. To be eligible for the veterinary health benefit, the service dog must be trained by an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International in accordance with VA regulations.
- 3- The Republican presidential nominee addressed a crowd of thousands of veterans at the recent American Legion National Convention. Speaking a day after Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. He told the crowd he planned to negotiate a system for the Veterans Affairs Department that would allow veterans to receive health care in a VA facility or at a private doctor of their choice. Trump also reiterated his plan to aggressively promote "Americanism," saying he would make sure American students recited the pledge of allegiance. Clinton invoked Reagan's "shining city on a hill" in her address, promising to defend American exceptionalism. Trump continued the theme, saying he would enlist the American Legion's help in promoting American values.
- 4- Guitars For Vets (G4V) is a nonprofit organization that teaches guitar to veterans who are referred by doctors. The veterans gather each week for a few hours of guitar lessons. The program, opened to qualified vets, gives the participants free lessons and guitars. Once a veteran is referred to the free program, he or she is given a loaner acoustic guitar to use in the sessions that they can take home to use for practice. If they keep with it for 12 weeks, the national G4V program sends the veteran a new guitar that is theirs to keep. For more information and to find a chapter near you, visit the Guitars for Vets website.
- 5- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published proposed regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases affecting military members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The presumptive illnesses apply to active duty, reserve and National Guard members who served for no less than 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and are diagnosed with the following conditions: adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Parkinson's disease. The 30-day public comment period on the proposed rule is open until Oct.10, 2016.

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



## Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson, 414-462-0097



I was five years old, in first grade and was completing the two mile daily walk to a one room rural school near Tigerton, WI, with my older brother and two other boys. The date was November 1st.

As we passed by a wooded area and some farm buildings, we could see the school with the white country church just beyond.

Looking for other kids to play with before school opened, we were taken aback when we spotted the fully assembled hay wagon, complete with wooden wheels, steel rims and the wagon tongue (on one side of the chimney), straddling the ridge of the roof of our school!

I don't know who perpetrated the Halloween prank--but older, high school boys volunteered to disassemble and take it down.

Where did Halloween begin? The word Halloween originated with the Catholic Church from "All Hallows Eve", "All Hollows Day", or "All Saints Day", as a day for honoring saints.

The Celts believed that spirits of the dead came back on October 31st every year to mingle with the living. Not wanting to be possessed, they put out fires in their homes to make them undesirable and would dress in costumes, do destructive acts to drive off the spirits.

"Trick or Treating" may have originated in 9th Century Europe with a custom called "souling", where poor Christian people on November 2nd (All Souls Day) would pray for villagers' dead relatives in exchange for "soul cakes"--square pieces of bread with currants.

Jack-O-Lanterns probably came from an Irish tale of a man named Jack, a notorious drunkard and trickster, who tricked Satan to climb a tree and then quickly carved a cross in the trunk below, thus trapping him in the tree. Jack made Satan promise never to tempt him again and then let the devil down from the tree. When Jack died, because of his sinful life, he was not allowed in heaven. Neither was he allowed in hell, because he had tricked Satan. However, the devil gave him an ember to carry through cold and darkness. The ember was placed in a turnip to keep it glowing longer. When the Irish came to America, they found pumpkins to be more plentiful than turnips for their "Jack's Lanterns".

So what are your thoughts? Are we worshiping and promoting evil? Is trick or treating teaching extortion? I leave you with the words of Jerry Wilson (one source for this article). "Though some cults have adopted Halloween as their favorite "holiday", the day did not grow out of evil practices, and today, it is only as evil as one cares to make it."

Respectfully,  
Harvin Abrahamson, *Chaplain*

### ROSTER OF BAR COMMITTEE

POST 449 MEMBER: *Monte Lunde*  
 POST 449 MEMBER: *Tom Krall*  
 POST 23 MEMBER: *Larry Kaplan*  
 SAL MEMBER: *Leigh Rainer*  
 AUXILIARY MEMBER: *Diane Larsen*

### ROSTER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 ASSISTANT OFFICER: *Mike Smith*  
 GENERAL MEMBER: *Jim Hargraves*  
 GENERAL MEMBER: *Tim McCaigue*  
 GENERAL MEMBER: *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*



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



*Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities*

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## HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY POST 449!

Sunday December 4th  
 More details to come  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**\*Legion Happy Hour\***  
**offering discounted drink prices**  
**Every Mon - Thurs 2:00-6:00pm**  
**Every Fri - Sat 2:00-5:00 pm**

## The President's Message...

By Kathy McCarthy, 262-442-5703  
[sixtyschld@yahoo.com](mailto:sixtyschld@yahoo.com)

Hello Everyone!

As we told you in the last newsletter, on September 3rd our Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members participated in the Memorial Service for Sgt. Mat Thompson, a young man who was killed in Afghanistan. His parents, grandparents, and siblings are all members here at the 449. This was my 1st official act as President in a very solemn and sad service. In a packed church, our Legion members did a White Glove Salute and the Auxiliary followed with our tribute of poppies and salute. Then Commander Mike Daigle, SAL Commander Leigh Rainer, Peter Schiller



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and myself presented the family with a inscribed Bible incased in a cedar box, poppies, our juniors bracelets, and the Legion coins. Watching our men and women honoring this young man and his family made me so proud to be a member of this great organization. I wish that everyone at one point in their lives could feel what I felt on that day. Pride in our Post and in being an American in this great country.

As of last week, the merger of Unit 23 to our Unit 449 was completed. There are only a few documents that are up in Department that will be completed and sent to us later this week. So our Auxiliary is now known as The Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith Auxiliary Unit 449. So if you see someone who is the Post and you don't know them please stop and ask if they are from Unit 23 and welcome them.

Speaking of welcoming, we are having noon tea on Saturday, October 8th at noon here at the Post. All Auxiliary members are invited to join the new members of Unit 23. It is a free lunch for everyone. The Tea will consist of tea sandwiches, smoked salmon, fresh fruit, and schaum tort for dessert. If you did not sign up at our meeting, please RSVP to Sam Catura at 414-418-0289.

Happy Birthday to our October Ladies: 10/1 Katie Bloedorn, 10/2 Millie Wdowicki, Ethel Stanford, 10/6 Kathy Johnson, 10/8 Leslie Gray, Gerry Fisher, 10/9 Joyce Flack, Mary Elizabeth Stoibers, 10/10 Jo Pasbrig, Elizabeth Karger, 10/12 Lynn Kelly, 10/17 Marie Zellmer, 10/18 Colleen Rupert, Theresa Seegert, 10/31 Betty Bertino.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

10/1 1st District Fall Conference, Silver Lake  
10/8 Welcome Tea at our Post  
10/15 Fashion Show  
10/16 Jr.'s Fall Meeting in La Valle, WI  
10/18 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm  
10/23 Oktoberfest at the Post  
10/29 Halloween Auxiliary Sign-in  
National Auxiliary President Mary Davis Banquet at Oak Creek Community Center  
11/5 Veterans Day Parade  
11/11 Flag Retirement  
11/19 Craft Fair and Bake Sale

In the Spirit of Service Not Self, I Thank You All for what you do, donate, and participate in to make the 449 Auxiliary the BEST!!!!

Keep Soaring for our Veterans and until our next meeting, STAY WELL and I'll see you at the Post.

Kathy

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## 1st Vice Report

By Shannon Daigle, 904-415-1597  
[shdaigle@yahoo.com](mailto:shdaigle@yahoo.com)

Greetings All,

Thank you so much everyone for the donations made for the Blessing Bags. We are still however in need of more donations. Some of the items needed right now are toothpaste, shampoo, cream rinse, lotions, mouthwash, bottled water, hats, gloves, scarves, and washcloths. Dry Hooch is in desperate need of these donations for veterans. I want to set up a date to put these Blessing Bags together on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Post. If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact me.

Bracelet sales for the Juniors are going very well. We have collected enough to give our Junior Department President enough



money to purchase 2 horse harnesses for her charity, Equestrian Therapy for Veterans. Several of our awesome Junior Auxiliary members will be presenting her with a check at the Junior Fall Conference in this month. These bracelets will still be on sale at the Post as the remaining money being raised will assist the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449 Juniors with participating in and starting new veteran programs of their own.

As a reminder Volunteer Hours sheets are at our Sergeant at Arms Table for every Auxiliary meeting. There are 4 tracking logs, Field Service Hours, Home Service Hours, Children and Youth hours, and Community Service Hours. Just to give a recap on how your volunteer hours are recorded...

Field Service Hours include projects or service for our active duty and reserve military. Examples of volunteer hours would include shopping for and preparing care packages, sending letters, cards and care packages to soldiers.

Home Service Volunteer Hours include hours doing projects or services for our Veterans. Examples would include vet parties, volunteer hours at any VA facility, poppy distribution, and fundraising events at the Post.

Children and Youth hours include doing projects or services for our Children and Youth. Examples would include Flag Etiquette and Awareness Programs and the Poppy Princess Program.

Community Service Volunteer Hours are for any projects or services not included in Home Services, Field Service, and Children and Youth. These could include blood drives, walks for community causes, and food pantries.

Please remember to record any of your volunteer hours for each month on the appropriate tracking log during each Auxiliary Meeting. These hours from our Post are submitted to District and then to Department each year. Let's make sure we are letting our Department know how many hours are contributed by our Auxiliary members each year.

Thank you all for your service in our Auxiliary and all that you do for our Veterans.  
God Bless,

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## Chaplain's Message

By Kathy Schiller, 414-464-9210



October is here with cooler temperatures. It is the month for harvesting apples, gourds and pumpkins. It's the month that the Jewish Faith celebrates Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). It is also the observance of Columbus Day, the Navy's Birthday, and of course, Halloween.

During this busy month, let us not forget how blessed we are to live in this Country: "One Nation, Under God", where we can freely celebrate our religious beliefs, and even openly disagree with our government and politicians.

Our men and women serving our Country are protecting our freedoms and our way of life. Let us always pray that God protects them and brings them safely home.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Betty Conlon / Jackie Zoellick / Jim Schwantes (Husband of Lilli Schwantes; Past President and Historian of our Unit.)

The following cards were sent:

Thinking of you: Karen Adams and Jan Waldron  
Get Well: Bonnie Piszczek / Karen Kluczynski / Janet Hartwig / Barbara Schwellinger / Jackie Zoellick / Martha Bolton / Betty Conlon  
Sympathy: The Thompson and Behling Families, for the loss of their son and grandson Sgt. Matthew Thompson ( Special Forces )

God Bless You, God Bless America  
Chaplain Kathy Schiller

## Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche  
414-418-0289  
[acatura@fmglc.com](mailto:acatura@fmglc.com)



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Sharon Ewald	Irene McCarthy
Gloria "Cookie" Geoffroy	Jr Members:
Lisa M Loewus/Hopkins	Ivy Jo Ratkowski
Kristine Raasch Polly	Rachel LeClaire
Kimberly Powers	
Barbara Ebersperger	

What a GREAT way to begin our new membership year! Membership is "Soaring" with 131 paid members for 2017. That puts us at 19.3% of our 2017 goal of: 679 members.

\*\*\* Remember: I accept your payment anytime, drop it at the Post in a "blue dues box" OR pay on line by logging on to: [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) and go to "Members Only" tab and create a log in ID. You will need an email address, your member ID number and of course your credit card. (You can only pay for 2017 renewals on line. If you owe 2016, you will have to contact me). OR you can drop in the mail to my attention. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 449.

Mail to: Sam Catura  
4660 N 69<sup>th</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

\*Sr Members (if a Jr turns 18 during 2016, they are a Sr member for 2017)\*

**SR Members' Dues: \$22.00**

**JR Members' Dues: \$ 3.50**

Congratulations to our September Early Bird drawing winner: Carol Rzepny. Carol receives a check for \$10. Now YOU have the chance to be the winner in October drawing if you pay your dues at least 1 week prior to the October meeting. This will be your last chance to win the "Early Bird" prize.

**PLEASE NOTE:** National has mailed the renewal reminders or sent you notification via your email address. **Now it is up to you!** 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 received your 2017 card from me. If you have questions or concerns, please email me or call me. I will get back to you – just give me a little time.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

35 YEAR MEMBERS: Isabella Camp\*, Katherine Canning\*, Audrey Lueck\*, Thelma Sogol\*, Gretchen Titus\*, Elizabeth Dorst, Edith Freiberg, Lynn Gagnon-Palick

34 YEAR MEMBERS: Evonne Hurst, Dorothy Krebs-Jones, Bernice Muenchow, Vernell Schlienger, Marijean Uschan, Louise Mormon\*, Beverly Beecher\* (PUFL)

33 YEAR MEMBERS: Harriette Martin\*, Ruth Michalski, Barbara Milkent, Kay Nickolett, Heidi Pasbrig, Barbara Roth  
(\*Members of Unit 23)

When you see these ladies, please tell them "THANK YOU". We need these experienced ladies to mentor and guide us as the less experienced among us take on leadership roles.

**INVITATION TO A WELCOME LUNCHEON: OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 12:00 TO 3PM FOR THE MEMBERS OF UNIT 23.** Please make an effort to join us for a fun, social gathering as we greet these wonderful ladies and welcome them into Unit 449, where we will work as ONE strong Unit. Supporting the American Legion and honoring the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad.

\*\*\*Always remember the reason you are a member of world's largest women's patriotic organization. Remember those you honor.\*\*\*

Sam Catura  
Unit 449 Membership Chair

## 2nd Vice Report

By Joan Felski, 414-463-5787



A Special Thank You to the Auxiliary's Guest Speaker, Mr. Charlie Wakefield. He gave a wonderful presentation about the Honor Flight. Charlie also told the ladies that there was the first All-Female Honor flight this past year. The Hero's Welcome in Washington was a dream come true for many of the Lady Veterans that were able to make the trip. The Honor Flight is still reaching out to veterans that would like to go.

I also wanted to give a Special Thank You for our September Hostesses: Joleen Gordon & Kathy McCarthy.

A very sincere Thank You to Chris Cannon, Chris Ertl and Laura Roche who assisted in setting up and cleaning up for the September meeting. Jim Michaels assisted in unloading schools supplies which was a fantastic help. Thanks to ALL that make the Post A Huge Success....without all of you it isn't possible.

A note to Veterans or Military Families: Vets Net assistance can help with finances, housing, benefits, employment, childcare and individual & family issues. Call 414-257-4111 or [www.mkehouelessvets.org](http://www.mkehouelessvets.org).

## "COUNTY CORNER"

### "It's A Family Affair"

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.

Despite the weather, attendance was pretty good at the Waukesha County Council meeting held at Hartland Post 294 on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Included in the Auxiliary opening activities was the "Empty Chair" ceremony presented by Sons of the American Legion District officers. This was very well received and is another step in working closer as a Legion Family.

Unit 449 was represented well. Units shared comments on past events and informed all County Units of future events. It was great to hear very positive comments and problems were talked over and resolved to better communication as we move forward.

There will be a Fashion Show, (of course we know about this one), a Coach bus trip by Unit 71 Pewaukee, a Wine Tasting in November by Unit 196 Delafield, a Run/Walk/Roll event on Armed Forces Day in the Spring by Unit 91 Oconomowoc, and of course the County Blanket Project at Unit 449 Brookfield in March of 2017. These are just a few of the events mentioned. All members of Waukesha County Posts, Units, and Squadrons are encouraged to participate in these events. So if you would like more information on any of them, please contact me.

The next County meeting is scheduled for November 16, at 7pm at the Menomonee Falls Post 382. It would be great to see Unit 449 represented at this meeting. If the Waukesha County Council is to be of any assistance and be successful, we need members like you to participate in the meetings to share ideas, suggestions and/or concerns. **And you are all members of the Waukesha County Legion and Auxiliary.**

Waukesha County President: Sam Catura



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## Adjutant/Chaplain Corner

By Brad Catura, 262-617-2749

[BCatura@wi.rr.com](mailto:BCatura@wi.rr.com)



Greetings my friends from our Lord God,

If you've been reading my past articles, you may have seen the one on corporal mercies. In modern terms, that's where "the rubber meets the road". You actually have to get up and put action to your words. Well, it is my pleasure to tell you about a few fine Post family members who did just that; Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion members every one of them. They came out to help a disabled veteran who really needed the help; a past Post Commander, a dual member with the SAL, and a past Detachment Commander. I'm talking of course, about Larry Rice. After a stint in the hospital as well as at St. Camillus, Larry wanted to come home. I am so proud that we were able to make it happen. That being said, I would like to thank the following people who showed up and offered their God given talents to help: John Winter, Don Thompson, John Mahoney, Ricky Robinson, Mike Pook, Carol Jensen, Leigh Rainer, Sam Catura, Lylette Smith, Gayle Schneider and moi!

Thank you on behalf of the Sons of The American Legion and Post 449. Well done Legion Family, well done!

Exercise Daily - Walk with God!

## Greetings from the Squadron Commander

By Leigh Rainer, 262-549-1939

Hello and greetings to all of you,

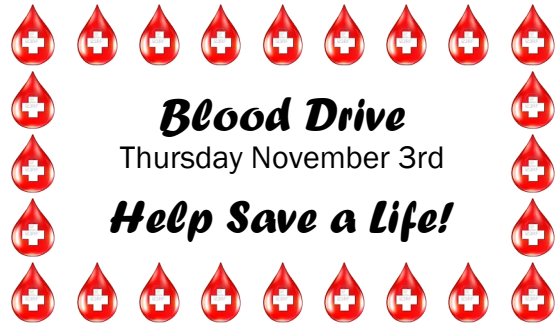
Congratulations go out to Mr. Jeff Peters, the winner of our July 4<sup>th</sup> Weapons Drawing. On Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, I met with Jeff and went to Gander Mountain, where he picked up his new Ruger 45 automatic pistol. Again, I would like to THANK everyone that donated to the Drawing.

If anyone asks what the S.A.L. does around the Post, they should have been at the Labor Day festival. After all was said and done, the cleanup crew was mostly all **S.A.L. members** not to mention the barbecuing of the chickens. Accordingly, now that Friday and Saturday music is starting up, again, thank an **S.A.L. member** for setting up all the music venues or any of the other things **S.A.L. members** do for our Post. **JUST LOOK AROUND, WE'RE THERE!**

As Sons of the American Legion, we are committed to helping our Post and our veterans and we will do everything we can to do just that. "FORWARD" is not only the State's motto, it's also our commitment to the Post.

"If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees."

God bless our veterans, our military and the United States of America.



## Blood Drive

Thursday November 3rd

**Help Save a Life!**

## My Two Cents...

By Mike Pook, Squadron 449 Finance Officer

S.A.L. First District Commander

Facebook- Singing The Blues



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 449 welcomes our Squadron 23 brothers into membership. Transfer to 449 is easy. Squadron Adjutant Brad Catura can help you. Dues are \$15 per year or two years for \$25. The Sons meet on the First Tuesday each month at 7pm and we encourage you to get involved with a lively Squadron. We support all Veterans and the American Legion ways. The Squadron is known for deploying Josh Dogs to children, making donations to the Child Welfare Fund and giving blood. Several members play chair volleyball, shoot pool and play dart ball. As a Son member at Post 449, you get to enjoy the activities that takes place in the bar lounge. The Post 449 Bar lounge is open 7 days a week, offers food and live music throughout the week. When you stop in, please introduce yourself so we can get to know you. Ask to speak to a Squadron Officer!

We are a son by birth. Then we become a member. Many of us Sons honor our forefathers service even though we know very little about their military service. We honor their memory. We support all Veterans and the American Legion ways.



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**WHEN:** Wednesdays (unless otherwise communicated)

**TIME:** 5PM TO 6PM

**WHERE:** CUDWORTH-STENZ-GRIESELL-SMITH POST 449

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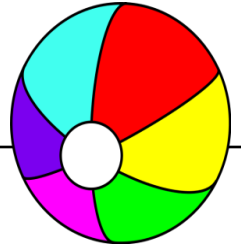
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**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Sam Catura

Phone: 414-418-0289

Work number: 414-908-8858



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Saturday November 19  
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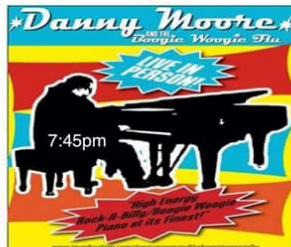
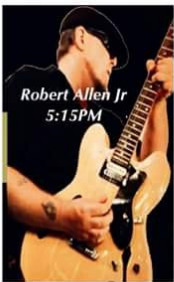


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Contact raven01@gmail.com for more information or to donate



**"Falling for Fashion"  
Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Saturday, October 15, 2016  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449  
3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield, WI**

**Cocktails...11:00 Luncheon...12:00 Style Show...1:00**

**Fashions by Margo's Village Boutique  
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**Menu**

Chicken Breast Kieff Nestled on Rice Pilaf with Carrots  
Mixed Greens Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Craisins, Toasted Almonds and Choice of Dressings  
Warm Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Coffee, Tea or Milk  
Lemon Layer Cake Garnished with Fresh Fruit

\$28.00 per Person Advance Reservations Only For Information: 262.784.6088  
Deadline: Saturday, October 8, 2016 Checks payable to: ALA Unit 449  
Send to: JoAnne Peterson 18525 Unit B Emerald Circle, Brookfield, WI 53045

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**FRIDAY LOUNGE MUSIC 6:30 - 10:00 (No Cover)**

**SATURDAY LIVE BANDS 7:30 - 11:30 (\$5 cover, \$4 Members)**



## October

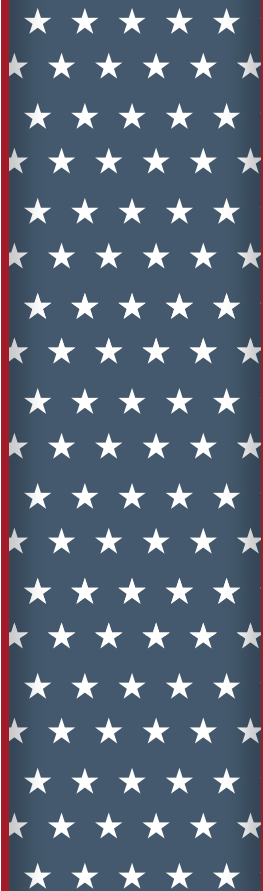
Sat 1     Nite Trax  
Oct 2     3-8pm Blues Explosion \$15  
Thu 6     Freddie Marquez & his All  
            Star Open Jam  
Fri 7     Bobby Way  
Sat 8     Nostalgia  
Fri 14     Frankie Donn  
Sat 15     Vinyl Road  
Fri 21     Tomm Lehnigk  
Sat 22     Freddie & The Cruisers  
Fri 28     Chris Vesche  
Sat 29     Ricochettes - Halloween  
            Costume Contest

## November

Fri 11     7:00 Blue Grass Americana music



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●●●●●Public Welcome●●●●●

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and

Legion Family Volunteers

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**5:00 TO 8:30**

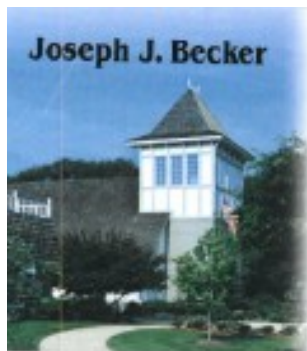
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