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What's Happening . . .

March Meeting Membership awards given to many for consecutive membership years. Please see Jay Anderson if you were not at the meeting to get your certificate. Our speaker was Heather Rogge with Preceptor Home Health and Hospice. She enlightened us on how Preceptor Home Health and Hospice was helping veterans and their families coordinate end of life. Thank you!

April Meeting Cancelled due to Safer at Home order.

May Meeting

Online Meeting Scheduled for May 5, 7 PM – 8 PM Please follow the instructions to attend the meeting either online or on a telephone or cell phone. You do not need a camera on your computer to be part of the meeting online but you may need your volume up on your computer

Commander's Corner

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well during our "new normal". I have not received any reports of members who have been diagnosed COVID-19 positive. We hope this good news can remain as our normal.

Due to the "Safer at Home" order extended until the end of May; our regular meeting scheduled for next week will need to be done differently. I am looking into how we can do our meeting online/telephone. I will include how to attend the meeting later in the newsletter. This may be another option in the future for those unable to attend our regular meetings in person. No guarantees this will work but we will try.

As a nurse working in the emergency department during this pandemic, I would like to thank everyone for their support. My coworkers and I are amazed by the response. We are very fortunate to be working in such a caring community. We also feel fortunate that our community worked to keep the spread to a minimum.

Thank you to those willing to assist getting members needed supplies such as groceries and pharmaceuticals so people could stay at home. This offer continues for those in need. Please let me know.

We will meet again soon.

God bless,
Jay Anderson
Commander


Computer:

Go to www.webex.com
Select the **JOIN** word on the top right
Enter the meeting number **291 364 327**
Enter the password **eE2v6vk4K64**
Select Join Meeting

From your telephone:

Dial **1-408-418-9388**
When directed enter Access code: **291 364 327**
Press **#6 to mute and unmute** during the meeting

I understand that this might be difficult for some but let's give it try. You might enjoy it! I'll be on early. Attempt your sign in about 10 – 15 minutes prior so you are not rushed.

● Post 36 Officer Elections – Please consider running for a  Post office. Elections are held every May meeting. All offices are only a one-year commitment except for our at large members, 3 years. Contact Commander Jay Anderson if you have an interest. Please consider serving your fellow veterans.

The Department website has been revamped. Please check out www.wilegion.org



Please check us out: search American Legion West Bend. Like and follow our page to stay informed of happenings at your post.



● Last Bugle:

We remember those comrades transferring to Post Everlasting
Robert Auxier 3/12/20
Gilbert "Gil" Krueger 3/29/20
Thomas Thelen 4/1/20
Richard Larson 9/23/19

Welcome our newest Post 36 members!

Transferring In:
Monte Dudevioro
Eugene Prosek
Peter Brahs
Jayson Voigt
Patrick Hanson
Michael Schmit
Steve Spaeth

Comrade Spotlight Hello, I was born October 1929. I am a Korean War Era Army Veteran. My MOS – 1500 Recreation Attendant – 2-40510. (no idea what that is?) I was drafted January 16, 1949 and honorably discharged May 19, 1952 for a total of 3 years, 3 months and 28 days. I was stationed stateside during my tour. My duty bases were Kilmer, N.J., Brooklyn Army Base N.Y., Ft Lewis, WA, Port Whittier, Alaska and Ft. Carson, CO. After my tour of duty, I drove semi for 38 years and have been retired for 25 years. I was married to the love of my life, Elizabeth for 56 years, until her passing in 2010. I have two children – Gail and Patricia. I have been a member of Post 36 for 47 years. My leisurely activities and hobbies are bird watching and biking. My first car was a 1952 Plymouth and that was also my very favorite. I love all vegetables and T-bone steaks. I love WI North woods and spend my favorite vacations in the Park Falls area. WHO AM I? Answer later in the newsletter. Thank you for submitting this little bit of history to us and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. Please contact Donna Kleinmaus to become a spotlight.

Armed Forces Day is May 16th. Our post celebrates by putting up street flags downtown and by placing flags on graves at local cemeteries. For those wishing to help at the cemeteries, Terry Vrana will be at Washington County Memorial Cemetery and Chris Schatz will be at Holy Angels Cemetery to greet you at 9:00 am. We are unsure of how this is happening this year because of the pandemic.



County Fair: Please consider volunteering this year. Many of the people I have talked to say we are the best food at the fair. The fair is July 21-26. Besides volunteering for food service, our building will need volunteers to clean prior to the fair July 13th. and set-up 0900 July 20th. We will also have final cleaning and closing on July 27th. Please set aside these dates to help. Many hands make for light work. Please contact Bob Kudak 262-675-2801 and/or John Zink 262-334-3055 to volunteer.



Post Flag Memorial: Memorial bricks are still available, please contact John Zink 262-334-3055 to purchase. The bricks will be placed in spring and fall. We have 237 stones placed at this time.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION –2020

To honor those who served.

Dedication of these newly added stones to the Memorial

- 1) Allen Kieckhafer –NAVY WWII
- 2) James Konopacki – USAF VIETNAM ERA
- 3) Marvin Tuttle – ARMY VIETNAM ERA
- 4) Joseph Janzen – ARMY POST WWII
- 5) Gorden Carey –USARMY/AF WWII
- 6) Francis Tuttle – NAVY WWII
- 7) Lawrence Janzen –ARMY WWII
- 8) Arnie Schladweiler – ARMY WWII
- 9) J.J. Schladweiler -- NAVY
- 10) Ray Flaherty – ARMY KOREA

Membership: Our membership count is 237 thus far. Our goal from the state is 246. We are only 9 members away from 100%!

Commander Jay Anderson reminds everyone that we are well into the 2020 membership renewal drive. This has always been a weird thing. The “renewal drive”, when they send renewal notices, runs from July 1 to June 30 for your actual membership which runs from January 1 to December 31. So, if you haven’t renewed your membership please forward it to Jay Anderson at P.O. Box 921, West Bend 53095. Deceased Legionnaire and Former 1st Vice Commander Frank Walbrink always said it best, “Do your part to support all of the work that the American Legion, the largest Veteran’s organization, does for veterans, seniors and the youth of America by investing \$40 in an American Legion membership”. An example of the work we do, the Wisconsin American Legion helped obtain a change to the Wisconsin GI Bill in 2013. Now any Veteran with 5 years of residency prior to enrolling in a Wisconsin college or technical school is eligible for 100% remissions of the cost for regular and advance degree courses no matter when you were discharged.



Brat Fries: Ed Draeger has reserved dates for the brat fries this year. The first date will be June 5th and 6th. Please volunteer your time. Set up is usually Thursday and helpers are needed on Friday and Saturday in various roles. Other dates this summer are August 14th and 15th and September 11th and 12th. Mark your calendars. Sign-up sheets will be available at membership meetings. Please contact Ed Draeger 262-689-4144 for more information.



Sporting Clays Fundraiser – Interested in Sporting Clays? A fundraiser is being held at the Wild Wings Sportsman’s Club in Campbellsport **Postponed until further notice.** The funds are to help with the continuation of placing flags on the cemetery plots of veterans in our county. Fliers are available at the Post. More information and registration can be found <https://fhwashcoveterans.eventbrite.com> or www.facebook.com/washcoveterans



Stars and Stripes Honor Flight temporarily postponed. Congratulations to those chosen to travel. Please get your forms submitted if you are eligible.

Wisconsin American Legion Information – Sign up to receive emails from the Wisconsin Department level to stay informed on happenings within the state. Lots of information has been sent out every Friday letting membership know about cancellations and how the staff is handling future events. Sign-up is easy: Go to www.WILegion.org from there press the “GET CONNECTED” tab on top and from the drop down select CONTACT SIGNUP enter your information and you’re done.

It was reported that all three WDVA Facilities have been COVID-19 free through this pandemic! All 3 WDVA Homes are accepting homemade cotton masks for their members to use while interacting with others. This is a recommended precaution of the CDC. Masks can be sent to each individual home.

Department Convention - No decision has been made regarding the Department Convention. The Headquarters Team is in weekly contact with the Red Lion Paper Valley and the Appleton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

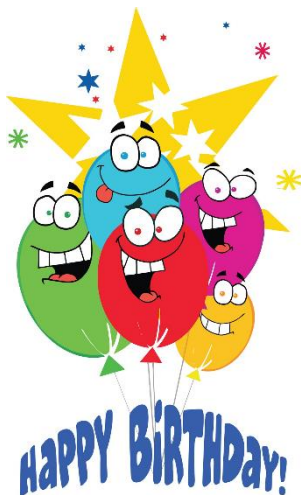
DAV COVID-19 Relief Fund In response to this unprecedented event, DAV has established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial aid to service-connected disabled veterans who have lost employment or income due to COVID-19. The issued grants are meant to help veterans pay bills, obtain food and provide for their families during these difficult times. The application for this relief can be found at www.DAV.org/COVIDrelief.

Happy Birthday to you Comrade!

- 5/1 - William Kazen
- 5/4 – Everette Edmondson
- 5/4 – David Slinde
- 5/8 – William Badini
- 5/8 – Gene DuPree
- 5/9 – Armand Miller
- 5/9 – Thomas Hunter
- 5/10 – Raymond Piechowski
- 5/11 – Edgar Denzin
- 5/11 – Robert Schulz
- 5/13 – Gordon Totten
- 5/14 – Richard Edmondson
- 5/14 – James Holzauer
- 5/14 – Robert Patten
- 5/19 – Chris Bagwell
- 5/20 – James Merkowitz
- 5/20 – Donald Thiss
- 5/22 – Donna Kleinmaus
- 5/25 – Mark Davis
- 5/27 – William Meier
- 5/29 – Robert Swanson
- 5/29 – Gena Biertzer
- 5/30 – James Maersch
- 5/30 – Ronald Kegley
- 5/31 – Raymond Fairbanks
- 5/31 – Micheal Hartwell
- 5/31 – August Lubinski



- 6/2 – Gary Logan
- 6/3 – Dean Natzke
- 6/6 – Norbert Hynek
- 6/7 – Richard Radtke
- 6/8 – Alan Schrader
- 6/8 – Joseph Daley
- 6/9 – Theodore Mueller
- 6/11 – Joseph Baasch
- 6/13 – Terry Lechner
- 6/14 – Ronald Kempf
- 6/18 – Gene Reinhardt
- 6/21 – William Robedeau
- 6/21 – James Haug
- 6/22 – Joseph Zirger
- 6/23 – Michael Morris
- 6/24 – Glen McKinney
- 6/27 – Russell Guillaume
- 6/28 – Brett Bergquist
- 6/30 – Paul Sipe



Service Officer James Maersch reminds us all to have DD214 registered with the County Service Officer and the Washington County Register of Deeds.

Jim replaced all worn flags at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Auto Safety Center and to Interfaith Caregivers as a thanks for all they are doing for our community during this pandemic. Our post sent "care and concerns" cards to area nursing homes, retirement homes and the police department.

Mystery Comrade Answer: James Miller

Buddy Check Thank you to all the members who helped with the Buddy Check this year. It was nice to talk to many of our members we don't see often. If you did not receive a call, we may have missed you or maybe we do not have the correct phone number. If you have something you would like to discuss, please give the Commander a call.

Badger Boys State has been cancelled for this year. The post executive board will discuss what to do about our funds already sent in. Badger Boys is hoping to have posts donate funds already received.

County Veteran Service Officer

Kurt Rusch will be joining us at a future membership meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please get that information to Jim Maersch in advance, so that he can tailor his remarks to items that interest you.

REMEMBER: You may pay your dues online through the American Legion website: www.legion.org



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May

National Military Appreciation Month

May 1 – Loyalty Day, Silver Star Service Banner Day

May 5 – Post Membership Meeting 7 PM (online – see newsletter)

May 7 – National Day of Prayer

May 8 - VE (Victory in Europe) Day

May 9 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day

May 16 - Armed Forces Day

May 25 - Memorial Day (Decoration Day)

June

June 2 – Post Membership Meeting 7 PM Award Recognition Meeting

June 6 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, known as D-Day

June 12 – Women Veterans Day

June 14 - Flag Day

June 14 - Army Birthday

June 21 - Father's Day

June 23 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 25 - Anniversary of the start of the Korean War (1950)

June 27 - National PTSD Awareness Day