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Commander's Message

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702

GREETINGS FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES:

I hope and pray all is well with everyone and your summer is going great, and your gardens are growing well.

The post is doing very good during our slow months in the summer. Music is conducted only on Friday evenings during the months of June, July and August. We are scheduled for Saturday now and then.

Remember that Bingo is scheduled every other Sunday (Schedule in newsletter).

We also have a car and bike show every Wednesday night.

Mark your calendar for our next Octoberfest scheduled on October 10-11. There will be German music, German costume contest with prizes of $100/$75 and $50 for 1st,2nd and 3rd place. Perhaps a large tent out front for a wonderful 2-day event. I am doing a 150-pound pig with all the trimmings. More info to come.

We will again schedule for the month of December our annual Santa Saturday Extravaganza hosted by Legion Post 449 and Powerhouse Partners-REAL BROKERAGE LLC (Mr. Chris Novak) on December 5th.

We are currently planning on re-vamping our social

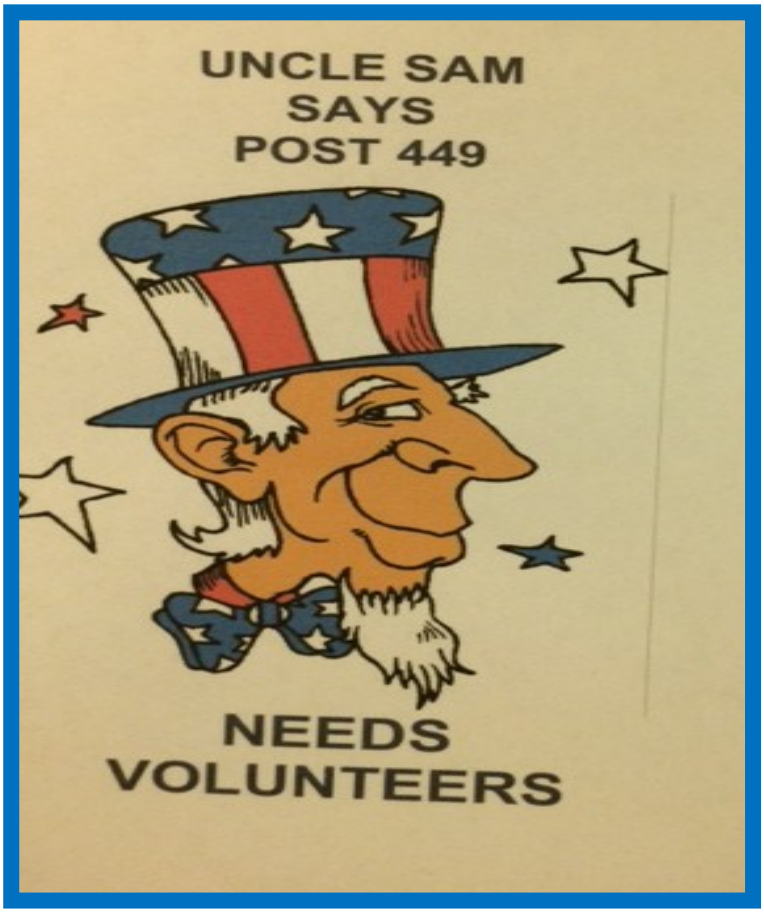
media outlook for a new look and better content. If you have any suggestions, please contact our Assistant 2nd Vice Commander Lisa Nelson (number one first page).

AND GOD SAID:

Bring your worries to God;

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

God never intended for us to carry our burdens alone. When anxiety begins to rise, we are invited to bring every concern to him in prayer. As we surrender our worries to God, his peace begins to guard our hearts and minds.



2nd Vice Commander…

By Dave Landrith 414-232-4942

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of Post 449,

Two hundred and fifty years ago, a group of extraordinary men and women pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to an idea — that human beings are created equal, endowed with rights that no government can take away, and capable of governing themselves. Today, as we mark America's 250th birthday, we gather not just to celebrate, but to reflect on what that promise has demanded of every generation since.

The men and women of this post know something about that kind of commitment. You raised your right hand and swore an oath to defend this nation — not for reward, not for recognition, but because you believed in what America stands for. That is the same spirit that carried patriots through Valley Forge, through the beaches of Normandy, through the jungles of Vietnam, and through the sands of the Middle East. The thread of service runs unbroken across 250 years, and it runs right through Post 449.

This milestone birthday is a reminder that freedom is not self-sustaining. It is tended to, fought for, and kept alive by people willing to do the work. Our post does that work every single day — supporting veterans in need, serving our community, honoring the fallen, and welcoming the next generation of those who serve. When we fly the flag, run our programs, and show up for one another, we are continuing a tradition of citizenship that stretches back to 1776.

As your 2nd Vice Commander, I want to invite every member to think about what this anniversary means to you personally — and then to bring that energy into our post. Whether you've been a member for decades or just joined last year, there is a place for you here and meaningful work to be done. We have more than 400 members on our rolls. Imagine the impact we could have if even a fraction more of us showed up, got involved, and carried that patriot spirit forward.

America's 250th year is our year to show what service looks like in Brookfield. Let's make Post 449 worthy of the legacy we've inherited.

For God and Country,

David Landrith

Service Officer's Message…

By Richard Strehlow 262-641-0977

My Message: If you have an e-mail address, please update your contact information by sending us your e-mail address to americanlegionpost449mail@yahoo.com The Postal service charges us an additional $2.65 for each hard copy of our Newsletter that is mailed and returned back due to an incorrect street address. This is on top of the cost of $0.76 for printing and mailing costs for each Newsletter.

Last Bugle (Post Members)

James Young Vietnam

Last Bugle (Non-Post Members)

Kenneth Merz Peace Time
Craig Kohlwaies Vietnam
Richard Williams Peace Time
Andrew Delarosa Vietnam
Tom Taubel Korea

May they rest in peace

Post Info: American Legion Post 449 is committed to serving those who have served by helping veterans and their dependents navigate the complex process of applying for VA benefits. With a strong understanding of available programs and eligibility requirements, American Legion Post 449 works to ensure that no veteran or family member misses out on benefits they have earned through service and sacrifice. Through guidance, advocacy, and community support, American Legion Post 449 strives to make the application process clearer, more accessible, and less stressful, reinforcing its mission to honor and support veterans at every stage of life.

Honor Guard News: The Honor Guard is still in need of new members. Please consider joining whether you are an ALA, SAL or a Legion member. We have plenty of uniforms that can be issued. Please contact me at the number listed above or any Honor Guard member. We would like to thank the following for their contributions to our Post for services rendered by our Honor Guard.

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VA NEWS & INFORMATION:

Did you know the Social Security Administration (SSA) has a new website design? Veterans receiving Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income are now able to update their telephone number online. SSA is providing more information under the Benefits and Payments section. In addition, veterans receiving Social Security benefits can change their address and direct deposit information under the My Profile tab. By selecting the appropriate links on the homepage, veterans can: Get an instant Benefit Verification or proof of income letter; request a replacement Social Security card; replace your SSA-1099/SSA-1042S tax forms, if applicable; and get your Social Security Statement.

Did you know filing a VA disability claim at the beginning of the year can significantly influence how quickly a claim moves through the VA system? According to the VA, claims submitted in January tend to experience less delay due to seasonal dips in application volume following the holidays. This lull can result in shorter wait times during the initial review phase.

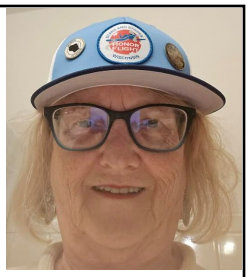
Veterans will no longer need to be diagnosed through a provider with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) in order to get state benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or disclosure of military sexual trauma (MST). This legislation builds on the Restoration of Honor Act, which allows additional discharged veterans to receive
benefits for certain qualifying conditions.

Did you know last year, two veterans groups published a white paper citing research to support that "as likely as not," veterans who served on Guam from 1962 to 1975 met the legal standard for exposure to Agent Orange and other "dioxin-containing herbicides." Now, the groups National Veterans Legal Services Program and Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law have released updated research expanding that timeline to include veterans who served on Guam from 1958 to 1980.

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

Post 449 Chaplain Message

By Patricia Kingsbery 414-476-9485



On the 4th of July, we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence for this country.
What a memorable day! It is a milestone that asks Americans to reflect on the nation's history, honor foundational sacrifices, and look to the future.
The anniversary takes place during a time of notable political division. I , however, believe that most Americans feel proud of this country and display our patriotism in the flying of the American flag. The flag symbolizes our freedom, liberty and national pride.
The colors of the flag have significant meaning for this country:

Red symbolizes hardness, valor and bravery

White symbolizes purity and innocence

Blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice

As the United States celebrates this momentous time, Americans also still believe that religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The "First Prayer in Congress" from 1774 offers a valuable sentiment:

"Be Thou present, O God of Wisdom, and direct the counsels of this honorable assembly. Enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation "

In the words of the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life. Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness "

We, as Americans should take time to thank God for our blessings, repent our personal and collective failings and ask for favor for our country.

This is my prayer for all.

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NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

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4th of July

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Just a quick note to let you know that there are new officers for the American Legion Auxiliary for 449. Our officers for the 2026-2027 term are:

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On another note, A new pair of Blue Star and Gold Star Markers was officially dedicated this week at the wayside marking the entrance to Wisconsin on Highway 39, in a ceremony hosted by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. The event drew strong representation from the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and members of the Wisconsin Garden Club, underscoring the deep community ties behind the project.

Speakers from multiple organizations shared reflections on military service and sacrifice, offering perspectives from veterans, families, and community leaders. Many emphasized how service to the nation shapes not only the lives of veterans, but also the families who support them and the communities that welcome them home.

The dedication served as a reminder of the enduring importance of honoring those who have served and those who have lost loved ones in service. Organizers noted that the markers will stand as a permanent tribute to the sacrifices made and a call to never forget the cost of freedom.

Vice President

Diana Yegge 951-452-9087
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Hello, everyone, I am Diana Yegge, your new Vice President. I am back, ready to go to work with Lynn, our President.

I am so grateful for the warm Welcome Back greetings from our ALA. I have a list of groups that I am working with to bring help to our Veterans, their families and our community. The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative changed their name to the Wisconsin Homeless Veterans Initiative, since their assistance has grown beyond the Milwaukee area. I will be working with them. Please keep aware of ways we can help our Veterans. More news later.

Again, I am ready and willing to do my duty for our Veterans, their families and our community within our AL Auxiliary at Post 449. Thanks again for your confidence in me and the nice Welcome Back.

Unit 449 Auxiliary Membership Report

Pat Charney 414-628-0097
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Since becoming the Membership Chairperson for the upcoming year, I have been doing some soul searching and some research. First, I wanted to know the definition of membership. This is what I found – "Membership is the state of belonging to an organization, society or distinct group." Next was what does being a member of an organization entail. Active contribution, representation, relationship and financial or resource support were the answers. These answers confirm that there is more to being a member than just carrying a membership card.

As we go into the summer months, there are things each of us can do to bring positive attention to our group as we work to increase our membership. We can wear emblems, pins, shirts; tell others what we stand for and how we assist veterans and military families; invite others to attend a meeting as a guest and be positive.

A couple of things regarding 2027 renewal. Our dues will be increasing to $40.00. Please DO NOT pay dues for others unless they are family members. It is especially important that our roster be accurate and not inflated.

Feel free to contact me if you have ideas about how we can increase our membership.

Thank you for your membership and service to our veterans.

Pat Charney

Treasurer/Membership Chairman

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A "Greetings" from Leigh Rainer, your S.A.L. Grand Pubba

If you are renewing your membership, mail them to me, Leigh Rainer, at N20W22276 North Ave., Waukesha, WI 5318 or leave them at the Post in an envelope marked **S.A.L. membership.** ***"PLEASE, DO NOT RENEW ONLINE".*** The dues are $20.00 per year or $35.00 for 2 years. *"Please include your e-mail addresses."* If you have any questions regarding the S.A.L., (meetings, etc.) please give me a call at 262-549-1939

"And you think you have it bad ;

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