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Commander's Message

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702

GREETINGS FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES:

Here we go again, cold, snow, heavy coats, runny noses, colds, slippery roads, driveways and sidewalks. Why do I live here? Oh ya, I love the 4 seasons and the challenge of driving on slippery roads trying to evade the people who have lived here all their lives and on the first snowfall drive like they were just licensed. Oh ya, and all the salt I must buy for my driveway since I live on a big hill. (What ever happened to sand?)

November is our festive time again with Thanksgiving this month for great family gatherings and wonderful food, gathered around the TV watching your favorite football team.

The greatest day for all of us is Veterans Day. November 11th (Tuesday). Please attend our Desert party in the afternoon starting at 4pm. A great time to gather with, and celebrate with fellow Veterans.

We are still looking for members to join our Executive Board team. Looking to fill the positions of 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, 3rd Vice Commander and someone to take over our Data Base from Richard Strehlow. Please call me about your interest in joining.

We now have a 50/50 raffle every Thursday evening, during Karaoke, that is drawn every two weeks. The bartenders are conducting their own 50/50 raffle every Friday and Saturday evening during live music, which pays out every night. These are great fund raisers for our post.

A huge thank you to all who have donated to the Annual Giving fund. If you have not yet contributed, we encourage you to do so in support of keeping our Memorial Hall open and functional for all Veterans to sit down and enjoy conversation with fellow veterans.

We have a new assistant bar manager (Tiffany Rossetti), Tammy Thompson's oldest daughter, who is a hard charger and is helping improve the bar operation and working on increasing profits. She is cutting inventory, reviewing pricing and conducting a booze bottle raffle every shift. She is also making sure that we advertise all events via all our social media outlets. Reducing the amount we order is also a priority, including reducing the variety we now offer.

Quick note, the post birthday party has been cancelled by the ladies Auxiliary. Further info is coming from them.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Extravaganza hosted by Coldwell Bankers Realty and American Legion Post 449 on December 6th. Flyer in newsletter.

Live music is going great on Friday and Saturday evenings, please stop by and enjoy.

Remember we serve food on Thursday evenings and a very good Fish Fry on Friday evenings, served by Wicked Thyme Catering our lessee in the kitchen.

MEMORIES:

As it gets colder I suddenly remembered living on the farm during winter months, we sometimes had to build a fire under the tractors to heat the oil pan so we could start them.

And God said:

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8)

If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:17)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Philippians 2:4)

Service Officer's Message…

By Richard Strehlow 262-641-0977

Last Bugle (Post Members)
David Grammins Korea

Last Bugle (Non-Post Members)

Irwin Matt WWII	William Stueckroth Korea
Alfred Eberle Vietnam	Carl Islo Vietnam
Larry Rinehart Peace Time	Warren Briedenbach WWII
Jack Niederer Korea	David Gramins Korea
Robert Stutzriem Vietnam	Ronald Bredl Korea
Lee Noe Vietnam	John Barges Korea
Charles Chaloupka Vietnam	

May they rest in peace

Post Info: Our Annual Giving Fund letters were sent to all members recently. Please find it in your heart to contribute what you can. This is our largest fund-raising event of the year and we count on your continued support to help keep our Post alive. Our operating costs continue to rise and we are taking any action necessary to reduce them but need your help. Please remember that you are not just a Post 449 Legion Member but also an owner of this great Post.

Honor Guard News: The Honor Guard will be in attendance for a Veterans Day program at Immanuel School on November 12th. The Honor Guard is still in need of new members. Please consider joining whether you are ALA, SAL or a Legion member. We have plenty of uniforms that can be issued. Please contact me at the number listed above or anyone serving now.

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VA NEWS & INFORMATION:
If you need help from a Veteran Service Officer for questions or issues you may have, contact your County Service Officer. Here are our 1st District County contact numbers:
Milwaukee County- 414-266-1235, Waukesha County - 262-548-7732, Rock County- 608-757-5552, Kenosha County- 262-605-6690, Racine County- 262-638-6702, Walworth County- 262-741-4386.

As a natural mineral, asbestos was considered harmless for decades, with conclusive data on its carcinogenic effects emerging in 1970. At that time, the newly funded Occupational Safety and Health Administration imposed strict regulations on worker protection. Yet for some time after, asbestos continued to be used at the expense of people's health and lives. More than 1.4 billion pounds of asbestos were used annually in America before OSHA regulations.

The Paired Organ Rule is a crucial provision designed to assist veterans in maximizing their disability compensation. Understanding this rule is essential, as it can significantly enhance your disability benefits. By taking advantage of this special rule, veterans can potentially increase their compensation, ensuring they receive the support and compensation they deserve. We encourage all veterans to explore the Paired Organ Rule today!

Prostate cancer is a condition that can qualify veterans for disability compensation, particularly when severe residuals are present. It is crucial for veterans to understand the connection between their service and health issues, especially for those who have been exposed to harmful toxins during their time in service.

Did you know VA will re-adjudicate claims for veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War? This review is part of the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA) implementation of the November 5, 2020, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California decision to re-adjudicate previously denied claims as applied in Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has expanded benefits for veterans who suffer from ischemic heart disease related to their service during the Vietnam conflict. Ischemic heart disease is a condition that can result from exposure to certain herbicides, such as Agent Orange, which were used during the conflict.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Military Funeral Honors program is a way for the nation to show its deep gratitude to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. This program ensures that eligible veterans receive a dignified and respectful ceremony, including the folding and presentation of the U.S. flag and the playing of Taps, performed by a minimum of two uniformed military personnel. At least one member of the funeral honors detail is required to be from the same branch of service as the deceased veteran. These honors are provided at no cost to the family, reflecting the nation's commitment to honoring the sacrifices made by military members. Families can request funeral honors through their funeral director, who coordinates with the Department of War or the local Veterans Affairs office to arrange the service.

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

1st Vice Commander Message

By Roger Kiesner 414-350-0402

Message from Roger Kiesner 1st Vice commander

Greetings Legionaries, SAL and Auxiliary. Hope everyone is doing well during these trying times. I am writing this message early so it will be included in the November newsletter as our newsletter editor is heading out for a vacation. As of this writing post membership for 2026 is at 62.59%. I urge everyone that hasn't sent in their renewals to please do so ASAP. Also be advised the 2026 dues is now $50 due to the rising cost that goes to state and national.

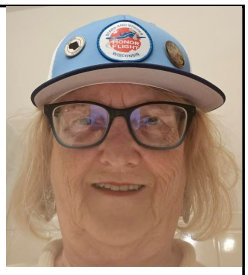
On another note please mark your calendars for December 6th. We are partnering again with Coldwell Banker Homesale Realty to fundraise for the post. There will be a raffle for a full side of beef (don't worry I will not be entering it this year), 50/50 raffle. Santa will also be there for pictures with your children and or dog pets, a coloring contest for the children and much more. Look for the particulars in the newsletter, on our website, or on our Facebook page.

I encourage our members to attend Thursday night Karaoke, we have quite a number of quality singers, or come by on a Friday or Saturday night for our live bands. We would appreciate it if you could make it out at least once a month to support your post.

Any questions please call (414-350-0402) or email me at rkiesner@ameritech.net. Thank you all for your continued support and may God bless you and watch over you.

Post 449 Chaplain Message

By Patricia Kingsbery 414-476-9485



There are 2 big holidays coming up in the month of November and I am looking forward to both. Veteran's Day on Nov 11 and Thanksgiving on Nov 27.

Veteran's Day:

This is the day to celebrate all the soldiers, past and present who served in the military and defended our country, our freedoms. We acknowledge their selfless service and sacrifices. They represent military spirit and strength that makes us the greatest military in the world. Show your patriotism and appreciation to every veteran you meet. "Thank you for your service ". Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord! (Psalm 33:12).

Thanksgiving :

Be thankful for the gift of life
And live it day by day
So, guide your life with a "guiding light"
And then you'll see your way.
Be thankful for the things you do
To walk and sing and play
Be thankful for the things you have
That "God bestowed " your way.
Be thankful for the U.S.A.
That lets us live so free
For no other country in the world
"Compares to us, you see".
Be thankful for your parents,
Your wife and family.
For it's the "love of living "
That life is meant to be.

Author Unknown

Chris Novak Realtor

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Ornament decorating
Half cow raffle
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Santa's ready for smiles and wagging tails! Gather your family and pups for the perfect holiday card photo

Support our Veterans at American Legion Post 449 & the Hoptel

Chris Novak
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Saturday, December 6th from 11:30 - 3:30
The American Legion Post 449

For all your real estate needs

Cabin Committee Update

Al Reich, Chairman

Our cabins are closed for the season!

Your Cabin Committee volunteers ventured to Wisconsin's northwoods for our fall work party. We were extremely fortunate to have such glorious autumn weather to make necessary improvements on Elmbrook's 'jewel of the north.' Besides the normal winterizing tasks of closing each cabin, we were able to replace the entire roof of the Kellett cabin.

These resolute individuals strive to make your cabins as comfortable as possible and seek to make improvements that will be beneficial to our renters & guests.

A special thanks to all the renters, families and guests who enjoyed a vacation with us.
We appreciate all the positive feedback.
It is the Committee's pleasure to provide a product that so many people can enjoy.

Stay tune for the time of Reservation Day - 2026

Information will be posted here & on our website – 449cabins.org

Attention Veterans

You are invited

Please join the School District of New Berlin
as we host a Veterans Day Celebration
in honor of our local veterans on
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 9:15 AM

The event will take place at the
New Berlin West Performing Art Center
18695 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, Wisconsin

The celebration will consist of various musical ensembles
from New Berlin West and guest speakers.

A complimentary brunch will be served to veterans and their guests after the program. Please RSVP by Friday, November 7, 2025 to (262) 789-6423

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

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Unit 449 Auxiliary Membership Report

Kitty Larkin, Carol Lers

The following reflection, rediscovered on my desk after some time, serves as a valuable reminder for us all. Each point underscores qualities and principles that everyone can benefit from revisiting now and then.

A Touch of Class

- Class is treating people with the dignity their humanity deserves.
- Class has nothing to do with your social status in life, and everything to do with your behavior.
- Class doesn't use foul language, even when irritated.
- Class does not have to be the center of attention. It can allow others to bask in glory without feeling slighted.
- Class does not say anything derogatory about the organization.
- Class does not tell off color or socially demeaning jokes.
- Class does not allow the unsatisfactory actions or negative words of others to drag one down into that ugly arena.
- Class does not lose its cool. It never burns its bridges.
- Class does not rationalize mistakes, and it learns from them and moves on.
- Class emphasizes we and downplays I.
- Class is good manners
- Class means respect for oneself as a foundation for respect for others.
- Class means loyalty to others.
- Class means not believing one is superior to others.
- Class does not act out when angry. It is not impetuous.
- Class is not overly concerned about receiving credit.
- Class works hard at making action consistent with words.
- Class doesn't build oneself up by tearing others down.
- Class leads by example.
- Class knows the importance and value of a warm smile.

Vice President

Virginia Bragg
Email: Litewaitva1@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the fall season everyone. Saturday, December 13th will be our annual auxiliary cookie walk. More info will be available in the newsletter. We are doing a raffle at the SAL Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Chili Cook off and Packer/Bear Game, on Sunday December 7th. More info will be available in the 449er. I would like to thank all who provided snacks for the October meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm.

Chaplin

Lylette Smith
414-378-4107 lylettesmith03@yahoo.com

We would like to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming ALA Auxiliary meeting at Post 449 on Tuesday, November 18th. The social gathering starts at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. We would love for you to join us as we collaborate on planning activities and fundraisers for our beloved Veterans and Community. Your presence truly makes a difference, and we miss you when you're not able to attend!

We encourage you to consider becoming an influencer by prioritizing others and promoting kindness. Re-

member, small acts of kindness can have a big impact on those around us. Let's continue to support each other and spread positivity wherever we go.

We recently sent birthday cards to our adopted Veterans, John Daley and Bill Ramlow, to show our appreciation and celebrate their special days. Additionally, we've been sending thinking of you cards to several members to let them know how valued and missed they are within our ALA community. We've also sent Get Well cards to Vivian Schmidt & Clair Decker, Carol Lers, and Joanne Peterson, wishing them a speedy recovery and sending positive thoughts their way.

As we navigate through our days, let's remember to seek strength, protection, and guidance from above. May the Lord's love accompany us always.

Looking forward to seeing more of our wonderful members at the Post soon! Your presence brightens our gatherings and enriches our community.

Happy Thanksgiving! God's Blessings!

Lylette

Half Cow Raffle

Cut to order
$100 ticket to enter
Need not be present to win
Only 40 tickets available

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Call or email Chris Novak with Team Novak Realty with any questions or to purchase a ticket
cnovak36@gmail.com 262-894-5412

Dear Treasured Bakers, Candy Makers & Bread Makers

It's Cookie Walk Time!!!

May we again count on your generous support?
(Thank you in advance)

Please plate or package each offering to sell at $5.00

Only Homemade, no store bought donations please.

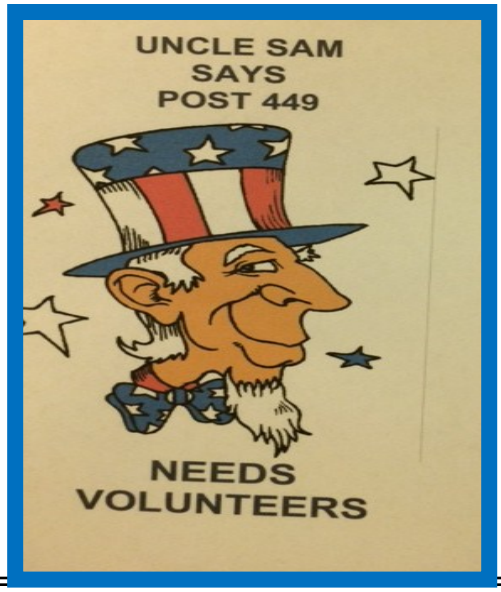
Drop off at Post 449 Saturday December 13th between

9:30 ---11:45 **sale starts at noon**

Please label anything containing nuts and or almond flower or extract clearly. These offerings will be placed in a special group because of allergies.

Any questions please call either Carol Jensen at 1-262-783-7041 or Colleen Gotowitz at 1-414-617-8887

This function is one of the remaining ways the Auxiliary can still raise funds to support our Veterans.



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Judge Advocate	**Rick D Steinberg**	
Legion/S.A.L. Advisor	**Open**	

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 53186. 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

HAPPY LABOR DAY.... And with that being said, let's start thinking about the new fall schedule of music coming to your Post 449 starting in September on Friday and Saturday nights. These are fund raisers for the Post so please support them however you can. Your **S.A.L.** will start having their monthly meetings again starting in September.

Your "**HONOR GUARD" could and do** need more people to help in their mission of honoring the fallen. Please consider volunteering your time to help us in that mission.

.Hopefully this will lighten up your day.

My girlfriend asked me the other day "I hate myself because when I look into a mirror, I look fat. Can you please give me a compliment"? I said "yah, you've got good eyesight".

We are the ***"Sons of the American Legion,"*** a team you can depend on.

American Legion Post #449 MENU

Appetizers:

Chicken Wings

1lb Chicken Wings

Buffalo or BBQ Sauce

Celery Sticks

Ranch ($12.00)

Entrees:

Cod Fish Fry Basket (Fridays Only)

2 pcs Beer Battered Cod Loins

Accompanied with a Choice of Fries or Potato Pancakes with Apple Sauce, Tartar Sauce, Coleslaw, Lemon and Rye Bread with Butter ($15.00)

Double Smashed Burgers

2-3oz Beef Patties, American Cheese, Shaved Red Onions, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo on a Burger Bun

Accompanied with Fries ($10.00)

Crispy Chicken Sandwich

House Breaded Chicken Tenders, Mayo, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Shaved Red Onions on a Bun

Accompanied with Fries ($10.00)

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Grilled Chicken Breast, American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Mayo on a Bun

Accompanied with Crinkle Fries ($10.00)

Chicken Tender Basket

4 Pieces of House Breaded Chicken Tenders with Fries,

Honey Mustard Sauce ($10.00)

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9 Closed	10 Open 4:30-10p Sign in	11 Open 4-8 p **VETERANS DAY** DESERT PARTY LEGION MEETING 1-2	12 Closed MILLER/COORS 11AM-2PM	13 Open 4:30 - 10p Karaoke from 5-9p Cook-in 5:30-8p	14 Open 4-10p Joyce Bevan 4:-6p FALCONS 6:30-10p	15 Open 1-10p DEPOT EXPRESS 6:30-10p
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