



THE LEGION VOICE



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COMMANDER'S CORNER . . . BILL CROWL

Again, I'm hopeful all is well with everyone.

In this Newsletter, I'd like to focus on the people of our Post who volunteer. I think they are our Unsung Heroes. Whether it's the Brat Fries, Chili Feed, Pancake Breakfast, Poppy's, Auxiliary Lap Blankets, Hall Cleaning, Welfare Checks or any unknown activities performed.

Post 263 IS the BEST. Sometimes we take these efforts for granted and that's unfortunate. We should value every effort, every act, and acknowledge the people who contribute. Remember that a call, a card or a full blown work party are all as important as the other. This is a growing trend in our Post. Please keep it up.



IN MEMORY OF:



Gerald "Bud" Sanders

Mar 13, 1925 - Aug 6, 2021

Service: 08/12/21 11 AM

Fmanuel Lutheran Church

PAST HAPPENINGS . . . TIM ROBERTS

We all had a great time working the American Legion Baseball games and watching all the players evolve in their skills. One of the players that we have had the pleasure of watching him grow over the years was Connor Brinkman. This year Connor was selected to play on the All Star Team.

Our example of volunteering and serving the community has been passed on to the Boy Scouts of Troop 59. Five of these fine young men were promoted to Eagle Scout. The Post held a "Thank You" brat-fry for the entire Boy Scout Troop 59. They were served brats, hotdogs and beans and were very appreciative to the Post.

The Brat Fry business was great this summer! Our last brat fry was held on August 7th at the Waupaca Fleet Farm. It came in with a final profit of \$924.86. Of this amount, a gracious \$283.00 was given as tips. It was a great day for all.



Malcolm, Randolph and Leroy Barber

December 07, 1941

Service: 09/11/21 11 AM

MPB Cemetery



The Legion Picnic was a big hit. Although, due to the heat it was held inside the Post for the comfort of all attending.

Those who volunteered to work at the Iola Car Show this year had a wonderful time. It was a good turnout of volunteers and everything went very smoothly.





Make Time For A Buddy Check!

In these times of turmoil and uncertainty let's all make time to check on our battle buddies who are less fortunate than ourselves. Visit someone who is isolated or home-bound, take someone out to lunch that normally would eat alone, go for a nice fall drive with a fellow Veteran. The sky's the limit. Take photos of your visit to share with us all, as it is always great to see more faces of our Brothers In Arms. Let us not forget that one day, we ourselves may be the isolated and forgotten.



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST . . .

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

This year's Pancake Breakfast will be held with the options of Dine-In sit down service or with the choice to pick up the meal as Drive-Thru style service for those uncomfortable with eating in the hall. We will not have a set charge for the meal, but are asking for a Free-Will Offering from those who are attending. Flyers and posters will be posted and passed out to the public.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS . . .

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| Oct 15th | Blood Drive in the Post |
| Oct 16th | District 8 Fall Conference at Crystal Falls |
| Oct 17th | Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Post |
| Nov 11th | Veterans Day Program & Luncheon |
| Dec 18th | Wreaths Across America |

SICK CALL

Bob Polaske is recovering from colon surgery and is adapting to his new life in Appleton. Mike Hoks is still recovering from all his surgeries on his leg. Ed Strite is battling Bladder Cancer but says he's doing well. Dan Grutzmacher was recently in the hospital with pneumonia.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

If at anytime you need any assistance or just a visit, please call any officer:

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THE NEW LONDON
AMERICAN LEGION

14TH ANNUAL



Potato
Pancake
Breakfast

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

At the New London Legion Post

840 North Water Street

CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Menu: Potato Pancakes, Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy While Supply Lasts, Applesauce, Coffee, Juice, MILK

Support Your Local Veterans
And Their Projects

A LITTLE
HUMOR TO
CHEER YOU UP:

I USED TO THINK
I WAS INDECISIVE
BUT NOW
I'M NOT SO SURE.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NORRIS SPENCER UNIT 263



National Convention is over and the program year begins anew with Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel (Dept. of KY) taking the lead. Our own Dept. of WI Auxiliary President Diane Weggen has chosen *'Salute, Serve and Celebrate'* as her 2021-22 theme. In this second year of the pandemic, with youth Covid cases increasing, Unit 263 is once again in a holding pattern with our school contests but hoping Star Spangled Kids and Badger Girls State will succeed. Members continue to serve in and around health issues, changing venues, tentative schedules and all else that challenges us in our mission to help Veterans, Military, their families and our communities. Kudos to the current membership for hanging in there through this difficult period... and if you haven't heard already, our Unit, out of the 380 or so in the State, received one of five *'President's Award for Excellence'* in recognition of our perseverance. Congratulations!

Unit members just came through a busy couple of days with the Barber brothers' graveside ceremony and an excellent presentation by two sisters who are promoting a biopic of their Vietnam veteran brother, killed by a drunk driver in the States after serving six tours overseas. The Auxiliary will next participate in an Oct. 2 training in Appleton, co-host 8th D Fall Conference in New London, support the Post at the Pancake breakfast, staff an ARC blood drive and start preparing for November.

Basket Raffle at 8th District Conference, Crystal Falls, October 16

Unit 263 is looking for food, gas or store gift cards in small denominations and/or new items for the following basket ideas: Kitchen/Baking, Sports, Movie Night, Guy Stuff, Comfort items, Christmas, Fall Décor, Toys & Games, Patriotic, Coffee/Tea or larger single items, i.e. quilt. Proceeds will benefit various projects. ☺



\$\$\$ \$: Annual September donations to Dept. of WI: Rehab (poppy \$) - President's Special Project (Chippewa Veterans Home Courtyard), Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Veterans & Family Assistance Fund, Fisher House in Milwaukee and the VA facilities at Milwaukee, Tomah, Madison and Iron Mountain; General (brat fry, car show, etc.) - Children & Youth support, National Auxiliary Emergency Fund and National Child Welfare Foundation.

Membership: Our 2021-22 goal is 58-again. Many renewed their membership at the recent picnic and through the mail. Don't forget the online path through the Department website. We ask again, who has some spare time to give to our Veterans, Military and their families?? Maybe there is a granddaughter out there ready to be mentored? Please contact Audrey Stuczynski (920) 594-0746 if you can help. Dues are \$33 for Seniors and \$6.25 for Juniors. We are looking for Veterans' spouses (male or female), mothers, grandmothers, sisters, any female direct or adopted descendants and female veterans (Dual is Cool)! You need not attend meetings - you can work at home!



♥ *Unaffiliated members/helpers are always welcome!* ♥

Note: We just found out that **Marge Dreier, our oldest Past President**, has permanently relocated to St. Joseph Residence, #238, after a fall at home. Our thoughts go out to her, to Linda Butler who is having more testing done and to Lynne during her knee rehab.



→ **Suicide Prevention:** If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 or text 838255. You can also chat online at **Suicide Prevention Chat: 24/7 Confidential Help – Veterans Crisis Line.**



→ **Lap robes for hospice veterans:** Knitted or crocheted, using any combo of red/white/blue yarn (*provided*), any pattern, finished size of 2 ½ ft. x 3 ½ ft.

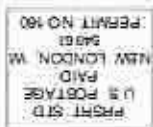
→ Check out amlegionauxwi.org, Facebook, Blog; also ALAforsoldiers.org – need membership ID# to log-in...



Calendar:

- Fri.-Sat., Sept. 24-25 – 3rd ‘Celebrate Freedom’ at Portage with 9/11 history tours (semi-truck)
- Sat., Sept. 25 – Junior Conference at ALA Oshkosh.
- Sun., Sept. 26 – Gold Star Mothers’ Day
- Sat., Oct. 2 – ‘In The Know’, Appleton, 8:30am-3:30pm. Will car pool from Hall.
- Mon., Oct. 11 – **COLUMBUS DAY!** Auxiliary Day of Service. Baskets, cards, crafts.
- Thurs., Oct. 14 - TAL/ALA monthly meeting, 6:30pm, Legion Hall.
- Fri., Oct. 15 – ARC Blood drive, 11am-5pm.
- Sat., Oct. 16 – 8th D Fall Conference in New London! 8-9 regis, 9-3 conf. **BASKET RAFFLE**
- Sun., Oct. 17 – Post Pancake breakfast at Legion Hall, 7am-Noon.
- Weds., Nov. 10 – ALA 102nd birthday!
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – **VETERANS DAY!** NLMS program, VFW meal, then Legion Family mtg. 6:30pm.
- Mon.-Fri., Nov. 15-19 – American Education Week
- Thurs., Dec. 9 – TAL/ALA monthly meeting, 6:30pm, Legion Hall.
- Fri., Dec. 10 – ARC Blood drive, 11am-5pm.
- Sat., Dec. 18 – Wreaths Across America at King.

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