



THE MIGHTY FOURTH

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

**ALL MEETINGS
WILL START AT
7:00 PM**

2017 - 2018 District Meetings

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December 20, 2017

Christmas Party

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann

Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave,

Oak Creek

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January 17, 2018

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Hales Corners Post 299

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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February 21, 2018

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Post 18

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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March 21, 2018

H. A. Todd Post 537

hosted by Police Post 415

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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April 18, 2018

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

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SPRING CONFERENCE

7:00 PM - May 16, 2018

H. A. Todd Post 537

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS

June 27, 2018

Van Eimeren-Kolonka Post 27

920 Monroe Ave

So Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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WEBSITE

<http://wald4.org>

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TEAMWORK

December 2017

Hello, to the Mighty 4th District. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

It is now December and as I was checking the list, twice, for naughty and nice, I decided not to say who I found on which list. It is a good thing my memory is short, but I did check the membership list. Sadly, we were bad down in 9th place again. So for the month of December, our team is hoping that we can move the Mighty Fourth back up that ladder to decorate the TOP of tree. We need to make progress with our 2018 membership renewals, please. I am asking that everyone try just a little harder to reach out to your membership to get those renewals in before the end of the year. Remind your members that each of them are important to our great organization. And if possible, try to recruit one new member. Ask every eligible Veteran you know to join your post, or another post close to where they live. This includes "past or expired members". We don't know why someone left us in the past, but we can invite them to return, to come back and be part of our Legion family again. Remind them that the Ladies have the Auxiliary available, and that we have a Sons of the American Legion for their sons and grandsons. If they ride a motorcycle, they can then become a "Legion Rider". Lots of pluses to promote. I know there are lots of Veterans in the area, that are just waiting to be asked to join us. Make your meetings fun, as well as informative. And if you need help, call on anyone of the Vice Commanders or myself to come help you. That is what we are here for: to help you. Ask a prospective member to attend a meeting and see what you are all about, and perhaps they will join you after they have visited with your membership. I know we can do this together.

The December District meeting is our Annual Christmas Party. Uniform is your Legion hat, and Christmas attire. Short business meeting. Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post has a great meal planned for all us. So come out and enjoy the evening.

2nd Vice John Edelblute is looking for your assistance with the Oratorical in January. I hear that we have two students at this point to participate in the contest. Let John know if there are more. Please read his article, and give him all the help you can. Remember there are some great scholarships to be won with the oratorical contest. Encourage parents to have their high school students take part in this program.

I want to thank the membership of the 4th District for participating in the Veteran of the Year Program at the War Memorial on November 11th. We had a very nice turnout.

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Please put Sunday, March 12, 2018, on your calendar, as "something to do" list. This is the 4th and 5th District Bowling Tournament. Miss Linda is patiently waiting for your reservation forms (and checks) for the tournament. We start registration at noon, and end the tournament at 4:00 pm. We have the lanes to ourselves (all 20). Last year we had a great time, from the feedback we received from all of you. So, please sign up quickly, so we can get our paperwork in order and be ready for your arrival. There will live and unrehearsed action, laughter, great, and not so great scores. Some gutter balls just to break the monotony of the day is allowed. We are looking for the perfect 300 game.

Remember that this is open to all Legion Family members, young, medium, etc. Post, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders as well. Mixed teams are good as well. Certificates are given for the top teams and will be awarded at the April 2018 meeting. Names of teams and top winners will be published, in the April 2018 District newsletter.

Leo Taylor is still our resource manager for this event. Maybe he will have that favorite chocolate stuff he has once in a while. Last year, each bowler received one free drink, this will probably happen again this year. But you have to bowl to get the "free drink".

Mid-winter is fast approaching. If you are able to attend, please try to go up to Ho-Chunk for some of the training on Saturday, January 20, 2018. There is a lot of training available. Questions? Check on the internet, <http://www.wilegion.org> or call one of the Vice Commanders for information.

May December, be a beautiful month for everyone. With Christmas, Santa Claus, the birth of Jesus, Hanukah, and other religious celebrations, I want to extend my best wishes for all. I am going to try to be very good in December, so hopefully there will be a present under the tree from the man in the red suit. Everyone enjoy the holiday's. This year I am going to bribe "Santa" with extra cookies, so he does not by-pass by house.

Before I close, I want to take time to say "Thank You" to all of you, for your Service to our Country and Welcome Back Home. November 11th was Veterans Day, and I did not take the time to say Thank You, to all of you. This is what you do for each other, and what each of you did for our Country. So many of you are busy doing events for your own Post and it seems that we tend

to forget to recognize that effort. So, please accept a late Thank You, from the entire 4th District Board and from me, especially.

God Bless everyone, and take care.

District Commander Ray Pasbrig "Godfather"

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1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Baranzkyk - Post 416

After attending meetings after meetings, progress in membership continues to move forward. With the holidays approaching, I hope several of you can look outside the box, and help some veterans who need the help just to make it through the New Year. One good way is getting some of these vets to join the Legion. We all know it is in their best interest to do so, more now than ever! It is up to you to serve as the ambassador of the American Legion to recruit them, get them in. My Thanks to many of you who continue to do this.

My slogan for 2018 is: Finish what you started for 2017, and Get Involved for 2018!

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT

John W Edelblute IV - Post 434

Hi Everyone,

Oratorical Contest:

The 4th District Oratorical contest is right around the corner. The District contest will be held Saturday, January 13, 2018, at Post 416 in Greendale starting at 11:00 am sharp.

I am in need of Timekeepers, Escorts and Judges for this event. I know a few members have done it the past and if you are are willing to do it again please let me know at the next 4th District meeting on December 20th, at Post 434. Better yet, give me a call or e-mail before then. If you have never done it before and are interested call me with any questions and sign up.

As of right now I know of two possible contestants but more are always welcome. I hope to see a nice turn out from the members of our 4th District Family to hear the students present their speeches.

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ALL ARTICLES for the **January issue** of the newsletter are due in my (snail mail) or e-mail box no later than Monday, December 31, 2017. Please note that if you have an event going on at your Post in the following months, that you want published it is ok to send ASAP. Pictures must be sent in J-peg format. Flyers are also ok to send in J-peg



MILW CTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Last Wednesday of the month
War Memorial
750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milw
delegates are asked to attend

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Monday, January 15, 2018
6:00 - 10:00 pm

County Holiday Social
Holiday Inn Milwaukee
Riverfront
The Anchorage Restaurant
4700 N Port Washington
Milwaukee, 53212

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Four Chaplains Sunday
Sunday February 4, 2018
2:00 pm

Zablocki VA Medical Center

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February 28, 2018 - 6:30 pm
War Memorial

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Sat - March 24, 2018 -11:00 am - 2:00 pm
All County Brunch Social
Information to be announced

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March 28, 2018 - 6:30 pm
Nomination of Officers
War Memorial

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Saturday April 14, 2018
11:00- 2:00 pm
Children & Youth Brunch
H. A. Todd Post 537
9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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April 28, 2018 - 6:30 pm
War Memorial

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May 30, 2018 - 6:30 pm
Election of Officers - War Memorial

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Saturday. June 23, 2018 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Installation of Officers

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SERVICE OFFICER
CLAIRE GOODFELLOW
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Please be sure to notify me when someone is in the hospital so I can send a get well card, OR in the event of an untimely death, so that I can send out a card of condolence. Thank you. Claire.

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Eagle Scout Program:

If you know of any Eagle Scouts that would be interested in applying for the Eagle Scout of the Year Award, please let me know. The application is due by March, 1, 2018, to Department headquarters.

I am working on getting something together that works on a District level as a project to not only start working together as a team but to get our faces out in the public a little more. I have some ideas so please come to next District meeting at Post 434 to hear them.

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Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you before then.

Yours In Service, John

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3RD VICE COMMANDER

Linda Pfeiffer - Post 192

OUR PROGRAMS: We are looking for candidates for Law and Order Awards; Firefighter Awards; and National Guard Awards. Where do you start? Your local Police and Fire Departments. I know they like to pat all their Officers on the back. Paperwork must be written in proper format, so make sure that is done. Start looking now, as I will ask that you have it ready no later than the February District meeting. This will give the District Committee time to look over the paperwork and make sure that everything is in proper format.

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We are set with a date for the District Bowling tournament on March 11, 2018. A reservation form is included with this mailing. Please sign up as soon as possible. There are 20 lanes and we would like to be able to fill all of those lanes. Remember that this tournament is open to the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL, and yes, it includes the Riders. It also includes the Juniors. Get your team(s) together, and send in your reservations as quickly as possible.

Walter and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We hope that everyone will be healthy through the holidays and throughout 2018. God Bless each of you and your family members and keep everyone safe in your travels during the upcoming winter season.

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4TH VICE COMMANDER

Jim Waltich - Post 537

The "Basic Training" course is up and operational on the National website. This replaced the old ALEI. Please take the time to check it out and complete it. It is free to legion members. If you have questions please contact me.

Much training is going on at Mid-winter in January. Please see any Vice Commander or myself for information. You do not need to be a delegate to attend the training just registered. If you need help please ask.

Remember that all blood donations should be recorder on your CPR.

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FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Craig Ellis, Commander

American Legion Post 455, Milwaukee, WI

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(414) 313-1357

American Legion Milwaukee County Council

Holiday Social Party

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018

Time: 06:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Price: \$20.00 per person

Location: Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront

The Anchorage Restaurant

4700 North Port Washington Road, Milw, WI 53212

Point of Contact: Vice Commander Craig Ellis

American Legion Milwaukee County Council

Craig73.hightech@gmail.com (414) 313-1357

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Raffle for Grand Prize - Flat Screen Color TV

For the Holiday social on Monday, January 15, 2018. This specific event dress is "American Legion uniform hat, navy blue blazer,suit, white dress shirt tie, gray dress pants and black dress shoes." The ladies should dress semi-formal. (Note: No flannel shirts, blue jean vest, leather vest, blue jeans, & gym shoes). **"The news media will be covering this high profile event"**

American Legion Milwaukee County Council

alpost455milw@gmail.com - (414) 313-1357

American Cancer Society - Road To Recovery Program

Volunteers are needed in your area to drive cancer patients to their appointments.

All you need is:

A good driving record

A current, valid driver's license

Access to a safe and reliable vehicle

Proof of adequate automobile insurance

Complete an American Cancer Society training course

Availability Monday through Saturday during the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Volunteer to drive today.

cancer.org/ drive or 1-800-227-2345

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American Legion Milwaukee County Council

Please contact Commander Craig Ellis,

American Legion Post 455, alpost455milw@gmail.com

or (414) 313-1357 with questions.

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Keep Kids Warm This Winter: Donate Today!

Starting November 27, 2017 through January 5, 2017, you

can help keep MPS students warm this winter by

donating new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

Hand-made items in sizes for children and adults are welcome.

Donations can be dropped off to MPS Central Services building Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We are again partnering with TCF Bank who will provide 10 collection sites for community members to drop-off donations in addition to the MPS Central Services building.

TCF Bank Collection Sites

12850 W Bluemound Rd, Elm Grove; 4110 N 76th St, Milw

2100 W Good Hope Rd, Glendale; 7932 N 76th St, Milw

4375 S 76th St, Greenfield; 8955 S Howell Ave, Oak Creek

110 W Holt Ave, Milw; 4201 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood

307 N 76th St, Wauwatosa; 1441 Miller Park Way, W. Milw

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INFORMATION

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FROM THE 40/8

Claire Ann Goodfellow - Correspondent
3916 North 30th Street. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

On Sunday, December 10, 2017, the 40/8 will hold Bingo at Greendale Post 416, 6351 W Grange Ave. Doors open at 5:00 pm, and Bingo starts at 6:00 pm. Proceeds help to pay for the nursing scholarship program of the 40/8. Help is needed for the event. Please come help if you are a member.

Please bring a friend and come and play, and yell BINGO.

Respectfully Submitted, Claire

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AMERICAN LEGION VAVS OFFICE

Dan Jakubczyk
American Legion Representative

In the last six months the VA Legion office has received very little in dollar donations. If your post can make a donation to our office it would be appreciated.

We use the income to make donations to areas in the hospital, and for Veterans hospitalized within the VA. When an area (such as the ICU, serving Veterans families), or VETS Club (which serves Veterans who come for Day Care), need something like a coffee maker, or microwave, you would think that would come out of the VA budget. In the "new" VA it does not work that way. That is when they come to one of the Veterans Service Organizations with a wish list to see if we will purchase it for them. If we have the money, we can do this for them. If not, we can't help them. At this point, I am very limited in helping any one of the clinics or areas of the Hospital.

Donations are also used for hospitalized Veterans on "Veterans Day", when we give them a "gift", as well as other Holidays. We use funds for Christmas parties for the Veterans, and anything else that is needed for the Veterans comfort. Poppy monies can be used to help my Office with monetary needs. A form is enclosed with this mailing for your donation, please. Thank you.

Reminder: Whenever a Veteran from your Post is admitted as an "In Patient" at the VA, tell them that they must inform the people admitting "you" that "you" are a member of the American Legion, or any other Veterans Organization. We will then visit you. We hear all the time: "I was in the VA, and no one stopped to visit

me". If you don't let the admitting clerk know you belong to the American Legion, we will never know you are a patient in the hospital. There are privacy rules that prevent the nurses and doctors from telling us you are here, unless you authorize them to tell us. Also, have your spouse, or child tell the admitting personnel that you belong to the American Legion (and which Post if possible).

Respectfully submitted, Dan

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DISTRICT ADJUTANT

Dave Pier - Post 416 - 6351@sbcglobal.net

At every District meeting we take attendance of the District Post's that are present. Each Post is allowed **three** (3) delegates and **three** (3) alternates. Each member and guest is to sign in when they enter the hall.

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FROM CARROLL COLLEGE

In this season of thanksgiving, we are grateful for a designated space at Carroll for our military and veteran students to study and gather together.

The Military and Veteran Student Lounge is a wonderful resource. However, we are in need of some improvements to the space. It would mean so much to our current students to have your support.

Gifts of \$5 on up can help us replace the desk, buy some furniture and make sure it is the best place for our students, mostly commuters, to call home on campus.

To find out more about the project, visit <https://catalyst.carrollu.edu/project/8010> and please help us spread the word by emailing friends or posting on Facebook or Twitter. Please see flyer for more info.

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ATTN: All Legion members. A Post Mailing was sent to your Post, County and District Leadership on December 1, 2017 regarding the 100th Annual Department Convention to be held July 11-15, 2018 in beautiful Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It is going to be a very busy, exciting and fun weekend in Oshkosh with lots of activities booked outside of our convention. The American Legion Convention is a priority to the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), and they have generously offered to act as the Housing Bureau, along with offering freeshuttles from all locations. This gives you one number to call,

920-303-9200, to eliminate Legionnaires from having to call around for the best option.

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

Mark Sandow - Post 537

It is imperative that **ALL REGISTRATION AND HOUSING BE DONE NOW** to make sure we get housing before the other groups start their bookings. There are many excellent housing choices for this year's convention, for a description of all the different options, prior to calling the CVB go to <http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/about/2018-department-convention>.

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128th Troop Deployment

Legion Family Members of the Post 192, 416, and 434 and Department SAL Officers, assisted Willey Herda, Squadron 192, and Oellschlaeger-Dallmann Squadron 434, give 53 Josh Dogs to Children from the 128th Air Refueling Wing, who are being deployed.

In addition Gift cards were given out to the children from PD Adjutant Dave Kurtz from The Patriot Fund Raising Group for "Operation Christmas Wish".

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We had enough "dogs" for this group of children, but need funding for the next group of children whose parents are being deployed. Please send any donations you have to the SAL for the Josh Dogs, or contact Dan Daily or me. The price of the dogs has gone up, (like everything thing else). Dan can be reached at: ddaily1052@sbcglobal.net, or you can catch him at a district meeting. Both Squadron 192, 434 and Department of Wisconsin are in need of funding for the Josh Dog Program. This is a joint venture and we are working hard to make sure that every child gets a dog to hug while Mom or Dad are in harms way. Thank you for your help. From the SAL -- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Squadron 192 Commander Mark Pfeiffer
cmark1500@yahoo.com

I'd like to take a minute to remind you about fire safety in your house. Make sure your real Christmas tree is watered daily. Make sure your Christmas lights and wiring are in good order. Inspect your cords and don't overload. If you're lucky enough to have a fireplace, make sure nothing is close to the fire and your chimney is clean.

Christmas is supposed to be the most joyous time of year, but for some, it is the most depressing time of year. People get down for numerous reasons; the cold, the lack of sunshine, being house bound etc. The number of suicides rise dramatically this time of year. Learn to know the signs of depression. There will be a class related to this given at Mid-Winter this January. If you haven't seen a good friend or Post member or relative lately that might seem a little down, why not call or visit them? I can guarantee it will lift the spirits of both of you. That person will know someone cares enough about him/her to make contact and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you may have saved someone from harming themselves.

As we take time this year to celebrate the Birth of Christ with family and friends, let us say a prayer for the men and women of our armed forces serving around the world. Let us remember also our policemen, firemen EMTs and everyone else who has to work the holiday season and thank them for their service.

From my wife Sue, my sons Eric and SFC Brian and their families, may you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!

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Front Row: Left to right, Kristen Stanley, Post 192; Wis. Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, 434; Dept Auxiliary President Bonnie Jakubczyk, Unit 434; Laura

Calteux, Unit 416; Linda Pfeiffer, Post 192. 2nd Row: Dan Jakubczyk, Post 434; SAL NEC, Dan Daily, 434; SAL Commander Mark Pfeiffer, 192; Wis. Detachment Commander Chris Sherman, 71; Walter Pfeiffer, Post 192; SAL Alt NEC Patrick Gryskiewicz, 93; Chickie Cummings, Unit 434.

