



THE MIGHTY FOURTH

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

2018 - 2019 District Meeting

December 19, 2018

Christmas Party

Casual Dress - Uniform Hat

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann

Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave,

Oak Creek

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January 16, 2019

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Hales Corners Post 299

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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February 20, 2019

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Harley Davidson Post 400

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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March 20, 2019

H. A. Todd Post 537

hosted by Police Post 415

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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April 17, 2019

Election of Officers

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

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SPRING CONFERENCE

May 15, 2019

H. A. Todd Post 537

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS

July 10, 2019

Van Eimeren-Kolonka Post 27

920 Monroe Ave

So Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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CONVENTION

July 17 - 21, 2019

Madison, WI

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September 6 -7, 2019

Centennial Celebration

Portage WI

All Legion Family Members are asked to come and join in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary the Wis Am Legion

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TEAMWORK

December 2018

Merry Christmas Mighty Fourth District Family and Friends.

We hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving. November is now past and as we move into December, we need to focus on the Birthday of Jesus. Also, we must take a time to remember December 7th, and the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the events of 1941. It has been 77 years, since many men and women gave their lives on that day, and many more to follow, so that we would have the freedom that we have today. As President Roosevelt stated on December 8, 1941, calling the attack on Pearl Harbor "a date that will live in infamy". On that day of 12-7-1941, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberate attacked by the navel and air force of the Empire of Japan. We remember and honor our missing and deceased.

I want to say Thank You to all the men and women of the World War II, era, for what you sacrificed, and for your service to our Country.

And now, I must share with you that our membership is not what it should be. We have fallen into 11th place in standings in the Department. Our percentages are lower than they should be. The membership target date of 12-12-18 should be at least 85%. We are at 68.5%, as of 11/30/18. We should have been at 75% on 11/22/18. So, you can see, we are behind considerably. Please, let's make a big effort to reach the renewal schedule of 85% and get back on track. We have time to do this. But, we must work on it. Don't forget to ask people you meet to join. If you have an event coming up, invite people to join at that time. Membership is the life blood of our organization. Commanders, if you need help, call us, we will try to help you. Letters are available on My-Legion.org, if you don't like to make phone calls. If you have someone in your post who is good at phone calling, utilize his/her talents with phone calling. Dues are important, and the end of the membership year is very close.

Please support 2nd Vice John Edelblute with the Oratorical Contest in January. He needs help with not only students to participate, but members to help him with the contest. John, I will be there to assist you as a timekeeper. Hopefully we have several students lined up for the competition. Without students to compete, there cannot be an Oratorical Contest in the Mighty Fourth District. We all need to work together to make this a success. OK Legionnaires, let's do this as part of our TEAM work motto:

Thinking a little ahead: January 2019 Mid-winter will have many new and exciting training classes. Hopefully, many of you have signed up to attend some of these classes. You can attend just on Saturday, you don't have to be there the entire weekend, (however you are welcome). But, if you have not made hotel

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reservations, this could be issue for you. The leadership classes will help you becomes acquainted with the duties of Commander, Adjutant, and Service Officer. There are other training opportunities as well. Try to make every effort to attend the meetings at Ho-Chuck Casino. One day you will have the opportunity to be one of our leaders and the training will help to prepare you.

Are you in the process of up-dating your Post By-Laws and Constitution? If so, be sure that when you do, you send a copy to the Department to be approved. We as Posts must follow the same By-laws and Constitution as National and Department. There have been several changes in the last couple of years, so please be sure that you are up-to-date and on the "same page" with the Department. If you have questions, you can always contact Department for help with this.

Now it is time for Fun: "Let's go Bowling". It will create laughter. Get your hopes up about almost making that impossible spare or strike, or that 300 game. In general, just come and have a good time for a few hours. The team consists of 5 people. It can be made up of guys and gals; any Legion Family member. Yes, that means Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders too. Any combination will work. If you only have 3 or 4 and don't mind having a "sub" put on your team, we will add a person to your team. It worked for the "top team" last year. So, Contact Miss Linda, our Chairperson, of the event. I do the talking, she does the paperwork. She even has your averages from last year already to go. Don't have an average? Linda has that covered too. Thank you Miss Linda, for doing the paperwork. Rumor has it that there will be chocolate for raffling at the bowling alley again.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

PS: District Meeting is the Christmas Party at Post 434. Please come with a good appetite, and the ladies always put on a nice meal. Dress in holiday attire and uniform "LEGION HAT" only.

God Bless and Take Care

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1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Baranzyk - Post 416

MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP

It's me again. Remember this famous word? As I was told many years ago, this special word makes

the organization run. Without it, this and any other organization can't operate or exist, etc. You know it and so do I. Through the years any organization charge fees to do their thing. I remember through history how some organizations were created: their goals, purposes, etc. Through many sets of circumstances, some have grown rapidly, some slow, and many have disappeared. It kind of reminds me of a new idea that gets attention, starts to appeal to many, and then it takes off. But in time, this idea begins to lose appeal, because of many variables that constantly appear, and organizations start to shrink. Even though goals and a mission statement had been created, people sometimes forget, why are we here?

Within the past several years, any organization charges a base rate to exist. This rate varies at times, and in some cases may hinder people from joining. This rate can be frozen, but it never goes down. It only goes up. Look around you in your everyday activities. You have taxes, fees, etc. Organizations make cuts. You see politicians use the idea of cutting without stopping services.

I decided to open a can of worms based on what I see, and have seen going on in regards to getting people to join organizations. We have the internet, mail, people to people. This is just some of the ways people join. In the long run, has it worked? We've been around for a long time, like a 100 years! What we're doing must be working! But it amazes me how sometimes this comes about. Is our base of veterans shrinking? What seems to make members continue in an organization while others drop out? Every year it's the same idea. We need membership to exist! Recently, I've had prospective members contact me about different membership rates and programs that appear on a large basis to get people to join, renew, etc. Different incentives from everywhere appear. Some of these will amaze you! As I'm told, its cheaper to join an organization, so why do I need to pay you extra? Across the board, we all supposedly pay the same amount. But do to these programs or incentives work? It appears we may be shooting ourselves in the foot. Through the years, everyone is competing for those elusive goals.... membership...membership... membership.... As you look around you, many segments of the organization are dying. Why is this? We start with a base rate that everyone should be paying, then incentives pop up where some don't have to pay as much, and we're off to the races. Why can't those that are paid up for life get any incentives on

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ALL ARTICLES for ALL ISSUES of the newsletter are due in my (snail mail) or e-mail box no later than **THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH**. 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**

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Four Chaplains Sunday
Sunday February 3, 2019
2:00 pm

Zablocki VA Medical Center

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January 30, 2019 -7:00 pm

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February 27, 2019 - 7:00 pm

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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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FROM THE 40/8
Claire Ann Goodfellow
Correspondent
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On Sunday, December 9, 2018, 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, so if you can come out to help for a few hours please do so. Thank you.



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returns? I see posts closing due to different circumstances which I'm not going to address here. Small posts can't afford cuts, while the big ones get bigger, and more posts consolidate or close! Where are you on this idea? Incentives will not go away. I like the system and continue to emphasize joining our organization, but unless your post does something, you won't be around long either. Get involved. Don't sit on the sidelines and have people tell you what to do. We need input from all levels. Otherwise, don't complain about how things are going. Get involved. This is done through membership. Talk about what we do. We need YOU! Last year, everything was on fire. We need a wake-up call! Where are YOU ?

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2ND VICE COMMANDER

John Edelblute - Post 434

Hi Everyone. I hope all is well. I am happy to report I have survived my last surgery and apologize for not seeing you at the last 4th District meeting. If you know me, like most of you do, there was a pun in that last statement.

On to business, As of this article I have not received a call from volunteers to help me at this year's 4th District Oratorical contest. I need help to make this work. Needed are: Tabulators, Escorts, Judges and Timekeepers. I also have not any information for any possible contestants. Please get a hold of me on both of these subjects.

The 4th District Contest will be held Sunday January 13, 2019, starting promptly at 11:00 am at the HA Todd Post 537, 9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee.

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3RD VICE COMMANDER

Linda Pfeiffer - Post 192

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The date for the District Bowling tournament is March 3, 2019. We have reservation forms on the Website. Please share with your Auxiliary, SAL and Riders at your Post.

Please get your teams together as soon as possible. We have 20 lanes to fill. This is for fun. Please be sure to check and see if any of the Junior members of our "Legion Family" wishes to bowl. They are welcome as well. I have not received any reservations yet, so we are getting a little nervous. Invite your teens to bowl with you, they are part of the Legion Family. This is a time to have fun, and involve them in a good activity.

**Firefighter, Legislator, Law & Order,
and All other Awards of the Year**

Your Post should be looking now for all the awards for the year. The paperwork must all be correctly filled out. Department has the guidelines in your manuals. Please follow instructions carefully: number of pages, size of picture, etc. Everything must be done according to protocol. Start looking for your candidates now, please.

We are all struggling with membership. If you need copies of the 2930 list for your "zip-code area", please contact Commander Pasbrig and he will contact me to print them for you. We are here to help you and we know that many of you have lost members to the Great Commander (I know our post has) and that creates a loss that means you have to look for new members. Your Vice Commanders are here to assist you. Ask us and we will do what we can to help you.

Walter and I and our Family want to wish everyone in the District a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

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**4TH VICE COMMANDER
MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMANDER**
Jim Waltich - Post 537

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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There will be a joint Milwaukee County, Fourth and Fifth District membership rally on Saturday, January, 12, 2019. I will have more information at the District Meeting.

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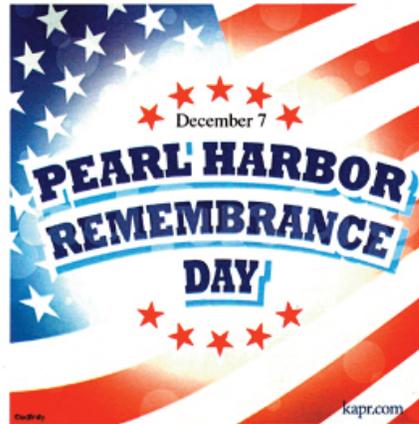
Dan Jakubczyk
American Legion Representative

Thank you to the Posts that have made donations to the Zablocki VAV's Office. Please note, that additional donations to our office would be appreciated. We use the income to make donations to areas in the hospital, and for Veterans within the VA. At this point, I am still very limited in helping any one of the clinics or areas of the Hospital due to lack of funding.

The support that we get is only from donations from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and public. Without your support the Veterans will not receive the support they need from our Office. We appreciate your help.

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.

Respectfully submitted, Dan



**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Memorial Service
December 7, 2018 - Ceremony Begins At 7pm**

**War Memorial Center - Veterans Gallery
750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive - Milwaukee**

**Refreshments served after the service
Hosted By: Amvets 2nd District**



EVERYONE IS INVITED



**Parking Free North Side Of The War Memorial Center
Enter North Entrance - Take Elevators To Veterans Gallery**

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