



THE MIGHTY FOURTH

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

2019 District Meetings

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April 17, 2019

Election of Officers

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434
9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

SPRING CONFERENCE

May 15, 2019

H. A. Todd Post 537

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS

Meal served at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm

July 10, 2019

Van Eimeren-Kolonka Post 27
920 Monroe Ave
So Milwaukee, Wisconsin

CONVENTION

July 17 - 21, 2019

Middleton, WI

September 6 -7, 2019

Celebration of Freedom
Portage WI

All Legion Family Members are
asked to come and join in the
celebration of the
100th Anniversary of The
Wisconsin American Legion

Future Meetings

September 18, 2019,

October 16, 2019

November 20, 2019,

December 18, 2019

January 16, 2020,

February, 19, 2020

March 18, 2020,

April 15, 2020

May 20, 2020,

July 2020 TBA

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TEAMWORK

APRIL 2019

To the Mighty Fourth: Hello everyone and welcome to spring. Goodbye to winter. Spring is a season when new growth starts. Soon the Mighty Fourth will be starting it's growth in the membership of the Legion, up the ladder in the membership of the Legion. We are currently in 8th place in Department standings. We can move up that ladder. We can do this! Please communicate with your membership, and continue to ask people you meet if they are eligible to join the American Legion. As has been stated in the past, many times, if we do not ask, they will not join. Invite them to join us for a Post, District, or County meeting to see what we are all about. Then perhaps, they will become a Legion member.

Just some facts: the original members of this Great Organizations did not have computers or cell phones to recruit members. They had to recruit by word of mouth, hand shakes, personal invitations, and examples of what the American Legion Pillars are all about. What does your post say about you? Now it is our turn to keep the American Legion strong, going into the next 100 years. When the American Legion celebrates 200 years will they be able to say we were strong at this point? Let's show them what we are capable of doing. Maintaining membership is important, but we must also recruit new members, and listen to what they have to offer to our organization. So look at the big picture, as we are the NOW and the FUTURE.

I attended the Milwaukee County Council Meeting (MCC) on the last Wednesday of March. There were very few representatives from the 4th District Posts at the meeting. I'm asking you to support your MCC Council again. You supported the Council, while I was Commander, but it seems the support has dwindled. Please try to send someone from your post to these meetings. Out of 22 Posts of the District, only 4 were represented. This is very sad. County Commander Jim Waltich needs your support. This year the Children and Youth Luncheon has been cancelled. So, you may clear your calendar for April 13th. However, this is where the support of the Membership of the Districts (both 4th and 5th) are important. Children and Youth is an important program and pillar of the American Legion. We need members to recommend Youth Groups for awards and to attend the Luncheon. Without support, events cannot happen. So, please help the County Council, so we can get this program back on track for next year. Thank you.

Last month, the Department held "March Madness" in Portage. The 4th District was well represented. A special thank you to PDC Wayne Jensen for his leadership in this event. The Buddy Check Program was the focus of this event. Please remember to thank your members for their service when you call and check on them. Also when you invite a new member to join, thank them for their service. con-

Remember that Election of Officers for District Officers, for the next two years will be held on April 17, 2019. Only delegates can vote. Please be sure that your delegates attend this very important meeting. Written nominations are recommended, however nominations from the floor are accepted. Elected offices are: District Commander, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Vice Commanders. All other officers are appointed by the newly elected Commander. So, if you wish to hold an appointed office, you need to let the New Commander know what you are interested in holding. Installation will be held in July.

If your Post holds elections this year and you want the District to install your newly elected Officers, please contact me ASAP, so that I can get the Installation Teams together for your meeting dates. Thank you.

Consolidated reports are due on June 1, 2019 to Department Headquarters. Remember to have all your information ready to put on the report. ALL posts should fill out a report. Every Post does something. Your information is important. Fill in all the spaces that you can and send to Portage. If you are "online" you can fill it out on MyLegion.org. I am asking that all 22 Posts in the District submit the report. National uses these reports for all sorts of important meetings. Volunteer hours, donations, membership, etc. So, please fill them out and submit them. Thank you.

A Big Thank you to all the bowlers who participated in the 4th/5th District Bowling Tournament in March. Miss Linda and I are most thankful for your support this year. We hope you had a great time, and we have already talked to the bowling alley to have it at the same place, same approximate time next year. A special thank you to Leo Taylor "the Candy Man" for his generous donation of chocolate candy bars, for our three raffles. We have already begged Leo to donate again next year. Linda will have the results of the tournament in another part of this newsletter. Thank you, Linda for doing all the paperwork. Hope to see everyone again next year.

We hope that the District will be backing Dave Wischer for Department Vice Commander; Kendall D. Feilen for Department Sgt-At- Arms; and I am asking for your support for Department Vice Commander. The Mighty 4th will be well represented at the Department level this next year.

Again, thank you for all you do at the Post level, and please continue to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion. This is what the American Legion was

build upon. If you can only work on one Pillar that is okay, but do what you can, and do the best you can. That is the information that you put on the Consolidated Report. Please continue to work on membership.

Thank you.

May you and you family have a Happy Easter. Enjoy the fancy eggs and candy and all Easter Rabbits. Remember the meaning of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. God Bless everyone, and take care.

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1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Baranzky - Post 416

Good morning everyone! It's me again. It's your FAVORITE loudspeaker for Membership. So, some of you might be wondering what I'm going to say.

Last year we had a National Commander from Wisconsin at the helm. Membership was going gangbusters. Now with all of the action over, I think many of us have gone into a slumber, so to speak. Some posts have tried gimmicks to add members to their rosters. Other posts have shrunk, and still others are on the vine wondering what to do next. Am I the Great Savior? No, I'm not. I think some of the gimmicks and non participation events have taken a toll, where with some of us, this is work. Just think, in a few weeks we have elections! Some of us will say, it's over.... while some others might say, I'm done.

I think we need to ground the negative comments and put the foot on the gas pedal. We have direction, now we need to slow down and see where we might be at. The time table is about 90 days. Can some of us get 100%? Only time will tell.

With all of the events that some posts get involved in, why aren't vets joining up? Is it our ' individual leadership style? Are some of us too old? Some members have passed away, some have moved, but we still keep plugging away. As you participate in events do you ever notice if any of the vets are legion members? Do you see any insignia on their clothes to indicate this? You can have a legion symbol on a cap, shirt, jacket, etc. Why not wear it? When you have a pancake breakfast for example, do you ask anyone if they are a vet? If they say yes, do you go further with the question, "Which organization?", or Do you stop right there?

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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**
Next meeting is
Milwaukee Cty War Memorial
750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr
Milwaukee, WI
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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
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Our next meeting will be held at Post 416 on April 23, 2019, at 7:00 pm. This is an important meeting, as we hold nominations for Officers. Elections are in May, with Installation in June. PLEASE ATTEND.

On Sunday, June 9, 2019 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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As our organization gets involved in many events, do any of the sponsors have vets running the show? I could honestly say maybe. Are any of them affiliated as members of the Legion, NO. What about other vet organizations? Something to look at.

As I said earlier, we have about 90 days or so before convention. Do your best at what you do. You have some control of what goes around. Don't make up fantasy stories about your post and promise some people the world. It won't work. Look at your membership and say "what can I do to help them renew, rejoin, or get the word out"? Be yourself. Don't panic, as I know only YOU know your membership.

We need to get back to the basics of what we do, who we are, and why we are still around. I've got a lot of faith in your efforts. You did it last year, why not try it again this year?

Happy 100th

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2ND VICE COMMANDER

John Edelblute - Post 434

Greetings members of the Mighty Fourth. I am proud to announce that Department had for nominations for Eagle Scout of the Year this year. The selection has been made and has been forwarded back to Department and has been sent to National. UNFORTUNATELY at his time I cannot let you know who was selected. I have not received any official correspondence but be rest assured the Eagle Scout was well worthy of the Honor. I will let you know as soon as it can become public.

As you are very much all aware by now I am not seeking to move up in the Fourth District as an Officer due to my position at our Service Office. I do plan on staying on as the Fourth District Scouting Chairmen if appointed by the 4th District Commander for the next term. I do not plan on just disappearing.

It is never to late to start working on next year's Oratorical contest.

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Linda Pfeiffer - Post 192

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Again, thank you to everyone who came out to have fun and bowl on Sunday March 3, 2019.

Certificates will be presented at the April meeting to the following individuals or Team Captains. Please have someone from your Post or Team available to receive your Bowling "Winners Certificate".

HIGH WOMEN'S SERIES:

416 Women's Team Holly Volgel - score 461

HIGH WOMEN'S SINGLE GAME:

Julie's Angels 537 : Joan Mantilla - score 183

HIGH MEN'S SERIES:

Tanner-Paull Mixed 120: Steve Burac - score 701

HIGH MEN'S SINGLE GAME:

Oak Creek Post 434 Men's Team: Steve Kelly - score 268

HIGH MIXED TEAM (Men & Women):

Tanner-Paull Mixed Post 120: Joe Cefalu, Guy Wenzel,
Dawn Lichwick, Shawn Heyel and Steve Burac -
score 2504

HIGH WOMEN'S TEAM: Julie's Angel's Unit 537

Pat Griswold, Jenny Turner, Joan Mantilla,
Gina Medrano and spare - score 2087

HIGH MEN'S TEAM: Oak Creek Post 434 Men's Team

Pat Kelly, Collin Rabchenia, Mike Heller,
Nick Rabchenia and Scott Zalewski - score 2910

There were no gutter ball winners. The one low scoring person we will not embarrass. Great job. It was all in fun. It was the ball's fault. Thank you again for bowling, playing the raffles and please join us again next year. Same place; on a Sunday, hopefully chocolate, and good weather. Date to be announced in September.

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4TH VICE COMMANDER

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMANDER

Jim Waltich - Post 537

Remember Poppies: April 30 and May 2

Remember to turn in all Blood donation

information to your adjutant.

Children and youth reporting for the Department are coming due in June. Please fill out the reports and document what you do. Questions? Please contact me!

MILWAUKEE COUNTY REPORT

We are working on some fundraisers and trying to plan a fun outside event to have the Fourth and Fifth District work together more. More information as we progress.

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DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

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Greetings everyone, and Hello to Spring! Well here we are nine months into the current membership year, and the District is sitting in eighth place on the Department level. Which means that there is some hard work ahead of us.

If you have not started gathering information for your Post's consolidated report, NOW would be a good time to start. These reports are vital to the organization, as these are the numbers that are reported to Congress in D.C.

Remember to have the boys that you are sponsoring for Badger Boy's State attend one on the orientations at Wisconsin Lutheran college. It is not only for the student but also for their parents to gather information.

The season will soon be starting at Camp so if your Post has some extra money lying around, please consider donating to one of the projects or towards the purchase of needed supplies.

Housing forms will soon be coming out for our Annual Convention, I understand that there is currently remodeling taking place and that rooms may be in short supply.

Well that is all for now, District Commander Ray and I will be hitting the campaign trail shortly and will be kept busy from now until convention.

See everyone at the next Mighty Fourth District meeting.