

Commander’s Corner

Greetings Members!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and we are looking forward to another great year at Post 51.

As always, a huge thank you to our volunteers this past year. Our events would not be successful without your hard work and dedication to this community. You are SO appreciated.

That being said, we are always looking for extra volunteers and often specifically for help behind the bar. Whether you’re an experienced bartender, or would be willing to learn and obtain your liquor license, we would love the extra help. Please reach out to myself or our Bar Manager, Jim Jenks, if you’re interested!

We are currently only 18 memberships away from reaching 100% membership, which would be a massive accomplishment for our Post. If you have friends or family that would be interested, I strongly encourage you to bring them in as new members.

Once again, Kate and I would like to wish you all a happy new year.

-Ben VanHorn,
Post Commander Post 51

President’s Corner

Happy New Year!

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The New year means a new beginning, let go of the baggage of the past and give yourself a fresh start.

A new year, means a new membership year. If you haven’t already, please pay your 2023 membership before the end of January to remain active. You can do this online at www.alaforveterans.org, by dropping it off at the Legion or mailing it to me. Every member matters and I would love to see more of you involved in our amazing Legion Family. We have quite a few exciting things planned for 2023 and would love your ideas and assistance. If you are available to help with events or prep for events during the day please let Liz Staff or myself know.

Reminder that officer elections are in May, I will not be running for any office this term. Please attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month to learn more about what each office entails. Terms run From June 2023 – June 2025.

May 2023 bring you all happiness, peace and love. May we never forget the sacrifices that our veterans have made so that we may live free.

-Nikki Vidal, Unit #51 President

Bullding Committee

Thank you to those who attended the Old Fashioneds Night, and the breakfast with Santa. All profits were donated to the La Crosse County Sheriff’s department drug dog program from these two events.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items from our December 17th Bake Sale!

The penguin quilt drawing was won by Celia Marx, who very generously donated the quilt back to the Legion for another drawing. If you would like chances on the 2nd drawing, check at the Legion for the 100 number board.

Included with the January newsletter will be an information sheet for building a sweet box for Valentine’s Day. Orders must be submitted by February 3rd and picked up ON February 10th at the Legion. [continued on next panel]

West Salem First Responders will be holding their annual chili supper on February 5th . Please support the First Responders and enjoy some delicious chili.

Here’s hoping you have a wonderful and healthy 2023.

-Mike Schaller

SAL

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

I would like to express my condolences on behalf of the SAL, to the family of Mr. Mike Lyga. Mike was an SAL member for 15 years and a long time teacher in West Salem, who left a lasting impression on his students. He will be missed by all who knew him.

As we welcome 2023, we're continuing to work toward our goal of raising \$12,000 to straighten the pillars in the Court of Honor at the Village Park.

We'll be having a Brat and Pork Chop fry on Saturday, January 14th from 11am to 3pm. In addition to brats and pork chops, we'll also have tip boards and basket raffles available. Tickets for the basket raffles will be available at the clubroom on Fridays as well as the day of.

We would like to extend our thanks to River City Rentals, Matthew's Bows and everyone who has donated to the Court of Honor restoration for your continued support. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to the SAL Restoration Fund.

The SAL is always looking for new members. If you're the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, or if your father or Grandfather passed away subsequent to their discharge from the military you're eligible to join. Dues are \$15. Anyone interested in joining please stop down at the clubroom, or contact Steve Craig or myself to get signed up.

-James Jacobson,
SAL Commander

February Events

- 1 Ex. Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 3 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm
- 4 Game Getters
- 5 Chili Supper
- 6 Bingo
- 8 Legion Meeting 6:30pm
- 10 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm
- 10 40/8 Winter Promanad
- 13 SAL Tators & Ham 5:30
- 14 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm
- 15 Building Fund Meeting 6:30pm
- 16 40/8 Meeting 6:30pm
- 17 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm
- 19 Aux Breakfast 8-11:00am
- 21 SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 24 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm
- 26 Heart of West Salem

Happy New Year!