

Commander's Corner

Greetings Members!

I hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July and was able to join us for some Legion events last month. In August we're looking forward to another Chicken Q, our annual Membership Picnic, an Auxiliary Breakfast, and another Custom Canines Dinner. Hope to see you join us again this month.

In July I was able to attend my first Wisconsin Department Convention in Rothschild, WI. It was an excellent experience for me to see the collaborations of outgoing and incoming leadership, to be a voting participant, and to witness the presentations of Department awards for Teacher of the Year, Policeman of the Year, etc. The most rewarding part of the weekend was to see the Post 51 representation. It was uplifting to have a full roster of delegates when other District 7 Posts had very few or none. It goes to show how engaged our members are in moving forward. Now I'm really looking forward to the Mid-Winter Conference to be held in La Crosse this January and to bring along some of our new Officers.

I'd like to take a moment to remind all of our members that on September 13th we will hold our next Joint Family Meeting. This meeting is pertinent for attendance, and even if you aren't a regular attendee of monthly meetings we look forward to seeing you. During this meeting we will discuss Joint family matters and set the Legion event calendar for the following six months.

As always I thank ALL of our hard working volunteers, and welcome you if you're new to volunteering. Even one hour of help can go a long way. We work hard to host events for our community, but our volunteers also ARE the community.

Have a great August, everyone.

*-Ben VanHorn,
Post Commander Post 51*

President's Corner

Hello everyone!

The summer sure seems to be flying by rather quickly! Thank you for your support by coming in for meals and keeping Jim busy behind the bar. He's there every Friday night whether we're serving fish or not. Come on in and say hello! I wish to give a big thank you to all of you who have shared your time and talents with us this past month! We are one of the few Auxiliaries left who run strictly on volunteers, we cannot do what we do without all of you.

We have our Auxiliary meeting coming up on the 8th, please consider coming out for my first meeting! I will be sharing how to get involved and make your voice be heard within the Wisconsin Legislative Branch of government and how to stay abreast of what is happening via email. The Legion Family has made positive impacts on past Acts and we can continue to do so for those who took that oath.

Our Legion softball team has had a great inaugural season; they are the Regional Champions and are going to State!! Great job, girls! We're so proud of you! There is a cornhole tournament at the Lion's Shelter on August 20th that will support Friends of West Salem Baseball/Softball and our Post 51 Softball team. Team registrations are underway now.

Our annual membership picnic is August 19th, come on down to renew your membership and get a free chicken dinner! The public is also welcome.

Have a great rest of your summer ~ See you at the Legion!

-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President

SAL

Hi everyone,

No major updates from the SAL this month, but we hope everyone is having a good Summer. As mentioned last month we are still working on a solution for the Pillars project in Village Park. However, keep in mind we are 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

Building Committee

We have two Chicken Q's this month! The first is August 5th, and the second is August 19th during our annual Membership Picnic (public is welcome, of course!).

A reminder that the Building Fund Raffle Drawing will be held August 25th. If you have not returned your tickets or you wish to buy more, please stop by the Legion!

Flags of Honor will held September 8-10th this year. If you wish to honor someone please complete a form and return as soon as possible. We will also be set up at Hansen's August 12th & 13th with dedication forms - stop by and see us!

-Mike Schaller



Building Fund Update

As of 7/18/23

Account Balance:

\$48,922.83

Loan Balance:

\$111,540.17

Annual Membership Picnic!

Renew your 2024 Membership on or before August 19th and you get your Chicken Dinner FREE!!*

When: Saturday August 19, 2023, Chicken will be ready at 11am and will be served until gone

Where: Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post 51, 148 S Leonard St., West Salem

RSVP: 608-786-0051 by August 10th to ensure you get your chicken

*Must be paying for Membership to TAL Post 51, ALA Unit 51 and SAL SQD 51 to get dinner at no cost

September Events

- 1 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 3 West Salem Street Dance
- 4 Bingo 6:30
- 6 Executive Board Meeting 6:30
- 8-10th Flags of Honor in Village Park
- 9 Chicken Q
- 10 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11
- 12 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30
- 13 Joint Family Meeting 6:30
- 14 Class Reunion
- 15 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 16 Class of '61 Reunion
- 17 WS Historical Society Meeting
- 19 SAL Meeting 7:00
- 20 Building Fund Meeting 6:30
- 21 40-8 Meeting 6:30
- 23 Hessler Anniversary Party 1-4
- 29 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

WEST SALEM AMERICAN LEGION
**10th Annual
FALL
Craft Show**
Saturday, October 7th

Apply to be a vendor no later than August 15th
For an application email:
wsamericanlegioncraftshow@gmail.com

All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to our Custom Canines fundraising efforts to help train and provide a service dog for a veteran

Berg Hemker Olson
 The American Legion Post 51
 148 South Leonard Street
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 August 19th!**

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August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	5 Chicken Q
6	7 Bingo 6:30pm	8 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	9 Exec Board & Legion Mtg 6:30pm	10	11	12 Pork & Brat Sale @ Hansens
13	14	15 SAL Meeting 7:00	16 Class of '57 Reunion 12:00pm Build Fund Mtg 6:30	17	18 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	19 Membership Picnic & Chicken Q
20 Aux Breakfast 8-11am	21	22	23	24	25 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	26 Brueggen Bridal Shower 11-2
27	28 Custom Canines Dinner 5:00pm	29	30	31		