

## Commander's Corner

Hello all,

I'd like to take a moment to first congratulate the newly elected officers to SAL Squadron 51. I look forward to see the continued growth and successes of our Squadron.

Another individual I'd like to congratulate is my 2nd Vice Commander Mike Schaller. On June 17th I had the pleasure of joining La Crosse County Commander Brad Heller in presenting Mike with the award for La Crosse County Legionnaire of the Year. Five posts submitted nominations and though each one was deserving of the award, the executive committee chose Mike as the recipient. Mike, Post 51 is proud to have you as part of our family. Your hard work and dedication to our Post, our County, and to the American Legion pillars does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do.

Summer might be in full swing, but we hope you can still make it to one of our two Fish Fries this month, or to our Chicken Q in Village Park on July 13th.

The Post 51 Baseball and Softball seasons have also begun - we hope you can join us for a home game to cheer them on. Please see our Facebook page or stop at the Post for a list of dates and times!

As always, I appreciate all of our volunteers and community support.

*-Ben VanHorn, Post Commander Post 51*

## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are having a great summer!

Many of you have likely been asked to volunteer at different Legion family sponsored events throughout the year. We cannot do what we do without all of you who answer the call! For those who have volunteered five times or more, we will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Night on Tuesday, July 9th to say thank you. There will be dinner, door prizes and lots of laughs. We will be reaching out the first week of July to extend an invitation. If you have volunteered five times between June 1st of last year and May 31st of this year, expect a phone call. If we have not reached out to you, please call or send a text message to let me know.

Due to high food costs, we will be raising our breakfast prices from \$12.00 to \$14.00 starting this month. This was not an easy decision to make but it is a necessary one. We sincerely appreciate your understanding. Of course, you are always welcome to volunteer and get breakfast for free. :)

The Legion baseball and softball seasons are in full swing! Schedules are posted at the hall. I know the young men and ladies would be excited to see more Legion family and community support. T-shirts and sweatshirts are also available to show your Post 51 pride!

We are looking for volunteers to help us tend bar at the La Crosse Interstate Fair the week of July 17th, are you able to take a shift or two? Please stop down or call the Legion to let us know.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Be well and take care of each other.

*-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President*

## SAL

Hello All and Happy July!

July 25th will mark the 80th Anniversary of Operation Cobra during WWII, the first major Allied Offensive since the invasion of Normandy on June 6th. Please take a moment to observe and reflect on the sacrifices our fathers and grandfathers made at Saint-Lô, France in July, 1944.

Thanks to everyone who worked events this past month.

The SAL held elections for officers at last month's meeting on June 18th. Thanks to all who participated in voting. The results:

Commander: James Jacobson  
Vice Commander: Dan Hass  
Adjutant: Claire Sweet  
Finance Officer: Steve Craig  
Chaplain: Vern Tranberg

Congratulations to everyone elected. Installation of Officers will be held at this month's meeting.

For the fifth straight year we have met our membership goal and we're always looking to keep our Squadron growing. So, if you are the male descendant of a Legionnaire or if your father or grandfather was in the service from December 7th, 1941 onward and died subsequent to their discharge, you are eligible for membership in the Son's Of The American Legion. Anyone interested can contact myself or Steve Craig or stop down at the Legion clubroom to get signed up.

*-James Jacobson, SAL Commander*

## Building Committee

June 22nd Chicken Q was a success. Looking forward to our next Chicken Q on July 13th - serving begins at 11:00am.

Flags of Honor is set for the weekend of September 6 - 8. Signup sheets for flags are available at the Legion. Flags can be in honor of or in memory of any loved one.

This year's building fund raffle tickets were mailed to people on Post 51 mailing list. If you want to purchase more tickets or try to sell more tickets, they are available at the Legion.

We owe approximately \$27,000 against the building fund loan that was utilized to remodel our Legion building. We have events scheduled for this year hoping to pay off the balance. Thanks to everyone who helped to raise money to pay off this loan.

*-Mike Schaller*

## August Events

2 Fish & Shrimp 5:30  
3 Private Party  
5 Bingo 6:30  
7 Exec Board & Legion Meeting 6:30  
10 Chicken Q  
11 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11  
13 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30  
14 Private Event  
16 Fish & Shrimp 5:30  
17 Private Event  
20 SAL Meeting 7:00  
21 Building Fund Meeting 6:30  
24 Membership Picnic  
25 Private Party  
30 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

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**Chicken Q Saturday, July  
 13th!**

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 Sgt at Arms: Roy Warthan 608-786-2047  
 Sgt at Arms: Warren Moquin 608-399-8898  
 Adjutant: Phil Parr 608-343-4283  
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 SAL Commander: James Jacobson 608-317-8654

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bingo 6:30pm	2	3 Exec Board & Legion Mtg 6:30pm	4	5 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	6
7 June Dairy Days Private Party 2-6	8	9 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30pm	10	11	12 Private Party (Bar open to public 5:00pm)	13 Chicken Q in the park
14 Aux Breakfast 8-11	15	16 SAL Meeting 7:00	17 Build Fund Mtg 6:30pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	27
28 Benefit Fundraiser	29	30	31			