

Commander's Corner

Hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July.

This month is a busy month for the Legion, especially July 16th-21st. We'll be looking for many volunteers to help at the Fairgrounds during the La Crosse County Interstate Fair the 16th-20th, and at the 16 & Under Legion Baseball Tournament the 18th-21st as Post 51 is hosting. We also have WI State Department Convention in Green Bay the 17th-20th, so myself and other Officers may be unavailable to help. If you are available to give even just an hour of your time to help out - please let us know!

We are looking for members to join the new Court of Honor Committee to plan the reconstruction of the Court of Honor in Village Park. Anyone interested in assisting with this committee please contact Steve Craig at 608-797-1735. There will be a Court of Honor Committee meeting on Monday July 14th at 7:00pm as well, feel free to join.

Over the coming months the Post 51 families will be transition to an all electronic newsletter. Phase 1 of the transition will begin with those individuals currently receiving a newsletter whom reside outside of the state of Wisconsin - these individuals will convert to an emailed newsletter first. Over the coming months we will convert all individuals registered to receive a newsletter to an electronic copy via email. If you find you have not been receiving a printed newsletter or copy via email, please do not hesitate to reach out. Please send correspondence to Post 51 via email at amlgn0051@gmail.com so you can be added to the email registry. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate this transition.

-Ben VanHorn, Post Commander Post 51

16U Regional Legion Baseball

Post 51 is hosting the 16U Regional Baseball tournament July 18th-21st and we are looking for assistance in this event. This is I believe an 8 team tournament so we're looking for help in the concession stand, at the gate to start, and help with cooking. We will be have a meeting July 6th at 7:00 at the Post. I will have info soon as to times of games, I thank you for your support in this!

-Steve Craig

President's Corner

Happy summer everyone! I hope everyone's gardens are growing well and you've been able to relax and enjoy the 4th with friends and loved ones.

Keep checking our Facebook posts for updates on the happenings at the post. Just a reminder we have Bingo the first Monday of each month throughout the summer. We invite you to come out and enjoy an evening playing bingo and having a light dinner.

Fair season is right around the corner. Are you able to help us serve beer at the fair this year? It's a fun time and we get to meet people from other local posts and units! West Salem will also be hosting the Legion Baseball Regional Tournament July 17th - 19th. It's a big event and we will need help throughout.

We're changing it up this year! The Workers Appreciation Party is at the post on the 22nd. We will be calling to invite you and ask for RSVP's to be in no later than 7/15. This is an event catered by Features this year so we will need to have an accurate count for food. We do not have our volunteer list from June Dairy Days 2024 until mid-November. If you know you have worked at least 5 times since then, and you haven't gotten a phone call, please call or text me to let me know.

I want to thank all our volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to our Legion families. Every single one of you make a huge difference to our organization and community. Be well and take care of each other.

-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Have you volunteered at 5 Legion Family events, or more? If so, you are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Night, where we celebrate you, our wonderful volunteers.

When: Tuesday, July 22nd
Where: American Legion
Cash Bar starting at 5:00
Dinner seating begins at 5:30

Price of the Volunteers meal will be covered, price for additional guests will be \$10 each.

- Examples of events:
- Chicken Que's
- Friday fish
- Breakfast
- Catered events
- Newsletter prep
- Fundraisers
- Honor Guard
- Concession stand and more

RSVP by July 16th by calling the Legion and leaving a message 608-786-0051

SAL

Hello All and Happy July!

July 17th will mark 80 years since Allied leaders gathered in Potsdam for the Potsdam Conference. President Truman represented the United States, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Clement Atlee represented Great Britain and Joseph Stalin represented the Soviet Union. The conference would last until August 2nd and its purpose was to plan the direction of post-war peace in the post-war world. Among the things discussed and decided was how to administer Germany and the agreement of an unconditional surrender by Japan. As the war in the Pacific continued towards mainland Japan, the first US troops of the European Theater arrived in the Pacific on July 22nd to assist in the planned invasion of Japan. Please take a moment to honor the sacrifices our Father's and Grandfather's made in the closing months of World War II.

Thanks to everyone who helped worked events this past month.

July is a very busy month, not only for the SAL, but for the Legion Family as a whole and because of this we in the SAL decided to forego the Old Fashioned Fish Fry for this month.

The Court of Honor Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, July 14th at the Legion at 7:00. Steve Craig is the chairman. Anyone interested in attending please stop down.

We're looking for help at the ball field for the Legion Baseball tournament, July 18th - July 21st.

We're always looking for new members, so if you're the male descendant of a Legionnaire or the male descendant of a veteran who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from the service, you're eligible. Anyone interested please contact myself or Dan Hass, or stop down at the Post to get signed up.

Happy 249th Birthday America!

-James Jacobson, SAL Commander

Building Commission

June is behind us, and we are diving straight into the busiest month of the year. Thank you to everyone who helped with June Dairy Days and all of the other June events.

Coming up on July 3rd, we will have the Kickoff to The 4th of July Weekend, at the Post. Breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches will be available for purchase, along with cocktails. Tom Carpenter will be playing from 6:00-9:00.

July 16th to the 20th is the LaCrosse Interstate Fair. Volunteers are needed.

August 2nd will be a busy day with the Building Commission Chicken Q in the morning and from 5:00-9:00 we will be hosting the Food & Cocktail Pairing at Post 51. Tickets are \$25/ person, \$30 the day of the event. Mark 4 will be providing the music. There will be a wide variety of food and cocktails.

Flags of Honor will be September 5th -7th. Setup will be September 3rd and 4th. The closing ceremony will be September 7th, at 3:00 PM. This is a joint project with the High School National Honors Society. They will be providing a portion of the labor, but additional help will be needed.

Along with Flags of Honor, on Friday September 5th, we will have Fireworks in the park at dusk and the SAL will have a Brat Fry in the Chicken Pit.

Mike Schaller has sent out raffle tickets for the Building Commission raffle. Everyone is encouraged to sell their 10 tickets and let Mike know if you need more. Speaking of raffle tickets, the letter that went out with the raffle tickets had a typo. The letter said the raffle is August 23rd. The correct date is printed on the tickets, and that date is August 29th.

Thank you to all our volunteers. I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

-Phil Parr

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**We'll see you at the
 Fairgrounds July 16th-
 20th!**

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July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 4th of July Kickoff 5:30	4	5
6 Regional Baseball Tourn Meeting 7pm	7 Bingo 6:30pm	8 Aux Meeting 6:30pm	9 Exec Board & Legion Meetings 6:30pm	10	11	12 Family Reunion
13	14 Court of Honor Committee 7pm	15 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	16 Building Comm Meeting 6:30pm	17	18	19 Baby Shower
20	21	22 Worker Appreciation Party	23	24	25	26 Family Reunion
27	28	29	30 Membership Committee 6pm Investment Club 7pm	31		