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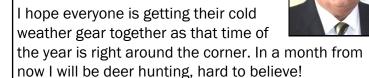
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### **Commander's Message**

By Alex Kolander, 414-322-8702

#### **GREETINGS FELLOW LEGIONNAIRE'S:**



We will again, conduct our annual flag disposal ceremony on November 11th at 1830. Please attend this very somber and touching ceremony conducted by four members of the Executive board with many Boys and Girl Scouts assisting.

Pease mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party known as "Santa Saturday Extravaganza" on December 7th, presented by Post 449 and Coldwell Banker Homesale Realty. There will be burgers, brats and dogs available as a fundraiser, with deserts for your eating pleasure. The lounge and the hall will be utilized for this large event. A photographer will be on site to provide a printed picture on the spot. A digital pic will be sent out to everyone to use for their Christmas card. You can offer to print Christmas cards for your A+ clients and send to them. It is a super cheap way to make a lasting impression. Where else can you get a picture of you and your pups with Santa? YES, I SAID PUPS! Our fundraising this year will focus on the Hoptel and Post 449. Donations will be taken for homeless veterans also. Music will be provided by our very own Joyce Bevans and Frankie Don. (Frank S.) It would be appreciated if you could help set up on the morning of the event. We are meeting at the post by 0900. The event is 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Added to the event this year will be a decorating table, as well as a coloring contest, and a puppy kissing booth. A 50/50 raffle will take place to benefit the post also.

As a note, a planned Casino Day is in the working for around February.

We recently received a very generous donation in memorial to James "Jimmy" Carnako with a check and cash with instructions to buy drinks for members and thank them for their service to their country. Thank you, Joe Craig, for making this happen.

If you have not yet received notice of an opportunity to secure a Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy in the mail, it should happen soon at no cost to you. We have secured this group policy for all paid members of Post 449 with \$2,500 coverage, 24 hours a day on or off the job. (If you currently work) The coverage is provided through American Income Life Insurance Company (AIL) serving families like yours for more than 65 years. They currently have more than 820,000 members of veteran's organizations, and have paid over \$19.6 million in benefits to members.

We are now conducting our annual Giving Fund as mentioned in our last newsletter. I bring to your attention that most of our members can no longer attend our lounge, where we make most of our money. This is your opportunity to donate to keep our doors open and fund Veterans events. Remember the days when you were able to come in and enjoy the opportunity to bond with fellow veterans and friends, spending a fair amount of money at the bar? This is the best way you can help offset those times with donations, not only during our annual fund, but during the year. We have some members that set aside monthly donations just like paying normal bills. This makes it easier to do so for you. Think about that please. Our future depends on our member's financial support.

#### AND GOD SAID:

"Do not steal. "Do not lie. "do not deceive one another. (Leviticus 19:11)

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy. (Proverbs 12:22)

Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. (Timothy 4:2)

### Service Officer's Message... By Richard Strehlow 262-641-0977





\*\*\*Please note that the following Last Bugle announcements were omitted in the October Edition from the publisher\*\*\*

#### October Last Bugle (Post Members)

Robert Gorzek Vietnam

#### October Last Bugle (Non-Post Members):

Robert Wendorf WWII James Franklin Vietnam Walter Wachs Vietnam Norman Ludwig Peace Time William Bishop Korea Jerry Ash Vietnam Albert Fogel Vietnam Jay Cencius Vietnam Nimrod Allen Peace Time Gerald Greabert Vietnam

Kenneth Geuder Vietnam Daniel Casebeer Peace Time Paul Lawonn Peace Time Richard Fantilli Vietnam William Burke WWII Allen Nuhlicek Vietnam Raymond Prochazek Vietnam Myron Tabbert Vietnam

Robert Pettis Korea

#### **November Last Bugle (Post Members)**

James Carnacko Korea Wasil Romance WWII

#### November Last Bugle (Non-Post Members):

Roberto Navarrette Korea Myron Tabbert Vietnam Cliford Bakiewicz Peace Time Jan Osterman Vietnam Dan Dunham WWII & Korea Dennis Williams Vietnam Ronald Harrison Korea Phillip Reusche Korea

Jerry Wtherall Pece Time Charles Smith Vietnam James Odems Vietnam Johnny Hawkins Vietnam Eugene Nickel Korea Frank Hajek Peace Time

#### May they rest in peace

#### Post News:

The Post Annual Giving Fund letters were sent out on October 10th to all Post Members. Please read your letter and return your Donor Card in the enclosed envelope and contribute whatever amount you can afford to. By doing so it will help keep your Post's operating expenses more manageable. Our current Monthly expenses remain high and although we are cutting back where we can, we really could use your support. Remember that this is your Memorial Building, and we are all owners of it. We do not have many fundraisers throughout the year anymore and this is a great way to show your support. I'd like to thank the following volunteers for helping with the assembly, Alex and Bill Kolander, Bill Roche, Roger Kiesner, Larry Kaplan, Mike Smith, Lylette Smith, Andy Bednarski, John Harold and Tom Bonesho.

The December issue of the Post 449er Newsletter will not be sent out until December 5th due to Thanksgiving Holiday. Articles and photos are due to the editor on Friday, November 29th.

Please remember to attend our Annual flag retirement program on Veterans Day on November 11th.

#### **Honor Guard News:**

I wish to thank the Geuder Family, the Fantelli Family , The Smith Family, The Huen Family, The Craig Family for their generous donation to the Post for services rendered by our Honor Guard. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Honor Guard will attend the annual Veteran's Day program at Immanuel Lutheran school. Your Honor Guard will also be present for our Annual Veteran's Day flag retirement program.

Post Member Reminder: Please make sure that you renew your membership for 2024. The cost is \$45.00 and keeps you current in your continuous year's status. If you have not received or misplaced your renewal notice, send a check to Adjutant, Post 449, 3245 N 124<sup>th</sup> St, Brookfield, WI 53005. The Adjutant will issue you a new card which can be used to receive many veteran discounts at many stores.

#### Post Contact Info:

Post E-Mail is americanlegionpost449mail@vahoo.com to contact us.

Post Website is POST449.com which lists all current Post information.

#### **VA NEWS & INFORMATION:**

Did you know veterans have a 11.4 percent cancer rate? A higher rate than the general population at 10 percent. The VA reports that the most frequently

diagnosed cancers for veterans include prostate, lung, colorectal, melanoma and bladder.

Did you know veterans can obtain full disability by qualifying for individual unemployability (IU)? In order to receive IU benefits. a veteran must be unable to hold down a steady job as a result of their service-connected disabilities and they are unable to support themselves financially. In addition to that, they must also have at least one service-related disability rated at 60% or two service-related disabilities with a combined rating of 70%. Under IU stipulations, the amount of work and income a veteran can get is restricted. The amount a veteran can earn varies depending on the year; as the VA is constantly determining the number. A good rule of thumb to follow is the U.S. minimum poverty line (as of 2023, the U.S. poverty line for a single-person household is about \$14,580 annually). Anything earned under is typically alright and anything earned above the minimum poverty line is likely in violation of IU stipulations. In the event a veteran violates the restrictions the VA might try to reduce or terminate the individuals benefits.

Did you know living Medal of Honor recipients could get a significant pay increase in their pensions under a new bill recently introduced in the Senate? Under the Monetary Enhancement for Distinguished Active Legends, or MEDAL Act, the monthly pension for Medal of Honor recipients would jump from \$1,406.73 per month to \$8,333.33. That's an annual increase from about \$16,880 to \$100,000.

Did you know spouses of veterans who are rated 100% disabled or have Individual Unemployability (IU) status are eligible for a variety of benefits? Here are some of the key benefits:

-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC): This is a monthly benefit for surviving spouses if the veteran passes away due to a service-connected condition.

-Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA, Chapter 35): This program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans.

-CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs): This is a comprehensive health care program for

eligible spouses and children of disabled veterans.

-Commissary and Exchange Privileges: Spouses can shop at military commissaries and exchanges.

-Property Tax Exemptions: Many states offer property tax exemptions for the primary residences of 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

-VA Home Loan Program: Eligible surviving spouses can access VA home loan benefits, which include no down payment and competitive interest rates.

-Educational Scholarships and Grants: Various states and programs offer educational scholarships and tuition grants to the spouses of 100% disabled veterans.

-Burial Benefits: Spouses are eligible for burial benefits, including burial in a VA national cemetery, burial allowance, and transportation costs.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded more than \$4.2 million in retroactive benefits for over 100 veterans who were misdiagnosed at a Wisconsin VA Medical Center and subsequently denied compensation and benefits. Senator Baldwin successfully pushed the VA to re-examine veterans who were misdiagnosed for neurological conditions by a particular doctor at the Tomah VA Medical Center, Dr. Mary Jo Lanska, MD, and provide these impacted veterans new exams and earned benefits.

Did you know the most frequently reported disability associated with Agent Orange exposure among veterans is often related to conditions of combat? These health issues have been extensively documented and are recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as presumptive conditions linked to Agent Orange exposure. Understanding the impact of this disability is crucial for veterans seeking support and benefits.

Did you know the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers programs by which veterans can chose a specific caregiver that includes family members? One program is a self-directed care program currently available in 37 states. It is offered to veterans, of all ages, who are enrolled in the health care system of the VA. Veterans can choose not only the type of care and services needed, but also the person who will provide the care. This means that the veteran can hire a capable family member, including his or her spouse, sibling, grandchild, or child for compensation.

Historical reports from the Vietnam Conflict reveal a concerning prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), particularly gonorrhea and syphilis, among Army troops compared to their counterparts in other branches of the military. As a result, some veterans eligible for lifetime compensation for STDs.

Did you know the A1C test is a crucial tool in the diagnosis and management of diabetes? The A1C test provides a comprehensive overview of your average blood sugar levels over the past three months. For veterans, understanding the results of this test is vital, as it not only aids in diagnosing diabetes but also serves as a key indicator of how effectively you are managing your blood sugar. This knowledge empowers you to make informed decisions about your health. Regular A1C testing can help identify potential health challenges early, allowing for timely interventions and improved health outcomes.

Did you know it is crucial for veterans to consistently document their symptoms both during and after their service? Maintaining a detailed record can significantly aid in establishing a clear connection between your health issues and your military experiences. This documentation serves as essential evidence in navigating the complexities of veteran benefits and can greatly enhance the likelihood of receiving the support you rightfully deserve. Also, by carefully tracking your symptoms, you can better articulate your experiences and

facilitate a more effective dialogue with healthcare providers and benefits administrators.

Did you know many veterans suffer from leishmaniasis? This is a disease caused by protozoan parasites of the Leishmania species. transmitted primarily through the bite of infected sandflies. It manifests in several forms: Cutaneous Leishmaniasis - Causes skin sores that can take a long time to heal, often leaving scars. This is the most common form. Visceral Leishmaniasis (also known as kala-azar) A more severe form that affects internal organs like the spleen and liver, leading to symptoms such as fever, weight loss, and anemia. If untreated, it can be fatal. Mucocutaneous Leishmaniasis - Involves lesions of the mucous membranes of the nose and mouth, which can lead to significant disfigurement. Leishmaniasis is prevalent in tropical and subtropical regions, and while it's not directly transmitted from person to person, it poses a risk to those living or working in endemic areas, specifically military service members. Treatment options vary based on the form of the disease and severity, but early diagnosis is crucial for effective management.

Did you know veterans with a rare lung disease could have an easier time collecting Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability benefits under proposed changes announced recently? Constrictive bronchiolitis, or CB, is one of the burn pit-related illnesses covered under the PACT Act, the sweeping law passed two years ago that aimed to make it easier for veterans with certain diseases linked to toxic exposure to get VA care and benefits.

Did you know memorial and burial benefits are rarely used by veterans compared with other VA benefits? Currently, only 15% of veterans who die each year are interred in a VA national cemetery (an additional 5% are interred in a VA-funded state, territorial or tribal cemetery). The best way a veteran can take advantage of this benefit is to make his or her preferences known to their family, and then apply in advance to determine eligibility through the National Cemetery Administration's pre-need program.

Did you know if you are considering filing a VA claim for disability compensation or VA pension, but will not be filing your VA claim before the end of any given month, it is imperative that you submit an Intent to File (ITF) to preserve your back pay? Filing an ITF can be accomplished by either calling (800-827-1000) or submitting a one page Intent to File VA Form. If you have an account setup with the va.gov website, you can also start a claim online. Simply starting a claim online will automatically notify the VA of your intent to file a claim.

Did you know Alaska, American, Hawaiian, JetBlue, and United Airlines all offer reduced fares for the military community through a partnership with WeSalute+ Southwest Airlines also offers lower fares not available to the public if you call ahead.

Did you know that shrapnel poisoning in veterans refers to the harmful effects caused by the fragmentation of explosive devices, which can leave behind metal debris that may infiltrate the body? This condition not only poses immediate physical health risks but can also lead to long-term complications, impacting the overall well-being of veterans.

#### Symptoms:

Understanding the symptoms of shrapnel poisoning is crucial for veterans who may have experienced exposure during their service. Shrapnel poisoning can manifest in various ways, including but not limited to:

- -acute pain at the site of injury
- -swelling
- -Redness, and potential infection
- -Fever

- -Fatigue
- -And in severe cases, neurological effects depending on the materials involved.

Did you know one lesser-known fact about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is that it not only provides health care and benefits to veterans, but it also operates the National Cemetery Administration, which manages over 150 national cemeteries? This includes the meticulous care and maintenance of these sites, ensuring that they honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families. The VA also offers burial benefits, which can include headstones, markers, and burial allowances, helping to ensure that veterans receive a dignified resting place.

Did you know one benefit that many veterans do not utilize often is the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program, also known as Chapter 31 benefits? This program is designed to assist veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and maintain suitable employment. It also provides services for those who are unable to work due to their disabilities.

Did you know the Vietnam War led to a significant number of veterans receiving amputations due to the widespread use of landmines, artillery, and improvised explosive devices (IEDs)? Advances in medical care have also increased survival rates for severe injuries, resulting in more veterans living with amputations from this conflict. While the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have also seen a notable number of amputations, the Vietnam War remains particularly impactful in terms of sheer numbers.

Veterans often face significant challenges when it comes to managing pain, navigating a complex landscape of treatments that can sometimes feel overwhelming. Many veterans have been prescribed a combination of medications, which, while intended to alleviate discomfort, can lead to serious side effects and even tragic outcomes. It's crucial for veterans and their families to understand the risks associated with these treatments, as well as the importance of making informed choices about their healthcare.

Did you know the number one disease associated with Agent Orange exposure is Vietnam Veterans' disease, particularly non-Hodgkin lymphoma? Other significant health issues linked to Agent Orange include various cancers, such as prostate cancer and respiratory cancers, as well as conditions like diabetes and ischemic heart disease. The U.S. government recognizes several diseases as being presumptively connected to Agent Orange exposure, providing veterans with access to benefits and healthcare for these conditions.

Remember...... That all gave some, but many gave all!

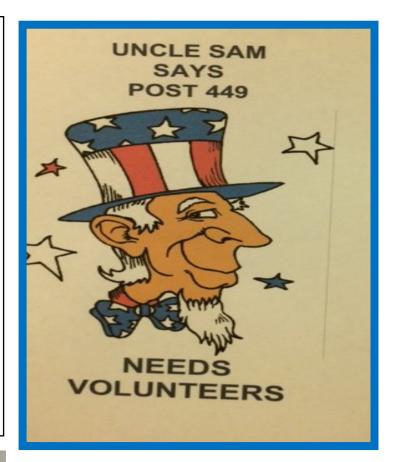


### 1st Vice Commander Message

By Roger Kiesner 414-350-0402

Greetings fellow Legion, SAL, and ALA Members.

I hope everyone is in good spirits as we are heading into the fall season. I appeal to the members to please be aware of our annual giving fund that you should have received in the mail by now. We are in need of your generosity to help with keeping the Post afloat. I would also encourage you to attend the post during Karaoke, Friday and Saturday night music nights, and any other fund raisers that we are having. Also please be aware that the Post has acquired a number of grave sites in Pinelawn Memorial Park and Wisconsin Memorial Park. We are offering the grave sites we have acquired to any members who would wish to take ownership of them. For more information please contact me. You can reach me at 414-350-0402. Or rkiesner@ameritech.net.



Dear Treasured Bakers and Candy Makers

It's Cookie Walk Time!!!

May we again count on your generous support? (Thank you in advance)

Please plate or package each offering to sell at \$5.00.

Only Homemade, no store bought donations please.

Drop off at Post 449 Saturday December 14th

9:30 -----11:45 sale starts at noon

Please label anything containing nuts and or almond flower or extract clearly. These offerings will be placed in a special group because of allergies.

Any questions please call either Carol Jensen at 1-262-783-7041 or Colleen Gotowitz at 1-414-617-8887

This function is one of the remaining ways the Auxiliary can still raise funds to support our Veterans.





### AMERICAN LEGION **AUXILIARY**



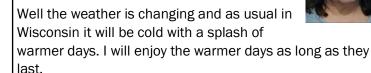
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Jennie Riemer 262-642-7206 shakinjmr@yahoo.com



We continue to make plans for fund raising the Halloween party will be over by the time you read this hoping all that attended enjoyed.

Please remember our Christmas cookie walk Saturday December 14.

Noon until 3. We ran out of cookies last year and are hoping for the same outcome this year. If you are a baker and would like to help out please bring cookies, candies or breads. Delivered to the post by December 14th by 9:30. Thank you in advance.

Thank you to everyone who brought snacks to the October meeting

Stay safe I will not be at the November meeting but would like to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

#### Vice President

Virginia Bragg

Email: Litewaitva1@gmail.com

Hi everyone hope all is well with you. I would like to thank Betty Conlon and the others who volunteered to help with the snacks for next month's meeting.

#### Treasurer

Kitty Larkin 262-295-2922 kittysltr@wi.rr.com

#### **2025 DUES**

Unit 449 now has a different Treasurer, and a new address for members to send their dues to for the rest of this term. You can continue to remit your dues to our National organization by phone or send them to:

> Kitty Larkin W 161 N5711 Bette Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-5647

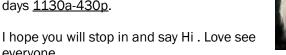
If you have already submitted your dues for 2025 and have not received a 2025 membership card in the mail please give me a call (262-295-2922) so I can complete the transaction for you

We thank you for your service to our veterans who have served our nation in the past and those who currently continue serving our nation.

#### Chris Cannon

everyone.

I'm back ... I'll be volunteering on Thursday days <u>1130a-430p</u>.



The 1st Thursday of every month I will be playing games with prizes.

I am looking for Music Mike . I've lost his number . So if Someone has his number please let me know.

I'll be gone January 30-2025 through May 1 2025, Yolanda will be behind the bar on those Thursdays for me . Thank you Yolanda . .

### **Chaplain News**

Betty Conlon. 414 870~1432 Bettylconlon@sbcglobal.net

Sorry I missed the October News. So I will start with the old news first. If you have

not heard that Carol Lers's daughter Shari Zergiebel passed away on September 19th. You can still sent cards to

Carol at 228 Wisconsin St. Mayville, WI. 53050

A card was sent to our adopted veteran Tony Bertino who was in the hospital and now recuperating at home. I also visited Jack Drack (former Commander) at Kirkland Crossing. He always inquires about our activities.

Saturday, September 28th was National Gold Star Mother's Day. I sent cards to our Gold Star Mothers Joyce Becker (Bevan) and Lynda Thompson. Say a prayer for the special Ladies.

We made our final plans for the upcoming Halloween Luncheon. Hope that YOU are going to to be there. The Ladies Auxiliary always put on a good show.

A get well card was sent to Carol Lers as she was not feeling well. Hope she recovers soon.

A reminder our 'Cookie Walk Sale' is Saturday, December 14th. This will be our last fund raiser for the year. Let's make cookies and purchase some to benefit our veterans and their families.

Let me know of any member that is III or needs a card. Please use my. E-Mail address or call me on my cell phone.

May you and your family have a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Pray to soften hardened hearts, to open darkened minds. God's Blessings

See you at the Post

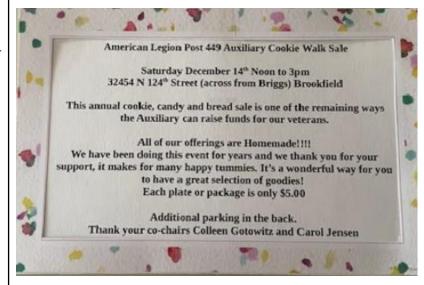
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We at the auxiliary would like to send out a big thank you to Betty Conlon. Each year Betty remembers all our Gold Star Mothers.

She puts flowers on graves and sends out cards to our Gold Star Mothers.

She found Maude Richard Cudworth at Forest Lawn Cemetery and with the help of Lylette Smith presented flowers to her grave son killed in WWI. Thank you again Betty

The auxiliary would also like to tell the Honor Guard from Post 449 how proud and grateful we all are for their service honoring the Veterans who have died. They are always looking for more to help out. Our Veterans deserve the final respect the Honor Guard provides. Thank you all for everything you do.







### **SONS OF THE** AMERICAN LEGION



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### A "Greetings" from Leigh Rainer, your S.A.L. Grand Pubba

### Our next S.A.L. meeting will be Monday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. after the Sign-in at the Post. .....

Don't forget to renew your S.A.L. membership as soon as possible. You can leave them in an envelope, (marked S.A.L.) at the Post or preferably, mail them to me, Leigh Rainer, at N20W22276 North Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. "PLEASE, DO NOT RENEW ONLINE". The dues are \$20.00 per year or \$35.00 for 2 years. \_ "Please include your e-mail addresses."

The new 2025 S.A.L. membership cards are here. The cards will start going out this month so remember to renew your membership. If you don't get a card, then you haven't renewed. Please consider renewing and remember, "You're a valued asset to our organization".

.\_Please consider becoming a member of our Post 449 "Honor Guard," Please give Mr. Dick Stehlow a call at 262-641-0977 or talk to any member of the Honor Guard.

#### Hopefully this will lighten up your day.

A guy walks into a bank, pulls a gun, pointed it at a teller and says, "Give me all your money or you'll be geography." The teller replies, "don't you mean you'll be history". The robber replied, "Don't change the subject".

We are the "Sons of the American Legion," a team you can depend on.

# HONK

# If You Are A LEADER!

There go those geese again, flying in a strictly-patterened mob.

Why do they do it? Why don't individuals within the mass just flap on off and do their own thing? Be free to choose the timing of their own flight? Set their own pace?



Do you suppose they fly together to establish a net of good vibes? Flapping wing-on-wing for esoteric reasons?

It's a strictly practical matter of survival. Here's how it works: Traveling against the wind is a major problem of a bird in flight. So geese form a wall to block the wind, and lessen the group's flapping

The goose up front faces the wind head on, causing the wind to break in power and swirl more softly around the other geese. Birds who fly behind that leader fight a lesser tide of air, enabling them to last longer, journey faster, complete the trip with seconds to spare.

Sounds simple?

All you need is one strong leader?

Not so easy.



The truth is that along the way, leaders flying against the wind never have the energy to fly up front for the entire journey. A flock, needing to travel fast to keep alive, will easily wear out front-flyer after front-flyer.

But the mass of birds see the worth of the volunteer windbreakers and use the secret method that helps the head goose stay in line longer - they honk.

Honking is not a special act created so earthlings can notice the beauty of their flight. Study has revealed that all geese have roles to play in this journey of their lives, and honking is one of the more important assignments. Honking is the method geese use to let the leader know they appreciate the fact that one goose is facing the wind on behalf of all.

The louder they honk, the longer a leader will be inspired to keep facing the oncoming wind. When the first leader finally wears out (despite the encouragement of the honking) and drops back a bit to assume a different role, that old leader will honk to help new leaders who move out front

Together, with honking and windbreakers, the entire flock of birds flies on to destiny.

Kitty Larkin/Carol Lers, Membership Committee

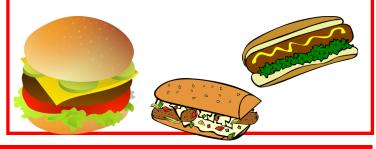


# THE LEGION FAMILY OF VOLUNTEERS

# VITE YOU TO T HURSDAY NIGHT **COOK-IN 5:30 TO 8:00**

American Legion Post 449 3245 N 124th St, Brookfield Cooking by Legion family members. Rotating Menu of delicious options. And dessert.

This is a fund raiser for the Post. Karoke Also Scheduled! Public Welcome!!!! No Drink Carry Ins



# **POST 449 PROUDLY PRESENTS**



**JOYCE BEVAN on the piano EVERY** FRIDAY NIGHT 4:30 TO 6:00

FRIDAY LOUNGE MUSIC 6:30 -10:00 (\$7.00 Cover Charge)

PUBLIC WELCOME, NO CARRY-INS!







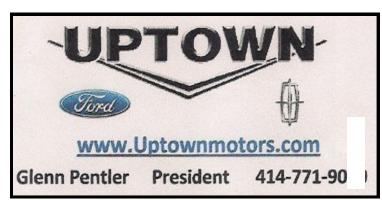
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3 Closed	4 Open 4:30-10p Sign in DARTS 6:30p	5 Closed	6 Closed INSURANCE BRIEFING 5-8	7 Open 4:30 - 10p Karaoke from 5-9 p Cook-in 5:30-8p	8 Open 11:30 - 10p Joyce Bevan 4:30- 6:00 KALEIDOSCOPE 6:30-10p	9 Open 11:30-10p HEAD NORTH 6:30-10p
10 Closed	11 Veterans Day Open 4:30-10p Flag Retirement ceremony 6:30p Sign in DARTS 6:30p	12 Closed Post/Legion Meeting 1-2p	13 Closed	14 Open 4:30 - 10p Karaoke from 5-9p Coo7k-in 5:30-8p	15 Open 11:30 - 10p Joyce Bevan 4:30- 6:00 HIT MEN 6:30-10p	16 Open 11:30-10p OUR HOUSE 6:30-10p
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