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Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans



Prayer: At this time may God grant you Special gifts of joy and cheer; And bless you for the good you do For others through the year. May you find rich satisfaction In your daily work and prayer. And in knowing as you service Him He will keep you in his care. Helen Steiner Rice

I pray everyone had a blessed Easter.

Spring Conference: Conference went well with the new format. I have not officially tallied the survey results but the business only format was preferred, allowing for a half day to do other things. Many expressed moving the start time back to 9:00. We covered the District reports and updated our Standing Rules. The Memorial Service paid special attention to 32 deceased members and noted PDP Barbara Kranig from unit 6, Stevens Point. A call went out to fill some of the empty Chairs in District. Sarah Stiff stepped up to fill Leadership. She also stated how these positions are not overly taxing from a time commitment. Contact me if interested in any of the remaining slots. The basic purpose is to communicate between Department and the district members, primarily using this newsletter. We heard from the units about their activities in the past year. If you attended or not, please send a written copy of your report to Amanda: Badger_Girl2005@live.com. She needs a copy from every unit to be on file. We also covered the changes that have taken place with the ALA Foundation. The minimum amount they will deal with is now \$2500.00. If you have a grant or matching funds donation that needs 501(c)3 tax status, contact Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, for assistance. Thank you American Legion for your assistance. The Blind Silent Auction was a hit and a good fundraiser garnering over \$700.00. Primary work has begun on the Fall Forum. If there is something you really are curious about, let me know and I'll try to meet your needs. More info to come.

A call to action came from **National Security** Chair Bob Shappell. He is asking:
American Legion Auxiliary Units and Legion Family:

As the Easter season dawns, we pause to reflect with gratitude on the many blessings that enrich our lives. In that spirit, let us also remember the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, and especially our deployed service members, in our blessings this year.

The Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary encourages all Units to honor and support our service members by displaying Yellow Ribbons throughout their community, a visible symbol of our unwavering support.

- Work together as a proud Local Legion Family.
- Start with your Post or meeting facility as a place of tribute.
- Encourage community-wide participation by providing ribbons for them to display.
- Partner with local organizations to broaden the effort.
- If you have community members who are deployed, work with local government, business, civic groups, schools, Scouts, and other service groups to support the families of those who are deployed.

Now is the time to begin your Yellow Ribbon campaign. Whether your efforts are large or small, each ribbon sends a message to those who serve, and the families who stand behind them.

Let us show them just how deeply we care.

- Bob Shappell

American Legion Auxiliary – Department Chair of National Security

Here is a link to purchase ribbon: <http://ribbonfactory.com/>

Unit Activity: Pittsville has been working with the Pittsville Area Historical Society on a project “Stories of our lives”. It’s a series of books recording the stories of 42 Vietnam Veterans with ties to Pittsville. Here is the link to the historical society:

<https://www.pittsvilleareahistoricalsociety.org/shopping/>

What a great way to record your Post and Unit history.

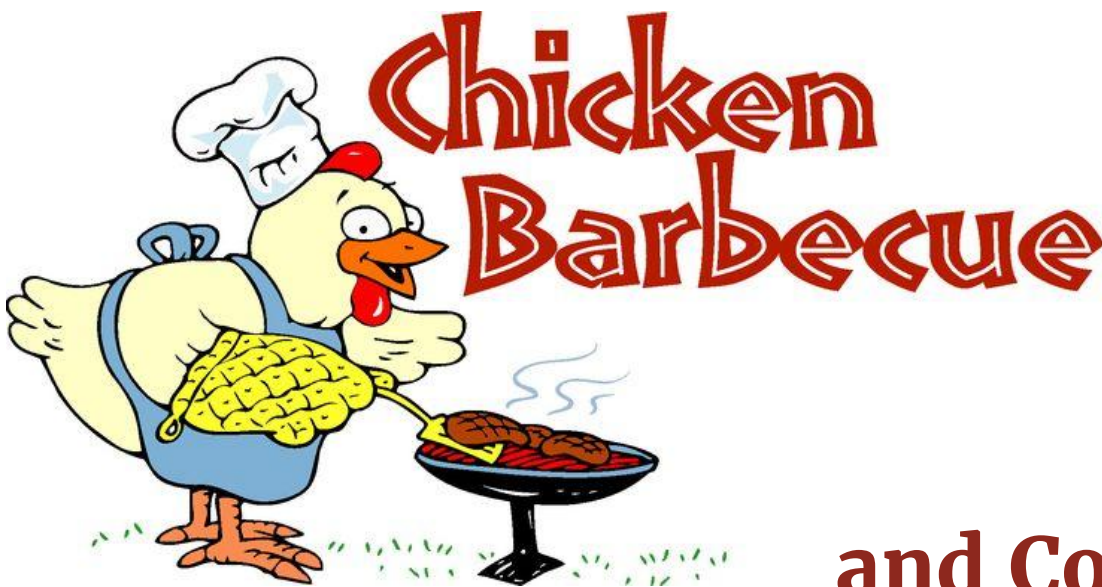
Coming soon: May is Poppy month and Friday May 22 is National Poppy Day. Make your plans now how best to distribute your poppies. Talk with other units how they distribute poppies or share your ideas. Find new locations. Be prepared to answer how we use these funds and how we don’t use these funds (administration). And don’t forget, we need poppy makers.

What’s Up? Don’t forget to send in your upcoming events by the third week of the month to include in the next newsletter.

Attached is the flier for a Chicken BBQ and Cookie Sale.



American Legion Family 391
322 Waupaca Street, Fremont WI 54940
is having a



and Cookie Sale

Saturday April 11
Dine in or Take out
Serving begins at 11:00AM
Bar is open

Quilt Raffle with drawing at 1:30 pm
Proceeds support kitchen remodel fund