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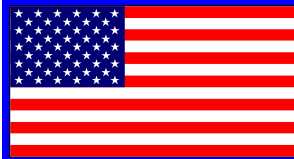
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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello Post 288 family! It's the season of sun, warmth, sounds of summer, and vacations! I hope you are able to get out and enjoy all the fun summer activities this community has to offer.

Thanks to Jerry Smith and the Memorial Day committee for yet again organizing a wonderful parade and remembrance ceremony. It's incredible to see how our community turns out for a morning of reflection and thanks.

Twice a year, we try to reach out to all of our members to check in on them. I have found that many have missing contact information. If you don't have an updated email or phone number with the Post, please reach out to us so we can get the correct contact information for you.

As we enter a new fiscal Legion year, I challenge you to reach out to a friend, neighbor, family member, and encourage them to join our Post. I found the friendship and camaraderie at this Post that I was missing from my time in the service. We are a very active Post with many opportunities for new members to stop in and become new friends. Some people don't have the time or availability to get involved, and that's totally ok! Membership funds are what help us help fellow Veterans and their families.

There are lots of opportunities to help out, get involved, or just socialize in the next several months. Our Post meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm followed by a light dinner. The Fish Fry is the third Friday of every month (no Fish Fry this July); reach out to Bob Batty if you are interested in helping. Summer is a busy time, so there may be some slots to fill. We also park cars for Maxwell Street Days and Festivals. We also have our Annual Chicken Roast at the end of July. Watch for information and signs around town for that.

Thanks to the Legion members who jump through hoops and fill their free time with Legion-related business. We could not operate like we do, or have a place in the community like we do, without the tireless efforts of so many of our members, including the Auxiliary and the Sons.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and it's filled with lots of laughs and wonderful memories in the warm sunshine. Enjoy the summer months and I hope to see you soon!

Kristin Burkart, Post 288 Commander

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 10-14 APPLETON WI

POST 288 CHICKEN ROAST
JULY 28 11:00AM-5:30PM

LEGION-AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS NIGHT
AUGUST 13 5:00PM
SPAGHETTI DINNER

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MEMORIAL DAY 2024

Photos by Bob “Skid” Skidmore Mother Nature threatened to rain on our parade, but dry weather prevailed and a successful procession and ceremony took place. There was a great turnout of community members along the parade route and at the ceremony.



Master of Ceremonies Dennis Loberger opened the ceremony with Call to Order, the playing of To The Colors and recognition of our honored veterans. Post Chaplain PJ Glavey offered the Invocation and Boy Scout Troop 835 Color Guard posted the color.s Members of the CHS Bella Voce and A Cappella choirs, led by director Tony Mudra, sang the national anthem.

Boy Scouts of Troops 835 and 836, Girl Scout Troops 8321 and 8258 and the Cub Scouts of Pack 8303 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis Loberger read the description of the POW-MIA Empty Chair and Col. Stephen Leopold, US Army Retired, placed the POW-MIA cover on the chair.

The CHS Marching Band, led by director Rachael Stein, played America the Beautiful, followed by a welcome from Post Commander Kristin Burkart. She quoted from a poem, “A Soldier Died Today.”

Bob Batty read the ceremony for the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross; its origins lie in the Civil War. The elements of the Battle Cross are a rifle with bayonet, dog tags, helmet, and boots. A helmet used for military dog’s water dish and dog collar were added.

While Poppy Princess Clara Brissman placed poppies in a bowl, Unit Auxiliary President Chris Skidmore read the names of Legion members lost during the last year: Donald Bartolone, Wayne H. Becker, Valorie Beres-Schroeder, Sal Caputa, Lew Hanson, Robert Holtzman, Lee Jost, Christopher J. Koppa, John F. Kramer, Jerrold Skopek, Elton Streich, Leo Thiel, Ronald L. Vana, Alec Wolter and Jerry Wanty.



Amy Luft, representing Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, informed us that the program was started for WWII veterans (and there was a 99 year old WWII vet on the most recent flight). In all 10,073 veterans have taken advantage of this program.

Shannon Krueger then spoke of the Hometown Heroes program for Gold Star children—those who have lost a parent or sibling. A fundraising run, “Team One Mile” will be held in September, culminating at the Cedarburg Post.



The Flag Folding Ceremony was performed by SAL members and the Cedarburg Civic Band played "Washington Post."

Keynote Speaker Brigadier General Matthew Beilfuss addressed the group and recognized Post 288 for its service to the community. He said that the oath taken upon entering the service provides motivation to service members.

The memorial wreath was placed by honored veterans Rovertto Leon and William Lloyd, the Post 288 Honor Guard performed the three rifle volley salute and CHS band member Miles Bowen played Taps on the trumpet. Post 288 Chaplain PJ Glavey offered a closing prayer.

MC Loberger thanked everyone for their participation and invited all in attendance into the clubhouse for food and fellowship.



MEMORIAL DAY HONORED VETERANS

During the ceremony, MC Dennis Loberger recognized two honored veterans.

Rovertto Leon is 93 years young. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and served in the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1948 to 1952. He completed his Basic Training at Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky. His duty stations included Okinawa in 1950 with the Occupation Forces, Fort Lewis Washington where he was a drill sergeant training troops for deployment to Korea and finally to Germany for troop training, followed by his discharge from the service in 1952.

William Lloyd is 96 years old, attended Riverside High School and University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He enlisted in the US Coast Guard in Milwaukee and went to New York for his Basic Training, serving during World War Two, from 1944 to 1945.



William served aboard the lightship, the USS Nantucket, off the east coast about 180 miles out on the Atlantic Ocean, on constant patrol. He was discharged from Detroit, Michigan in 1945.

Auxiliary Unit 288 sponsored a vehicle in the Cedarburg Memorial Day parade, honoring all women veterans. Several veteran women participated by riding in the military vehicle and attending the memorial ceremony at the Post. Our Unit thanks these women for their service and for participating in the parade.



*Above: Rovertto Leon, William Lloyd and Jim Lee
Left: Honored women veterans*

POST 288 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Post 288 recently awarded two scholarships to deserving high school graduates.



Olivia Gattie plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall. Her relatives in the Legion are Andrea Gattie (mother), Sandra Schleifer (grandmother), John Schleifer (grandfather and Navy veteran), and Dorothy Effenheim (great grandmother). Olivia attended Brown Deer High School, played varsity girls soccer and basketball all four years and was captain of both teams her senior year. She was in National Honor Society, (VP senior year), Yearbook, Women of Will (a club that supports women in sports), the math team, played the violin in the school orchestra and advanced orchestra, and played in the steel band. Right now she plans to major in Actuarial Science. Olivia gives special thanks to her family for always supporting her!

After graduation **Lydia Stowers** will attend UW Milwaukee to pursue studies in data science. She attended New Richmond High School where she was involved in tennis, powerlifting, and key club. Her grandfather is Ken Williams and he is a member of the Cedarburg Post.



BADGER BOYS

This year six students from Cedarburg High School were selected to attend Badger Boys State.

Ryan Severson didn't know what to expect at Badger Boys and decided not to do too much research and go into it unbiased. The first day he wasn't sure what he had gotten into, but then he felt comfortable. Highlights of his week were the county meetings - having a good time with his group and laughing at the funny bills they passed. During the week Ryan ran for municipal judge and won this position at the county level, and he ran for a campaign manager position and got it. At CHS he started the Fashion Club, which worked with Auxiliary Unit 288 this year on a food drive. He also helped run HOSA, which is a medical competition like DECA (which he is also involved with); Global Scholars; Social Studies Club, and Investment Club. Next fall he is helping start Model UN. Outside of CHS, he finished an online internship helping a struggling business in Nigeria, and volunteers as a coach for recreational basketball. After graduation next year, he hopes to earn Bachelors and MBA degrees. The subject of quantitative economics interests him, as he's interested in business and math. Summing up his experience at Badger Boys, Ryan said that his group was made up of students from different backgrounds from all over the state; people that he wants to stay connected with. He said that was the most amazing aspect of BBS - getting to know these fellow students.



Ryan Severson reading a letter to the assembly (left) and getting his city mugshot taken.

Bennett Haasch hadn't researched Badger Boys much but knew he would be learning about government. He was surprised with the sense of community and felt that BBS showed you how that was accomplished. During the week, Bennett enjoyed recreation time with his fellow county members, and in the evening they had some good talks within their cities. Although Bennett has several veterans in his family, he felt that during the week he learned to appreciate veterans more; it opened his eyes as to their sacrifice. At BBS, he played basketball and soccer, and held judgeships at the municipal and county circuit court levels. At CHS he helped start the Finance and Investment Club in his sophomore year and found guest speakers for their meetings. He is also on the JV golf team, Fashion Club, and FBLA. He has a part-time job as a bank teller at Landmark Credit Union, umpires the Merces baseball games and works at From Scratch Catering, and volunteers each year at the Autism Society of Southeast Wisconsin bike camp. After CHS he plans to attend college for a degree in finance and possibly go into banking or real estate.

Jasper Esten's father and brother had attended BBS. He expected the week would involve government simulation but was surprised it was more. The highlights of his week were preparing speeches and getting in front of people, the elections, and the speeches that he listened to each night at assemblies. Jasper was district attorney for his county, party campaign manager for his city and state senate representative for his city. Going forward, he will take the leadership skills he learned from his counselors. He felt that the leaders at BBS were sophisticated and well-carried; he learned from the counselors, and it changed his perspective on being a leader. Jasper said it was amazing to meet like-minded students from all over the state; he made a lot of friends that he will stay in touch with. He said BBS was a life-changing experience. At CHS he is President of the Philosophy Club and Vice President of the Fashion Club and participates in varsity soccer, as well as other clubs. Outside of CHS, he has a part-time job as a server at a downtown Cedarburg restaurant and plays club soccer. After CHS, he hopes to attend UW Madison and earn an undergraduate degree in political science and eventually study law.

Bailey Grudzinski knew that BBS was a government camp, but after a few days realized it was a social and leadership camp with government aspects. The highlights of his week were running for various positions, making connections and making new friends. He ran for and won City Attorney and Campaign Manager, and ran for District Attorney. While at BBS, he played volleyball and soccer. Going forward, he feels he has learned skills to make new connections in the business world, learned more about how to be a leader, and how to put himself out there. At CHS, he is involved with NHS, Fashion Club, Spanish Club and is Team Captain of the Wrestling Team. Outside of CHS, he holds a job at the YMCA teaching sports to little kids, as well as teaching wrestling to little kids with Cedarburg Mat Dogs. After graduation he hopes to explore his options at UW Madison or Minnesota. He said he will never forget his time at BBS.

We will learn about Braden Baken and Henry Eckerdt's Badger Boys experiences in the next newsletter.



LEGION BASEBALL

Once again, the Cedarburg Legion Dogs will play ball!

This year Kyle Peterson, coach at Webster Middle School, is in charge of the organization. The coaching staff is Greg Netolicky, Ryan Anderson, and Ted Tetzlaff. Kyle and Patrick Collis will assist with coaching.

The team is made up of players from the Cedarburg High School program who will all return to the team next season. It is a mixture of next year's senior, junior, and sophomore players.

This summer's schedule is below. However, to keep track of scoring and schedule changes, please use this [LINK](#).

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Monday	June 10th	6:00 PM	Germantown	Germantown HS
Wednesday	June 12th	6:00 PM	Stone Bank	Stone Bank Community Park
Thursday	June 13th	6:00 PM	Lomira	Dale Michels Park (Brownville)
Tuesday	June 18th	6:00 PM	Port Washington	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Wednesday	June 19th	6:00 PM	Stone Bank	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Monday	June 24th	6:00 PM	Random Lake	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Tuesday	June 25th	6:00 PM	Lomira	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Wednesday	June 26th	6:00 PM	Hartland	Arrowhead HS
Thursday	June 27th	6:00 PM	Fond du Lac	Fondy Youth Baseball Complex
Monday	July 1st	6:00 PM	Hartland	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Tuesday	July 2nd	6:00 PM	Port Washington	Port Washington HS
Monday	July 8th	6:00 PM	Grafton	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Tuesday	July 9th	6:00 PM	Fond du Lac	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Wednesday	July 10th	6:00 PM	Random Lake	Random Lake HS
Monday	July 15th	6:00 PM	Port Washington	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Tuesday	July 16th	6:00 PM	Grafton	9th Avenue Field Grafton
Wednesday	July 17th	6:00 PM	Campbellsport	CHS- Jack Friess Field
Monday	July 22nd	6:00 PM	Grafton	9th Avenue Field Grafton
Friday	July 26th	TBD	Legion Regionals	TBD
Saturday	July 27th	TBD	Legion Regionals	TBD
Sunday	July 28th	TBD	Legion Regionals	TBD
Thursday	August 1st	TBD	Legion State	TBD
Friday	August 2nd	TBD	Legion State	TBD
Saturday	August 3rd	TBD	Legion State	TBD
Sunday	August 4th	TBD	Legion State	TBD



\$16.00

Includes

- 1/2 Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Cole Slaw
- Roll
- Coffee/Milk
- Applesauce
- Homemade Desserts

Supports Veteran Projects

Place:
Peter Wollner Post
American Legion
W57 N481 Hilbert Ave.
Cedarburg

SUN. JULY 28th
CHICKEN ROAST
LEGION POST

Time: 11 AM to 5:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM POST CHAPLAIN



Article by PJ Glavey

There's an old saying in literature...good writers borrow from other writers. Great writers steal outright.

As we celebrate Independence Day here in the United States, I feel led to share a great speech by Ronald Reagan, commemorating our Republic and Declaration of Independence: "Fifty-six men came forward to sign the parchment. It was noted at the time that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors... Each of these men knew the penalty for high treason to the Crown. "We must all hang together," Benjamin Franklin said, "or assuredly, we will all hang separately..." They were brave. They stayed brave through all the bloodshed of the coming years. Their courage created a nation built on a universal claim to human dignity, on the proposition that every man, woman, and child had a right to a future freedom."

"Believe me," Reagan continued, "if there's one impression I carry with me, after the privilege of holding for 5 1/2 years the office held by Adams and Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us – these things far outweigh what little divides us. And so tonight we reaffirm that Jew and gentile, we are one nation under God; that black and white, we are one nation indivisible; that Republican and Democrat, we are all Americans. Tonight, with heart in hand...we pledge ourselves to each other and to the cause of human freedom...the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world."

As Paul implores us, let us remember this day "that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men. For Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." (1 Tim 2:1-4).

May God bless us in this. And may we take time today to do these things and thank our God and Saviour for this great land. Happy Birthday America.

MESSAGE FROM SAL SQUADRON COMMANDER



SAL & Legion Family, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying summer. Our SAL is always interested in collaborating with our Post veterans and ALA. In May, SAL joined the effort to raise funds for the USO-GMIA along with our ALA in conjunction with the CHS Fashion Club. Funds raised went to care packages for deployed military service personnel. SAL donated \$200.00 in food items. I am happy to announce the SAL also made a \$200.00 donation to the Sheboygan MS Walk in honor of Team Jaeger. As usual our post had a great Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Jerry Smith did a great job! SAL members John Szudrowitz, Bernie Koehler and Jerry Gomez performed the flag folding ceremony. The



Sweat4Vets fund raiser was a huge success. The SAL Squadron 288 donated \$1000.00. Proceeds from this event are going to Dogs2DogTags. June 8, our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 288 hosted the 2024 Car Show/Craft Fair. This was a big and successful event despite the rain! Our ALA did a great job. Thank you! A big shout out to SAL member Nick Garstecki for donating the Car Trophies! I personally thank our post veterans for working as a family to make this event happen. Our SAL grilled and sold hamburgers and brats to the public for \$5.00 each. Next year we might have to charge more. SAL food sales and grillers did a great job. Deb Gabert deserves a "Big Thank You" for donating \$100.00 to the SAL for our Car Show efforts. The Cedarburg July 4th parade is just days away. Our Post is always proud to participate and lead this great parade. Meet at the post by 8:30am to catch the bus ride



to Fireman's Park if you are participating in the parade.

The SAL is looking for volunteers to park cars at the clubhouse for Summer Sounds every Friday beginning 6/14 to 8/16 from 5pm to 8pm. I would like to see a few more SAL members volunteer. This is our main source of income and enables the SAL to help support our veterans and community. Please call me if you would like to help. Mark your calendars for these Maxwell Street dates: Sunday July 14th, September 1st and October 6th. Also, Wine & Harvest Festival on September 14 and 15. Volunteers will be needed to park cars! Call Jim Lee to sign up!

The S.A.L. 2025 membership campaign kicks off in August. Please remember membership dues are increasing to \$15.00.

Thank You, Jerry Gomez,

S.A.L. Commander Post 288 Squadron (262-388-0406)

SAL Members John Szudrowitz, Bernie Koehler and Jerry Gomez perform the flag folding ceremony on Memorial Day. Jerry, Bernie and John await further instructions at the Car Show. Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

MARINE CORP LEAGUE FISHING TRIP



Article and photos submitted by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

On May 19, members of the Marine Corp League enjoyed a fishing trip on Big Green Lake, west of Fond du Lac. Skid Skidmore topped the list this year with a trout at 28.5" long and 10lbs. It was a big fat one!!

There are Post 288 members who also belong to the Marine Corp League.

If you are interested in joining, contact Skid Skidmore at skid53012@gmail.com.

Left: Skid with his big catch.



AUXILIARY NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM UNIT PRESIDENT CHRIS SKIDMORE



Hello everyone!

I hope you are enjoying the start of summer and have all kinds of summer adventures planned!

It seems so strange that the Auxiliary will not meet again until August. Can't wait to hear how everyone spent their hot summer days!

The Auxiliary is busy wrapping up the Car Show/Craft Fair event. A great big Thank You to Julie Deleeuw, Barb Frank and the rest of their committee for the awesome job they did putting this event together. Our luck with the weather didn't hold out this year but the event still went well, considering. I heard a lot of car owners and vendors say not to be discouraged - they came regardless of the weather because of the CAUSE!!!

We look forward to the Strawberry Festival Parking to finish up our events for this season and as I write this they are predicting rain for the weekend..fingers crossed!!!

The installation of the new slate of officers will be on June 28th at the Rose-Harms Legion Post in Grafton, WI. There are a few changes to the officers that will be on the Executive Board this year and we are in need of a secretary. Please let me know if you are interested.

Coming up in the fall...

We will host the ALA In the Know at our Legion Post on Oct 5, 2024. They will cover a wide range of topics and there will be a Special Guest attending! Registration deadline for this event is August 1 so be sure to contact us right away!! Lunch is included.

We are also bringing back the Style Show this year. Linda Short from TLC Fashions in Cedarburg will put on the show for us on October 12, 2024. She always has great tips for style, accessories, etc. She

will also have some items for sale that day. You may even recognize some of the models!! Watch your emails for more details as the date gets closer.

I would also like to extend a huge Thank You to the Cedarburg Garden Club. They donated plants from their annual plant sale to the Legion Family. We picked out several plants to place around the building and in the garden by the flags. The remainder of the plants found happy homes in gardens of the Legion Family members. Their thoughtfulness was really appreciated.

Yours in Service,
Chris Skidmore, President,
Cedarburg American Legion Auxiliary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ALA IN THE KNOW—
RSVP BY AUGUST 1
OCTOBER 8—\$25
REGISTRATION PAID BY UNIT
8:00AM—9:00AM REGISTRATION
9:00AM— 3:30PM PRESENTATION,
LUNCH BREAK, INTERACTIVE
PROGRAM, Q&A SESSION AND
SPECIAL GUEST!**

**AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW
OCTOBER 12-POST 288**

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TESTIMONIAL

On May 18, the Legion Family testimonial dinner in Oshkosh honored this year's leaders of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders.



Unit 288's own, Maggie Geiger, was honored for her service as Department Auxiliary President.



BADGER GIRLS

Two of **Miriam Hart**'s cousins went to BGS last year so she had a pretty good idea it would be long days. What Miriam didn't expect was that all the girls would be so amazing, accomplished and nice. She's been telling everyone about what a great week she had. One of the highlights of her week was the opportunity to run for state superintendent of public instruction. She made it to the finals and got to speak in front of all 500 girls; this included an on-the-spot question and answer period. Another highlight was the opportunity to push herself out of her comfort zone. She said the schedule was brutal at times – lots of long days and lots of laughter. At BGS Miriam was involved with debate and discussion which was a highlight for her. She was amazed that everyone was able to respectfully discuss controversial topics on US and world issues. She also enjoyed listening to a district court of appeals judge and other judges as well – all accomplished women. At CHS, she is involved in varsity basketball, student council, NHS, Spanish club, Fashion Club and started a Girls in Sports club with another girl. After CHS Miriam plans to attend UW Madison to study engineering or political science.



Above: Miriam Hart, front and center.

Left: Emelia Shell, second from left.



Emelia Shell expected Badger Girls to be similar to mock trial (which it was), learning about government positions and how the government is run. What was different was the level that they got into such as real-life scenarios. She ran for county clerk (lost by one vote), and for state treasurer. Emelia used her rec time to go on runs, and hang out with other girls. She participated in the variety show which was fun. The highlights of her week were meeting new people and staying in touch, and the campaign party. At CHS she is Vice President of Best Buddies and involved in a lot of community service. Outside of CHS she works at Quick Trip, and at the Cedarburg pool teaching swimming. After graduation she wants study occupational therapy. Overall, BGS was a very fun experience.

POPPY PRINCESS

Article by Kris Gomez/Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

The Unit 288 2024 Poppy Princess crowning was held at the regular Unit meeting on April 2nd. Teagan Jaeger, Unit Poppy Princess, performed the honors of welcoming the incoming Princess.

Our new Jr. Poppy Princess is Clara Brissman. She is the daughter of Paul Brissman, member of Post 288 and Kalika Brissman, member of Unit 288. Clara is the great granddaughter of Irene Clausen, also a Unit 288 member. Clara will participate in many Unit activities throughout the year and represent Unit 288 in our community. Our Unit recognizes and thanks Evelyn Jeske and Teagan Jaeger for their outstanding representation of our Unit in



their roles as Poppy Princesses 2023 - 2024.

Update: Since being crowned Unit 288 Poppy Princess 2024, Clara Brissman has been very busy representing the Unit in service to Veterans. Starting with the signing of the Poppy Proclamation with Mayor Patricia Thome, declaring May 2024 National Poppy Month. Later in the month Clara helped to distribute poppies in Cedarburg. Clara attended the "welcome home" for 200 Veterans who flew with Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington DC. As the veterans deplaned, Clara greeted each with a poppy and thanked them for their service. Our Unit 288 was proud to feature Unit President, Chris Skidmore and Clara as part of the Memorial Day parade in Cedarburg. Thanks Kris for putting together this great collage!



Above: Teagan Jaeger helped Kris Gomez place the Poppy Princess sash on Clara Brissman.

Upper Right: Clara poses with parents Paul and Kalika Brissman and great-grandmother Irene Clausen, and is joined by outgoing Poppy Princess Teagan Jaeger.



USO SNACK DRIVE AND AUXILIARY GOOD DEED AWARD

Article by Chris Skidmore / Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

This year the Cedarburg American Legion Auxiliary coordinated with the Cedarburg High School Fashion Club and the Sons of the American Legion to put together a Snack Drive for the USO. Items donated included bottled water, nuts, protein and energy bars and trail mix. Ryan Severson and Jasper Esten (left and right in the photo below; also both 2024 Badger Boys) came to speak at the



Auxiliary meeting on May 7th with their faculty adviser Kyle McGilligan-Bentin.

The boys presented their organization well, explaining that they believe in freedom of expression and inclusivity. They encourage fellow students to connect with fashion as the common focus. As a community project the Fashion Club collected over 1000 pieces of warm clothing that were donated to Bob's Under the Bridge this past winter. They hope to make this an annual event.

We told them to be sure and let us know because we would love to partner with them on the next clothing drive. The unit presented the Fashion Club with the American Legion Auxiliary Good Deed Award and cash for a Pizza Party for the club.



7TH ANNUAL SWEAT4VETS FUNDRAISER

Article by Sandy Mack/Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

A special thank you goes to all members who assisted in the Auxiliary's 7th Annual Sweat4Vets walk. The weather couldn't have been any more perfect. We have been blessed with another successful year. We had 721 registrations and 546 actual walkers. This year's proceeds will go to Dogs2DogTags and other veteran organizations chosen independently by the Grafton Unit #355 and our Cedarburg Unit #288. D2DT's is an organization that creates an opportunity to save at-risk, rescued or donated dogs, and train them with deserving service members who have been diagnosed with post-combat stress and anxiety. The purpose is to provide the veteran, at no cost, a trained dog that they can gain as a constant companion to help them cope with their unique challenges in everyday life.



Many thanks to committee members Sandy Mack, Maggie Geiger, Doralee Piering,

Amy Luft, Carolyn Schweitzer and Angie Dedlow.

Save the date for May 17th, 2025, for our 8th annual Sweat4Vets walk. We are already in the planning process.



THE 5TH ANNUAL CAR AND CRAFT SHOW NOT SPOILED BY THE WEATHER

Article by Julie Deleeuw/Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

June 8th was not all we had prayed for regarding the weather. The cars turned out; the fabulous vendors turned out; and the music by the Mission River Ban was everything we hoped for. The food by the SAL was delicious and plentiful! The American Legion Auxiliary of the Cedarburg Peter Wollner Legion Post is proud to have raised an amazing amount of money for the MILWAUKEE HOMELESS VETS, the Women's Division.

The event was made possible by the leadership of Julie Deleeuw, Deb Gabert and Kris Gomez.

Volunteers included Barb Frank, Carol Szudrowitz, Chris Sandoval, Barb Tenpenny, Donna Kison, Mary Garner, Mickey Schneider, Joan Retzlaff, and Chris Skidmore to name only a few.



THE USUAL DATES

POST GENERAL MEETING

Legion general meetings are the second Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00 p.m. with a meal to follow. Free will offering toward the meal is encouraged.

POST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Legion Executive Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING

Auxiliary general meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Auxiliary executive board meetings are the third Monday of each month and begin at 6:00 p.m.

Check calendar for any changes in schedule.

FISH FRY

Post 288 Fish Fry is the third Friday of every month. We begin seating guests at 3:45 p.m. and begin taking dinner orders at 4:00 p.m. We close no earlier than 8:00 p.m.; closing time depends upon attendance and/or if we run out of food.

VETERANS COFFEE

Veterans meet for coffee each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Jim's Grille. W63 N144 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg WI.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Happy Summer!	1	2 NO Aux Genl Mtg/ US Army Air Corps est 1926	3 Marine Corp League 7PM	4 Independence Day	5	6 Army Day
7	8	9 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/BSA835 7PM	10	11 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM/ Dept Conv Appleton	12 Dept Conv Appleton	13 Dept Conv Appleton
14 Dept Conv Appleton/Max St Day	15 Aux Exec Board 6PM	16 Garden Club 6PM	17	18 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	19 NO Fish Fry	20
21	22	23 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	24	25 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	26	27 Rifle Sq 10AM/ Korean War ended 1953/Natl Korean War vets Armistice Day
28 Post Chicken Roast/ WWI began 1914	29	30	31	1 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM/Air Force Day	2	3
4 US Coast Guard est 1790	5	6 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting	7 Marine Corp League 7PM/ Purple Heart est 1782/ Vietnam War began 1964	8 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	9	10
11	12	13 Legion Spaghetti Dinner 5PM/Genl Mtg&Awards 7PM/ BSA835 7PM	14 WWII Japan surrender 1945/Natl Navajo Code Talker Day	15 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	16 Fish Fry 4PM-8PM/ Natl Airborne Day	17
18	19 Aux Exec Board 6PM/Natl Aviation Day	20 Garden Club 6PM	21	22 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	23	24 Rifle Squad 10AM
25	26 Womens Equality Day	27 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/ BSA835 7PM	28	29 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/BSA836 7PM	30 2nd Dist Silent March Sheboygan County Fair	31
1 Maxwell Street Day	2 Labor Day/VJ Day 1945	3 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting	4 Marine Corp League 7PM	5 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/Rotary 11:30AM/ BSA 836 7PM/Oz Cty Council at Grafton	6	7
8 Grandparents Day	9 NO Lions	10 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/BSA835 7PM	11 Patrior Day/ Natl Day of Service & Rem	12 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	13	14
15	16 Aux Exec Board 6PM	17 Garden Club 6PM/US Const appvd 1787	18 USAF est 1947	19 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	20 Fish Fry 4PM-8PM/ POW/MIA Recog Day	21
22 Autumn begins	23 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	24 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	25	26 Vets Coffee-Jim's Grille 10AM/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	27	28 Rifle Squad 10AM
29 Gold Star Mother's Day	30	October 3 Ozaukee County Council Meeting & Flag Retirement 6PM at Saukville October 6 Maxwell Street Day October 12 TLC Fashion Show Thursday, October 31 Post Halloween Dance 7PM-10:30 PM with Jerry Unger Band				

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POST 288 NEWSLETTER

Article deadline for the October/November/December 2024 issue is September 15, 2024. Articles submitted after the deadline might not be included in the newsletter.

Please submit photos at the highest resolution/actual size if at all possible. Submit photos and articles to Jan Batty at rbatty@wi.rr.com.

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