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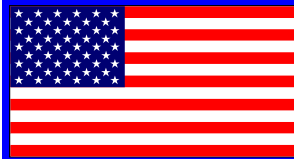
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# Cedarburg Legionnaire



## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello Post 288 members. I hope you all had a summer filled with joy and made lots of wonderful memories!

This newsletter will likely be the last print newsletter you will receive. It has gotten wildly expensive to print and send things through the US mail lately, so the Executive Board voted last month to discontinue sending a paper copy of the newsletter starting in 2025, and instead emailing the newsletter to our members. If you do not receive emails from the Post, please, PLEASE make sure to get us your email address. You can reach out to me, Debbie Gabert or Bob Batty. We send out a lot of reminders and alerts via email, so please make sure we have your correct email address!

October 31st the Post will host a Halloween dance. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Festivities start at 7pm.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Please mark your calendar and watch your email for more information about the day as well as how to register yourself for the parade. There will also be a small bag lunch served at the Post after the morning ceremonies.

You may have seen us in the newspaper recently as we were honored to partner with the Cedarburg Police Department in their "Live Today, Put it Away" program. Did you know that every day 17-22 veterans take their own lives? Did you know that veterans are 50% more likely than the rest of the population to use their weapon? This program provides a safe space for your weapons if you or someone in your family is going through a crisis. You can bring your weapon to the Cedarburg Police Department, and they will lock it up for you for 30/60/90 days until you are ready to take it back.

This brings me to buddy checks. We do buddy checks in November and April, but you don't have to wait to "Be the One." Take a couple minutes out of your week to reach out to a buddy you haven't talked to in a while. You never know how much power a kind voice can have when someone is at their worst. I hope to see many of you at upcoming events this fall (like Packer parties) and please reach out if you need anything!

Kristin Burkart, Post 288 Commander

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### VETERANS DAY

#### NOVEMBER 11, 2024

- 9:00 A.M. PARADE ASSEMBLE EARLY AT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
- 10:15 A.M. WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL CEREMONY (ARRIVE 10:00 A.M.)
- 12:00 P.M. BAG LUNCH AT POST

#### NOVEMBER 12, 2024

- 6:00 P.M. SPAGHETTI DINNER AT POST

Peter Wollner Post 288 W57 N481 Hilbert Avenue Cedarburg, WI 53012

# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE 2024

Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

The weather was right for the 2024 Independence Day parade in Cedarburg.

Post 288 led the way with George Maumees calling cadence. There was a great turnout of Legion members, SAL members and uniformed personnel marching.

Units following the Legion included the Auxiliary, The United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Units Veterans of the Vietnam War, and Unit 288 Poppy Princess. Later in the parade, Chuck Kison was photographed driving his tractor!



## DEBBIE GABERT—LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

The following excerpts are from the nomination written for Debbie Gabert:

This Legionnaire has a life long history of volunteering their time to the community and other organizations. They spent many years as a scout leader, sports coach, active in their church. This enthusiasm and call to serve transferred to them joining The American Legion and being a vital member of the Post. This Legionnaire has worked long hours in the kitchen for our Post Fish Fry, every month for two years. Working in a fish fry kitchen is not a glamorous job, but this Legionnaire does it with enthusiasm and a smile, because they know, it's for the betterment of the Post.

This Legionnaire has been an active member of the Military Honors Squad for several years and participated in the vast majority of call outs. This legionnaire also stepped up to call cadence for the Memorial Day parade in the absence of the leader of the Military Honors Squad. They will take on a leadership role when called upon.

This Legionnaire completed American Legion College courses and encouraged many fellow post members to attend classes. They actively used the knowledge learned in these courses to bring ideas back to the Post. Ideas on how to increase membership, to keep membership engaged, and to be a strong leader within the Post.

This Legionnaire has taken over the online publicity and advertising of the Post. They will post upcoming activities, important information for Veterans, and some fun photos and posts meant to engage members and members of the public with the Post's Facebook Page. This Legionnaire stresses to all members that in order to keep and grow membership, and to continue to be relevant in the eyes of the community, the Post needs an online presence.

This Legionnaire serves as an elected member on the Post's executive board. They consistently come to the meetings with ideas, and items to address. They see this position as a job and are always prepared and engaged with items brought before the Executive Board. This legionnaire is a dual member of the Post and the Auxiliary and has been extremely active in both organizations. They have taken it upon themselves to plan and execute the Post's Holiday Party, and the Auxiliary Car Show. They work closely with the membership chair and help to continually keep the membership list accurate. They took the initiative to put the entire membership and their information in to a shareable excel spreadsheet.

This Legionnaire exemplifies our motto "For God and Country." They volunteer with youth and scouts at the post, and outside of the Post. Specifically, working with scouts to decorate the Post for Christmas, and being very involved in the Veterans Day activities with the local schools. Interacting with youth is vitally important as it solidifies the importance of our Country, our Post and our service members within our community. This Legionnaire expresses to our membership at meetings how important it is to interact with our youth and how important it is to see us out in the community. They lead by example by always being present in community-facing events.

Finally, this Legionnaire is the one our Post can count on whenever we need something done. They send out emails to the entire membership on behalf of the Commander. They are the first one to jump in and help whenever a task needs to be done. They go out of their way to make new members feel welcome, and existing members feel seen and valued. This Post is better because of the efforts of this Legionnaire.



*Post Commander Kristin Burkart with Legionnaire of the Year Debbie Gabert.*

## POST 288 OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

Front row: PJ Glavey, Tom Ingram, Dennis Jaeger, Jim Lee, Debbie Gabert, Art Filter.

Back row: Rick Seifert, George Maumee, Bob Batty, John Katka, Dennis Loberger, Ray Ronchetti, Ed Downey, Bob Shappell, Kristin Burkart, Jerry Smith.

Not pictured are Bill Raymond, Jerry Gomez, John McFadden and Keith Mason.



## BADGER BOYS 2024

Here are profiles of the two remaining students who attended Badger Boys State.

**Braden Baken** expected that the sole focus of the whole week would be on government, but found that it was also about bettering yourself, creating relationships, learning business, and communication. The biggest highlight for him was establishing relationships with people with the same mindset as him, as well as the government simulation. Braden ran for and won City and County Treasurer; he ran for State Treasurer and took 2nd. During rec time, he swam and took walks. At CHS he is Student Council President and Class President, and is in FBLA, DECA, Finance Investment Club, Cedarburg Educational Fund Board Student Ambassador, and on the KAPCO student leadership team that works with KAPCO's marketing team giving back to kids



from kids. Outside CHS he is a banquet captain at the River Club in Mequon, plays golf and pickleball and is an Eagle Scout. After CHS he plans to study International Business (he speaks German) and Accounting. He said anyone who can should take advantage of the opportunity to attend BBS and learn how to better yourself in your community. He had a fantastic week.



*Above: Braden Baken with Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers*

*Left: Braden, second from right, with some of his fellow citizens*

**Henry Eckerdt** knew other students who had attended BBS and he heard good things, but not the details. He was impressed by how interesting it was to get to know like-minded students who were leaders at their schools, and how good the counselors were. He was surprised at how much he enjoyed it and how he put himself out there and got involved. He ran for and won City and County Campaign Managers, and also won State Assembly Minority Leader. During the week, he learned the value of putting yourself out there and not holding back and challenging yourself. During rec time he was able to meet other people outside his county and city and he made connections. Henry liked the BBS University political science classes, and he met some UWEC professors. At CHS he is involved with the Finance and Investment Club, writes for the Common Sense newspaper, is interested in politics and social studies related topics, and is in Global Scholars. Outside of CHS he will page for Tammy Baldwin for a week in August in DC, and he also participates in local campaigns. After CHS, he hopes to attend UW Madison, Marquette or University of Arizona and major in political science and international affairs.

## LEGION BASEBALL

Submitted by Kyle Peterson

The 2024 Cedarburg Post #288 Legion Dogs played 16 games this summer and consisted of players from the Cedarburg High School baseball program who just finished their 9th-11th grade years.

Several of our legion baseball players helped out with the Tuesday morning workouts for youth Cedarburg baseball players. They include Kyle Anderson, Cade Lininger, Collin Ehlers, Elliot Wells, Mason Schultz, Owen Bryl, and Sam Krzykowski.



## STU'S CRUISE

Submitted by Sandy Mack

Look who's riding in the Legion Riders Fundraiser for Stu's Cruise—Curly Hanrahan! He is with Department Commander Karl Stuvengen.



## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS RETREAT

Article and photos submitted by Dennis Jaeger On May 24, 2024 2nd District Adjutant Dennis Jaeger and Post 288 Chaplain PJ Glavey traveled to Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk, WI to attend the 3rd Annual Department of Wisconsin Chaplain's Retreat. This retreat is sponsored by the Department of Wisconsin Religious Emphasis Committee (Dennis Jaeger is the current Chairman of this committee).



It brings together The American Legion Family of Chaplains (serving the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and American Legion Riders).

Thirty-five Chaplains from around the state of Wisconsin were able to enjoy the great facilities at Camp American Legion, and the beautiful Wisconsin north woods and meet with and share experiences with other American Legion Family Chaplains. We met with a speaker from North woods National Cemetery in Harshaw, WI. We also had the privilege of meeting with a Gold Star father who

lost his son while he also was serving in the military. There were classes on various services that a Chaplain can conduct. And we were able to enjoy a guided tour of Camp American Legion riding around in new golf carts.

Unfortunately for PJ, someone accidentally took his truck keys on Friday evening. PJ and a generous volunteer from Camp drove home to Cedarburg on Saturday afternoon/evening. He spent over 7 hours on the road. His keys were eventually found and returned to him on Saturday evening. Other than this, it was a great weekend enjoyed by all.



## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO GERALD FRANK

Submitted by Debbie Gabert Post Legion members were honored to share time with WWII Navy veteran Gerald Frank's 100th birthday celebration at Lasata Senior Living Campus. Gerald served in the Pacific, island hopping. He is currently a Post 288 member of 43 years. Joining him in celebration is, first row: Art Filter, The Birthday Boy, Jim Lee and second row: Ed Downey, Dennis Loberger, Bob Batty, Debbie Gabbert, Keith Mason and Gene Szudrowitz.

Note: Sadly, Gerald Frank passed away on September 1, 2024.



## MESSAGE FROM POST CHAPLAIN PJ GLAVEY

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years" (Genesis 1:14).

We tend often to spend our days looking downward - caught up in the cares and trials of life - wondering little about the GOD that made us. But be there no doubt, for those watching, GOD is letting known what's coming forth.

In 2024, there will be two solar eclipses. The first occurred on April 8th, and was known as the "Great American Eclipse of 2024." It just so happened to occur at the exact same time the sun was going down over Jerusalem - the city of the great King, at the exact beginning of the first day, of the first month, of the new Hebrew year. And the second eclipse of 2024 will take place on October 2nd. At the exact moment the eclipse begins, the sun will be going down over Jerusalem...and the festival of Rosh Hashanah will begin. Let that sink in. The moon will align perfectly into the center of sun, at the exact moment the new Hebrew calendar begins...and the moon will align perfectly into the center of the sun, at the exact moment of the Jewish New Year. At the exact moment, fellow Legionnaires.

Let us not waste these days not addressing our stance before GOD and our eternity. GOD is shouting from the Heavens to come to Him. Eternity, peace and rest are a free gift - as it has always been since the Garden. We ought only to believe as the LORD prescribes. If you have any questions, talk to your Chaplain or friend who studies the Word. Get yourself in good stead. For the time is, indeed, short. May GOD Bless you in this.

## MESSAGE FROM SAL SQUADRON COMMANDER



SAL and Legion Family, Summer is slipping away with warm memories. The SAL is happy to report donations made to some deserving organizations. The Walk MS Sheboygan is an annual fundraiser to support MS research. Funds raised help and empower people affected by MS live the best life they can. Squadron 288 donated \$200.00 in the name of Team Jaeger who participated in this fundraiser. Operation Back to School 2024 sponsored by Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative was another noble event. With the start of school, kids need school supplies. Squadron 288 was happy to donate school supplies in the amount of \$200.00. These much-needed school supplies went to the children of veterans and families of deployed veterans. A big Thank You to our Auxiliary for bringing this event to my attention. I would also like to thank my bride Kris Gomez for helping pick out the school supplies. It was a little overwhelming.

I also thank John Szudrowitz who is responsible for food prep and hotdog sales during Summer Sounds. I also thank the following volunteers who helped park cars at the legion for Summer Sounds: Tyler Myers, Mick Callen, Yogi Recob, Chuck Langford, Keith Mason, Gary Zaffke and Brian Kjell. Last, but not least, our past and present Post 288 legion officers for allowing the SAL the opportunity to raise funds to support our veterans and community non-profit groups.

Cedarburg hosts one more Maxwell Street Day on 10/6. Help our post park cars on this date. Two shifts, morning 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and afternoon 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See Brian Kjell to volunteer. Post 288 will host a Halloween Party on Thursday, 10/31 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. See Debbie Gabert for details. On Veterans Day 11/11, please remember to thank a veteran for their service. The SAL 2024 membership campaign is in full swing. Please see me at our legion meetings every second Tuesday of the month to renew your membership. Dues are \$15.00. You can also mail me a check made out to Peter Wollner Post 288 Squadron. My address is 182 Highview Dr. Cedarburg, WI 53012. I would like to wish everyone a beautiful fall and warm winter.

Thank You, Jerry Gomez, S.A.L. Commander Post 288 Squadron (262-388-0406)

## AUGUST AWARDS NIGHT

Post Commander Kristin Burkart and Post Adjutant Bob Batty presented Firefighter of the Year, EMT of the Year and Post 288 Continuous Service Years Awards at the August general meeting. Many thanks to Tom Ingram for printing the certificates.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed a sumptuous spaghetti dinner prepared by Terry Ronsman, Bill Raymond, Ted Jirschefski, and Brian Kjell.

New members welcomed: Eric Albrecht, Brandon Bolhous, Angela Bushee, Henry Cain, Derek Duby, Chris Gordon, Lawrence Haasch, Randall Hammock, Brian Hoffmann, Daren Olson, Eric Poulsen, Thomas Rademacher, Karen Zakrzewicz.

5 YEARS: Sean Ciske, Raymond Elias, Andrew Keillor, Ron Kuchenreuther, Michael McNerney, Marko Musich, Dennis Olczak, Ian Seth Queen, Jim Salp, John Sherman, Brenda Stencil, Cheryl Taylor, Blaine Vorgang, Eugene Wagner, Denis Zyszkiewicz.

10 YEARS: Anthony Altomore, Kyle Christenson, Peter Conrardy, John Hinck, Bill Hinton, Lewis Holtsclaw, Jerry Hutchison, Jeannette Kervin, Austin Kison, Kenneth Klumb, Joan Neuswanger, Onekeo Phongsavath, Kyle Ross, Thomas Schlabach, Joseph Schwind, John Sorenson.

15 YEARS: Gary Badem, Rianna Badem, Michael Carr, Clarence Happ, James Kieckhefer Jr., Dennis Loberger, Keith Mason, Robert Sommer.

20 YEARS: Michael Barikmo, Joel Gierach, Mark Goudzwaard, Karle Naggs, Douglas Rollins.

25 YEARS: Robert Batty, Edmund Eldredge Jr., James Esten, James Lovering, Richard Swetalla.

30 YEARS: John Langhans.

35 YEARS: Benjamin Destefanis, Dennis Jaeger, Alvin Laverenz, James Oberheu, Ronald Peters.

40 YEARS: J. Michaelchuck, Arthur Moats Jr.

45 YEARS: Joseph Buell.

55 YEARS: Robert Berggren.



*Above: Cdr. Burkart, EMT of the Year Melanie L. Clausing-Miles and Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz*

*Left: Cdr. Burkart and Firefighter of the Year Edward Bublitz*

## “LIVE TODAY—PUT IT AWAY” PROGRAM

Submitted by Debbie Gabert

The Peter Wollner Post 288, Cedarburg WI has donated the funds to purchase a gun safe for the safety of our Veterans in crisis. Recipient of funds and holder of the safe, the Cedarburg Police Department is affiliated with the Southeastern Wisconsin Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force. The program 'LIVE TODAY - PUT IT AWAY' enables gun owners struggling with thoughts of suicide or harm to others to bring their guns in to be stored away until the crisis has passed. The gun owner faces no legal consequences for bringing the weapon in; the one and only intent is safekeeping of their weapon in their time of crisis.

Contact David Walter, Public Affairs Specialist at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, david.walter@va.gov for more information.



## MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Jim Lee

Membership is very important to the existence of The American Legion and that is why we need you to pay your 2025 legion dues before November 11, 2024.

2025 membership starts July 1, 2024 and if a member does not pay by December 31, 2024, they are considered delinquent. Kindly consider paying your \$40 dues now and don't put off what you can do today. You can pay by check.

If you renew your membership online via the national American Legion website (www.legion.org), you will need to provide your Member ID and Last Name.

Dues help sponsor all the programs the legion promotes, such as: Children and Youth, Veterans and Their Families, Community and Non-Profits for Veterans and Children ... and much more.

Please email me with any questions or concerns: mrlee12836@yahoo.com

**POST, SAL, AUXILIARY MEMBERS  
(PLUS 1 GUEST)**

**POST 288  
Holiday Party**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**  
5:00pm - Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres  
1 free drink ticket per person  
Dinner: 6:00pm  
Followed by dancing - The Jerry Unger Band  
\$25.00 per person  
Reserve with payment by November 22nd

Checks Payable to Peter Wollner Post 288  
Mail to:  
Debbie Gabert  
2203 New Port Vista Dr., Grafton, WI 53024  
Limited space: 100 attendee  
Please donate 1 non-perishable food item  
for local food pantry

## S.A.L. DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Article and photos submitted by Bob “Skid” Skidmore

Jerry Gomez, President of the S.A.L. Squadron 288, feels that they are very fortunate to be part of the Post 288 Family. He said the Sons of The American Legion are proud to support "Operation Back to School 2024." SAL's donation of school supplies totaled \$200.00 for this event. S.A.L. are proud to serve our veterans in conjunction with our Auxiliary Unit #288.

*Kiana Sanchez, of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, accepts the donation of backpacks from SAL Squadron Commander Jerry Gomez*



# AUXILIARY NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM UNIT PRESIDENT CHRIS SKIDMORE



Happy Fall Y'All!

This is my favorite time of the year! I hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the crisp fall air and the beautiful colors to come.

The Auxiliary has several different events coming up that we are looking forward to. We are parking cars at the Wine and Harvest Fest in September in the VIP parking lot. Sadly, this is the last year we do this. It is just getting too difficult to find volunteers. It is a shame but we have had many good years in the past and we are extremely grateful to VIP for giving us this opportunity to partner with them.

We are also excited to host ALA In the Know on Oct 5, 2024. The purpose of ALA In the Know presentations is to engage and educate The American Legion Family. Every fall, sessions are presented throughout the state, hosted by a local unit, county and /or district. This particular meeting focuses on PEP (Program Engagement Plans), Leadership, Legion Programs, Annual Reports and Membership. Auxiliary members from all over the state will attend our meeting including Department President Becky Mueller and the National Central Division Vice President Rosemarie Hauck.

Also in October, we are bringing back the Fashion Show! Linda Short from TLC Casuals will present some of the new styles for Fall and they will be modeled by our Auxiliary members! TLC will also have clothes and accessories available for purchase after the show. A luncheon will be provided. Be sure to get your tickets right away as there are only 75 tickets available. See the flyer on page 10 for information on cost and where to purchase your tickets.

In November we honor our Post 288 veterans by again creating our Field of Flags. Volunteers are needed on Nov 3 to help place the flags.

We will also provide a meal for the Legion at their Nov 12th meeting.

In December we will have our usual Christmas Potluck on Dec 3rd.

On December 14th we will participate in the Wreaths Across America program at our local cemeteries. More information on these events and other upcoming activities will be on our Facebook page (Cedarburg American Legion Auxiliary) or by email.

On a final note, we are aware that there has been a large deployment recently. If you are aware of a friend or neighbor who has a deployed household member, think about ways you could support the family by buying them some gift cards for a meal or tickets to an event for their children, etc. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary it is our duty to keep in touch with the community and be willing to assist our military families.

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

## DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS



Many thanks to Unit 288 Auxiliary members Natalia Genovesi-King, Mary Jaeger, Donna Kison, Shirley Krier, Sandy Mack, Chris Skidmore, Carol Szudrowitz and Nancy Wallock who dedicated their time to attend the Wisconsin Department Convention this July in Appleton. Some of them are in the photo at left. Maggie Geiger, Shirley Krier, and Sandy Mack attended the National Convention in New Orleans.



## PRESIDENT MAGGIE GEIGER'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Submitted by Immediate Past President Maggie Geiger

When I was asked to write about my year as the Department of WI American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) President I was a little apprehensive. How do I put into words what an amazing year it was for me, and have the article interesting for others to read?

Over ten years ago, I was voted in as president of Unit 288. I never imagined moving up the levels of our organization; all I wanted to do is honor my dad with my membership and be a part of the Post 288 family. But that being said, I had the honor and privilege to serve in all levels of our amazing organization. To serve as Department President was the icing on the cake!

Reflecting over the many miles driven, members met, meetings attended, wonderful meals and delicious desserts that were enjoyed, I have gained so much respect for the Department of WI members.

Meetings were held in home posts, libraries, schools, churches, condo meeting rooms, town halls, airport hangers and even a funeral home. I was always met with a smile and a warm hello from those in attendance.

Listening to what units across the state do to raise funds, and how they add new twists to promote the ALA programs was so interesting. The most successful units have a strong relationship with their Legion, SAL and Riders. They work together, helping with each other's programs. Helping with the oratorical program, supporting Boy & Girl State programs, poppy distribution, joint scholarships, community functions and other events. Those are the posts and units whose memberships are growing!

Legion Commander Stuvengen, SAL Commander Watry, American Legion Riders Director Doehrmann and I held monthly meetings to share our programs, upcoming events, issues, and how we can support the Legion Family. I was also invited to attend the Legion's Fall and Spring meetings. We all felt that meeting together helped us as leaders understand the differences and similarities of our programs. We wanted to work as a family, not just say the words, but act on them!

I proudly shared with them: the Auxiliary assisted 26,629 veterans, volunteered 219,961 hours, \$557,351.00 dollars were spent, we distributed 229,280 poppies and raised over \$381,127.00 in poppy revenue. That is something to boast about!

Visiting the VA facilities around the state made me feel so proud of our members. The hospital representatives/deputies would show me their volunteer service office store rooms. It was unbelievable the items members and units send to the different facilities to make sure veterans and residents needs are met. One hospital rep told me that their facility was in need of blankets. The word went out, and a few weeks later I received a call from the same rep; she said they had more blankets than beds! When the need is there ALA members make sure the needs are met ten-fold!



*Maggie and Jerry Smith at the War Memorial with Buck the pup*

Having the opportunity to visit with veterans and their families was a highlight. I wish all members could have the opportunity to see the fruits of their hard work by visiting the VA facilities. The ALA mission statement is "Service Not Self" our members have truly embraced those three words!

During my term, the Milwaukee War Memorial offered space for our Poppy Shop. A large office with storage and work space was made available, now there are two locations for poppy makers to drop off finish poppies, and pick up more supplies.

Veterans are invited to participate in Service Experience Day, veterans bring in memorabilia, students of all ages interview veterans, we have a poppy maker demonstrating how poppies are made and explain the meaning behind the poppy. Students are invited to try their hand at making a poppy.

Discovery Wisconsin made a documentary about the War Memorial and invited me to participate in the program. What an honor to represent the Auxiliary!

Mid-Winter brought approximately 80 ALA Junior and Senior members together to make blankets, valentine cards, and Socks of Love. So many items were donated that five VA facilities enjoyed the generosity of members!

*The remainder of Maggie's year in review will be published in the next issue.*



*President Maggie and Commander Karl Stuvengen*

## UNIT 288 MAKES DONATION FROM CAR SHOW PROCEEDS

Article and photos submitted by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

Kris Gomez stated that the Cedarburg American Legion Unit 288 was happy to report another successful Car Show and Vendor event held on June 8th at the Cedarburg post. She said that a donation from the proceeds of this event was given to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. MHVI business manager Kiana Sanchez accepted the donation at their general Unit meeting. Kiana explained the MHVI mission and the many different programs MHVI offers for Veterans. Proceeds will be directed to the women's program, WOVIN: Women Veterans Initiative. Kris stated that Unit 288 thanks the community for their support. It has helped make this a successful event and allow the Auxiliary to support Veterans and their families in Wisconsin.



*Chris Skidmore, Donna Kison, Barb Frank, Kris Gomez, Nancy Wallock and Barb Tenpenny witness the donation to Kiana Sanchez, center, of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative*

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE**  
**PRIZES!**

**Jerry Unger**  
*with THE FDG*

**Thursday, October 31st 7:00pm-10:30pm**  
**Admission: \$10 Supports Veterans!**  
**Please donate 1 food item for MHVI**  
 Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

**Peter Wollner Post 288 Cedarburg**  
**W57 N481 Hilbert Avenue**

**Saturday Oct. 12**  
**Noon to 2:30PM**

Proceeds Benefit Women Veterans Groups  
 \$25  
 Doors open at 11:30pm  
 Lite Lunch at Noon  
 Fashion Show at 1pm

American Legion Post 288  
 W57 N481 Hilbert, Cedarburg

Tickets Available  
 At Olsen's Piggly Wiggly  
 Or From Auxiliary Members

Questions?  
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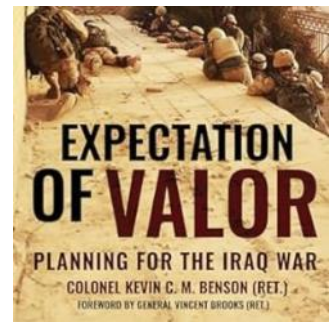
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Presented By  
 Peter Wollner Unit 288 American Legion Auxiliary and  
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## AUTHOR TALK

Colonel Kevin C. M. Benson (Ret.) on "Expectation of Valor: Planning for the Iraq War." Saturday, Nov 9 1pm - 2pm at the Cedarburg Library. Colonel Benson is the brother of Victoria Benson Hora, retired CHS Vocal Music Director.



## 2ND DISTRICT VA&R ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY KRIER, 2ND DISTRICT VA&R CHAIRPERSON

I will again work with the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative this year. This is the 4th year we have assisted the veterans who are receiving help from the MHVI. Its mission is to help homeless and at-risk veterans. This year's theme is helping and honoring our male veterans. Some suggestions for the veterans are soap, shampoo, deodorant, socks and t-shirts.

I would also like to help fill the shelves of their food pantry. Any nonperishable food items are welcome. Also needed are snack items for children. Examples are cookies, popcorn, pudding cups, fruit snacks, and rice crispy treats. Receptacles will be in the clubhouse lobby.

The deadline for sending checks is November 15th and the deadline for purchasing gifts is December 1st. The deadline for donations is early so that all items can be delivered to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and ready for the veterans before the holidays. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this District project. Make checks out to "ALA 2nd District Treasurer" and mail them to Mary Montag, 726 Jean Court, Allenton WI 53002.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Vets Coffee is 10AM every Thursday at Jim's Grille</b>		1 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting/US Army Air Corps est 1926	2 Marine Corp League 7PM/Rosh Hashanah begins	3 Vets Coffee/Oz Cty Cncl Mtg & Flag Retire 6PM Saukville/Rotary 11:30AM	4	5 WOVIN Wellness Sem-Minikani/ALA in the Know
6 Maxwell Street Day	7 Afghanistan War began 2001	8 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/BSA835 7PM	9	10 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	11 Yom Kippur begins	12 TLC Fashion Show
13 US Navy est 1775	14 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting/Columbus Day	15 Garden Club 6PM	16 National Boss Day	17 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	18 Fish Fry	19 Oz County Fall Mtg-Pt. Wash
20	21 Aux Exec Board 6PM	22 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	23 Grenada Campaign began 1983	24 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/United Nations Day	25	26 Rifle Sq 10AM
27 Navy Day	28 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	29	30	31 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/Post Halloween Dance 7PM-10:30 PM with Jerry Unger Band	1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting/Election Day	6 Marine Corp League 7PM	7 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/Oz Cty Council Mequon 7PM	8	9
10 USMC est 1775	11 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting/Veterans Day*/Signing of WWI Arm. 1918	12 Legion Spaghetti Dinner 6PM/Genl Mtg 7PM/BSA835 7PM	13	14 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	15 Fish Fry 4PM-8Pm	16
17	18 Aux Exec Board 6PM	19 Garden Club 6PM	20	21 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/Grenada Campaign ends 1983	22	23 Rifle Squad 10AM
24	25 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	26 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA835 7PM	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
1 First Sunday of Advent	2	3 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting	4 Marine Corp League 7PM	5 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA 836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/NO Oz Cty Council/Somalia Campaign began 1992	6	7 Post 288 Holiday Party 5PM/Pearl Harbor Day
8 War Declared on Japan 1941	9 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	10 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/BSA835 7PM/ Human Rights Day	11 Germany & Italy dec war on US 1941	12 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	13	14 Wreaths Across America
15 Iraq War ended 2011/ Bill of Rights Day	16 Aux Exec Board 6PM	17 Garden Club 6PM	18	19 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	20 Fish Fry 4PM-8PM/ Panama Camp end 1989	21 Winter begins
22	23 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	24 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	25 Christmas Day/ Hanukkah begins	26 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM/ Kwanzaa	27	28 Rifle Squad 10AM
29	30	31 Official end of WWII 1946/Kosovo Campaign end 2013	*November 11: Veterans Parade 9:00 a.m. assemble early at County Fairgrounds / Webster Middle School Veterans Ceremony 10:15-11:15 a.m. (arrive 10:00 a.m.)/ Bag Lunch at Post 12:00 p.m.			

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## EVENT CONTACTS

Here is an easy reference to sign up for an event or be sure an event is still scheduled:

Fish Fry—Bob Batty 414-491-8927/battys@gmail.com

Hall Rental—Jim Lee 262-617-5236/mrlee12836@yahoo.com

Marine Corp League Meetings—Jim Lee 262-617-5236/mrlee12836@yahoo.com

Maxwell Street Day Parking—Jim Lee 262-617-5236/Gene Szudrowitz 262-377-6792

Ozaukee County Council Meetings—Dennis Jaeger 262-277-6533/djaeger@wi.rr.com

Post General Meeting—Kristin Burkart 262-745-5934/kburkarto8@gmail.com

Rifle Squad—Jerry Smith 262-377-6012/jsmith304@wi.rr.com

Veterans Coffee—Dennis Jaeger 414-426-4774/djaeger@wi.rr.com

## POST 288 NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the January/February/March 2025 issue is December 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. Newsletter Editors: Jan and Bob Batty



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## 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.