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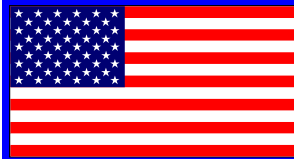
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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello Post 288 family. I hope you all were able to enjoy some quality family time over the holidays. Winter is a time to go inward, relax, and rest, before the busy warmer season is upon us. I hope you take this precious time to pause and reflect, and just enjoy this slower time of year.

I want to kick off this year by mentioning a few benefits of being a member of The American Legion.

First is how the Legion helps veterans and their families access benefits and services, such as health care, education, and disability compensation. We have a service officer within our post and many active members who can help point you in the right direction. Our American Legion Service Officer at the VA is a wealth of knowledge and is super helpful as well. There are many services and benefits available to you, and the Legion can help expand your knowledge on these benefits.

Another example are the programs and support we offer for children and youth. There is Camp American Legion, which is a tranquil place for Veterans and their families to unwind, rejuvenate, and be around others with similar experiences. WALLECA is a program designed to provide first-hand experiences and insight into the operation of law enforcement agencies and is offered to high school juniors and seniors. We also offer three different scholarships to local high school seniors. This just names a few of the programs offered for the youth.

Lastly, is finding a network where you share similar experiences with others. I missed the camaraderie from my time in the service, which is what led me to the Cedarburg Legion. This Post has filled that void for me, and I'm so grateful.

Now that I have a year under my belt as commander, I'd like to start implementing some activities for the younger generation of Veterans and their families. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved in executing some of these events, please reach out to me!

Cheers to a safe, healthy, and joyful 2025!

Kristin Burkart, Post 288 Commander

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2025 STATE & NATIONAL DATES

JANUARY 16-19 MID WINTER
CONFERENCE APPLETON WI

MAY 9-10 DEPARTMENT SPRING
MEETING PORTAGE WI

JULY 16-20 DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION GREEN BAY WI

AUGUST 22-28 NATIONAL
CONVENTION TAMPA BAY FL

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CEDARBURG VETERANS DAY PARADE 2024

A lot of activity was packed into the morning of November 11, 2024. Those who participated in the Veterans Day school parade assembled early at Firemen's Park in anticipation of a 9:00 a.m. start. The parade is organized by the Cedarburg schools Parent Teacher Organization.

With a police escort, more than 100 cars of veterans drove past groups of school children in front of Parkview, Cedarburg High School, Westlawn, First Immanuel and Thorson schools. Students waved flags and posters, cheered, sang and played music.



Above: First Immanuel School and Cedarburg High School.

Left: Ed Downey, Rick Siefert, Keith Mason, Bob Shappell, Bob Batty and Jerry Smith pose before the parade began.



Lower left: Rod Kison and Mick Callan. Below: Cdr. Kristin Burkart and Dave. Right: John McFadden and PJ Glavey



Photos at Firemen's Park were taken by Bob "Skid" Skidmore.



VETERANS DAY LUNCH

Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore
A hot Veterans Day lunch at the Post was provided by Sysco.



VETERANS DAY AT WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024

Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore



At the conclusion of the parade, veterans headed to Webster Middle School for a Veterans Day video presentation. The video began with an introduction by Webster's principal followed by a posting the colors demonstration by Post 288 members Jerry Smith, Dennis Loberger, Deb Gabert and Ray Ronchetti. The 8th grade choir sang the national anthem a capella followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by an 8th grade class.

Post 288 Commander Kristin Burkart welcomed everyone and reminded us that our veteran population is a melting pot of ethnic groups and deserves our respect and gratitude. Next, hymns of each of the branches of the military were played on oboe and trumpet and sung by the 8th grade choir while veterans stood for each of their hymns. This year's honored speaker was Janet Radtke who wore her Air Force hat to talk about her nine months in



Operation Desert Storm as a C130 flight nurse. She then switched to her Legion cap to provide a short history of The American Legion, Armistice Day and the National Veterans Day bill that was passed by President Eisenhower in 1954.

A question and answer period followed with answers provided by PJ Glavey, Kristin Burkart, John Katzka, Ray Ronchetti, Deb Gabert, Dennis Loberger and Jim Lee. Patriots Pen (a VFW program) participants provided their insights on "Voices of America's Democracy." 7th grade students shared their thanks, and 6th grade students shared posters describing veterans. The video concluded with Post 288 members performing the flag folding ceremony; video and narration of the MIA ceremony by Tom Ingram; retiring of the colors; a rifle volley; and Taps.

Outside Webster school, Morning Colors was played on the bugle, and members of Post 288 performed three rifle volleys and Taps.



*Above: Jerry Smith receives greetings from the Webster crowd.
Above: Post 288 veterans salute during the flag raising.
Left: Keith Mason performed Taps.
Right: Post 288 Rifle Squad.
Below: Webster students.*



POST 288 HALLOWEEN PARTY

Photos and information provided by Deb Gabert



The Peter Wollner Post 288 Halloween Costume Dance Party was a spooktacular success! Thelma & Louise stole the show with their getaway car. We had a one night stand, the Scooby Doo Crew, a sweet cheeks patient, Sonny & Cher, a Soda Jerk & his sweet dream date, and a couple of nuns and a Priest to keep us all in line. We also had Cookie Monster and the Cookie a Pirate couple, and the Mexican Masquerades! (I am not sure what Jerry and Kris Gomez are called).

We collected \$980 that has been donated to Milwaukee Homeless Vets, along with a large barrel of non-perishable food items. Music was provided by Jerry Unger & the Fog, and the band was sponsored by Dennis Krings. Many thanks to Deb Gabert who chaired the event.



Above: Clerics Dennis Krings and Julie Deleeuw do their best to absolve the sins of the One Nite Stand.



Far left: Chairperson Deb Gabert. Above: Best Costume winners Thelma and Louise. Left: Jim Lee and Mickie Schneider channeling their inner-1960s spirit.



Above: The Scooby Doo gang. Left: Doctor and patient Mary and Dennis Jaeger.

KEVIN SANDELL PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Submitted by Kevin Sandell

Kevin Sandell, an active duty U.S. Army officer and native of Cedarburg, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 10, 2024, during a ceremony in Elizabethtown, KY. Sandell, who is a member of Post 288 and earned his Eagle Scout award from Post 288-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 835, has served in the U.S. Army since 2007. He is an Army Public Affairs Officer (PAO), and currently serves as the Public Affairs Career Manager at U.S. Army Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, KY, where he manages the assignments for 330+ active-duty PAOs.



Kevin's wife, Amy, their four kids, and his parents and brother pinned the Lt. Col. ranks onto his uniform during a midday ceremony at Elizabethtown Nature Park.

In Summer 2025, Lt. Col. Sandell and his family will move to the Washington, D.C. area, where he will assume a position as a Department of Defense spokesperson at the Pentagon.

Kevin said he appreciates the support and camaraderie of the American Legion Post 288 members, and looks forward to the next time he can visit Cedarburg with his family.



POST 288 HOLIDAY PARTY

Everyone had a great time at this year's holiday party. Many thanks to Debbie Gabert who planned the event, and others who jumped in at the end to help pull it all together.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of roast beef and ham with plenty of side vegetables, salad, rolls, and cake for dessert. Troop 836 boy scouts Will Sawyer and Spencer Schoedel bussed tables and made sure everyone had at least one slice of cake.

The drink ticket guaranteed you entry for the door prizes, and there were many great items to choose from. Many thanks to door prize donors Janet Radtke, Alliance Medical, Piggly Wiggly, Blue Sky, Anvil, 5 Corners Dodge, Tomasos, Cedars and Kettle Moraine, and to the anonymous donors of wine and the Bloody Mary kit.

Jerry Unger with The Fog provided dance music from just the right eras, and there were plenty of dancers on the floor.

After dinner and some dancing, it was time for door prizes. Scouts Will and Spencer helped Debbie Gabert draw names and announce winners. Will took over the microphone from Debbie and entertained us with his comments throughout the raffle.



After the raffle, Debbie presented a special gift to the post, and asked Bob Batty, Fish Fry Chair, to accept it. During Fish Fry evenings, it is difficult for wait staff to get into the kitchen for ice cream to add to dessert orders. Debbie donated a mini freezer that can be used in the utility room next to the dining hall so that ice cream can be stored there. Thanks Deb!

*Left: Deb Gabert and Bob Batty
Middle Right: Will Sawyer, Spencer Schoedel and Deb Gabert*



MESSAGE FROM POST CHAPLAIN PJ GLAVEY



As we continue to enter into increasingly Biblical times, Prayer should now become a bed rock in the daily life of every Post Member. If I can give you any advice today, as the Chaplain, it would be this:

Pray.

As the old saying goes, "there's no atheists in a foxhole." But astonishingly, what's even more true, is that GOD hears prayer. HIS ears are attended unto those who trust HIM.

As the psalmist writes:

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

Ladies and gentlemen: pray. Pray for your day. Pray for your peace. Pray for your food. Pray for GOD's Spirit. Pray that your faith be clean. Pray that your family come to faith. Pray for wisdom. Pray for protection. Pray when it hurts. Pray when it's joyous. Pray before bed, and pray when you rise.

Speak to Your Maker. Talk to Him. The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end, the maker of all things...HE hears...and HE listens and guides and protects.

Speak.

Much love and amen.

MESSAGE FROM SAL SQUADRON COMMANDER



SAL and Legion Family,

Have you made any new year resolutions? If not, consider becoming more active as a member. Are you recently retired and looking for something fulfilling? Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Have you considered being part of the post rifle squad? Jerry Smith is always looking for a few good men and women. Jerry is currently the post 2nd Vice Commander in charge of our Color Guard and rifle squad. How about marching in a parade and carrying a military service flag? It's ok to volunteer a little at a time or jump in feet first. A new year, a new you!

The SAL 2024 membership campaign is winding down. If you have yet to pay your dues, please do so. I attend most legion meetings every second Tuesday of the month. Dues are \$12.00. 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 Healthy and prosperous New year.

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

QUILTS FOR VETERANS

Submitted by Nancy Wallock

During the Auxiliary Christmas Potluck Dinner December 3, 2024, Faith Lutheran donated 24 quilts to our Auxiliary for veterans to use. Chris

Skidmore and her husband Bob delivered them to Zablocki on December 5. We heard the Dialysis Department could use quilts for the Veterans. They keep the patients warm during their procedures.

Many, many thanks to the Faith Lutheran quilters!



MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Robert Berggren attended the October Post Meeting where he was awarded a certificate for his 55-year membership in The American Legion. Many thanks, Robert, for your service to our country and your membership in the Legion.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Submitted by Chris Skidmore

We obtained sponsors for 219 wreaths to place at Immanuel Cemetery and Zur Ruhe Cemetery on December 14. The wreaths were delivered by Rock Solid Transport, a trucking company from Eau Claire, WI. The driver, Bob Degan, traveled to Maine to pick up the wreaths for us and two other locations in WI. This was his 8th year delivering wreaths at his own expense.



We held a ceremony at 11:00am at Immanuel Cemetery led by Commander Burkart with wreath laying to follow.



On hand to unload the truck: Chris Skidmore, Bob Degan, Barb Frank, Jeff Hoffman, Jim Lee, Mick Callen

AUXILIARY NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM UNIT PRESIDENT CHRIS SKIDMORE



Hello and Happy New Year! As I look back over the last year, I am amazed as always at what our little unit has accomplished. I remember:

- * Collecting over 1104 Valentines for Veterans
- * Donating 152 pounds of food to Family Sharing
- * Donating in support of Stu's Cruise
- * Serving over 230 meals to the community on Memorial Day
- * Presenting the Good Deed Award to the Fashion Club at Cedarburg High School
- * Presenting new flags to five Cedarburg schools.
- * From the proceeds of the Car Show we were able to donate a sizeable amount to Women Veterans Initiative (WOVIN).
- * Donating to the Zablocki VA Baby Shower
- * Our biggest event, Sweat4Vets, allowed us to donate to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, VA & R project, 2nd District National Security Project, Dream Flights, SAL A.L.F. Program & Camp AL
- * Hosting over 68 Auxiliary members including President Becky Mueller for ALA in the Know.
- * Planting Flags to honor the 347 veterans of Post 288 and cooking a dinner for them for Veterans Day.
- * Sending two girls from Cedarburg High School to American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and providing a scholarship to a Cedarburg High School student.
- * Supporting Fisher House with proceeds from parking cars during Wine and Harvest Festival.
- * Seeing pictures of our Poppy Princess handing out poppies to veterans returning from their Honor Flight.
- * Bringing back the Fashion Show this year which allowed us to send another donation to WOVIN.
- * Receiving 24 handmade quilts from Laverne Gresch and her quilting friends from Faith Lutheran Church. These were forwarded on their behalf to the Dialysis Unit at Zablocki VA. (We added a few more quilts that were given to us from the quilters at Menomonee Falls Unit 382 and from a friend to Unit 288 that lives in Mequon and quilts with her daughter from IL.)
- * Our annual donations to Department included monies to Support Military Families, Children & Youth. Poppy funds were sent to Veteran & Family Assistance, Christmas Gift Shop, Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Surgical Assistance Pillows for Vets and Camp American Legion.

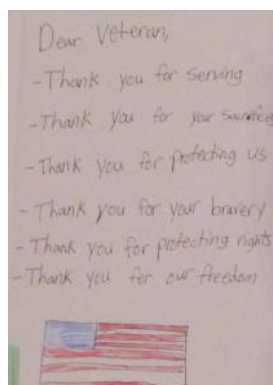
As I look back on all of this, I know I've probably missed something. I am extremely proud of our unit and the impact we have made for Veterans and their families. Our donations weren't always large but they were from the heart.

I also thank the Legion and the SAL for their support! Without their help we wouldn't have been able to get some of these events done.

Now, on to the Mid-Winter conference and then.....who knows what we'll get up to next??

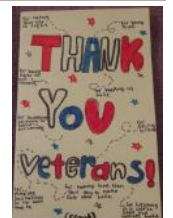
Yours in Service, Chris Skidmore, President, Cedarburg American Legion Auxiliary

THANK YOU NOTES FROM WEBSTER STUDENTS



Submitted by Nancy Wallock

Students from Webster Middle School sent thank you notes to our veterans. These notes were placed at the tables for the November 12 veterans dinner at the post.



UNIT 288 POPPY PRINCESS 2025



Submitted by Kris Gomez

The 2025 Poppy Princess application is on the following page. All current active Junior members are encouraged to apply to represent Unit 288 in the upcoming year's events.

The deadline for application submission is March 1, 2025. Crowning of the incoming Princess(es) will take place at the April Unit general meeting. We hope to crown a senior and a junior princess. The senior princess is the oldest girl in the 13 – 17 age group. The junior princess is the oldest girl in the 6 – 12 age group. Our Poppy Princesses will represent the Unit by participating in local parades, distributing poppies during several Legion events and welcoming home our veterans from Honor Flights. Junior members - please consider applying! Any questions please contact Kris Gomez at krisgomezala@gmail.com.

FASHION SHOW A SUCCESS

Article by Barb Tenpenny, Co-Chair / Photos by Bob "Skid" Skidmore

What began as a challenge soon became a dynamic fun event for people from Cedarburg, Grafton, Mequon, and beyond. When they say it takes a village, they aren't kidding. Were there negatives; you bet. From the negatives came many positives. We found that Auxiliary (and Legion) members are resilient and will help when called. Example, because we miscalculated walk-ins we had to set up another table with place settings and they did it in a matter of minutes.

To this end let me begin by thanking Mary Lewandowski. I was just the co-chair; Mary did most of the work. She put her heart and soul into this event. Next up thank you to the Legion members who helped with set-up Friday and worked Saturday to make sure we were well taken care of. Thanks to Jimmy Lee, George M., Rick S., Paul K. and of course Mick.



Thank you to all the ladies from the Auxiliary who helped with the preparation of the food (Barb F., Chris S., Connie C., Nancy W. and Mickey). Thank you to Doralee for putting together all the advertising. A special thank you to all the models. You all were beautiful in your own style.

There are two special people/groups to thank. Without them we would not have been the success we were.

JANET RADTKE – your donation of four large beautiful raffle baskets. We are so thankful for all you have done to help the Auxiliary. Thanks to Mary B. for selling the raffle tickets and being our official ticket taker.

THE FASHION CLUB – these young men were amazing and from this experience they have offered to help at any function we need their assistance – e.g. Fish Fry. Our goal was to make the community aware of who the American Legion Auxiliary is – to that end we have achieved our goal!

Models Nancy Wallock, Natalia Genovesi-King, Shirley Krier, Mary Jaeger, Donna Kison and Amanda Dowler



Right: Models Shirley Krier, Nancy Wallock, Natalia Genovesi-King, Amanda Dowler, and Donna Kison.





2025 Poppy Princess Application

Junior Princess Age 6 to 12 Senior Princess Age 13 to 17

APPLICANT MUST BE A JUNIOR MEMBER OF AUXILIARY UNIT 288

RETURN APPLICATION BY March 1, 2025

Mail to: Kris Gomez—Attention: Auxiliary Poppy Princess, 182 Highview Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sponsoring Adult

Poppy Princess

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number : _____
Email: _____
Age/Birthdate (Day/Month/Year): _____
Years of Membership with Unit 288: _____

Parent 1

Parent 2

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

I promise to commit to participate as Poppy Princess for The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Cedarburg Unit 288. I will endeavor to attend most ALA celebrations and events throughout the year. Events such as: Poppy weekend, parades, Gold Star Mother’s Banquets, Trees from Home, blanket making, Honor Flight, etc.

Poppy Princess Signature: _____
Sponsoring Adult Signature: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____
Date: _____
Date: _____

FLAGS FOR SCHOOLS

Submitted by Nancy Wallock

Each year, each school in Cedarburg assesses its American flag needs, and the Post 288 Unit provides the flags. On October 8, Chris Skidmore and Nancy Wallock delivered flags to the schools. The following were delivered:

First Immanuel Lutheran four 4' X 6'; St. Francis Borgia two 6' X 10'; Westlawn Elementary one 4' X 6'; Webster Middle School five 5' X 8'; and Cedarburg High School three 5' X 8'.



Above left: First Immanuel—Nancy Wallock, Joann Behling—Ministry Support, Chris Skidmore

Above right: Cedarburg High School—Nancy, Dr. Jeridon Clark—CSD Superintendent, Rick Radke—Dir. Buildings & Grounds, Chris

Middle left: Westlawn—Justin Gumb, Chris, Principal Katie Ramos

Far left: Webster—Michael Johnson

Lower right: St. Francis—Nancy, Erin Copp-Admin Asst., Chris



PRESIDENT MAGGIE GEIGER'S YEAR IN REVIEW—PART II

Submitted by Immediate Past President Maggie Geiger

I was invited to Milwaukee County's George Washington's Birthday Celebration as the keynote speaker. George's sister Elizabeth Washington Lewis (me) made an appearance, sharing inside information about her brother. It also was a learning experience; do not try to change into a hoop skirt in a public restroom! Spring brought more meetings and events. I learned how to wave properly in Appleton's Flag Day parade, elbow, wrist, hand, all in one movement, after two miles of waving and smiling, muscles that I didn't know were there let me know they haven't been used in a while!

ALA National President Lisa Williamson visiting during Badger Girls State. We showed her the Poppy Shop, she had ice cream at the Chocolate Factory and as we sat eating our ice cream she enjoyed hearing the history of Cedarburg. Next we went to Lambeau Field and Camp American Legion's Women Veterans week. President Lisa was able to visit with veterans and talk about BE THE ONE initiative.



Maggie and Brian Geiger with Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers



Mary Petrie, Maggie Geiger, Tracy Fitters and Zondra Morris at a Legion birthday event

We were one of three pontoon boats heading for Tomahawk for an afternoon of shopping, when the boat behind us had engine problems. President Lisa jumped on the back of the boat to attach the tow rope, I was afraid that she would fall in the lake so I grabbed her ankles, I thought I'm not going to let the National President fall in the lake on my watch. The last two days were spent at Girls State.

The Legion Riders extended an invitation to ride in Stu's Cruise, starting in Superior WI, and ending in Orfordville WI. It happened to be my birthday during the ride. I was sung Happy Birthday so many times, I think I am good until my 100th birthday!

Over \$62,000 was raised during the ride. The funds were split between the Troop & Family Support Fund and the Homeless Women Veterans Fund. Thank you to all who made such generous donations!

Reading applications from veterans who are in need of funds reminded me that the needs of our veterans, military and their families have not lessened. We need to keep our ears and eyes open to those around us, keep reminding our elected officials that our veterans and military have earned and deserve their benefits.

Annual reports were exciting to read. Units and members are so generous in their financial giving and with their time. There are so many creative ways that were reported for events and fundraisers.

An interesting event was a Designer Purse raffle/silent auction/bingo district fund raiser. There were so many purses that two events were held. The chairman of the event received calls from people living in Illinois asking how they could participate. It was a great use of social media and the event was very successful.

During Department Convention it was announce how much money was collected in support of my special project Dog2DogTags. I have to admit it brought tears to my eyes; over \$72,000.00 was donated! Thank you, Thank you!

Wisconsin won several National Awards; our very own Bob Shappell, PR Chairperson, won a National Award for Best Department PR in the Central Division. Congratulations Bob, thank you for your time and effort; your meetings were very informative and fun.

Department and National Convention are now in our history books, I congratulate and wish a wonderful year to all our new leaders.

My year was truly amazing. The memories will last a lifetime. I have been truly blessed by the support and encouragement I received from members of Post and Unit 288, Ozaukee County and 2nd District. It was an honor to serve as president!

My theme was "Enhancing the Lives of Our Veterans, Military and Their Families One Day at A Time." The Department of WI ALA members worked hard, not because they had to. It's not a job to our members, it is a passion, a passion to make sure our heroes needs are met!



Presenting the donation to Dogs2DogTags at the Department Convention

For God and Country, may remain One Nation under God! Maggie

Scholarship Application 2025—Peter Wollner American Legion Post 288
Open to sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters of Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members only
(Note: great-grandchildren are not eligible.)

This application must be received by Post Commander or Unit President by March 15, 2025
 Mail applications to: Peter Wollner Post 288 - Legion Scholarship
 P.O. Box 288, Cedarburg, WI 53012-0288

Student Name _____ Date _____
 Parents Name _____
 Address _____
 Student Telephone _____ Student Email _____
 School to be Attended _____

Graduating Senior (in high school now) continuing to college, university or trade school.

EVENT CONTACTS

Here is an easy reference to sign up for an event or be sure an event is still scheduled:
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 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
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 Rifle Squad—Jerry Smith 262-377-6012/jsmith304@wi.rr.com
 Veterans Coffee—Dennis Jaeger 414-426-4774/djaeger@wi.rr.com



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Check out the
 Post 288 Facebook page.
[https://www.facebook.com/
 AmericanLegionPeterWollnerPost288](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPeterWollnerPost288)

POST 288 NEWSLETTER

Beginning in 2025, the Post 288 newsletter will be sent to you via email. All efforts have been made to secure email addresses for every Legionnaire, Auxiliary and SAL member of Post 288. If there are changes to your email address, contact Bob Batty (Legion), Chris Skidmore (Auxiliary) or Jerry Gomez (SAL).

Deadline for the April/May/June 2025 issue is March 15, 2025. 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

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
Vets Coffee is 10AM every Thursday at Jim's Grille			1 New Year's Day	2 Vets Coffee/Oz Cty Cnel Cedarburg Oratorical Finals/ Rotary 11:30AM	3	4
5	6 Epiphany	7 NO Aux Genl Mtg	8	9Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	10	11
12	13 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	14 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/ BSA835 7PM	15	16 Vets Coffee/ BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	17 NO Fish Fry/ Persian Gulf War Beg 1991	18
19	20 Aux Exec Board 6PM/Inaug Day/MLK Jr. Day	21 Garden Club 6PM	22	23 Vets Coffee/ BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	24	25 Rifle Sq 10AM
26	27 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting/ Vietnam Peace Accord Signed 1973	28 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	29	30 Vets Coffee/ BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	31 Panama Campaign Ended 1990	1 National Freedom Day
2 Groundhog Day	3 Four Chaplains Day	4 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting/Election Day	5 Marine Corp League 7PM	6 Vets Coffee/BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/Oz Cty Council Pt Wash 7PM	7	8
9	10 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	11 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/ BSA835 7PM	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Vets Coffee/ BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 Aux Exec Board 6PM	18 Garden Club 6PM	19	20 Vets Coffee/ BSA836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM	21 Fish Fry 4PM-8Pm	22 Rifle Squad 10AM
23	24 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	25 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA835 7PM	26	27	28	1 Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day
2	3 Star Spangled Banner made US national anthem 1931	4 Aux Genl Mtg 6PM Social & 6:30PM Meeting/Shrove Tuesday	5 Marine Corp League 7PM/ Ash Wednesday	6 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA 836 7PM/Rotary 11:30AM/Oz Cty Council Belgium 7PM	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting	11 Legion Genl Mtg 7PM/ BSA835 7PM/Presidents Day	12	13 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM/ Purim begins	14	15
16	17 Aux Exec Board 6PM	18 Garden Club 6PM	19 Iraq War began 2003	20 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM/ Spring begins	21 Fish Fry 4PM-8PM	22 Rifle Squad 10AM/George Washington's Birthday
23	24 Lions Club 6PM Cocktails 7PM Meeting/ Kosovo Campaign began 1999	25 Legion Exec Bd Mtg 7PM/Interfaith Group 11AM/BSA 835 7PM	26	27 Vets Coffee/Rotary 11:30AM/BSA836 7PM	28	29 Natl Vietnam War Veterans Day 2017
30	31 Somalia Campaign ended 1995	2025 Maxwell Street Days: May 25, July 13, August 31, October 5 2025 Sweat4Vets: May 17				

JANUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

MARCH 2025