



*For God and Country*  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
The World's Largest Veterans Organization



**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012**

**Place: Radisson Hotel (Meeting Room)**

**517 Grand Canyon Drive (off Odana Road)**

Time: Dinner: 6 p.m. (at your expense) Meeting: 7 p.m.

**Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S. A. L.**

***COMMANDER'S NOTES:***

At our April 17 meeting we had members Ron McMurray and George Neal join our regular crew for dinner and the meeting. We held nominations: Gregg Knapp, for Commander, Chris Ogden, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Paddhe Heinen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Dean Massey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice, Bill Butler, Post Adjutant, Don Ward, Finance Officer. Post elections will be held at the upcoming meeting with additional nominations from the floor allowed. If you have the urge to serve come to this meeting and throw your Legion cap in. We also voted at our last meeting to raise the Post annual membership fee from \$30 to \$32 effective in 2013.

Bill Butler and I attended the Legion District Spring Conference in Barneveld April 21. We learned a lot about the inner workings of the Legion, saw old friends, and had an excellent lunch. We received a membership award. Bill, Don White and I attended the Dane County Legion meeting April 26 in Waunakee. We came away with a schedule for Honor flight fund raisers which we will have available at our upcoming meeting. They are painfully short of money for flights this Fall. Get out there and help!

The Post is having a membership contest. It will last until the funds that were contributed by a Post member are exhausted. If you bring in a **NEW** member with a DD214 form and filled out membership form and the membership is approved, we are giving out \$30 in gift certificates for food and drink for Basie's at the Radisson. Additionally the Radisson hotel has generously included a one-night stay there with each set of three certificates. We are trying to increase membership so we have more funds to do more good for our brother and sister comrades under arms and in hospitals across the country.

Our Post Badger Boys State Officer Dean Massey reported our applicant for 2012 is Daniel Li. He is a 4.0 student at Memorial High School. Thanks, Dean, for your diligence.

Along with your newsletter is a Legion Poppy. This represents your fellow service members who died all over the world and are buried in many countries. Send back a contribution and it will be used in hospitals and Vet care centers all over Wisconsin.

**MAY ACTIVITIES:**

May 18 & 19: Poppy Daze. Post members and Auxiliary will be distributing poppies to raise money for various Veterans' programs

Friday, May 25: 3 p.m.: Boys Scouts from Troops 628 and 104 and our faithful Post Auxiliary and friends put up over 1000 small flags at the fallen warriors graves at Sunset Memory Gardens

Monday, May 28: 7 a.m. Put up over 200 large flags at Sunset Memory Gardens

Monday, May 28: 2 p.m. Memorial Day Program at Sunset Memory Gardens

See you all on May 15 – I will have Honor Flight tickets and Legion Rider Scholarship Fund tickets.

**Chris Ogden, Commander**

**ADJUTANT NOTES:**

Memorial Day is when Veterans and the public at large honor our dead Veterans. Many US citizens only use the day as a holiday and never even think of a Veteran. Then there are those of us who spend the month of May on this observance. Please read the enclosed Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Bill Butler, Adjutant

***AUXILIARY NOTES:***

*We are gearing up to dispense Poppies on May 18 & 19. We can use anyone who could donate 2 – 3 hours on those days to stand in front of some stores from whom we have received permission. Contact Sandy Butler, 271-3930. For your information, here are some of the groups to whom we donate “Poppy money”: Madison Veterans Hospital and their Veterans Day fund, VA Hospital at Milwaukee, Camp American Legion, Veterans homes at King and Union Grove, Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund and homeless Veterans (male and female) funds. Thank you for your generous donations – wear this Poppy with pride!*

*Sandy Butler, Auxiliary President*

