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**COMMANDER'S CORNER:**

Good day fellow legionnaires! We are almost through April and old man winter is hanging on tight not wanting to leave!! This week we kick off spring with Manitowoc County Youth Government Day (sponsored by the American Legion) – with area High School students visiting the court rooms, coroner's office, the jail, and the city clerk's office.

This means right around the corner, on May 13 and 14, is our TUFT (Tee it Up Fore Troops) golf outing which raises funds for Old Glory Honor Flight. Then, Memorial Day & Tractor Days (June 19 and 20) will come up fast.

In conjunction with Memorial Day, we're offering Honor Guard training on Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m. at St. Nazianz Village Hall. The one-hour session will cover the M1 Garand and flag bearer duties. Suicide Awareness training follows at 9 a.m., also at the Village Hall. Afterward, we invite you and your family members to join us for breakfast at Meat's around 10 a.m.

Take care, Be the One, and I hope to see you and your family at one of our events this summer!

**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING LEGIONNIARE TO POST 477:**

Brian Schroeder, USAF Desert Shield/Desert Storm Veteran & transfer from Iowa Post 404

**WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:**

1) More than 20 Legion 477 Family members attended the Americanism Banquet at the end of March. We had great fun while supporting Gary, our Legionnaire of the Year, Dan, our Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron Member of the Year and Tim, the Auxiliary Member of the Year. The 'after party' proved to be a big hit with many Department leaders, past and present.... maybe future leaders too.



2) Post members David ("Sarge"), Tommy, and Darwin traveled to Washington, D.C., in early April with Old Glory Honor Flight. It was a memorable day for everyone, capped off with a wonderful Welcome Home celebration. Also on the flight was SAL member Dan R., who served as a Guardian. A big thank-you to the Legion Family members who helped make the Welcome Home so special—

Chuck, Dan, John, Kevin, Melvin, Nancy, and ALA member Lou Ann. The flight returned to Appleton nearly an hour late, making for a long night—but no one seemed to mind.

3) County Youth Government Day was an incredible success, bringing together 93 students from across the county—including, for the first time, homeschooled students! Participants had the unique opportunity to meet newly elected County Executive Tyler Martell and observe a live courtroom hearing, experiencing firsthand how local government and the judicial system come to life.

Our guest speaker, Tim Zadalis, truly inspired the audience with his powerful message on civic responsibility and leadership. He also shared a moving story of a World War II service member whose remains were recovered through the University of Wisconsin–Madison POW/MIA Recovery and Identification Project—leaving a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

A sincere thank you to Bernie, Dan V., Jeff, and Nancy (TAL); Lou Ann and Bobbie (ALA); and Kris (SAL) for representing the 477 Family.

### UPCOMING/ONGOING ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS:

1. Our Armed Forces Tee It Up Fore Troops golf outing benefitting Old Glory Honor Flight is 13 & 14 May at Autumn Ridge. Can you believe that we filled 248 golfer and all 60 volunteer spots? Please continue to follow our TUFT website or Facebook page as we highlight all of our sponsors and share the stories of Veterans who've been on their Honor Flight.



All volunteers are asked to report by 7 and please watch your email regarding assignments. Golfer registration both days begins at 7:30, opening ceremonies at 8:30.

2. Memorial Day activities are 25 May 2026. Our two teams will cover 16 area cemeteries. The St Nazianz area team will meet at the Family Pantry gas station at 6:45 and the Cleveland area team meets at Shadows at 7:30. After leaving Holy Trinity, the St Nazianz team will stop at Shadows for a 'grab and go' breakfast and to capture a 'big group' shot marking our 80<sup>th</sup> year of providing Memorial Day honors. Uniform is black slacks, white shirt with black tie, grey (Legion) or blue (SAL) vest, black shoes and legion headgear, but members are also encouraged to wear your military uniform (if it hasn't shrunk too much). Lunch to follow at Meat's.



3. Our first 2026 Factory & Farm brat fry is Wednesday 17 June. If you work for or own a business or a big farm, please let everyone know that we will individually wrap, bag, and deliver brats or chicken sandwiches to your location, within a 20-mile radius of St Nazianz. Cost of a single brat is \$5, \$7 for a double, and \$5 for a chicken sandwich. We would like orders by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. We're also hoping to find sponsors for chicken (\$70 a case) and brats (\$100 a case). Our contact is Dean at (920) 693-3575, if he's not available, please leave a message.

4. We're selling Celebration of Freedom raffle tickets benefiting the installation of a secondary 60 foot flag pole, to include a new lighting system, on the Meeme Liberty Pole site. Tickets are \$20 each, 1000 max tickets sold. \$7500 in cash prizes. Tickets are located at Shadows, Meat's and Brauns. The raffle drawing is at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Shadows, you do not have to be present to win. If you're willing to help sell the raffle tickets, please reach out to Commander Nett.

5. As we reach the two-month mark of our Capital Campaign for the secondary flagpole at the Meeme Liberty Pole site, donations have begun coming in. We're also pleased to announce an important update—our project has received Fiscal Sponsorship approval through the American Legion Department Foundation. This allows donors who require a 501(c)(3), such as those giving through a donor-advised fund, to participate. Here's how it works: contributions are made directly to the Foundation, which will issue the appropriate tax acknowledgment. Funds are then distributed to the Post to support the project. The Foundation's EIN is: 26-1582528. It's very important that your donation mentions this EIN and that you specifically mention "Post 477 Flagpole Project." If mailing a donation through the Foundation, please send it to: The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc at P.O. Box 827 Portage 53901.

6. Tractor Days are 19 & 20 June. Friday, food sales begin at 5, our Tee It Up Fore Troops donation to Old Glory Honor Flight is at 6. Bobby Allen plays 6-9 and we have something new, Veterans Olympics, beginning directly after the check presentation. Saturday is a full day beginning at 10 as the tractors begin arriving. The Tractor Parade is at noon. Wagon rides, food sales and raffles round out the day.



7. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we are hosting a Celebration of Freedom beginning at the Meeme Liberty Pole at 10, followed by a social at Shadows. Additional info to follow as we solidify plans.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:



1. With slightly less than two months remaining in the American Legion Family USA 250 Challenge, our "Legion 477 Family" continues to inspire us through their Fitness (Exercise), Wellness (Buddy Checks) and Community Service (Volunteer) activities. We encourage you to make a donation to our team's fundraising efforts, if you're able: [Legion 477 Family Challenge 250](#). Proceeds benefit the Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation. The Legion 477 Family is currently in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the entire nation!!

2. The American Legion Riders (ALR) Association consists of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members whose focus is supporting the American Legion through fundraising and riding in local parades. To join the ALR, you must be a registered owner of a motorcycle of at least 500cc and hold a motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license. The next ALR meetings are at 2 pm on 16 May in Mt Calvary and 11 am on 14 June at Shadows in School Hill, ideal opportunity to learn more.



Upcoming rides: 2 May – Suicide Awareness Convoy which begins in Oostburg and on June 13<sup>th</sup>, the We Got Your Six Ride through the Holyland. The WI ALR's primary fundraiser is "Cruise for a Cause; Family First" on 26-28 June 2026. This ride, open to the public, will benefit the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF), Operation A.L.F., and Badger Girls State. Register for the ride at: [Cruise for a Cause](#). Please reach our directly to Heather, our ALR contact, at (414) 704-4191, with any questions.

3. Have you been on your Honor Flight? Did you know that you are eligible if you served in any component (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves), at any location, at any time, prior to 7 May 1975? Veterans fly at no cost! Ask a family member or friend to join you as your Guardian; two caveats, they must be between 18-69 years old and cannot be your spouse. Cost for the Guardian is \$500. Please reach out to Nancy at text (920) 905-6273 for assistance in completing the application or if you have any questions.



**SERVICE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:** Hi, I'm Rebecca Pribyl, and I'm honored to serve as a Service Officer for Post 477. In this role, I'm here to advocate for you and help you access the benefits you've earned through your service. I can assist with filing and tracking VA claims, understanding eligibility for VA healthcare, and applying for burial and survivor benefits. I'm also happy to help you navigate VA websites and connect you with local resources, including transportation to VA appointments. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out at (920) 645-8102. I'm here to help.

**FROM A FELLOW VETERAN AT JAY'S LEGACY HOME CARE:** *Please note that Nicole is willing to do a presentation for Legion Family members, if there is interest. Of special note (and the St Nazianz connection), Nicole is a great niece of one of our post namesakes, Leona Sukowaty.*

Hello fellow Veterans! Thank you for your service to our country. I am Nicole, the Veteran Liaison and Human Resources Director at Jay's Legacy Home Care. My personal mission is to ensure that Veterans and their families learn about our services which may be covered by the VA. A trip to the VA to get approved for Home Health Care services and Respite Care will determine eligibility. We provide non-medical services in Northeast Wisconsin and are very proud that we have many clients who are Veterans. Jay's Legacy Home Care was created to honor the memory of our owner's father who was a Veteran. Our caregiving team focuses on building a strong companionship relationship with our clients. We assist them with their daily tasks, a little light housekeeping, transportation, shower, mobility, and meal preparation. We have become a second set of eyes for our clients' families, watching for changes which may need to be addressed. We also provide Respite Care so loved ones who are the main caregivers can get to their own appointments and take time for themselves.



While the services I have described may not be needed by you at the moment, they could be beneficial to someone you love or know. The majority of our clients are seniors, but certainly not all of them. When you are visiting with other Veterans, please keep us in mind if you notice that someone may be starting to struggle with daily activities. Contact me at 920-901-2465 or by email at [nicole@jays-legacy.com](mailto:nicole@jays-legacy.com). I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



**POST MEETINGS:** General membership meetings are at the St Nazianz Village Hall. The SAL meeting begins at 5:30, the Legion follows at 6:30. The last spring meeting is Thursday 28 May. The next meeting after that is in September.

The Post Executive Committee (PEC) meets monthly to ensure that Post business/planning is completed. If you have anything you'd like to discuss, please reach out to Kevin, he'll add the topic to the agenda, and you'll be invited to address the PEC.

## IMPORTANT POST, MANITOWOC COUNTY & 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DATES:

- 2 May – Memorial Day Training – 8 a.m. at the St Nazianz Village Hall
- 2 May – Suicide Awareness Training – appr 9 am at Meat's (following Memorial Day Training)
- 4 May – Manitowoc County American Legion Council Meeting - Reedsville
- 13 & 14 May – Tee It Up Fore Troops Golf Outing – Autumn Ridge
- 25 May – Memorial Day Activities
- 28 May – Post & SAL Meetings – St Nazianz Village Hall
- 17 June – Factory & Farm Feed
- 19-20 June – Tractor Days
- 4 July – Celebration of Freedom – Meeme Liberty Pole (10 am)
- 4 July – Celebration of Freedom Raffle Drawing – Shadows (Noon)
- 17-18 July – Department Convention - Appleton
- 19 July – Christmas in July - Shadows
- 2 August – Cleveland Dairyland Festival Parade
- 26-30 August – Manitowoc County Fair
- 27 August – 3 September – National Convention - Louisville
- 12 September – Meat's Fest Parade

## POST LEADERSHIP:

- Commander: Kevin Nett (920) 286-3009
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander & Membership: Jeff Bronson (920) 901-6801
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Left: Pete shared his Story of Service and Old Glory Honor Flight experience with Nancy and Terry as part of our weekly radio show & podcast on WOMT and WCUB.

Right: Members of the Welcome Home team—Nancy, John, Chuck, Kevin, Dan R., and Melvin—proudly stand alongside Old Glory Honor Flight veterans Darwin, Sarge, and Tommy.



Top: Several Legion 477 Family members enjoyed the District Americanism Banquet.

Center: Students, teachers, and Legion Family members on the Courthouse steps during Youth Government Day.

Bottom left: Auxiliary Unit 477 President Lou Ann presented a generous donation to Dean, Chair of the Post's Liberty Pole Committee.

Bottom right: Tee It Up Fore Troops & Old Glory Honor Flight received a donation through the WOMT 100<sup>th</sup> Day give-away!