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The American Legion Pitterle-Beaudoin Post 189
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October 2018

Post 189 Membership Meetings at 7:00 p.m.

**First Monday each month, except in July & September,
when we meet the second Monday of the month**

2018-2019 Post 189 Officers

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- Sgt at Arms.....Kirk Grill.....920-285-9214

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Welcome to fall in Wisconsin. Where did the summer go?

Very soon Bob Saeger will have the \$100 raffle tickets available. If you are able to, please consider purchasing one or splitting one with a friend. Give your families and acquaintances the opportunity to purchase one. If you sell the grand prize winner, you will receive a \$250 check as a bonus.

Anyone interested in attending the Second District Fall Conference in Saukville should let Roger Herbert, Larry Schultz or me know. It is on Saturday, Oct. 27. We will meet at the Post at 7 AM and car pool. It is always an interesting day

as well as a great lunch. We should be back by 4PM.

On March 9th, we will be celebrating our 100th Birthday of the American Legion. We are working on a very good speaker and will have an interesting memento of the occasion.

Please keep up the good work on recruiting new members. If you haven't already paid your dues, please do so.

Ron

In memory of

- Fredrick Cornelius 6/28/2018
- Russell Weber 7/28/2018
- Martin Enderle 7/31/2018

Post #189 extends our sympathy to their families.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members. They joined because **someone asked them.**

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| Kurtis Larsen | Lebanon/Grenada | Army |
| MaryPat Shandor | Lebanon/Grenada | Air Force |
| Paul Fendt | Vietnam Era | Army |
| Allen Andreason | Vietnam Era | Army |
| George Booth | Vietnam | Army |
| Ken Bourassa | Lebanon/Grenada | Marines |
| Loren Lange | Lebanon/Grenada | Army |
| Fred Smith | Vietnam Era | Marines |
| Richard Shandor | Vietnam Era | Air Force |

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27th: 2nd District Fall Conference in Saukville. Anyone interested contact Commander Krueger or Adjutant Schultz

October 28th: Halloween Parade followed by treats at the Legion Post

November 11th: Veterans Day Breakfast at the VFW, program at Veterans Park, Legion Post open for friendship and lunch

December 8th: Oratorical Contest at Bethesda Corp. Office at 9:00 AM. Tentatively there are 5 applicants.

December 8th: Christmas at the Theater (See details below)

February 9, 2019: Regional and State Oratorical Finals

January 17-20, 2019: Midwinter Conference at Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo.

March 9th: 100th Anniversary Banquet at Turner Hall

ALA Unit 189: \$5 luminaries will again be offered for Veterans Day, with proceeds going to support troop boxes. Honor or remember a Vet or honor active duty personnel. Forms will be available shortly. Deadline: November 7

Christmas at the Theater: Saturday, December 8 - Hosted by ALA Unit 189 at Towne Cinema, Legion Family children (grandchildren, great-grands) and children of active duty are free. All others are \$4. It is open to the public. An adult must accompany and stay with children. Doors open at 9:30 AM, movie runs at 10:00 AM, and Santa makes a visit following the movie. Registration is required, and each child will receive a goody bag. Contact Mary Petrie at 920-261-8161 or mmrtpetrie@charter.net.

FOR THE GOOD OF OUR MEMBERS

It is time to choose a **Legionnaire of Year**. Contact one of the officers to make your nomination.

AGENT ORANGE: Looking for information on Agent Orange? This web-site has a downloadable

packet containing probably all the information available.

<http://www.vvawi.org/media/agentorangeguide.pdf>

VETERANS BENEFITS

Are you in need of hearing aids, glasses, an educational class, questions on applying for disability, etc.? Contact your Veterans Service Officer. You earned the benefits, take advantage:

DODGE County:
Andrew Miller 920-386-3798
amiller@co.dodge.wi.us

JEFFERSON County
Yvonne Duesterhoeft at 920-674-7240
yvoned@jeffersoncounty.wi.gov

Were you in Vietnam and have type II diabetes with other medical issues? Injured while in the military? You have earned disability benefits. Having difficulty in attempting to apply for those benefits, and don't know where to turn? Our Post has a local expert in applying for disabilities. Call **Bob Hamburgur at 352-428-0209**. How many of you have held back with applying for disability benefits because you do not know where to start, or thinking you will be denied anyway? How many of you have been turned off or turned away by the "system"? Help is available to assist you in applying for benefits; it's the Veterans Administration that decides if you qualify.

Google <https://militarybenefits.info/military-discounts/> and discover all the companies that offer Veterans discounts.

Post Home

Post #189 cannot afford to purchase land and build a new facility. The Building Committee looked at 5 buildings, but the purchase and renovations were cost prohibitive. Therefore, contracts have been

signed to side rather than paint our home building and to build a storage building where the two storage sheds now stand. An unforeseen expense has been to completely clean the upstairs apartment, which included new flooring and new windows, among other things. The last phase of the plan is to remodel the inside of our Post. It should be more efficient when completed. The Committee and Executive Board is asking for membership support on what we are trying to accomplish.

DONATE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Temporary Financial Assistance Fund awarded \$574,538 in cash grants benefitting 906 children of 421 veterans.

Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) provided \$149,000 in grants that aided 8,679 veterans and their family members.

The National Emergency Fund awarded \$338,810 in grants to Legion family members who suffered from natural disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and wildfires in California.

To donate to TFA, OCW and NEF, visit www.legion.org/donate.

HONOR FLIGHT

The Honor Flights are looking for Korean War Veterans to take the trip. Phone numbers are listed below.

If you have not taken a trip to Washington DC, you are missing out on an honor due you. Stars and Stripes Honor Flight flies out of Milwaukee and Badger Honor Flight flies out of Madison. For Stars and Stripes call 262-238-7740. For Badger Honor Flight call 608-616-0243.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT

The Post has walkers, wheelchairs, canes, toilet seats, scooters, and lift chairs available for use, free of charge to anyone who is in need. Contact Dan Stratman at 920-253-8419 or Dennis Johnson at 920-747-0030 or stop at the Post on Thursdays between 11 AM and 3 PM.

LEGION DUES

This is October already, please pay your 2019 dues of only \$36.00. There are about **130 members** who still need to pay.

WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK

American Legion Post 189

AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITES

Check out the American Legion websites. These sites have nearly all of the information you could want about the American Legion.

Post #189 is www.AmericanLegionPost189.org

State web-site is www.WiLegion.org

National web-site is www.Legion.org

Order Legion items at www.Emblem.org

Find out what is happening with the American Legion, YOUR organization.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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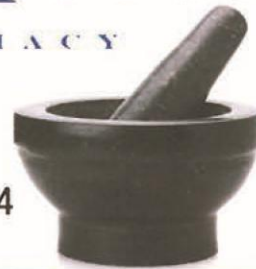
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