



# The 189'er

The American Legion Pitterle-Beaudoin Post 189  
206 S. First Street  
PO Box 22·Watertown, WI 53094-0022

<http://www.americanlegionpost189.org>

October 2015

Post Phone 920-262-9189

### 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

### 2015-2016 Post 189 Officers

Commander.....	Ken Zindars.....	920-261-0442
	kenz210@hotmail.com	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Bob Saeger.....	920-593-8811
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr..	Ron Krueger.....	920-261-0754
Adjutant.....	Larry Schultz.....	920-988-0443
	Schultz522@yahoo.com	
Chaplain.....	Ward Genz.....	920-342-7018
Finance Officer...	Roger Herbert.....	920-253-7373
Historian.....	Doug Clemmons....	920-262-0564
Judge Advocate...	Dan Stratman.....	920-261-0565
Service Officer.....	Vern Schumann.....	920-261-9477
Sgt at Arms.....	Bill Rex.....	920-390-9035
Sgt at Arms.....	Louis Checkai.....	920-261-3850
Sgt at Arms.....	Bill Connor.....	920-261-3223



## In Memory of

<b>Donald Buss</b>	<b>06-22-2015</b>
<b>Ceilan Baker Jr.</b>	<b>07-16-2015</b>
<b>Thomas Boyle</b>	<b>07-21-2015</b>
<b>David Dornfeld</b>	<b>09-05-2015</b>

Post #189 extends our sympathy to their families.

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Commander Zindars accepted the "Post Excellence" award, issued to American Legion Post 189 and signed by National Commander Helms, at the State Legion Convention in Appleton. Thank you to all who made this possible.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 31, 2015, 3pm Halloween Parade**
- October 31, 2015: Fall Conference** at Mequon-Thiensville Post 457
- November 11, 2015: Veterans Day** See below
- December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Children's Christmas Party** at Towne Cinema, doors open at 9:30am
- January 2016: Nominations for "Persons" of the Year due at County Level.**
- January 14-17-2016: Mid-Winter Conference** at Ho-Chunk Casino, Wis. Dells
- February 6, 2016: 4-Chaplains Dinner** at Horicon Post 157
- February 2016: Bowling** the last 3 weekends, Dodge Co., Host Post to be determined.
- March 12, 2016: Legion Birthday** at Turner Hall
- March 15, 2016: Legionnaire of the Year, Public Safety, etc. and others due at District.**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Richard Gallup  | US Air Force Vietnam Era        |
| Joey Raatz      | US Navy Grenada/Lebanon         |
| Louis Garbelman | US Army Vietnam Era             |
| Kenneth Wzorek  | US Army Vietnam Era             |
| Jill Petig      | US Air Force- Currently Serving |
| Harry Wehr      | US Navy-Still Serving           |
| Bruce Ortega    | US Navy Persian Gulf            |
| Mike Schilling  | US Navy Vietnam Era             |
| Dale Bruske     | US Navy Vietnam Era             |
- Please welcome these new members to the Post. They were recruited because **someone asked them.**

## **DUES INCREASE**

As a result of a \$5 increase in national dues, your 2016 dues post-marked by **December 31, 2015**, will remain **\$31**. Dues received which are post-marked after **01/01/16** will be **\$36**. No exceptions.

## **NEW POST HOME**

The Post 189 Building Committee has been busy visiting existing buildings and looking at vacant land parcels to establish a list of potential sites for a future new post location. We have also had discussions on what we envision the needs and wishes for a future location would entail as well as potential costs.

The Post has established a Building Fund which has a present balance of \$46,658.27. We feel we will need at least \$250,000 to move forward. This can be accomplished by using existing funds, proceeds from the sale of our existing post, various fund raising efforts, possible revenues from rents if we purchase an existing property and, ultimately some generous bequeathals from Post 189 members.

Please give us your thoughts and ideas on how you feel we can accomplish these goals.

## **DONATIONS MADE**

\$120 for partial payment for a team at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Golf Outing  
\$160 for participants in the State Legion Golf Outing  
\$200 to sponsor a hole at the Rainbow Hospice/J & L Tire Golf Outing  
\$500 to Camp American Legion in Jerry Peters name  
\$25 donation to the Jefferson Counsel of the Performing Arts to help support the US Navy Band Concert, "Show Band" Liberty Call

## **VETERANS DAY 2015**

November 11, 2015, at 11:00am a Color Guard will lead a parade of veterans from Heritage Inn to Veterans Memorial Park, followed by a brief ceremony and dedication of pavers. Fellowship and a light lunch, provided by the Watertown Vets Council, will then be available at our Post home.

## **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> RESULTS**

After expenses, we netted \$7000+. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. Special

thanks to Anthony Chentis who coordinated the music and other special events.

## **VETERANS BENEFITS**

For benefits such as education, housing assistance, medical, etc, contact your Veterans Service Officer.

DODGE County:

Andrew Mueller 920-386-3798

[amueller@co.dodge.wi.us](mailto:amueller@co.dodge.wi.us)

JEFFERSON County

Yvonne Duesterhoeft 920-674-7240

[yvonned@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:yvonned@jeffersoncountywi.gov)

## **FREE WEEKEND**

Easter Seals is sponsoring a free weekend for Veterans and their families at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells April 29-May 1, 2016. If interested call 1-800-422-2324.

## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

November 5, 2015 1:00pm-3:00pm

February 11, 2016 1:00pm-3:00pm

Watertown American Legion Post 189

206 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Watertown

**Veterans Only.** Appointment required.

Call Energy Services for Jefferson County

1-800-506-5596

## **HONOR FLIGHT**

For WWII and Korean War Vets, 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.

## **WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK**

American Legion Post 189

## **AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITES**

Check out the American Legion websites:

Post #189 is [www.AmericanLegionPost189.org](http://www.AmericanLegionPost189.org)

State web-site is [www.WiLegion.org](http://www.WiLegion.org)

National web-site is [www.Legion.org](http://www.Legion.org)

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

## **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 Service Officer Vern Schumann, 920-261-9477.

## **FLAG DISPOSAL**

Tattered American flags can be disposed of at the Watertown Daily Times, Watertown Fire Dept., Aero Park, or the north side of the Legion Post.

## **FLAGS FOR SALE**

The Post has 3 x 5 nylon outdoor flags available for \$20.00. We can also order most any size or type you might be interested in. The Post gets a 10% credit towards future purchases from the Legion catalog.

## **VETERANS GRAVE MARKERS**

The County Veterans Service Office supplies a generic grave marker for the graves of deceased veterans. It is plastic and has "US Veteran" imprinted on it. Also available are more specific markers, such as the war era, branch of service, or American Legion. Each is available in either bronze or Aluminum. Contact Adjutant Schultz at 920-988-0443 for further information.



**The Blue Star Service Banner** was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service.

On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "...The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother - their children."

During World War II, the Department of War issued specifications on the manufacture of the flag as well as guidelines indicating when and by whom the

Service flag could be flown or the Service Lapel button could be worn.

The Blue Star Service Banner typically displayed in windows is an 8.5 by 14-inch white field with a blue star(s) sewn onto a red banner. The size may vary but should be in proportion to the size of the U.S. Flag.

Today Blue Star Service Banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments. The banner displayed in the front window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military, and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much. It can also be displayed by businesses and organizations as well.

The blue star represents one family member serving in the armed forces. A banner can have up to five stars, signifying that five members of that family are currently in military uniform on active duty.

If the individual symbolized is killed or dies while serving the star representing that individual will have superimposed on it a gold star of smaller size so that the blue forms a border. On flags displaying multiple stars, including gold stars, when the flags are suspended as against a wall, the gold star(s) will be to the right of, or above the blue star(s) a place of honor nearest the staff.

**Blue Star Mothers** and **Gold Star Mothers** organizations were established during World War II and remain active today.

As the "War on Terrorism" continues, the Blue Star Service Banner tradition reminds us all that this new war touches every neighborhood in our land. (Information taken from [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))

**Be sure to support those  
businesses who sponsored  
this newsletter.**

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