

Ladewig-Zinkgraf American Legion Post 243

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Post business meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Officers

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Auxiliary Unit 243 Officers

President Karen Degner	920-918-9772	Secretary Kathy Doebert	920-838-4995
Vice President Linda Johnson	920-377-1807	Membership Cindy Faller	920-449-5323
Treasurer Kelly Wilfer	920-207-5571	Chaplain Jean Blindauer	920-980-3991
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Hall Rental Katrina Glocke 920-334-1026

11 January 2022

Attendance: 23 Members

Membership: Current membership is **156** or 93% of the State Dept. imposed goal of 168. The membership greeted our newest member Tom Kennedy a US Navy Veteran. He is the **12th** newest member. We welcome him to the largest Veteran Service Organization in the Country.

P.O.W./M.I.A.: Dennis Halloran reports 4 M.I.A. were identified in the month of December 2021. Navy- 4 Pearl Harbor, 136 remains were returned for proper burial in 2021. The US Oklahoma was sunk at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7th 1941, 429 crew lost. With the use of DNA testing 90% of the remains have been identified, 33 still need to be individually identified. Current Missing in Iraq and Persian Gulf is 5, and 2 from Desert storm, 3 DOD contractors from Iraqi Freedom, 1 from Libya. There are still 1,571 M.I.A. from Vietnam, 26 from Wisconsin.

Badger Boys State; With the help of teachers at Plymouth High School, the Adjutant has contacted 10 Juniors and 10 Seniors, in an attempt to get one candidate from each class.

S.A.L.: Squadron Commander Mike Kalsbeek reported that 31 of 36 members have renewed. The next blood drive will be February 24th 2022 at Amore's Banquet Hall 18 W. Mill St. Plymouth, 10:45 AM -3:45 PM. There is a Critical Shortage you can contact Shawn Grothe at 920-550-9674 for an appointment. Next S.A.L. meeting January 27th 6:00 PM at the Post.

Shooting Sports: DuWayne Wieck reported that they are continuing to practice for the upcoming postal shoot. He also reported that the County Oratorical Contest was held at the Post January 5th, 2022 and a Howards Grove High School senior Charlie Marten was the only contestant but did fulfill the requirements and will compete in the district contest at the Mid-Winter conference.

House Committee: Ed Schroeder reported that there are two apartments that will be available for rent. Both need upgrades and one more than the other. He and member Ed Ardell have been cleaning and painting and prepping for the upgrades. KW Electric has installed the emergency lighting system for the upstairs apartments.

Taps: 32-year continuous Post member Eugene "Geno" Beck passed away 12/30/2021. He was a United States Air Force Veteran, may he rest in peace

G.I. Breakfast: Sunday January 16th serving from 8:00-11:00 AM, Please support the Post with this event and even more important **Help is needed.** We are very short handed and can use 1-2 to handle toast, monitor the steam table, coffee and juice ... Clean Up Help always appreciated

Beginning in February there will be a sign-up sheet for help, if we can't fill the critical positions, we may have to cancel the event for that month

Social Night: Tuesday January 25th, fellowship at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 catered by *PJ Campbells at The Depot*. The speaker will be from the Sharon Richardson Community Hospice explaining the "WE Honor Veterans" program. Cost is \$15.00 per person Please R.S.V.P. Rick Zinkgraf at 920-893-0686 No Later Than January 21st. Looking for someone to do a food pick up from The Depot (just a block away from the Post) No later than 5:00 PM call the Adjutant 920-892-2651 for details.

Next Meeting February 8th, 2022 7:00 PM at the Post

Auxiliary News

Our Constitution and Bi-Laws been updated and ratified. They will be sent into State in near future. Kathy H. and Ann K. will be working on the Standing Rules.

Soup Extravaganza has been moved to Sunday March 13th, from 11am to 2pm. CARRY OUT only.

Prep will be Sat the 12th from 9am to about noon. Help will be needed; Karen has signup sheet and will be at next meeting. We will be doing cookies for this event but they need to be pre-bagged with some content on bags, such as nuts. 2-3 cookies per bag depending on size. Free will offering will be asked.

Meeting cancellation due to weather will follow the school cancellation, NO School, no Meeting.

Next meeting is 7th at 6:30. Stay healthy and warm.