

# Ladewig-Zinkgraf American Legion Post 243

40 Stafford Street, P.O. Box 416, Plymouth, WI 53073

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

## Officers

Post Commander – Eugene Blindauer	920-893-8191	Sgt. at Arms – Gene Blindauer	920-893-8191
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice – DuWayne Wieck	920-627-1879		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice – William Balke	920-892-4543	Adjutant – Konrad Kaczkowski	920-892-2651
Chaplain – Robert Sherfy	920-400-1119	Finance Officer – Rick Zinkgraf	920-893-0686
Service Officer-John Wilde	920-893-0204		

## Auxiliary Unit 243 Officers

President – Cindy Faller	920-892-7699	Treasurer – Ann Kaczkowski	920-892-2651
Vice President – Leslie Sanzo	313-407-3310	Membership – Kathy Halloran	920-892-4818
Chaplain – Rose Wirtz	920-918-5157	Parliamentarian – Violet Feldmann	920-892-4784
Secretary – Gina Lentz	920-893-0599		

Hall Rental – contact Greg Ziegler 920 892-4484

## **Meeting Highlights**

**May 12, 2015**

**Attendance;** 41 members

**Post Election:** As prescribed by the Post Constitution and By Laws elections were held. There were no opposing nominations for Post elected positions. As a result and approved by the membership the following were elected for 2015-2016 Post positions; Post Commander Gene Blindauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DuWayne Wieck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Kelly Wilfer (first woman elected to a Post position in the 95 year history of the Post), Executive Committee Bill Balke, Greg Ziegler, and David Ronn.

**Packer Raffle:** Raffle tickets are now available for pick up; due to postal laws they cannot be mailed. PLEASE call Rick Zinkgraf for pick up 893-0686 A.S.A.P. Special thanks to Don Pohlman for donating the cost of printing the tickets. They will be available at the Post Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> G.I. Breakfast, Memorial Day Brat Fry May 25<sup>th</sup>. Remember included in the drawing are tickets to the Brett Favre homecoming Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> game.

**Post Insurance:** The membership voted to accept the bid for all the insurance needs of the Post from Jim Flannigan for \$3,074.00, we will be insured by West Bend Mutual

**Badger Boys:** Dan Shiley reported that no boys from Plymouth High School accepted the offer to attend the event. After attending the orientation he will contact Kohler High School, since they have boys interested in attending

**House Committee:** Greg Ziegler reported that he has been strongly advised that the Post have a “Knox Box” attached to the building, with keys to enter various parts of the building in the case of an emergency by police, fire or EMS without needlessly destroying doors. The membership voted to spend \$282.00 for the device.

**Scholarship:** Dennis Halloran reported that the committee has awarded the Post \$1,000 scholarship to Plymouth High School senior Autumn LaBoy

**Denise Rohan for National Commander Fund Raiser:** The event had to be canceled

**Taps:** Jerome Quella (60 year member) and Richard Gerber (18 year member)

**POW/MIA:** Jim Riesenberg reported that 34 remains have been recovered so far this year. The remains of 388 crew members battleship USS Oklahoma, sunk in Pearl Harbor, will have an attempt to be identified. They are currently interred in Hawaii National Cemetery. Jim was also recognized for his dedication to remembering POW/MIA with a special gift.

**Dates to Remember:** **May 20<sup>th</sup>** Honor Guard Sharon Richardson Hospice, **County meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** Greenbush Post **Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup>** Honor Guard leaves the Post 6:00 AM for cemetery duty, 10:00 AM Step off for the parade, Brat Fry at the Post. **No Social Night for the month of May, Post Bust up will be in June**

**G.I. Breakfast: Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> half price for Veterans 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Post**

**Note:** On April 28th, 2015 the Plymouth Ladewig-Zinkgraf American Legion Post 243 celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Laack’s Hall Johnsonville. Many Legionnaires from the area, along with current State Commander Robert Shappell attended. Several past State Commanders and past State Auxiliary Presidents were in attendance. Entertainment was provided by the Plymouth High School German Band directed by Jason Sebranek. The celebration also included the 63<sup>rd</sup> Past Commanders awards night. Notably Post member Wayne LeClair was awarded Post Legionnaire of the Year and Carl Laack was recognized for his contributions and assistance to the American Legion. Continuous membership recognition was as follows; 70 years Dario Rossini, he was also a WW II P.O.W. ; 60 years Joseph Benauer and James Penkwitz; 50 years Jerome Quella and Warren Schmidt; 45 years Kenneth Wickland and Richard Zinkgraf; 30 years Gordon Jacobson and Craig Johnson; 25 years William Balke, Eugene Beck, Kermit Krueger, David Pfeifer, Wayne Schuldt, and Robert Shealy; 20 years Barry Barber, William Klemme, Jeffrey Ladwig, Leroy Mahloch, Donald Mueller and Charles Rohde; 15 years Tamara Dassow and Eugene Dowty; 10 years Eugene Boll, Donald Hurlburt, David Neidfeldt, Roger Petrie, Ronald Radder, Robert Steindorf, John Wilde and Mark Zimmerman; 5 years Donald Blake, Charles Dunton, James Huber, Wayne LeClair, David P. Sliwinski, Roger Wieck, Al Lisowe and William Wollersheim. Plymouth Mayor and Post member Don Pohlman presented the Post with a City of Plymouth

proclamation; proclaiming the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 as Ladewig-Zinkgraf Post 243 of the American Legion week.

**Recognition:** Gene Blindauer, Don Blake, Richard Stoelb, DuWayne Wieck, and Wayne LeClair each received a Quilt of Honor from the Greater Women's Federation for their service to our country

**Camp American Legion Clean Up:** Thanks to Ed Schroeder, Al Lisowe, and Ralph Adamson for volunteering to clean the Camp.

**Next meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at the Post**

#### **Auxiliary Notes**

Poppy distribution will take place on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wal-Mart, Pick-N-Save, Fleet Farm and Piggly Wiggly from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. If you can help please call Ann at 892 – 2651. Don't forget our Brat fry on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Post after the parade and ceremonies at the cemetery. Cookies are needed for that day however you may drop them off at the Post any time during the day on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday Morning. Fund raiser for Denise Rohan has been canceled we will not need special plates for baked goods. This year the Poppy Princess will be Junior member Evvie Kaczowski, daughter of Tony and Beckie Kaczowski, granddaughter of Konrad and Ann Kaczowski and Great granddaughter of the late Tony and Dora Heinzen. Next meeting **June 1<sup>st</sup>** lets have a good turn out again we'll have cookies and coffee during the meeting. Emergency Fund for June 25 cents for every Brewer win between May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>; Go Brewers