

Wausau Montgomery-Plant-Dudley Post 10 members passed a motion that permitted the Post to make their largest donation in their 100-year history, approving a donation not to exceed \$35,000 for a 3/4 size truck with snow plow for Camp American Legion. Working with Department Adjutant Amber Nikolai, funds were placed in the Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, along with \$10,000 from the **American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin**. Other contributors included Acacia Philanthropy-Wausau, Brickners of Wausau, FlipSide Graphics, and an anonymous donor. The truck was purchased in Wausau after reviewing three competitive bids from the Ram dealership at a significant discount from the dealer.

The truck replaces a 20+ year old vehicle that was no longer road worthy. This upgrade in vehicles will allow the Camp to remain open longer, with year-round possibilities. Additionally, the vehicle will be able to be used in local events, promoting the Camp in the Northwoods area. Thanks to Wausau Post 10 Thom Passow, Liaison Officer, for his leadership in pursuing the bids, coordinating the financials with the Department, and guidance. Also, thanks to all Post 10 members for their fundraising efforts that enabled the Post to fulfill our obligation of "Veterans Still Helping Veterans".



Momentous Donation Brings New Plow Truck to Camp



POST UP

Posts throughout Wisconsin display patriotism and American pride while being active in their communities. This supplement showcases how The Wisconsin American Legion Family supports the four pillars upon which we were founded.

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Daniel J. Martin Post 8 in Waukesha is working with the Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee to bring the mobile Vietnam Wall to Waukesha, May 21-25, 2020. If you would like to help or donate contact Joanna Adamicki at 262-524-3717 or jadamicki@wi.us.

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POSTS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES



Greendale Post 416 tied yellow ribbons around their trees for suicide awareness and in remembrance of Veterans that committed suicide.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 45,390 American adults died from suicide in 2017, including 6,139 U.S. Veterans. In 2017, 16.8 Veterans per day committed suicide.

Suicide prevention is a national priority and the VA is dedicated to this mission. While the data in this report extends only through 2017, since that time the VA has continued to work actively in partnership with the White House, Congress, Veterans Health Administration networks, and federal and community partners to address the issue of Veteran suicide. The most recent and notable manifestation of this comprehensive approach to Veteran suicide prevention is the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of

Suicide (PREVENTS), mandated by an executive order signed by the President in March 2019. A cabinet-level task force has been launched to develop a national roadmap for suicide prevention, which will include proposals and plans addressing integration and collaboration across sectors, a national research strategy, and a cohesive implementation strategy.



Ladies Auxillary from **Post 487 of Cable, Wisconsin**, gathered on December 2nd to send off donated articles to the Veterans Gift Shop Fundraiser.

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Stokes-Liebman Post 487 of Cable, Wisconsin, placed 56 wreaths in remembrance of veterans at a local cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

Left to Right: Lynn Rice, Pat Dudley, Alice Filter, Kathie Erickson, Kathy McCarrison, Susanne Johnson.

Veterans Helping Veterans



Jones-Modrow-Young Post 74 Legionnaires visited The Bay Nursing Home in **Oconto** on November 15. During the visit, the post gave blankets, donated by the Elks Club, to Joseph Lalde and Frank Augustin who both served in the army. Post 74 Adjutant John Windross presented the blankets to both men. Not present in the picture was Post Chaplain Kenny Sallee who accompanied John Windross.



Members from **Meuli-Kelean-Kramer-Dannenberg Post 77** in **Chippewa Falls** serve coffee and treats every Tuesday morning, including Christmas Eve, at the Veterans Home. Pictured is 10th District Commander Harry Bauer and Ronald Bauer. Ron is a PUFL. Not pictured are post members Gary Ahlen and Ron Sandvig.



POST CELEBRATIONS



The **Eubanks-Arneson American Legion Post 87 of Rice Lake**, Wisconsin, received the Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Century Award for 100 years of business in the City of Rice Lake coinciding with the 100 year anniversary of the American Legion. The award was presented by Chris Olson to Post 87 Commander Jim Greger.



Every year our Post and Auxiliary, **Franklin #387**, have a joint Christmas Party. A potluck supper is provided along with a huge assortment of Christmas cookies.

Leftover cookies are given to members that are shut-ins. It is a night of singing Christmas carols and sharing the holiday spirit. We are also visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa and Mrs. Claus are also members of our Post and Unit! They have been coming to our party for 25+ years bringing bags of goodies for the young children of our members. This is a shout out to Santa and Mrs. Claus for always taking the time to arrive right on time every year and making sure that the reindeer know their way to our annual Christmas Party. Thank You Santa and Mrs. Claus!!!

*Darlene Meyers
Franklin Auxiliary #387*

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POST—PATRIOTISM



The new **Oconto Falls Area Veterans Monument** was dedicated on November 11th, 2019. 400+ people attended the Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremony held in Oconto Falls.

Eick-Sankey Legion Post 302 Veterans & Auxiliary members worked with community members to build this beautiful monument dedicated to all Veterans that served. It is located on Farm Road north of the cemetery. Bricks are available to any Veterans from around the country.



POST—MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



Marlan Ness and family.



Claire Ness receives 60 year Membership Certificate.

Earl Gulligan American Legion Post 133, located in **Camp Douglas**, recently presented a 60 year certificate to Claire Ness for his 60 years of service as a member of Post 133. Claire's brother, Marlan, now deceased, was previously awarded his 50 year certificate. We are proud of the Ness Brothers combined 110 year membership in the American Legion.

Commander Everett T. Burdick

2020 DEPARTMENT MEETING DATES & HOLIDAYS

January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Dept closed)
January 16-19	Midwinter Conference
February 1	Junior Shooting Sports: Target Order deadline
February 8	Oratorical Regionals & Finals – Ripon College
February	Lincoln Pilgrimage – Springfield
March 1	Jr. Shooting Sports: Postal Match ends/Targets due to Headquarters
March 1	Eagle Scout of the Year Application Deadline
March 1	Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship Deadline
March 7	Badger Boys: State Board of Directors meeting @ Headquarters
March 8-11	Washington Conference, Washington D.C.
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9-20	Americanism & Government Scholarship Test
March 28	Commander Wischer's Testimonial Dinner: Post 537-Milwaukee
May 4-7	National Spring Meetings - Indianapolis
May 8-9	Department Spring Meetings - Portage
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY (Dept closed)
June 12	Badger Boys: State Board of Directors Meeting-Ripon College
June 13-20	Badger Boys State – Ripon College
June 13	Samsung Scholarship deadline
June 22-26	WALLECA – Ft McCoy
July 3, 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Dept closed July 3)
July 15	Baseball Scholarship Application Deadline
July 15-19	Department State Convention -Appleton
August 9	Baseball – All Star Game – Miller Park
August 28-Sept. 3	National Convention – Louisville, KY
September 7	LABOR DAY (Dept closed)
September 11-12	Celebration of Freedom – Portage
October 12-15	National Fall Meetings – Indianapolis, IN
October 16-17	Department Fall Meetings – Portage
November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11	VETERANS DAY (Dept closed)
November 26, 27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (Dept closed)
December 25	CHRISTMAS (Dept closed)

National Headquarter Closed

January 20
 February 17
 April 10
 May 25
 July 6
 September 7
 November 11, 26, 27
 December 23, 24, 25
 December 31



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