**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 196**

**May**

**2025**

Delafield Post No. 196

333 Lapham Peak Road

Delafield, Wisconsin 53018

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| Meetings: **Clubhouse Opens:**  **About 1 hour before *Business* Meetings**  **Legion / 3rd Monday**  May 19 1900 hrs  **Sons/ Monday**  May 5 1830 hrs  **Auxiliary/ 2nd Monday May** 12 1830 hrs |

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**Commander’s message for May 2025**

Hello Legion family members,

As we get through the April showers (as they continue to come) we hopefully will see more May flowers and hopefully no last-minute snow.

As we end the month of April, our cornhole league and dart leagues have ended, as well as our pick-up pool league. Thank you to all who played and supported the Post. Now that we are getting closer to better weather, our volleyball league and youth baseball will be in full swing.  Don’t forget we have open mic night on Tuesdays. This is open to everyone.

Legion membership is doing really well. We are about 14 memberships away from achieving 100%. If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them in.

Spring clean-up, I am looking at May 24th to do our annual Spring cleaning.   Please mark the date on your calenda. The more volunteers, the faster we get it done.

This past Saturday we honored 2 of our Legionnaires on the Honor Flight!   Mike Proulx and Marvin Goetter. This was my first time attending this event and what an awesome experience it was to see so many honored Veterans. Thank you all who came out and honored Mike and Marvin and all the honored Veterans on their special day!

In closing, our next meeting will be on May 19th at 7:00 pm

God’s Blessings

Terry Frazier- Commander Post 196

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 196**

**Sons Report for May 2025**

1). **Officer Elections**: Initial discussions regarding the election of Son Officers for 2025 was held during our April meeting. Officers will be voted on during our May meeting and published accordingly.

2). **Sons Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, May 17 at Paganica Golf Course in Oconomowoc. Nine (9) holes, carts, with a shotgun start at 9:00am. ($60.00 cost). Raffles, food, etc. Contact Dennis Schuetz.

3). **Rock with the Vets**: Saturday, June 21 outdoors at the Delafield American Legion. Music provided by Ed Goff, Chris Janus, and Twist of Fate. Beer, raffles, and food. Free admission, donations encouraged.

4). **Sons Annual Corn Roast:**Will once again be held at the Delafield Block Party located in downtown Delafield on July 17, 18, and 19. (Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Steve Reardon

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

Hello all,

The Auxiliary group is busy planning our Poppy distribution and summer events.

Our April Meeting was held on Monday April 13th with 17 members in attendance.

For membership we are at 100%, we have one new member Dinah Mueller – WELCOME!

Sue & Beth attended the **April 26th** 1st District Auxiliary meeting.

We have 2-hour spots still open for Poppy Distribution on **May 16th and 17th**. If you can help fill those slots, please reach out to Sherri.

The next Blood Drive is **May 14th** from 12-5 pm. You are encouraged to sign up online. Walk ins are allowed also.

The flea market that was to be held on **June 7th** will be rescheduled, so more to come on that.

Our summer picnic will be **June 9th** during our normal Auxiliary meeting time. We will be celebrating the officers and awarding the updated membership shields while enjoying a great potluck meal.

Looking forward to our 1st time selling “Brats and more” at Hartland Piggly Wiggly on **June 14th** 10am-3pm, we hope you will all come out and support us.

Sherri has submitted the permit for the **July 4th** parade. The parade signup sheet is on the Legion website. There will again be complimentary hot dogs, ice cream and root beer. Crossing our fingers we will be joined by the Black Hawk helicopter.

We are in the planning stage for the food for the **September 6** “Badger Youth Camp – Ride for Kids” that will be held at the Delafield post, we are handling the food for that event and are donating the food and our services to cook and serve as well.

TapYard beer garden Fox Brook Park in Brookfield from 12-3pm on **September 7th**. This is a ‘give back’ Sunday and the Legion Auxiliary will receive 20% of soda, beer, wine and snack sales. We need at least 25 people to attend.

Looking forward to warmer weather soon and supporting the other Legion events coming up.

Mary Steinmueller

President, American Legion Delafield Auxiliary

Serving our Veterans, Military and Each Other from the Depths of our Hearts

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**Troops 49B & 49G & Crew 196 Report**

**April 30, 2025**

1. News:
   1. **THANK YOU to the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members who attended the COURT OF HONOR on April 3, 2025 at the Delafield Presbyterian Church. The Scouts and families were so appreciative of your attendance and support!**
   2. Recruiting Update: 6 additional Cub Scouts have “crossed over” to Troop 49 in April (plus the 5 who joined us in March). 11 new Scouts this year!
   3. Coming Soon - Pack 196! Cub Scout Pack to offer Scouting to more elementary-age children.
2. Past Events:
   1. March 27 & April 10, 17, & 24, 2025, Troop Meetings @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   2. April 1, 2025, Rank Advancement Meeting @ Delafield Legion Post 196 Pavilion
   3. April 3, 2025, COURT OF HONOR, 6:30-8:00pm @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   4. April 12-13, 2025, Adventure Rock Campout
   5. April 15, 2025, Pack 212 Crossover @ Oconomowoc United Church of Christ
   6. April 22, 2025, Pack 294 Crossover @ Hartland Elementary School
3. Upcoming Events:
   1. May 1, 2025, Adult Committee Meeting & Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC) @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   2. May 3, 2025, Spring Clean Up @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   3. May 6, 2025, Rank Advancement Meeting @ Delafield Legion Post 196 Pavilion
   4. May 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2025, Troop Meetings @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   5. May 10, 2025, Highway Clean Up on Highway 18 between Dousman & Wales
   6. May 16-18, 2025, Waterfall Campout in Pembine, WI
   7. May 30-June 1, Order of the Arrow Spring Conference @ Camp Long Lake
   8. June 5, 2025, Adult Committee Meeting & Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC) @ Delafield Presbyterian Church
   9. June 6-8, 2025, New Scout Camp in Delafield
   10. June 8, 2025, Joshua Hedgcock’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor @ Delafield Legion Post 196
4. Service in March-April 2025 - coming in next report

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Adam Fritsch

Charter Organization Representative

**Scouts BSA Troop 49 & Venturing Crew 196 of the Delafield American Legion Post 1961**

**** Chaplain’s Corner May 2025

**Summer’s Still on Hold, But Renewal is All Around Us**

While the warmth of summer remains just out of reach, signs of renewal are everywhere. Flowers are blossoming, grass is greening, and trees are budding—reminders of life’s endless cycle of growth and change.

By the time our next newsletter reaches you, we will have observed Memorial Day and honored four of our own who have been called to Post Everlasting. Their dedication to our country and our community will never be forgotten:

* **Kern Konley**, United States Army, Korean War: Member of our Post for 26 years. Passed on December 4, 2024, at age 90.
* **Denis Higgs**, United States Army, Korean War: Member of Post 196 for 14 years. Passed on December 28, 2024, at age 91.
* **Jerry A. Christenson**, United States Marine Corps, Vietnam War: Member for 18 years. Passed on January 17, 2025, at age 72.
* **Ross Wandschneider** Sons of the American Legion: Charter member of Squadron 196 for 22 years. Passed on February 6, 2025, at age 89.

New flags will soon adorn their resting places, along with those of 400 other veterans in our community. This profound task would be impossible without the support of the Nieman and Marek families, Chris Knapp and his team, and my own family. Together, we ensure their sacrifices are honored with the dignity they deserve.

**Reflections on Service and Unity**

Modern society might promise that the right words or actions alone can create a perfect world. Yet we know the truth: true strength lies in standing together—in pursuit of justice, peace, and the betterment of those we serve.

As veterans, families, and community leaders, we’ve faced countless challenges and overcome adversities. Let’s not forget that unity, courage, and perseverance are our greatest tools. Together, we can embody hope in an imperfect world.

Let today serve as a reminder of our mission: to serve, strengthen, and uplift. In our actions, we carry forward the promise of a brighter future—not through idealism, but through dedication and resolve.

Life is most fulfilling when lived in service to others. Together, we make it so.

Remember, your Chaplains are always here for you. We’re your friends, and we are grateful for each and every one of you. Your Chaplains are:

Contact the Legion Chaplain – Neil Rand at (262) 646-3126 [nrand@wi.rr.com](mailto:nrand@wi.rr.com)

Contact the SAL Chaplain – Tom Kerwin at (262) 370-7450 [tkerwin@wi.rr.com](mailto:tkerwin@wi.rr.com)

Contact the Auxiliary Chaplain – Barbara Doerfer at (414) 333-4891 [jbedoerfer@gmail.com](mailto:jbedoerfer@gmail.com)

We have scheduled fundraisers, musical entertainment and other events for your enjoyment.

Take a look at the events coming up !!

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**Saturday May 3rd**  – Kentucky Derby

**Wednesday May 14th**  – Blood drive

**Saturday May17th**  – SAL Annual golf outing

**Monday May 26th –** Memorial Day Service

Watch the weekly emails for activities at the post every week!!!

**PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANY EVENTS!!**

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME!!! (That’s Legion terms for Open to the Public)

MONDAY - THURSDAY 1PM - FRIDAY at 4PM

FOOD, BEVERAGES AND COMARADERIE !!!!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY - WE WOULD LOVE YOUR COMPANY

 

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**EDITOR’S NOTES:**

Spring has sprung!!! We’re getting busy at the post. May has a blood drive, the SAL golf outing, the Auxiliary’s poppy fund raiser and the Kentucky Derby fund raiser. I’m also working on the paperwork to try to get the UH-60 Blawkhawk helicopter again for the 4th of July, and the Legion Riders to lead the parage again this year. .

If you are looking to rent the legion hall, pavilion, or baseball field, please contact me or call the post and leave a message. If anyone is still getting a paper copy of this newsletter and would like to receive it either through email or go online to our website to read it, let me know. I can help you get to the website or I can get to you added to email if you have an address. I will still send a paper copy to those that are physically unable to pick one up. If you have a Delafield address and you are unable to pick a newsletter up at the post, you can contact me by email at [GOLDFAT@AOL.COM](mailto:GOLDFAT@AOL.COM) or by phone 262-695-0555

Thank you, Keith “Buff” Roeber - 2nd Vice Commander - DELAFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 196