



# The Legionnaire Sounder



Landt-Thiel Post 470  
Saukville, Wisconsin

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January, February, March 2024

*"For God and Country"*

## Commander Denise Jamrozy



I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and we are all going to have a Happy New Year! I would like to Thank everyone who helped make our brat fry event this past summer a great success.

On November 11th at our Veterans Day evening program, our guest speaker was Dr. Michael Weber. His topic was on how positive thinking and actions make a great difference in everyday life. He spoke on suicide awareness and the signs to watch for, how to approach someone if you notice they have possibly tendencies of suicide, and gave us literature on how to contact the proper help for that person. Dr. Weber's presentation was very informative and gave us stats on the suicide rate among Veterans, their family members, our friends, the community, and the nation.

On December 2nd & 3rd the Auxiliary had their "Christmas at the Legion" event. The craft sale was a great success! Thank you ladies for your dedication every Wednesday since February 2023 to make all of the amazing gift products to sell. You are all amazing individuals with your artistic gift.

January 19-21, 2024 is Mid-Winter conference in Lacrosse, WI. (see website for details.)

January 21, 2024 is Bingo at the Legion Post. The progressive bingo game is a coverall and is worth over \$3,000.00 dollars. Come and play to maybe be a winner of \$3,000.00!

February 3, 2024, the 4 Chaplains Ceremony and Dinner is at Jackson Community Center in Jackson, WI. (see website for details).

February 15, 2024 is our Spaghetti Dinner at the Legion Post. Tickets are in your newsletter. Please sell your tickets. This is a big Legion and Auxiliary fund raiser. The Auxiliary will have gift baskets to raffle.

March 18, 2024 is our joint meeting. The Legion is paying for the two meat dishes and Auxiliary members are asked to bring a dish to pass. At this meeting we present our Safety Awards to an EMT, Police Officer, Firefighter, National Guardsperson and our Legionnaire of the Year Award. Please visit our Facebook page and our website to check on what's happening at our Legion Post and other surrounding legion Posts.

We lost 7 friends and Legion family members this past year. Our Legion members are: Peter Holk, Anita Garcia, Irvin Luisier, Eugene Smet, & John Staton. Our Auxiliary members are: Judy Schoenfeldt & Maxine Schwinn. They all will be sincerely missed.

Our Facebook address is: American Legion and Auxiliary Post 470 Saukville Wis.

Our Web-site address is: [www.Landt-thiel470.org](http://www.Landt-thiel470.org)

Have a safe winter and I hope to see everyone at our up-coming events and Legion meetings.

God Bless America  
Denise Jamrozy, Commander

## 1st Vice Commander Darrell Jaeger

Thank you to all who attended the morning and evening program for Veterans Day! The event went well and I would like to thank all who helped with the event and a special shout-out to our Commander Denise Jamrozy for organizing the entire event.

As for post membership, as of this writing, our current 2024 renewal is at 95% and down to 8 people needing to renew. Thank You for all who have renewed! For those still needing to renew, please do ASAP so we can continue to reach our annual goal of 100%. If anyone knows of an individual who would like to join, please have them join at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org), contact me, or come to our monthly meeting to join.

On another note, our Post will be taking over the responsibility and location for the Saukville Farmer's Market starting in 2024 with the assistance of the Village of Saukville. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor, please have them contact me at [mkestanddown.org](http://mkestanddown.org). The cost for a spot is only \$75 for the entire market season. The market will be held every Sunday from June 16-Oct 13 from 8-12. More info/forms will be coming on the Post 470 website.

As for the website, it is currently up-to-date and any/all information can be found at [landt-thiel470.org](http://landt-thiel470.org)



## 2nd Vice Commander Dale Herrick

Did you know ...

Veterans are at a 57% higher risk of suicide than those who have not served. Suicide is complicated and tragic, but it is often preventable. Knowing the warning signs can help save lives.

It is important to be aware that there are many warning signs given by a person who may be suicidal. These can include talking about wanting to die and death in general. Or signs might include expressing guilt or shame and being a burden to others. Behavior changes can include researching ways to die, withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, or giving away important items. Sometimes taking dangerous risks when driving, using weapons, and general mood swings are important signs. Other indicators are changes in either increasing or decreasing eating or sleeping. Using drugs or alcohol more often can also be warning signs.

On an individual basis it is important to realize that suicidal thoughts are an understandable response to stressful situations and not a sign of individual weakness. The "Be the One" program emphasizes that we are stronger together.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line number is 1-800-273-8255, press 1.

The 3-digit Suicide and Crisis Line is 988; option 1 for veteran related issues.

Anyone who is concerned about a loved one can also use these numbers to get help with their concerns.

## Bob Daly - Sgt-At-Arms

We had a few items that we took care of in the last few months - the Wall of Honor at Port Washington High School, the Post Everlasting ceremony, and the Veterans Day program with Dr. Weber as guest speaker - an excellent presentation and thanks to all who participated in both of these events.

Sarah has returned. We welcome her back with open arms - good to see her back.

The Port Washington Legion led the Port Veterans Day Parade this year and we had the second rank with the service flags.

Our Honor Guard keeps getting better all the time. Hopefully we can bring our numbers up in participation as time goes on. We really need you guys when you can be there and we keep getting good feedback on our appearances and performances from a lot of people, not only from families at funerals but other legion sources also.

Again, thank you all for that you do. We are a team.





## Finance Officer - Jim Burgett

### Finance Report For December 2023

The year end results are not in yet, so I will give numbers for the past 11 months.

Year to date 2023 compared to the end of 2022:

Our income for 2022 was \$82,8399. Average per Month was \$6,903.

Our income for 2023 to date is \$76,322. Average per Month so far is \$6,938.

Our Expenditures for 2022 was \$58,477. Average per Month was \$4,873.

Our Expenditures for 2023 so far are \$70,255. Average per Month so far is \$6,386.

The expenses for 2023 are higher than 2022 because of the Capital Expenditures of \$15,000 for a new floor scrubber and replacement of all the windows in the hall.

Bingo proceed numbers as of November 19, 2023 is a balance of \$18,960. There was a \$10,000 deposit made to the Legion account. The Progressive Game jackpot is at \$3,158. This is at a point where it should be won in the next couple of months.

The bar, raffle, and tips account is currently about \$400 per month to the Legion account.

Have Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jim and Chuck, Finance

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## Chaplain - Darlene Garay

Greetings Everyone,

At one of my devotion reading sessions I read from "The Word for You Today". I read about a tale of a boy who comes home but doesn't know their Pastor is visiting with Mom.

He carries in a dead rat and says "Mom you will never guess what. There was a rat running around in the garbage. I saw it, threw a stone and hit it. It just laid there. So I went over and stomped on it. Then I picked it up and hurled it against the wall."

Seeing the Pastor and his mom's face, the boy guessed he was in trouble. So he held up the rat and said in a pious voice, "and then the dear Lord called him home." That's called "God Talk."

There is a hymn titled "Just As I Am". It's about taking off the mask. In spite of our problems or worldly problems, we know that God loves us.

The Apostle Paul talks about the time when he wanted to do good but evil took over. He refused to quit. He knew he was a work in progress.

"By the Grace of God, I am what I am." 1Co 15:9-10

So the challenge each day is to take one step closer to God and learn of His love for His prized creation, mankind.

Be Blessed this New Year!



# News - Announcements - Events



## Ozaukee County Veterans Service Officer

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Port Washington, WI 53074  
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FAX 262-268-7726

## Suicide Prevention Lifeline Number - 988

The three-digit call and text number connecting people to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is **988**. Dial **988, option 1**, for Veteran related issues. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line phone number is **1-800-273-8255, press 1**. Those concerned about a veteran in their life may also use these numbers to get help and support.

## Hall Rental

Call 414-416-4401

Hall Rentals are one of the main revenue sources for the Post.

## Blood Drives

Held at the Legion Post on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every other month  
1:00 - 6:00 pm.



Blood Drive Months: February

For additional information call 262-284-2787

## Post Bingo

Third Sunday of Each Month

Doors open 5:00 pm  
Bingo starts 6:30 pm

Hungry? Remember, Auxiliary has food available for purchase.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Jim Burgett @ 414-510-0412.



## Stars and Stripes Honor Flight



Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, Inc. honors veterans with a life changing trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials and experience a day of honor and thanks for their service.

To sign up for the Honor Flight, go on line and search "Stars and Stripes Honor Flight" and complete an application.

## Post 470 Needs Your Help!



Our Post is in great need of bartenders. This job is open to Legion members and Auxiliary members. If you are interested, please contact Jim Burgett at 414-510-0412 for more information.

**We are also looking for members to help clean the facility as needed in the morning.** Contact the Post Commander Denise Jamrozky at 414-416-4401.

New members are always welcome! The Post believes the next generation can keep Post 470 on a solid foundation for all future veterans.

## Equipment

If you are in need of items from the Post (Wheel Chairs, Crutches, Canes, Walkers)

## 2024 SAUKVILLE FARMERS MARKET

**The Saukville Farmers Market will move to the Saukville American Post 470 in 2024!**

**Vendors will be set up in the Post parking lot from 8:00 am - Noon**

**Every Sunday - June 16th through October 13th.**

Be sure to check it out! Support the vendors and our Post and keep the market alive in the Village!



# Auxiliary Unit 470



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Kathy Wilger-3yr  
262-675-6086

Kathy Agg-2yr  
262-221-6687

## **A Message from Auxiliary President Sally Kupkovits:**

Welcome to 2024. We ended 2023 with a tremendous Christmas at the Legion. Thank you to our members who made crafts, baked, decorated, and boxed cookies, helped with set up, worked in the kitchen, handled the cashiering and bagging, cleaning, and tended to the various gofer duties. As we start 2024 the crafters will get together again starting Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to join them. On Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> it is our turn to assist with the blood drive by providing cookies to those who donate blood. Two days later starts the prep work for the Spaghetti Dinner that will be held Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are enclosed in this newsletter. In March we have the combined meeting with the Legion members on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The new year brings a renewal of memberships. The 2024 dues are \$34 and the juniors are \$5.25. They can be mailed to Sally Kupkovits, 2771 Hawthorne Dr., Saukville, Wi 53080. They can also be paid by calling 317 569-4570 or online at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Paying your yearly dues is an important way to support our veterans.

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

### **JANUARY**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Unit meeting - 1:00; Lunch - 12:00

### **FEBRUARY**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner set up  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Unit meeting - 1:00 ; Lunch - 12:00

### **MARCH**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting with Legion  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Unit meeting - 1:00; Lunch 12:00  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Possible Ozaukee Co ALA meeting

### **Auxiliary Treasurer - Kathy Watry**

\$1000.00 AL Post 470  
\$200.00 M. Louise Wilson Ed. Loan Fund  
\$2,200.00 ALA Wi general fund suggested donations  
\$3,200.00 ALA Wi. Poppy fund suggested donations  
\$25.00 American Leg. Welfare Foundation  
\$500.00 Brittany's hope  
\$600.00 Camp Hometown Heroes  
\$1,000.00 Saukville Food Alliance  
\$850.00 AL Post 470  
\$25.00 American Leg Welfare Foundation  
\$600.00 Food Pantry Donation  
\$100.00 4 gift cards for active troop members



## **Craft Corner - Jean Loof**

Our year long preparation for the Christmas at the Legion was a success again this year. The weather was good and we had lots of shoppers. Thanks to everyone who came to shop, eat, and purchase our creations. A huge thank you to the gals who came most Wednesdays to make the craft items. A special thank you to Jeff Jamrozy who made the 28 pallet Christmas trees.



Wednesdays are an enjoyable and stress free day for us all. We will continue meeting every Wednesday starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00. We are off on the third Wednesday of the month when we have our ALA meeting. We will discuss it again, but we might possibly have a pizza, subs or some other non bag lunch every other week for lunch. Most of us have had bag lunches for our working years and still don't like making them every week. We always look forward to the Brat Fry sales starting in May and going into October.

We will have another outlet for selling our crafts come June when our Veterans will host the Saukville Farmers Market in our parking lot. It will be year round crafts and anything else we can possibly sell. A decision will be made on how we want to address our new sale items. If you have a craft or idea that you think we could make you can share it with anyone of the crafters. Also any craft materials that you think we could use bring in on a Wednesday. We will decide how we might put them to good use.

The crafters will also be adding a new project to our list of things to do. We will be cutting out all non local coupons and mailing them to our current active duty members and their families over seas. The coupons will be good for six months after their expiration dates. We would appreciate any coupons you could bring us. Please leave them on the ad sheet as they are easier to identify. The coupons are put in categories. Bring them to us on Wednesdays or place them on the bar in our hall.

Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and wishing you all a blessed, healthy and happy New Year.

## **Other Legion/Auxiliary News:**

### **MARCH 2024 COMBINED MEETING & POT LUCK**

On Monday, March 18, 2024 the Post will be hosting the annual combined Pot Luck Dinner and meeting with the Auxiliary at the post. The main meat entrees will be handled by the Legionnaires with the Auxiliary bringing in various side dishes, desserts. Bring your favorite dish to pass!

The schedule for the evening will be:

- 5:00 pm Cocktails
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Meeting

Anyone having questions about the evening may contact Commander Denise or Unit President Sally.

### **NEW - Action Requested!**

Post 470 is looking to reduce costs so we can provide more resources to Veterans. If interested, we are asking if you and/or your auxiliary spouse would like to receive this newsletter in digital format going forward (sent through email) versus the current hard copy mailing, please provide your name (and auxiliary spouse's name, if applicable) and your email address. Please send this information to Michelle Jaeger at [mjaeger4@att.net](mailto:mjaeger4@att.net).



The Post is currently paying approximately \$12-\$15/year for each household mailing.

Please note that the Post is NOT eliminating the hardcopy newsletter if you want to continue receiving in this format. If you want to continue to receive the hardcopy, no action is needed on your part.

Again, thanks! Darrell Jaeger, 1st Vice Commander.

# Post 470 First Quarter 2024 Calendar of Events



## **MONTH OF JANUARY**

- 1 – Happy New Year!
- 4 – Ozaukee County Council Meeting - Post 82 (PW) - Oratorical Contest - 5 pm  
County Meeting - 7 pm
- 8 – Building & Grounds and Finance Meetings - 7 pm  
E-Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 9-21 – Mid-Winter Conference in LaCrosse, WI (Radisson Hotel)
- 15 - Legion Post Meeting - 7 pm
- 17 – Auxiliary Meeting - 1 pm
- 21 – Bingo – doors open at 5 pm. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

## **MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

- 1 – No County Council Meeting
- 3 – 4 Chaplain Ceremony - Post 486 (Jackson Community Center, N165 W20330 Hickory Ln, Jackson)
- 5 – Building & Grounds and Finance Meetings - 9 am
- 12 – Blood Drive - 1 - 6 pm  
E-Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 14 – Set-up for Spaghetti Dinner - 8 am
- 15 – Spaghetti Dinner - 3:30 - 7:00 pm
- 18 – Bingo - doors open at 5 pm. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm.
- 19 – Legion Post Meeting - 7 pm
- 21 – Auxiliary Meeting - 1 pm

## **MONTH OF MARCH**

- 4 – Building & Grounds and Finance Meetings - 9 am
- 7 – Ozaukee County Council Meeting - Post 355 (Grafton) - 7 pm
- 11 – E-Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 17 – Bingo - Doors opens at 5 pm. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm
- 18 – Joint Meeting - 5 pm Cocktails, 6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Program  
Post will pay for meat dishes, Auxiliary members to bring side dishes/desserts
- 20 – Auxiliary Meeting - 1 pm

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE March 20th.**

Submit articles to Michelle Jaeger at [mjaeger4@att.net](mailto:mjaeger4@att.net)  
Please submit articles via email in Word document format.

**The American Legion/Auxiliary  
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**Landt-Thiel Post Website  
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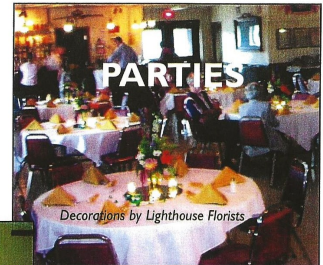
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