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NEW CMDR.
TO BE ELECTED
(see note in column two)

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Our next meeting is on **July 5th, 6:30 p.m.** sharp at the N.L. American Legion Clubhouse. This will be an important meeting...please plan to attend if at all possible. See special note →→

MEMBERSHIP

There is still 1 member not yet renewed; please renew soon! There is a **X** on your label ---Bob Dessort, V-Cmdr/Membership



ATTENTION ALL POST 45 MEMBERS!!! DUE TO CURRENT HEALTH PROBLEMS, POST COMMANDER MELVIN 'DOC' BORCHARDT HAS RESIGNED FROM HIS POSITION AS POST COMMANDER. WE WILL NEED A SPECIAL ELECTION TO NOMINATE A PERSON OR PERSONS TO FILL VACANCIES. THIS WILL BE DONE AT OUR JULY MEETING AND AGAIN AT OUR AUGUST MEETING WHEN THE ELECTION(S) WILL BE HELD!

We will be dining at **Hilby's** on July 5th, at 5:00, before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!
July 22 – Post Picnic, Kunkol Shelter
Aug.12 – District Picnic & meetings – Post 30, Greenville
Aug.19 – Timber Rattler Tailgate / Game, Appleton

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:
AMVET members – Nick Dreier, Janet Haase, Gerold Hanson, Lewis Strite, Michael Jaeger, Troy Porter, Wayne Schimke, Don Schmoll and a happy belated birthday to Lori Dehlinger-Van Alstine
Aux. members – Cathy Longworth & Marla Knuettel
If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next monthly meeting will be on July 5th, at 6:25. at the American Legion Clubhouse; please be prompt.



2018 AMVETS Dept. Convention is over. The new Ladies Dept. President is Carol Amborn, from Burlington, WI. The new AMVETS Dept. Cmdr. is Dale Peterson, also from Burlington, WI. Our new White Clover Princess is Amara Hill, from Waupaca, WI. I want to thank all the ladies who donated items for the Convention layette and youths.

Although still a few months away, we will need some items to donate for the Casino 'Store' on AMVETS King Weekend, Sept. 7 – 9. We'll discuss more on this this at the meeting.

We will be invited to the Badger State dinner on Aug. 9th at the Legion Clubhouse. Those we sponsored will be on hand to share their Badger State experiences. Bring a dish to pass.

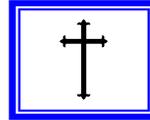
Please keep Doc Borchardt in you prayers. Debbie Jaeger is having her knee scoped on June 29th. Also keep her in your prayers. Keep Gorgette in your prayers, too.

Just a reminder, our joint Post / Aux. picnic and Flag retirement will be on July 22nd. The 4th Dist. Picnic and meetings will be Aug. 12, hosted by Post 30, Greenville.

Keep on saving those milk caps, coupons, pop can pull tabs, greeting card 'face page', empty ink jet cartridges; hearing aids; eye glasses and parts; also, used cell phones. ---Helen Dessort, President

POINTS TO PONDER

- Sometimes a person is like an engine – the more noise he makes, the less power he generates.
- Any person who says he enjoys a good, cold shower will probably lie about other things too.
- Most footprints on the sands of time were made with working shoes.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

You are My Sunshine, My only Sunshine'

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in mommy's tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her.

The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee

In time, the labor pains came. Soon it was every five minutes, every three, every minute. But serious complications arose during delivery and Karen found herself in hours of labor.

Would a C-section be required? Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee. The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents there is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst.

Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they found themselves having to plan for a funeral. Michael however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. I want to sing to her, he kept saying. Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. Karen decided to take Michael whether they liked it or not.

If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive. She dressed him in an over-sized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. The head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get

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that kid out of here now. No children are allowed!"

The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister" she stated. Then Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, You make me happy when skies are gray."

Instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady.

"Keep on singing, Michael," encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes.

"You never know dear how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away." As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr.

"Keep on singing, sweetheart."

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms."

Michael's little sister began to relax at rest, Healing rest, seemed to sweep over her. "Keep on singing Michael."

Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed. You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away."

The next day. the very next day. the little girl was well enough to get out of ICU..... She went home two weeks later.

Woman's Day Magazine called it The Miracle of a Brother's Song. The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love. NEVER GIVE UP ON THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE. LOVE IS SO INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.

Life is good. Have a Wonderful Day! Tell your family and friends about this true story. Do not break this, please There is no cost, But lots of rewards. In God We Trust! 'The evidence of God's presence far outweighs the proof of His absence.'

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. - Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked.

"That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."

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NAME _____

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Signature of person receiving dues

Are we getting to that age?

I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today? I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know **why** I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have: Love to share, Cash to spare, and friends who care.

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The History of AMVETS – Truly AMVETS was born in the midst of war. For it was in August 1943, with victory still two years away, that a new organization, later to be known as American Veterans of World War II, had its beginning. Overseas the tide of battle was turning. The Allies had swept through North Africa and Sicily. In the Pacific, fighting raged in New Guinea. Thousands of Americans had made the supreme sacrifice. Thousands more were being mustered out of uniform with battle wounds and medical discharges. These men who fought in history's greatest war found it natural to seek each other's company. They were united by similar experiences – in jungles, in the Arctic, in deserts, in mountains, at sea, and in the skies. Thus, out of such comradeship, AMVETS came to be.

Two independent veterans clubs in Washington, D.C. – one formed on the campus of George Washington University, the other among veterans employed by the federal government – joined together to sponsor a serviceman's party. By September 1944 other such veterans clubs organized throughout America. On Nov. 11, 1944, Veterans Day, an article titled "12,000,000 in Search of a Leader" appeared in *COLLIER'S* magazine. This story, written by Walter Davenport, introduced the clubs and outlined their mutual aims: 1) to promote world peace, 2) to preserve the American way of life and 3) to help the veteran help himself.

In December, 18 leaders, representing these groups, met in Kansas City, Missouri. There, on Dec. 9, 1944, a national organization was formed known as the American Veterans of World War II – or AMVETS, as newspaper headline writers took to calling it. The White Clover, meaning "remember me", was chosen as the official flower of AMVETS. Found not only in America but throughout the world, it symbolizes the states from which U.S. Armed Forces were drawn and the worldwide battlefields on which they fought.

In October 1945, two months after the end of World War II, the first national convention was convened in Chicago. The next year AMVETS petitioned Congress for a federal charter. In the words of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the organization being "organized along sound lines and for worthy purposes . . . having demonstrated its strength and stability, is entitled to the standing and dignity which a national charter will afford." On July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the AMVETS charter.

BUY AMERICAN – Made in the USA

Costco sells Goodyear wiper blades for almost Half the price that you will pay on the outside and they are made in the U.S.A. Read and do the following.

Unfortunately, our politicians and top CEO's have pushed for trade to China and Mexico for years so Americans are now out of work.

Did You Know that there is no Electric coffee maker made in the US and that the only kitchen appliances made in the US is Viking? This Information came from a report by Diane Sawyer. Hopefully this has changed or will Soon!!

I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA! That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore, they are made in China and are more expensive!

I buy them at Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA

I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is **MADE IN THE US**. Top of my list already...

Yesterday I was in WalMart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made In China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I Asked The lady if they had any others.

She took me to another department And they had some at \$2.50 made in USA. They are Just as good. Same As a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in The USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper.

We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not so!

I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was In Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I Checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA.

Start looking, people . . .In our current

economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - most often, their Job.

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is now marked "made in Mexico." I Don't buy it anymore.

My Favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexiconow I Have Switched to Crest.

You have to read the labels on everything. One light bulb at a time.

This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up Both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except For the price . . . the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value Brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was that GE was Made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed It - the USA at a company in Cleveland, Ohio.

It's Way past time to start finding and buying products you use every day that are made right Here.

So, on to the next aisle: Bounce Dryer Sheets... Yep, you guessed It, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value Brand cost less and was **MADE IN THE USA!** I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price.

My challenge to you Is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made In the USA - The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's!

Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. (We should have awakened a decade ago....)

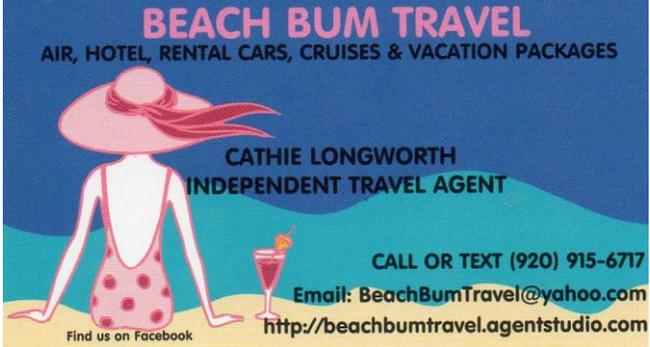
Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their Jobs and create more jobs here in the USA .

SPECIAL MEMBERS PAGE

An extra page just for member's personal ads, announcements, and miscellaneous

What kids say!!!

- 1) - This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6)
- 2) - Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)
- 3) - If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (age 7)
- 4) - Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
- 5) - A dolphin breaths through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8)
- 6) - My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6)
- 7) - When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)
- 8) - Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)
- 9) - I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)
(more next month)



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Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known. Here are some of his most famous quips (part two):

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've travelled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft; today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.



IT'S HUMOR TIME

*Heard a funny story?
Put it in The Liberty Press.*

ONLY IN WISCONSIN...(continued)

You or someone you know was a "Dairy Princess" at a county fair.

You let your older siblings talk you into putting your tongue on a steel post.

You think Lutheran and Catholic are THE major religions.

You can tell the difference between "real Wisconsin cheese" and "that Illinois stuff."

You know that creek rhymes with pick.

Your class took a field trip to a brewery. in second grade.

Football schedules are checked before wedding dates are set.

A Friday night date is taking your girlfriend shining for deer.

There was at least one kid in your class who had to help milk cows in the morning..phew!

You know someone who has gotten a DUI on a snowmobile.

You have driven your car on a lake.

The Packers will always be better than the Vikings, no matter what the standings are!!!!

You know that De Pere is not a wooden structure extending into "Da Lake."

You can tell it's really a farmer working late in his field, and not a UFO.

(to be continued)

As we grow up, we realize it is less important to have lots of friends and more important to have real ones

—Amanda McRae

