



# The 189'er

The American Legion Pitterle-Beaudoin Post 189  
206 S. First Street • PO Box 22 • Watertown, WI 53094-0022  
<http://www.americanlegionpost189.org>

February 2010

Post Phone 920-262-9189

## NOTICE: Annual Meeting in May

Officers of the post are elected annually on the first meeting in May and take office in June.

The term of office is one year or until their successors are duly installed.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting.

Donations can be sent to Matthew R. Zindars Memorial Scholarship, c/o American Legion Post 189, P.O. Box 22, Watertown, WI 53094.

## LEGION 91<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY MARCH 13, 2010

Make a note: This annual event will be at Turner Hall, 301 South Fourth Street, Watertown. The featured speaker will be 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Don Lechner.

Awards for 50 continuous years of paid membership will be presented to Rueben Kottwitz, and Post Legionnaire of the year will be disclosed.

We are limited to 300 dinners. The tickets go fast as this event is quite popular. Please let us know in advance if you can bring a door prize. There will be a Special drawing for Donations to the **Watertown Food Pantry**. One ticket per item.

Dinner tickets are \$16 each ( same as last year) and they are available until the March 1st membership meeting, at Bradow Jewelers, 217 E. Main Street [Paul Bradow], at Riverpark Properties, 101 E. Main Street [Chuck Corbett] or Thursdays at the Post.

## Commanders Corner

Hopefully everyone survived the holidays. As we welcome the New Year, we also welcome the new challenges ahead for 2010. My New Years resolution is to update our post committee's. So few of our officers are doing all of the work - we need to spread out some of those duties. Would be nice to have a bar manager. We're a busy post and could probably do more.

Tickets are out for our birthday party on March 13th at Turner Hall at the same price as last year.. You'll enjoy our speaker. We're also looking at different ways to speed up the Door Prizes at the end of the program.

I personally want to thank our officers and members who helped us meet our goals for 2009. One goal we missed was 100% membership by the 31st of December. Your renewals are important to us.

The American Legion leaves the biggest veteran "footprint" in Washington D.C.

Jerry Peters

### Meetings at 7 P.M.

First Monday each month, except in July & September, when we meet the second Monday of the month.

### Post 189 Officers

Commander.....	Jerry Peters
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Larry Schultz
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Blain Parsons
Adjutant.....	Dennis Johnson
Chaplain.....	Steve Gillis
Finance Ofcr.....	Richard Symoens
Historian.....	Walter Chapman
Judge Advocate.....	William Rex
Service Ofcr.....	Dale Schauer
Sgt at Arms.....	Paul Bast
Sgt at Arms.....	Louis Checkai
Sgt at Arms.....	William Connor

## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 26	7:00 p m ....Jefferson County Vets Council at Workforce Center Building .....Located at....874 Collins Road, Jefferson, Room 103
Jan 30	12:30 .....Bowling in Jefferson County Legion Tournament @ Fort Atkinson
Feb 18	7:00 p. m .....Jefferson County Legion, Fort Atkinson
Feb 20	12:00 noon ...Sheboygan 2 <sup>nd</sup> District bowling
March 13	6:00 p.m. ....91 <sup>st</sup> Legion Birthday Party at Turner Hall (7:00pm dinner)
March 23	7:00 p.m. ....Jefferson County Vets Council at Workforce Center Building
April 1	7:00 p.m. ....Watertown City Vets Council at Legion Hall

### **This could be your last newsletter**

Our records show about 20 have not paid their dues for 2010. If you have a hardship or a question, please call the Adjutant at 920-262-0930. Those not paid lose all Legion benefits and will be dropped.

### **2010 Legion Craft Fair**

An Application is available at post website  
<http://www.americanlegionpost189.org/>

Anyone having ideas or suggestions about the 4th of July events can contact Blain Parsons at 920-478-2730 or email [blainparsons@hotmail.com](mailto:blainparsons@hotmail.com).

### **Call for unused Equipment**

If you are in possession of any unused post equipment such as uniform parts, Firing Squad equipment, Documents, Awards, Frames, Pins ...anything that we can reuse or put to use, please turn in at a meeting or on Thursdays when post is open to members.

This could amount to significant savings for us.

Example---  
One Firing Squad uniform set costs over \$450.00

### *In Memory of ...*



### **Earl W. Kreitzmann 1-1-10**

### **POST 189 EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY**

### **Post is now open Thursdays**

Dennis will be opening our post on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm starting January 7, for members and their accompanied guests. The post is not open to the public. Bill Rex will also be helping out.

We could be open more as help comes forward.

Please join us in celebrating the following anniversaries of Legion membership ... (listed by continuous years with Post 189)

**51-- Lavern (Bud) Nickels**

**52—Herbert Toebe**

**53-- John Model, Clarence Peirick, John Roethle, Robert Schmutzler, William Schultz**

**54--Howard Hilgendorf, Wendell Wilson**

**55--William Benzel, William Connor, Paul Gehrke, Allan Knispel**

**56-- Gene Cowan, Douglas Sorensen, Kenneth Wilkes**

**57--Alvin Drost, Samuel Luchsinger, Phil Paulsen, Lester Rose, Melvin Rose, Albert Sterwalt,**

**58-- Emil Kihslinger, Donald Schmutzler, Francis Semon, Laverne Wanke, Roger Wilkes**

**59-- Robert Liners**

**60-- Don Zimmermann**

**61-- Max Stueber**

**62-- Gordon Checkai, Earl Maas, Lloyd Voss, Bill Welch**

**64-- Gilbert Buntrock**

**66-- John Kaercher**

**68-- Laverne Marshall**

*We Salute You*



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**James Oldenhoff Sr.**, Army, 61-75, recruited by Louis Checkai

**Leland Knope**, Air Force, 50-55, recruited by Louis Checkai

**Ronald Maas**, US Army, 61-75, recruited by Larry Schultz

**Lester Maas**, US Army, 61-75, recruited by Larry Schultz

**Gerald Arndt** –Air Force 50-55 recruited by Dennis Johnson.

**Ken Rosinski**, Air Force 61-64 recruited by Jerry Peters

**Daniel Rotta**, active duty US Army 90-present recruited by Richard Symoens

**Brad Bruschnig**, active duty.. US Army recruited by Tom Voigt

**Dr. Harold Magnan.**, Army, 50-55, recruited by Jerry Peters

**Joe Thamke**, Army, 41-46, recruited by Dennis Johnson and Yvonne Duesterhoeft

## **Please welcome them to the Post**

(These new members were recruited because someone **asked** them. Be ready to help a veteran join by carrying an application blank with you.

We didn't make 100% in 2009 but we are trying for 2010. Please do your part, carry a blank application and just ASK.)

## "Veterans Lunch w/Benefits"

Saturday May 8' 2010

9:00am to 2:00pm

### Turner Hall

301 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Watertown.

Presale tickets at \$8  
Available March

- ▶ Motivational speakers
- ▶ State WDVA Job Service Rep.
- ▶ WDVA Benefits Counselors
- ▶ County Veteran Service Officer
- ▶ Veteran organizations

(Sponsor: Watertown Veterans Council)

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## Operation Celebrate Freedom

Armed Forces Day May 15

### Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Welcome Home for

- ▶ National Guard 32nd Division
- ▶ All Veterans returned home.

An enjoyable day of celebration for all military personnel, veterans, families and friends while offering entertainment, food, beverages, and camaraderie.

(Sponsored By "Concerned Citizens")

[operationcelebratefreedom.org](http://operationcelebratefreedom.org)



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**MAY 21-23, 2010**

## WELCOMING HOME WISCONSIN'S VIETNAM VETERANS

A Statewide effort to honor Wisconsin Vietnam War Veterans culminates in a weekend of recognition and celebration of their service and sacrifice for veterans and their families at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

All veterans, family members, friends and other Wisconsin residents are invited to attend. Find event details, local information and details on the statewide kick-off motorcycle rally from La Crosse to Green Bay and more online at [www.LZLambeau.org](http://www.LZLambeau.org).

LZ Lambeau is a partnership of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Public Television, along with an extensive group of veterans' organizations statewide.

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