



# H.A. Todd Jr Unit 537

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## April Is Children & Youth Month



Although we work on Children & Youth projects throughout the year, this month place special emphasis on the health and welfare of children. A special project that we participate in each year is raising funds for Children's Miracle Network. Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. Each year the 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. Though they comprise less than one percent of all hospitals, children's hospitals have led the way in treating childhood cancer, developing immunizations such as the polio vaccine, preventing common childhood injuries, and performing cutting-edge procedures such as bone marrow transplants and fetal surgery.

The American Legion Family is a proud sponsor of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. At our March meeting, we distributed the CMN fundraising "balloons" to those that attended the meeting. If you did not attend the meeting, you can still be involved in the project by sending your donation to Unit Treasurer Audrey McClain at 2589 S Seymour Pl, West Allis, WI 53227. Remember that 100% of all funds raised go our local CMN hospital, Children's Hospital of Milwaukee.

Children's Hospital here in Milwaukee has a very unique place called the Special Needs Center. At our April meeting, Meg Steimle of the Special Needs Center will be on hand to talk about the wonderful things that the Center does for some very special children with serious health issues.

Another on-going project for the Children & Youth Program is our pop-tab collections. This national fundraising project encourages the collection of aluminum pop tabs to support local Ronald McDonald Houses. This program helps with funds to provide housing for financially challenged families with seriously ill or injured children who must undergo medical treatment at a children's hospital.

### Speaker for April Meeting:

At the April meeting we will have a speaker from the Special Needs Center at Children's Hospital. Meg Steimle will be there to tell us all about the what the Special Needs Center does and even share her personal story.



**Children's Miracle Network Balloons** are now available. \$1 each, please see Diana Sirovina for more information. Monies need to be turned in at the April meeting.

### Americanism

Chairman Nancy Wang would like to get all the Juniors together on a Saturday in May. Please contact her at 414-421-4289 or N.A.Wang@na.modine.com if you are interested.

April is also Month of the Military Child—come to the meeting to learn more.

### Dates to Remember:

**Unit Meeting**  
Tuesday April 21 ~ 7pm

**District Meeting:**  
Saturday April 25- 10:30am

**State Convention:**  
July 23-26  
Wyndham Milwaukee Airport  
Contact Diana Sirovina for  
volunteer information

### Annual Veterans Luncheon

This year's luncheon will be  
Monday April 27th. More  
information will be available  
soon.

Please contact President  
Sue Sandow if you can help  
set up, serve food, or clean  
up that day.

### Notes...

- Don't forget to clip coupons from your paper to send to Military bases around the world. See Ruth Predith if you need an address to send them to.
- Bring non-perishable food items each month to donate to The Good Samaritan Outreach Center.





### Community Service:

- ◆ Vi Kaun: 2 hour greeter, 7 hours money counter at Church, 3 hour communion set up, 3 hours clipping coupons, 2 hours calling sick friends and members
- ◆ Shirley Scott: 50 hours Elmbrook Quilt Ministry, 1 hour donating blood
- ◆ Marilyn Reese: 3 hours Church Office
- ◆ Mary Ann Kaebisch: 6 hours helping at Church
- ◆ Joan Kroll: 3 hours visiting a friend, 8 hours shopping for a friend
- ◆ Sue Sandow: 1 hour donating blood, 2 ½ hours cutting coupons
- ◆ Diana Sirovina: 1 hour donating blood, 4 hours taking co-worker back & forth to work
- ◆ Carol Doernbach: 3 hours collecting clothes for Good Samaritan
- ◆ Debbie Lynch: 25 hours greeter, 16 ½ hours cutting coupons, 2 hours counting packets, 4 hours taking friends to dentist
- ◆ Delores Miksic: 3 hours craft & bake sale at church
- ◆ Dee Treibel: 18 hours calling bingo, 10 hours taking elderly to Drs. and grocery shopping, 3 hours taking toiletries and paper towels rolls to humane society
- ◆ Martha Jansen: 16 hours giving shots
- ◆ April Kollmorgen: 60 hours USS Henry M Jackson-Blue (SSBN 730) Family Readiness Group.

### Human Concerns:

- ◆ Thinking of you cards were sent to: Marion Nickel, Jane Corbett, Doris Benedict, Mary Pfeiffer, Lillian Teletzke, Arlene Komassa, Audrey Lukaszewicz, Amollie Lawrence, Verna Barbian, Jeanette Jacobson and Maggie Wnuk
- ◆ Get Well cards were sent to: Chuck Cooney and Maggie Wnuk
- ◆ Sympathy cards were sent to: Joan Kroll and Dolores Miller (sister) Family of Jean Findley, Ruth Kintop (husband) and Lillian Teletzke Family,
- ◆ A Retirement card was sent to: Arlene Backus (Deputy VA Hospital)

### Past Presidents Parley



The Past Presidents Parley acknowledges female veterans on some holidays with a greeting from the Unit. Our current list includes our female Post members and a few others but we would like to expand our efforts in acknowledging the women who have served in our armed forces. If you know of any other female veterans, please contact Past Presidents Parley Chairman Diana Sirovina (414-321-1479, [duran-go1@wi.rr.com](mailto:duran-go1@wi.rr.com)) with their name and address.

### Installation of Officers:

We will be holding a joint installation with the Post on May 9th at 5pm. Price is \$10 per person. See included registration form in this mailing for more information.

### Membership

We need just 8 more members to reach the 100% goal for the year. Have you paid your 2009 dues yet? Contact Membership Chairman Vi Kaun today at 414-525-1025 or [rkaun@wi.rr.com](mailto:rkaun@wi.rr.com).

### Post 537 Children & Youth Fundraiser.

The Post is hosting a raffle. Cost is \$25 per ticket - only 537 will be sold so get yours now! The drawing will be held on Memorial Day. See included flyer for more information.



Department of Wisconsin website

[www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

National American Legion Auxiliary website

[www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org)

Milwaukee County Conference of Units PPP Luncheon will be held on Tuesday April 21st at That's Amore—\$15 per person, please see Diana Sirovina for more information.

The 4th District Spring Conference will be May 9th at Greendale 416 Post. Cost is \$15 per person. Send reservations and monies to District Treasurer Vi Kaun.

If you have an email address, please let me know, so I can send you this newsletter in full color next month.

Happy Easter

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### Treats for April:

Betty Benning

Mary Ann Kaebisch