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# First Formation

## **Calendar of Events for March/April 2018**

March 1: 40&8 regular meeting. 7PM.

March 2: Patriot's Pen awards, Kickapoo School, VFW 2267

**March 3: Legion 383, Lone Rock Annual Vet's Roll 11AM to 7PM—see Sidebar page 3 for details**

**March 4: 40&8 Pancake Breakfast 7AM. RC Legion hall. Vietnam Vets 7 Meat Raffle 1PM. The breakfast has financed 6 \$500 nursing scholarships for deserving students.**

**March 4: RC Veterans' memorial benefit dance. 1:30 to 6PM, White House, RC, Music provided by Monty Berger and the Country Gold Band. Raffles and door prizes. Food provided by County Kitchen. \$5 per person donation. Donations finance flag maintenance and addition of names to the memorial.**

March 5: RC Legion 13 Aux regular meeting. 6:30. Legion hall.

March 6; State Memorial meeting for Desert Storm. Chairman John Weitzel.

March 7: Richland County Legion hosts Richland Co. Government Day. See sidebar page 2 for details.

March 8: Vietnam Vets 7 regular meeting. 7PM RC Legion hall.

March 9: Women's Relief Corps regular meeting. Brewer Library 11AM.

March 12: VFW Auxiliary 2267 regular meeting. 6PM. RC Legion hall.

March 12: Legion 383 Lone Rock veterans memorial meeting. Village office 6:30PM.

March 13: VFW 2267 6:30 meal 7PM meeting. RC Legion hall.

March 13: Viola Legion 447 regular meeting. 3PM Aux, 5PM potluck to celebrate AmnLegion's 99th birthday. 7PM Legion meeting. Legion hall.

March 15: RC Legion 13 regular meeting. 6:30

supper, bring dish to pass—birthday party for Legion. Aux supplies meat. Meeting 7:30. RC Legion hall.

**March 15: VFW2267 Vets roundtable at Pine Valley 1:30PM Speaker will come to talk about serving during the Civil War.**

March 20: Legion 491 Cazenovia regular meeting with aux. 7PM. Legion hall.

March 20: Legion 383 Lone Rock regular meeting. Library 7PM.

March 20: Representative from Dept of Workforce development at VSO Office.

March 21: Legion 383 Lone Rock Aux regular meeting. Masonic Hall. 5PM

March 29: DAV 32 regular meeting. Meal at 5:30 followed by meeting. RC Legion hall.

**March 31: Military History Fair, sponsored by VFW 2267, Pine Valley, 10AM to 4PM, Veterans encouraged to bring their mementos for display. Call Trudy**

**Lone Rock Legion 383 has dedicated their vet's memorial, but still has one bench (\$3500 donation) and plenty of paving stones available. (\$100 for 12x12, \$75 for 8x12, \$40 for 4x8) If you would like to buy one, stop by the Royal Bank in Lone Rock.**

## Richland County Government Day

March 7, 2018, hosted by Richland County Legion for students at Weston, Ithaca, and RC High Schools. Tours start at 8:30, lunch at Post 13 in RC, and finishes by observing a trial in the afternoon. Call Cecil Groves for info.

## **From HQ**

### From Karen Knock, VSO

There have been a number of requests made for another pier on the Pine River near the RC Legion hall and the Memorial Flag Park. The DNR has already approved the project and grant money to pay for it is already available. Initial plans indicate that it would be a rest stop only with no launching privileges to keep the impact on the Park minimal, and would encourage traffic at the hall. Input from members or other interested parties is being sought. Call Gary Peters at 608-649-8726.

There has been some progress in acknowledging illnesses for veterans deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in Desert Storm. The burn pit registry is open on line and vets are encouraged to register now so that you are certified to obtain benefits if they become necessary in the future. Call the VSO office if you have any questions.

Some vets who have been receiving disability payments from the VA for 15 years or more may see a windfall on their taxes this year. These benefits are tax free and for some of you, taxes were erroneously withheld and you are now eligible to have them refunded.

The Department of Veterans

Affairs has published new poverty guidelines: \$1800/month for singles and \$2469/month for married couples. Below those limits, benefits may be available. Call the office for information.

Be aware that, if you are transferred by ambulance to the VA Hospital, but referred on to another hospital (usually for lack of beds) before you actually see a VA doctor, you may be denied benefits. Call the office if you have questions.

We have a new ally in the fight against homeless vets.. Craig Bird, an Richland County native and currently an advocate for Center for Veterans Services, offers help to veterans who are either homeless or soon to become so. They find shelter as well as job searching and legal services, all free of charge. If you or someone you know is in danger of becoming homeless, act now. The time to call Craig is **when you get your eviction notice.** Don't wait until you're on the street.

Craig also provides services for families through the Supportive Service for Veteran Families. Eligibility requirements are to be a member of a Veteran family and very low income, that is for income not to exceed 50% of the area's median income. Call Craig at 414-431-2336 or 414-405-4114.

### Military Honors Training

March 31, 2018

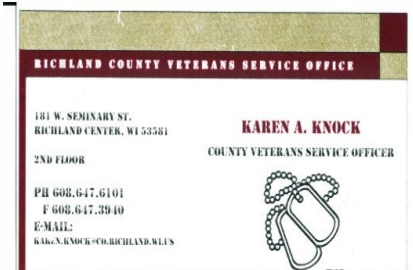
10AM to 12 noon

For any local VFW and American Legion members interested

Grant County Fairgrounds, Eckstein Building.

Free

Call Andrew Knapp, CVSO, Lancaster, 608-723-2756



From the VSO Facebook page: Links to vet sponsored scholarships:

1. American Legion: [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships)
2. AMVETS: <http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/>
3. Disabled American Veterans: <https://www.dav.org/help.../volunteer/jesse-brown-scholarship/>
4. Paralyzed Veterans of America, <http://www.pva.org/news-media-center/scholarship-awards>
5. Veterans of Foreign Wars, <http://www.vfw.org/Youth/>

**Events (Ctd. From page 1)**

Perry, 647-2138, Tim Perry, 604-8226, or Marge Freeman, 647-4884 for information.

March 31: Military honors training. See sidebar page 2.

April 2: RC Legion 13 Aux regular meeting. 6:30. Legion hall.

April 3: County Legion 7:30PM. Cazenovia.

April 5: 40&8 regular meeting. 7PM. Call Larry Winger for location.

April 7: Viola legion 447 Aux chicken and noodle dinner, 4:30—6:30.

April 9: VFW Auxiliary 2267 regular meeting. 6PM. RC Legion hall.

April 9: Legion 383 Lone Rock Veterans memorial meeting. Village office. 6:30PM.

April 10: Viola Legion 447 regular meeting. 1PM Aux, 7PM Legion. Legion hall.

April 10: VFW 2267 regular meeting. 6:30 meal. 7PM meeting. RE Legion hall.

April 12-15: National Federation of Blind Vets, State meeting, West Allis

April 12: Vietnam Vets 7 regular meeting. 7PM RC Legion hall.

April 13: Women's Relief Corp regular meeting. Brewer Library 11AM.

April 14: Richland County Aux meeting, Viola legion hall, 11AM.

April 16; Representative from Dept of Workforce Development at VSO office.

April 17: Legion 491 Cazenovia

regular meeting with aux. 7PM legion hall.

April 17: Legion 383 Lone Rock regular meeting. Library. 7PM.

April 18: Legion 383 Lone Rock Aux regular meeting. Masonic hall 5PM.

April 19: VFW2267 Vets Roundtable at Pine Valley. 1:30PM.

April 19: RC Legion 13 regular meeting. 6:30 supper, meeting 7:30. RE Legion hall

April 21: VFW District 3: Best Shot and Gun Tourney, 10AM Boscobel Area Sportsman club, open to everyone. Bring your guns. \$20 registration starting 9AM, Tourney starts 10AM. No optics.

April 26: DAV 32 regular meeting. Meal at 5:30 followed by meeting. RC Legion hall.

April 27/28: District Legion conference in Monroe. All post commanders encouraged to attend.

April 28: Loyalty Days parade, New Richmond

April 29: 3rd District VFW meeting, Schullsburg

May 3; 40&8 regular meeting, 7PM meal, meeting follows.

May 7: Legion 13 Aux regular meeting. 6:30 Legion hall.

**May 28: MEMORIAL DAY**

Richland Center Legion post 13 thanks everyone who bought a pie at their auction—some of you dug pretty deep! All proceeds will go toward building maintenance for the post.

**Lone Rock Legion 383**

**Vets Roll**

**March 3, 2018**

Community Center, Lone Rock

Bingo 11AM to Noon

Silent Auction 11AM to 2PM

Big Band music with a DJ Noon to 1:30—Swing Dance Demo!

1:45: Presentation of colors and Certificate of 50 years continuous membership presented to Dennis A. Lund, past Commander

Live Auction 2PM

Meat paddles and 50/50 raffles, before 2PM and after 4PM

Hard Tellin' Band 4PM to 7PM

Food (Polish Kielbasa dinner or chili, pie by the slice), pop, and cold beer all day.

April 2-13: The American Legion funds a scholarship program called Americanism and Government. The competition is an online test for high schoolers that gives 10 to 12 \$300 to \$500 awards to each three grade levels of school: sophomore, junior, and senior. The test takes an hour and can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/americanism-and-government-scholarship-program>