

New Commander Welcoming and Introduction:

Hello, I am Robin Brandt. I am very excited to be your newest Post 387 Commander. I look forward to this opportunity to help our post become all that we want it to be. I want it to be GREAT!

I begin this role with much appreciation for outgoing commander Allen Nohl. Allen has been the face and FORCE of Post 387. He has given his heart and soul into leading us to provide support for our veteran community. We owe him the utmost respect and gratitude. Please thank Allen for his outstanding contributions. Thankfully, he will continue to serve with us as Vice Commander.

A bit about ME.....I was born in a small rural community of Britton in Northeastern South Dakota. I grew up on cattle, sheep, and grain ranch, the oldest of six children. After High School, I followed in my father's footsteps and joined the Air Force. I joined to see the world and go somewhere WARM; I had many DREAMS of FLORIDA! So, they sent me to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan! Fortunately, there, I met my wife (now of 43 years- Donna), and we had twins Travis and Elizabeth who live in Milwaukee and are blessed with 2 wonderful grandchildren (Ethan and Sarah). I was fortunate to continue to serve in the Air Force in Montana then joined the Recruiting Service as a recruiter in Milwaukee. With a 3-year stint to FINALLY FLORIDA... I returned to Milwaukee and finished my career of 22 years as the Recruiting Supervisor- this was 2002.

I wanted to continue public service, so I transitioned to a position with the USDA/Forest Service. Regional Headquarters for the Eastern Region in Milwaukee. I served as Office Manager and we oversaw the management of 15 National Forests (from Minnesota to Maine, and Michigan to West Virginia). I continued to serve until I retired in 2024. We moved from Milwaukee to our retirement/forever home outside Elkhart Lake in 2022. It was at the Memorial Day Program held at Rhine Center where I first met Allen. Hearing my story, he quickly invited me to transfer from my original Post in Michigan that I had joined some 30+ years prior. (LOVE THAT RECRUITING!) I DID in fact transfer that membership- and HERE I AM!

My goals are simple, realistic, and attainable. I want our Post to be Visible, Welcoming, and Available to our communities' veterans. I want to involve the Cooperation of our partners in the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion members. We will work and partner with the other local Veterans and Community Organizations to promote Americanism and Support our Veterans.

Together WE can achieve GREAT things! I look forward to meeting you ALL and encourage you to attend our meetings held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 6pm** at the Herman Town Hall. Please participate and offer your suggestions and support to maintain and BUILD our POST to become the Post WE want it to be. This is OURS....TOGETHER.

Best wishes, Robin 😊

EVENTS:

Fair Time! Sheboygan County Fair Dates: Thursday, September 3rd thru Monday, September 7th .

Friday, September 4th MILITARY DAY - All veterans and military personnel.

Spread the Word to all !!!!!

Free admission and parking to all veterans,

American Legion, Sheboygan County Council, in conjunction with the Sheboygan County Fair Association has planned a POW/MIA Silent March to remember POW/MIA's, September 4th, at 1100 hrs., held at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds.

By 10:30 am.... **Enter Gate 4 and park, go to Gate 6.** We will assemble inside at Gate 6. Karts will be available for those who choose not to walk. The walk will be a bit shorter than last year, ending at the Military & Remembrance Pavilion, formerly the M&R Pavilion building. A short program will be held in the Pavilion following the march.

While you are at the fair, be sure to stop by the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial Booth located near the Grandstand entrance.

Saturday, October 10th at 5pm (Rain or Shine). There is a fundraiser for Stars and Stripes Honor Flight and Make-A Wish Foundation at Tim and Sarah Felman's residence located at N8115 Dairyland Drive. Legionnaires will perform Military Honors at 5pm. Come and enjoy food, refreshments, bucket raffles and a live auction. Music from the Goodtime Dutchmen Band. This is a fun event and gives us great exposure and comradery with the local community. Contact Robin to sign up for the detail.

Saturday, October 10th at 1pm (Rain or Shine) the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial (SCVM) is having its annual name engraving event. A limited number of chairs will be available, so bring a lawn chair in case you need it.

Saturday, November 14th at NOON we will have our Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Roadside Restaurant in Plymouth. Contact Carol Ternes at 920-627-9295 to confirm your seat. Also, this year we will also be inviting prospective members (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL's) to attend- lunch on us! SO, if you know anyone that could/should be amongst us, Let Robin know!

POST EVENTS LOG:

In July, Post Honor Guard and others posted colors at the Howards Grove RIVERDOGS baseball game.

In July Post Commander Robin Brandt, Chaplain Sheila Elder, and Auxiliary Member Elder attended the State Convention in Appleton. NOTES:

* A total of Resolutions was presented and voted upon. All passed. Details available during our September Meeting or if you have any questions- contact Robin.

*Presentation from the Milwaukee VA, highlighting their Mental Health Navigator training and program, available to any member.

*Presentation from Post 327 on them receiving the Social Media Award. Their online presence (website and Facebook) is noteworthy. Very active in the community, Provide regular updates on events and initiatives. They post videos and stories showing the post's involvement and impact they make in the community.

*Presentation on Camp Legion- Updates on remodeling several cabins and the purchase of a couple refurbished pontoon boats and kayaks. EVERYONE should go visit- Make reservations EARLY and go enjoy the Northwoods of Wisconsin! Website: <http://www.campamericanlegion.org> Address: [8529 County D, Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539](#)

*It was noted that the Legion has many individual and Post awards that are available, the problem is that very few nominations are received.

* Remember The American Legion's 4 pillars and highlight activities and programs around those!

1. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
2. National Security
3. Americanism
4. Children and Youth

In August, the Post along with members from the Howards Grove VFW Marched in the Bossy Day Parade.

NOTES:

In July you should have received your 2027 dues renewal notice. For those that paid your dues, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For those still needing to pay... PLEASE write your check for \$40 in the envelope provided and return that to the Post addressed. If you're attending our September POST meeting- WE HOPE YOU ARE- (Sep 8th- 6pm), bring your dues check/cash and we can square up then and save the stamp. Thanks, Robin and Steve.

Post officers:

Commander: Robin Brandt

1st Vice Commander: Ken Bubb

2nd Vice Commander: Allen Nohl

Adjutant: Duane Martins

Finance Officer: Steve Bender

Chaplain: Sheila Edler

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Klemme and Allan Woepse

Historian: Vacant (Please consider filling this position) Talk to Robin for details.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

I read a nice article online on our Legion.org that I thought worthy to share.

It revolved around WHY do we BELONG to the AMERICAN LEGION?

We THINK WE KNOW, but HOW DO WE ARTICULATE IT?

What do we say when a veteran asks, "Why should I join the American Legion?"

Some suggestions for you to consider:

We believe in God and country.

We believe in taking care of our veterans and their families.

We believe in educating and mentoring our youth.

We believe in waving that American flag and showing our true patriotic spirit.

We believe in advocating for strong natural security.

If they value these things- **THEY SHOULD JOIN US!**

A quote from Jay Bowen, National Commander candidate states it perfectly.

"People will join The American Legion if they see that there's something in it for them," Bowen said. "They don't want to sit in a meeting and hear a report. But if we're out in the community, if we're supporting funeral honors, if we're walking in a parade, if we're doing a cookout, if we're doing those things in the community, that's what they're interested in doing. And they will do it."

NEVER be afraid to tell our story, I believe there are others (Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL's) in our community that would love to continue to serve with US!