

Legion Post Adding Names Of Korea, Vietnam Victims

Two names will be officially added to the American Legion Post name in Marshfield on rededication ceremonies Sunday.

The 2:30 program will be at the American Legion building, 2100 S. Maple Ave. The public is invited to attend.

The organization has been known as the Lesselyong-Sadowska Post 54, recognizing the first Marshfield men to lose their lives in World War I and World War II, respectively.

The names of Sgt. Vernon L. Kesler and Pfc. Vernal C. Martin will be added to recognize servicemen who gave their lives in Korea and Vietnam, respectively.

The move requesting the name change to Lesselyong-Sadowska-Kesler-Martin Post 54 has been pending since May 1973.

At that time, local Legionnaires voted 45-4 to ask the Wisconsin Department of the American Legion to change the name. Although the four names have been used, Sunday's ceremony will be the first official recognition of the change.

Sgt. Kesler, the son of Mrs. Agnes Kesler and the Late H.M. Kesler of 504 S. Chestnut Ave., was killed in action in Korea on Jan. 26, 1951.

An Army reservist with a previous tour of duty in Japan, Kesler was 22 at the time of his death.

Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Martin of 505 S. Ash Ave., died as the result of fragmentation wounds sustained in action in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on Aug. 8, 1966. He was a 21-year-old Marine at the time.

Mr. Kesler was born in Colby in October 1923 and came to Marshfield with his parents the following year. He attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Marshfield High School in 1946. He entered the Army that year and served the duty tour in Japan. When he was recalled to service, he was a junior at St. Norbert's College in DePere.

Mr. Martin was on his second duty tour in Vietnam at the time of his death. He was born in Marshfield in March

1945 and attended Marshfield Senior High. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1963 and was on duty in Da Nang, Vietnam, and later Okinawa.

Mayor Raymond Tippelt is expected to attend to present a proclamation. George Wood, the only living charter member of the unit founded in 1919, will be an honored guest as will all area Korean and Vietnam veterans.

Featured speaker will be Jim Reininger, state historian of the Wisconsin American Legion Post.

Recognition plaques honoring Sgt. Kesler and Pfc. Martin will be presented by Robert Heck on behalf of the Howard Quirt family which also donated the earlier plaques.

Photos of the two veterans also will be unveiled inside the Post home, according to post commander Vern Ader, who will be emcee. A Legion firing squad will give a three-gun salute and "Taps" will be played.

The Legion auxiliary will serve lunch following the program.

Plastic Furniture

NEW YORK (AP) — A comeback is being staged by plastic furniture, according to Modern Plastics.

The magazine says softwood price increases, a decline in demand for Mediterranean-style furniture, and new technology which lets plastics simulate such materials as wicker and bamboo are contributing factors.

Carter Ri

By The Associated Press
Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, who denies he is actively seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, is at least working to prevent Jimmy Carter from getting it, Carter says.

The former Georgia governor, one of 10 candidates in Wisconsin's Democratic presidential primary Tuesday, said Humphrey and Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., are parties to a stop-Carter movement.

"Udall has gone as far as telling people to vote for him as an assurance to elect Humphrey," Carter remarked to newsmen Wednesday in Appleton, "and Humphrey has prepared some commercials that would reveal his efforts to stop the Carter momentum."

"I think the voters react adversely to that kind of machination," he said.

Carter, addressing about 150 paying guests at a \$100-a-person fund-raiser in Milwaukee, was asked if he might consider Humphrey as a vice presidential running mate.

"I would certainly be glad to consider



Sgt. Vernon Kesler



Pfc. Vernal Martin



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