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Commander's Report

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Hello all Legionnaires,

First things first, we still have a little room for our Don Heiliger Day if you are interested in coming. The date is Sunday, June 29. You can call me if you are interested and leave a message (873-9428) with your name and number of people to attend.

We now have the hall painted. We have many things to put back up on the walls which will take a little time, so for those

who are concerned it will get done soon.

The construction of our military library is finished and the books will soon be coded and placed on the shelves ready to be checked out.

We are very fortunate again this year to receive a Bryant Foundation grant. Seems there are always improvements and repairs to be made. A big THANK YOU goes out to the foundation!

The Post has been very busy and the calendar keeps filling up with events. The Friday Night Fish Fry gets busier, the

lounge is doing well, and the hall rentals are picking up. We have regular Saturday night music for your enjoyment, so check with the Post (205-9090) for dates. Come and kick up your heels!

We had a jam session a couple of weeks ago and it went over very well. We plan on having these sessions the last Sunday of each month this summer to see how it goes. If it goes well, we can carryover through the winter months.

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Auxiliary

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873-9428

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873-6687

Auxiliary News



Hello American Legion Family,

I am finished talking about the weather. It doesn't do any good. There are a lot of important events coming up Syttende Mai; we don't want the King and Queen, Memorial Day, graduations, weddings etc., to get wet. Hope it gets better.

Elvera is getting members to distribute poppies for the weekend of Memorial Day. So if she calls you, please say yes. We will be putting the poppies in the containers on May 21. I want to thank everyone who has given a donation to the Poppy Fund so far. If you haven't sent a donation, please do. It

goes toward different veterans programs. This is our biggest fund-raiser. Ellen Curran's granddaughter will be our Poppy Princesses this year.

I also would like to thank everyone who brought in new Auxiliary members this year; it helped us make our 100%.

The Auxiliary Officers for the year 2014-2015 are: President, none, so far I guess we will figure it out, we don't want the Auxiliary to fall apart again. Vice President—Linda Swangstu, Secretary—Linda Schmidt, Treasurer—Alice Moen, Chaplin—Sharon Silbaugh, Membership—Lisa Olson, Sergeant at Arms—Pat Christensen.

There will be four girls going to Badger Girls State this year. They are: Jessica Havlicek, Samantha Ward, Elizabeth Goodnaugh, and Kristin Nett. The breakfast for Badger Girls, will be the July 15 breakfast. It usually is the April breakfast but it wasn't held due to Easter Sunday. So please support it.

Hope everyone takes in the events at Syttende Mai and wish King Sonny and Queen Linda well. Both deserve the honor.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

May 16 - Blue Moon Karaoke - 7:30 – 11:30 pm
May 17 - Syttende Mai
May 17 - Dan Reilly- 7:00 – 11:00 pm
May 18 - Legion Breakfast
7:00 – 11:00 am
May 23 - Blue Moon Karaoke - 7:30 – 10:30 pm
May 25 - County Jam - Mikey Fuss
2:00 – 6:00 pm
May 26 - Memorial Day
May 27 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
June 7 - Blue Moon Karaoke - 8:00 – 11:00 pm
June 14 - Flag Day
June 15 - Legion Breakfast
7:00 – 11:00 am
June 24 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
June 27 - Blue Moon Karaoke - 7:30 – 10:30 pm
June 29 - Don Heiliger Day

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

Breakfast: 7:00-11:00 am
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself
and know that everything in this life has a purpose.
There are no mistakes, no coincidences.
All events are blessings given to us to learn from.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Rich Fries at 608.273.8758.

Hall Rentals

Call Julie Nygaard at 608.333.9577

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By now you probably know that Linda and I have been chosen King and Queen for this year's Syttende Mai celebration. What an honor for us to be chosen and we will never forget. I have been awarded several awards in the past through our community, but this is the best we could have received together. Thanks to all!

Commander Sonny

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I forgot to put in the last newsletter that Evelyn Kahl won the ham basket. Congratulation Evelyn!

Memorial Day events start with a parade at 10:00, followed by a program at the Mandt Center at 11:00, then doughnuts and coffee at the VFW afterwards. Hope everyone can attend.

Have a fun and safe Syttende Mai and Memorial Day.

Remember: *The human race has only one effective weapon, and that is laughter. The moment it arises, all our hardness's yield, all our irritations and resentments slip away, and a sunny spirit takes their place.*
—Mark Twain

President Marlene

Attaboys

A big *Thank You* goes out to our volunteer bartenders for the superb job they have been doing. Also a big *Thank You* to our volunteer kitchen help at the breakfasts, dinners, and fish fries. Keep up the great work! You are greatly appreciated. Our new post e-mail address is: alpost59@gmail.com.

Jim Oler
Finance Officer



DON HEILIGER DAY – JUNE 29

AMERICAN LEGION POST 59 IS PLANNING A DON HEILIGER DAY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, AT THE LEGION HALL. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: 12:00-1:00 SOCIAL HOUR (meet and greet Don), 1:00-2:00 LUNCHEON, 2:15 PROGRAM.

DON WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER FOCUSING ON HIS NEARLY SIX YEARS AS A PRISONER OF WAR AFTER BEING SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE NOON LUNCHEON WILL BE ON A FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED BASIS FOR THE FIRST 150 RESPONDENTS. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR THE SOCIAL HOUR OR THE PROGRAM. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

NAME_____

NUMBER ATTENDING_____

TELEPHONE#_____

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: SONNY SWANGSTU

701 BICKLEY CT

STOUGHTON, WI 53589

*IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU NEED TO CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION, LET SONNY KNOW.

Calling all Veterans & Military Personnel

Veterans from all eras are needed to ride the veteran's float in the Syttende Mai and Memorial Day parades. Not necessary to have been in a combat zone. Not necessary to be in uniform. These floats are in your honor. Please come and participate. No RSVP necessary. Any questions, call Bob Lloyd 873-5926.

- **Syttende Mai Parade—Sunday, May 18**
(Meet at Mandt Park by 1:00 p.m. Veteran's float parks on South 4th street)
- **Memorial Day Parade-Monday, May 26**
(Beginning on S. Prairie and West Main St. 10:00 a.m. Parking at Mandt Center 9:15am, shuttles to parade line-up for parade participants). Veteran's float parks on the corner of S. Prairie & W. Main.
- **Memorial Program-Monday, May 26**
(Following the parade 11:00 a.m. at Mandt Center **rain or shine**)

The Memorial Program is open to the public

Syttende Mai and Memorial Day Schedules

Syttende Mai

Saturday, May 17 - Decorate float at VFW at 9:00 am
8:00 am bring up chairs and float materials
9:00 am decorate float

Memorial Day

Thursday, May 22 - 9:00 am - Meet at Riverside Cemetery to put out flags—Rain Date: May 23 - 9:00 am

Thursday, May 29 - 9:00 am - Meet at Riverside Cemetery to remove flags— Rain date: May 30 - 9:00 am

Set up for the Memorial Day Program

Saturday, May 24 - 9:00 am - Meet at Mandt Center for chair and podium set up
Monday, May 26 - 7:00 am - decorate float at VFW

After the Memorial Day program, help is needed at the Mandt Center to take down chairs and at the VFW to disassemble the float.

Thank you in advance for your help.

The Memorial Day Committee

Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

Legion – 2nd Monday – 7:00 pm

Auxiliary – 2nd Monday – 7:00 pm

SAL – 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.



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Conservative estimates are that costs will increase 5% per year. By the time your child starts college, the cost of college education will be over \$94,000!

The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund is designe

Last year, Wisconsin raised approx. \$17,000 which was included in the 2010 budget. This year, we will be working in conjunction with Rhino's Run, the goal at \$50,000.

Enclosed are 12 sweepstakes entry forms. A donation of \$100.00 is being made to the American Cancer Society. Also enclosed is a return envelope for your convenience. We encourage you to return your entry forms and donation to help support the fight against cancer.

The awards are 1st—\$1,000, 2nd—\$500, 3rd—\$250, 4th—\$100, on Sunday, August 10, 2014, at 12:00 noon at The American

Please help Commander Ken and the American Legion Ride distributing entry forms to your friends, family, co-workers, Lloyd at 608-873-5926 or llloyd2364@sbcglobal.net if you w

In 2014, our goal is to raise over \$450,000 nationwide. We a most worthy cause and to meet our goal of \$50,000.

Please make your check payable to ALRA of WI and mail to

Thank you
Bob Lloyd
State President
American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin

Post Royalty



Syttende Mai 2014 King and Queen: Commander Sonny and Linda Swangstu

Veterans Training at Madison College

I am writing for your help in getting the word out on some great opportunities for Information Technology **TUITION FREE** classes offered to veterans. The IT Department at Madison College has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor covering a three year period. Grant funding will be used to provide training in the area of Information Technology. All Wisconsin Technical Colleges are participating in this grant, although they are each taking different approaches to the task of serving Veterans and Displaced workers with IT training.

I would point out that the program I am describing is unique to Madison College, so I do not think a state-wide distribution of this information would be appropriate. The scope of our project is mainly to serve veterans and displaced workers *within* the Madison College district.

At Madison College, our approach has been to create a career pathway that could lead someone with very little computer training through a series of training courses. A student could earn: a certificate in Microsoft Office, a one year technical diploma in Help Desk Support and finally, bringing them through a complete two year Associate Degree program in Network

Security. Along the pathway, the grant program supports the student obtaining valuable IT industry certifications. The program is very flexible: students, who enter the program at any level, when they leave the program, have achieved their goals whether it is a single course or an entire degree program. The grant application form and the Course Selection Form are available on the on Madison College's Website, along with more program information, including the diagram that shows an overview of the entire program. That Website is: <http://madisoncollege.edu/advance-wisconsin-information-technology>.

We are very interested in seeing Veterans enter this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail. My information is listed at the bottom of this e-mail.

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