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Sgt. First Class Melvin D. Cohen entered the U.S. Army on January 8, 1946 at the very young age of 15. He served in Korea from November 1950 until 1951. Mel was wounded twice in combat action. The first time he was hit by enemy rifle fire on November 20, 1950 while fighting near Wonsan at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The second time Mel was hit by artillery on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1951. In addition to the Purple Heart, Mel was awarded two Bronze Stars for heroism, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Korean Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, the United Nations Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Presidential Citation, the Republic of Korea Service Medal and the U.S. Armed Forces Service Medal.

## Two Purple Heart Veterans honored at our July dinner.

Colonel Donald L. Heiliger received his Air Force commission through the U.W.-Madison in 1958. He served as a navigator instructor and later earned his pilot wings at Webb AFB, TX, graduating first in his class. Flying the Republic 105 Thunder Chief Fighter-bomber out of Korat AFB, Thailand, he was shot down on his 43<sup>rd</sup> mission over North Vietnam on May 15, 1967. Don was captured and spent nearly six years in a POW camp. He retired from the USAF in 1985 as a Colonel. He received two Purple Hearts. The first was awarded for the wounds he received on May 15, 1967-the day he was shot down. The second Purple Heart (one Oak Leaf cluster) was

awarded for wounds incurred as a direct result of hostile foreign force during the time period of May 15, 1967 to Feb. 18, 1973. His decorations and awards include the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation medal, the Prisoner-Of-War medal and the Vietnam Service medal with eight service stars.

A special thanks to Bud Erickson for his efforts in making these important memories into a lasting display for these veterans, their families and our Post, their plaques will be displayed along with other Purple Heart recipients on our walls.

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From Left to right: Commander Bill Redepenning, Mel Cohen, Don Heiliger, Bud Erickson. Photo By Tanya Choen



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The last month has been a busy one, but with all of your help we've survived! And somebody said May was our busy month? We started off by giving SPC Andrew Howard an awesome Hometown Hero's Welcome Home; Thank you Commander Bill and Bob Lloyd for

your assistance.

Our very own Past President Elvera Phelps is now Dane County Auxiliary President. Please congratulate her the next time you see her. Our Past Dane County President, Joyce Endres, will be installed as Department Chaplin at the State Convention later this month.

I would like to extend another HUGE Thank You to all of the ALA members that came out to help with the Legion

Baseball Breakfast. I cannot tell you how much your help was appreciated! The July Breakfast is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It is an "Auxiliary" breakfast, so I'll be seeing many more of you, yes? Oh, did I mention, Junior members are more than welcome to help also? We can find things for almost any aged Jr. to do! (We had a 2-1/2 year old Jr. member helping us one morning for a little while! And she loved it!)

July 4<sup>th</sup> was the date of our Annual (?) Chicken BB-Q. We did not do nearly as well as we did last year. Details were discussed at the Auxiliary meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Many surveys were returned. They've been very helpful for planning, etc. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so soon, and consider marking YES to something, or feel free add your own ideas to the one that have already been sent in.

I am looking forward to a rewarding year working with all of you to support the American Legion Auxiliary Program's and the American Legion Post 59.

Ellen Curran, President  
ALA Unit 59

## Legion Hall Wish List

- A collapsible dowel type drying rack for dish cloths
- A CD player for "background" music during activities
- A bulletin Board for the Auxiliary room

Thank You ..... to those of you who donated the booster seats. Our youngest patrons appreciate your thoughtfulness!

## E A

I found this very interesting!

1. The garden of Eden was in Iraq
2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq was the cradle of civilization
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in southern Iraq!
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq!
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh-which is in Iraq.
9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem

12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq.

13. The wise men were from Iraq.

14. Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. second is Iraq!

The names used in the Bible are Babylon, and Mesopotamia...land between two rivers, the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Indeed Iraq is a country that is very significant in the Bible. Here is something to think about. Since America is typically represented by an Eagle. Saddam should have read up on his Muslim passages... Koran (9:11) For it is written that a son of Arabia would awaken a fearsome Eagle..The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout

the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace. (note the verse number!) Let us not forget the troops now serving in Iraq and elsewhere around the world to bring us peace.

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need please contact Monte at 873-4020.

# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Breakfast at Post 501 7-11 am</i>
10	11 <i>Post Meeting at 7PM</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Fish Fry at Post 481</i>	16
17 <i>Post breakfast 7-noon</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Post dinner</i>	27	28	29	30
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# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Post Meeting at 7PM</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Breakfast at Post 501 7-11 am</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Fish Fry at Post 481</i>	20
21 <i>Post breakfast 7-noon</i>	22	23 <i>Post dinner</i>	24	25	26	27
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**AUGUST DINNER**  
**SWISS STEAK**  
**COME CELEBRATE LENNY'S BIRTHDAY**

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**AT THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING  
(THE 8TH) THERE WILL BE A (POTLUCK)  
PICNIC BEFORE AT 6 O'CLOCK.  
HAMBERGERS AND BRATS WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**