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Commanders Report



Hello Post Members and American Legion Families,

The days are flying by and school is around the corner. Why does time pass so fast when a person retires? In our working day, TGIF (thank goodness it's Friday) took forever it seemed.

September 11 at 11:00 there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the VFW. Come join us on that important day in history.

I would like to have September 10, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon as a DEEP CLEANING DAY AT THE POST. This means scrubbing the bar, kitchen, dining room, or whatever, where ever it's needed. The more hands we have, the more we can get done in a morning. So please, mark your calendars and

let's see a huge turnout! We want to be known to have a clean facility and just a few volunteers each week keeping it presentable is going to burn us out.

With regard to the new addition, our outdoor consumption was approved by the City. The building permit has been sent into the State. When we hear back, then it goes back to the City for our building permit. We are keeping things as local as possible, so we are getting our materials from Stoughton Lumber.

There was a question asked: MEMBERS vs NON-MEMBERS FOR APPOINTED POSITIONS - Answer: Denise Rohan (Department Vice-Commander) and other Legion Post Commanders where asked at a recent Department Conference. There is nothing stated in the A.L. Constitution or By-Laws which state only an A.L. member can be in charge and handle Post money. If there is nothing in the Post Constitution or By-Laws, then the Post Commander can appoint, with the confirmation of the Executive Committee, a Post member or

non-member to any position – see Post 59 By-Laws, Article II, Officers and Post 59 By-Laws, Article III, Post Executive Committee.

The Post has increased the High School Scholarships from one to two. This will be reviewed yearly.

We are checking out the possibility of just a quarterly newsletter with more pages and possibly in color. This will give us more news, pictures, and savings. We can probably get more sponsors for advertising and maybe charge them less. We are checking on costs at this time. Cliff Maerz and Tim Carter deserve a big hand in editing our paper.

We are also thinking about a volunteer cook under the direction of the S.A.L. With such a nice kitchen, we need to use it to keep our customers happy and to increase our business. After all, the bar proceeds pay most of the bills.

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Auxiliary News



Hello,

What a hot, hot, hot summer! My energy went down the hill fast on those days and the energy bill went up. Speaking of energy, we are having a DEEP DEEP CLEANING DAY Saturday, September 10, from 8:00 – 12:00. Please come and let's work together in harmony to keep our Post inviting to the public.

Keep those food donations coming! I delivered another tote to the Food Pantry again last week. Their shelves did not look very full. Thank you to all for your food and other items you have brought and placed in our tote.

The American Legion Auxiliary participated in two patriotic activities in the last month. We attended the Dane County Fair and helped the Honor Guard raise and lower all service flags and the U.S. flag on Military Day. We held an Ice Cream Social at the Veteran's Hospital. Funding was used from the June Swingen Memorial Fund. June was President of our Auxiliary at one time and has is deceased. Thank you to her family. We also served a funeral luncheon at our Post this month. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped.

We have a fundraiser going on which consists of taking orders for Tupperware, Watkins products and Rada knives. We will have the demonstrators for Tupperware and Watkins selling some items which they have on hand at our breakfast on

August 21. They both have many new items compared to several years ago. I can't remember when I last attended parties for these products. It brings back the memories of the delicious lemon pie my mother made from the Watkins pie filling. Oh yes, and the Tupperware toys my little tots played with that were very safe. Please come and join us for breakfast and look through the catalogs while you are dining.

We are planning another garage sale next year. The plan is to have it when the city-wide garage sale weekend occurs. Keep adding to your pile of treasures for this occasion. Santa is planning already. We will have a luncheon on a Saturday for the children. More information will be posted at a later date. I would like your opinion on how everyone feels about having an American Legion Family picnic next summer at a nearby park. The Post could grill the meat; bring your own drinks and a dish to pass, and play games, etc. It would be a time to get acquainted and re-acquainted with old and new members.

The Auxiliary is getting some younger members and that is a good thing. We can always use new ideas and bubbling energy. We welcome our new members and hope they find our organization rewarding in many ways. We have a nice Web site for the American Legion Auxiliary. It holds a lot of information about our group and what it stands for. It is www.amlegionauxwi.org. Check it out!

Thank you to all the volunteers and ladies of the Auxiliary. You are a great bunch!!!!

Linda Swangstu
Auxiliary President

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873-9428

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Lisa Olson – 873-8924

Junior Leader

Jona Chat – 622-4574

CALENDER OF EVENTS

August 21 - Breakfast – ALA Fundraiser
7:30 am – 11:30 am
August 23 - Post Dinner @ 6:30pm
August 26 - September 1
National Convention - Minneapolis, MN
September 5 - Junior Meeting - 7:00 pm
September 10 - Northern Lights
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
September 11 – Youth Center Benefit
12 noon – 6:00 pm
September 12 - Auxiliary Meeting
7:00 pm
September 18 - Legion Breakfast
7:30 am – 11:30 am

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30 am
\$7.00 adults, \$4.00 children

Youth Center Benefit

September 11, 2011

12 noon – 6:00 pm cookout
Three bands

Please bring canned goods for Stoughton
Food Pantry

Sponsored by the SAL

Book Sale

American Legion Post 59
803 N. Page St.

August 20, 2011
7:30 am -12:30 pm

More than 500 books
\$1.00 for hard covers
\$.50 for paper backs

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The building needs painting on the outside. We are open for suggestions on colors or any decorative ideas you might have.

There has been some discussion to have a volunteer of the month. A name can be placed in our suggestion box inside the front door. Your name could go up on the marquee!

I would like to know if anyone would be interested in having a weekly card party during the week days. If so, leave a message on Sonny's phone 873-9428.

A huge THANK YOU to Archie Christenson and Dennis Rodenkirch for their work with regard to membership.

Sonny Swangstu
Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER

This is the Day

This is the day. It's the last time the scent of coffee will drift from the kitchen. Never again will you see the baby rub sleep out of his eyes as he sits up in the crib and calls for you. Your spouse, with tousled hair gives you one final good-morning kiss. You observe these things you will not see again-the morning sun shining on pots and pans still in the sink, the cat crying for her food, the dog scratching to go outside, and the children biker in the bedroom. A full schedule of commitments awaits you. It seems the same as it is most mornings, yet it will never exist again. Never again will your day be exactly this way.

Today is the only day there is. This instant is the only one we have to live. This is the moment we get to love one another. This is the when we must bless the world with what only we have to give. This is the hour to savor, treasure, and be present fully.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is a chance. God has brought us this far so that we can live in this day, just this day. What in the world will we do with such a stunning gift?

Help me to live in this moment, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

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

JUNIOR GIDDY-UP GO EVENT

On Sunday October 9th, from 2-5 p.m., there will be a get together for all Juniors in the Dane County. It will be held at the Mel Cohen Farm. It is a fun afternoon, riding horses, learning how to brush them, etc.

So please plan on coming, if I can get on a horse at my age, you surely can at your age. Please talk to your Junior Chairman or myself on any questions or info you may need. There are two forms that need to be made out for that day but there is no cost. We will have a hot dog barbeque with s-mores. Our hosts are very good to us and make sure we have fun. Be sure to thank them after this event is done.

Thank you,

Jona Chat - Jr. Chairman

608-622-4574

Elvera Phelps - Jr. Event Chairman

608-873-5154

Otis Sampson American Legion Family Post 59

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Auxiliary Fundraiser
Selling Tupperware, Watkins, & Rada Knives



Sunday, August 21
7:30am - 11:30am
803 N. Page St.
Stoughton, WI

Tickets on sale at the door
Adults \$7.00
Children (under 10) \$4.00
Proceeds to benefit the Auxiliary

PANCAKES
FRENCH TOAST
HAM
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SCRAMBLED EGGS
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No Smoking
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A Little Humor

My husband and I were watching Forrest Gump at the base theater. The crowd was pretty quiet throughout the film, until the scene when Forrest graduates from college and is met by an Army recruiter. That was met with a shout from behind us: "Run, Forrest, run!"

As a new paratrooper, I was struck by all the T-shirts on base emblazoned with the motto "Death from above!" Later I noticed a submariner with a T-shirt that declared "Death from below!"

Then, standing in line for chow one day, I was served by an Army cook. His T-shirt had a skull with a crossed fork and spoon underneath and yet another warning: "Death from within!"

Courtesy of Reader's Digest

WANTED: Items for the Display Case

I need items for the display case for the time period of the Korean War. This would include those that served in Korea and those that served in Europe during that time.

Please bring them to the Post asap. Please put them in the Auxiliary room in a bag or box with my name on it: **Lynn Robertson**. Please make sure that you include your name and phone number and a short note about the item.

If you have questions or would like to hand me the items, I will be at the August breakfast from sun up until noon.

I only have five small items at this time. If we are going to keep rotating the display, I need to get items on loan from those of you that served.....thanks!

Membership Report

As of August 8, we stand at 161 or 46% have renewed their dues. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so by the end of this month.

This year our Department Commander Densie Rohan and the Department Auxiliary President has a bet to see who will be the first one to have their members all renewed by Veterans Day, November 11. Let's show the rest of the state that our post stands behind Denise's challenge and get in your renewals.

Our Post is now leading the state with on-line renewals with 23 of them. Renewing your dues on-line saves you money by not needing a stamp to mail in your money. Let's get another 5 on-line renewals this month.

To pay on-line, all you need is your Member ID# and a credit card. Use the link below.
www.members.legion.org/renew

Did you know we have 27 WWII members?

Thanks,
Dennis Rodenkirch,
608-438-8768V

STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

AUXILIARY Community Service Project

Since last fall the Auxiliary has been collecting for the Stoughton Food Pantry. This is an on-going year-round Auxiliary project, not just a one-time food drive. The collection basket is by the front door. Last month we delivered 29 pounds of food. Thank you to all who have so generously donated. The Stoughton Food Pantry is fully funded by donations and no tax dollars are used to purchase supplies. It is a valuable resource for needy families of our area, and many benefit from your donations.

All non-perishable food items are needed, however there are some items that the Food Pantry does not purchase and are very much needed such as: toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, bar soap. Also: Hamburger Helper, rice mixes, Sloppy Joe mix, pasta, taco kits, cake and cookie mixes, oatmeal and cereal.

Please help us to continue to help those in our own community who are in need. Bring a few items each time you come to the Post for a dinner, a breakfast or meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Sunday: Noon – 6 pm or later

(Beginning September 11)

Wednesday Ladies Night

\$.50 off any Ladies drinks



Reminder

Just a reminder that the Unit 59 Auxiliary will have books for the Tupperware, Watkins and Rada Cutlery fundraiser available at the Monday Auxiliary and Post meetings, 7:00 pm.

If you order at the meeting Monday, you may be able to get the product by the following Sunday.

Next Sunday, August 21, at the breakfast the Tupperware and Watkins dealers will be there with products available to purchase also.

Come support your leadership and your Auxiliary fund raiser.

See you on Monday.

Ways to Stay Informed

Our post tries to keep our members updated on the different things going to at our post. This is done by the means below. If you haven't tried these or need assistance using them, contact Dennis at 608-438-8768 or email RC0295@yahoo.com

WEBSITE:

Our post has had a website for the past couple of years which has a calendar of events for all reoccurring events. All post activities can be added to the website by contacting Dennis.
www.post59.org

FACEBOOK:

Are you on Facebook? Did you know our post is? Anyone who uses Facebook can post an event or topic on our post Facebook page. Our Friend list continues to grow and we would like all activities at our post to be on Facebook.

To locate our page, search for Otis on the top of each Facebook page.

E-MAIL:

Our post is gathering e-mail addressees for all members who have them. Collecting them will give the post a way to contact members quickly and save money on postage. We have no plans on stopping mailings at this time.

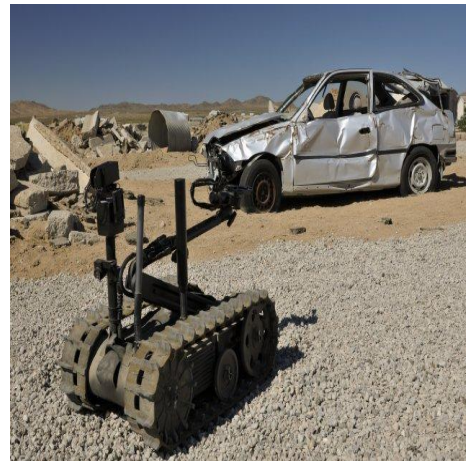
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Thanks,
Dennis

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Linda Swangstu at 608-873-9428 or 608-577-7428.



Imagine a miniature tank, armed not with explosives, but with a claw and a 360-degree rotational camera. It roams into the heart of danger, searching fearlessly for homemade explosives. The robot is used by the U.S. Army for explosive ordnance disposal.

Combat Engineers from the 18th Engineer Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, received robotics training with the robot at the National Training Center Aug. 10.



Lynn Robertson, Kim Thompson, Cassandra Dewey, Colena Sankbell, Lorayne Thompson, Lisa Olson, Sharon Ambrose, Lisa Dewey, Eadie Marsh, Rita Sperry, Kay Voigt, Evelyn Kahl, Linda Swangstu, Lexie Liddicoat, Tom Kahl, Ashley Liddicoat



Lynn Robertson, Rita Sperry, Sharon Ambrose, Kay Voigt



American Legion Post 59, Stoughton volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Madison to do an Ice Cream Social on Aug. 6th. The volunteers are listed below the pictures. The group made approximately 100 sundaes. The sundaes and cookies were delivered to patients and staff members on the many floors. Fun was had by all and it was a very rewarding experience. The children also learned how important the Veterans are to all of us. The group plans to do this again soon.

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