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Greetings,

Spring flowers are popping out of the ground and the rains are turning the grass green again. The robins are back and soon the snow birds will return to good old Wisconsin!

The sad news is we lost a very good member and friend of our Post this past week. Ken Stelzer was a veteran who took his membership very seriously. He and his wife, Rae, were

always "Johnnie on the Spot" when there was electrical work to be done at the Post. They put in many volunteer hours working on various jobs. Ken kept on giving us his help even though he wasn't doing the best health wise. I am sure it was difficult for him at times, but he had to get the job done! Ken was also an Honor Guard. He and Rae are greatly missed and I can't say enough good things about them. Ken "so long my friend and we will see you in Heaven".

The Honor Guard garage is almost done, one more day and on to the next jobs in the Post. Thank you to the fellows for all their great help. Seems there is

always something to do at the Post. We are busy with many different scheduled activities which is great and everyone enjoys coming there.

The Memorial Park is progressing as you can see when you drive by on CTH B. Providing the weather holds out, the 14th of this month we will be pouring the cement for the footings. We are working on the sale of the 6th pillar. If you would like to sponsor 1/4 of a side it is \$4,000. A whole pillar runs \$16,000. All costs can be used as a tax deduction.

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Auxiliary News



Hello Auxiliary Members and Friends,

You can always tell that spring is very near when you start hearing about Vidalia onions and Poppy stuffing and fluffing! And, the Memorial Day committee has had their first meeting too so May must be right around the corner. This is the Legion's busiest month and we will need many volunteers to make it all work.

For our February Basket Raffle we had two beautiful St Patrick's Day baskets. The lucky winners were Bev DeGroot and Joe Walling. We also had a great turnout at the breakfast. Thank you to the SAL for doing the cooking for us this time. All the proceeds will be donated to the two Stoughton food pantries,

Personal Essentials, and the START program. We are still waiting on a few receipts so we can announce our donation amounts.

Our next Auxiliary breakfast will be on April 17 and I am pleased to announce that we will be partnering with the Stoughton Girl Scout troops to help them raise funds for a scholarship fund they are starting and to help pay for camp and other activities for girls who might not be able to afford to participate. The scouts and troop leaders will be helping us in the dining room and the proceeds will be split 50-50 between the Girl Scouts and our Badger Girls State program.

On Saturday, April 2 our unit is sponsoring a leadership workshop at our Post! We hope to welcome many members from around the state to Stoughton. We will be serving a luncheon. The cost is \$10 for registration and lunch. We will pay for any member from our unit who would like to attend. It starts at 10:30 and ends at 2:30. The program will be presented by the State Leadership Chairperson, Beth Putty.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- March 20 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
Vike fund-raiser
- March 22 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- March 26 - Universal Sound – 8:00 pm-midnight
- March 27 - Easter Sunday
- April 2 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 pm - ?
- April 3 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
- April 15 - Dean’s Blue Country – 7:00 pm-1:00 am
- April 17 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
- April 24 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
- April 26 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30 am
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children

For upcoming Legion entertainment, call the Post at 205.9090 for a recorded message.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it.

Thomas Aquinas

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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Please pay your dues as we would like to get 100% again this year. Let us know if you have difficulty with this and we can help you out.

Thank you all volunteers,
Enjoy each and every day to the fullest!

Commander Sonny

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I have heard from other members who attended this workshop in past that they were surprised by how much they learned about the ALA. Please call Linda Schmidt by March 26 if you can join us. Linda can be reached at 205-2517.

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 PM. Please feel free to join us.

Lisa Olson
Unit 59 President

Volunteers are Love in Motion



Membership

Currently our Post is at 92.5% in membership. We are 30 members short of making 100% membership for the 15th year in a row. We do not want to give up our goal of #15 yet.

If you have not yet paid your 2016 membership dues, please do as soon as possible. We are entering our busiest time of year with parades and programs and won't have time to follow up.

A \$35.00 check can be mailed to the Post at P.O. Box 16 Stoughton WI 53589 or you can renew on-line at www.legion.org.

If you are not certain if you paid your dues or not, please contact Post membership chairman Bob Lloyd at 608-873-5926 or lloyd2364@sbcglobal.net to find out.

Please help us keep our streak of continuous 100% membership going.

STOUGHTON MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT

TO ALL VETERANS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS

First of all, we want to thank all of our members and friends who have so generously responded to our call for help in funding the Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial. Sales and donations, which started with a \$350 spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, have now grown to well over \$780,000 of the projected \$1 million needed.

Work on the park is progressing. In February, all excavating and necessary backfilling was completed. In early March, the footings were set. Plans for the electrical work and landscaping are in process. In late May, Pechmann Monument Company will begin installing the pavers, benches, flag bases and poles, and will also start installing the educational pillars. These twelve pillars will display vignettes covering significant military events dating back to the Civil War. Of particular interest to local people will be vignettes honoring WWII Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Truman Olson; WWII Prisoner of War nurse Marcia Gates, and Vietnam Prisoner of War veteran Don Heiliger. On the same pillar will be a vignette on the history and evolution of the famed Red Arrow 32nd Division.

When completed, this will be a beautiful park--one that we can all be proud of.

We do, however, need additional funding for pavers, educational pillars, and the black marble monuments which will list the names of more than 5,000 Stoughton Area veterans who have served in the U.S. military. Accordingly, we are making an appeal so that the park can be ready in time for the dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016.

If your means allow it, please forward your tax-deductible gift to SAVMP, P.O. Box 16, Stoughton, WI 53589.

Thank you for your continued support.

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$175 \$250 Other \$ _____

YES, I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE

My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Signed _____

Mail to: Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 16, Stoughton, WI 53589

NOTE: ALL PAVER ORDERS MUST BE IN BY JUNE 1 TO ENSURE PLACEMENT BY NOVEMBER 11, 2016

Syttende Mai and Memorial Day 2016 Schedules

Syttende Mai

Saturday May 14

- Decorate float at VFW at 9:00 am.
- 8:30 am bring up chairs and float materials
- 9:00 am decorate float

Memorial Day

Thursday May 12 - 8:00 am

- Meet at Riverside Cemetery to put out flags
- Rain Date: Friday May 13 - 8:00 am

Thursday June 2- 8:00 am

- Meet at Riverside Cemetery to remove flags
- Rain date: Friday June 3- 8:00 am

Set up for the Memorial Day Program

Saturday May 28

- 9:00 am- Meet at Mandt Center for chair and podium set up

Monday May 30

- 7:00 am - decorate float at VFW (if one)

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—Memorial Day Committee

**Sons of The
American Legion**

Squadron 59



Sunday, March 20th

7:30 am – 11:30 am

ADULTS: \$8.00

CHILDREN (10 & under): \$4.00



**BREAKFAST
BENEFIT**



The proceeds from this breakfast will be going to help Chad and Wendy Vike with their mounting medical bills. On Saturday, 2/21, Chad fell off a scissor lift and broke his neck. As his wife Wendy was running to help him, she slipped and broke her ankle.

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Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

Legion – 2nd Monday – 7:00 pm

Auxiliary – 2nd Monday – 6:30 pm

SAL – 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.



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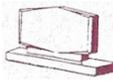
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