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Commander's Report



Greetings and Welcome Back,

Mother Nature is having its last winter fling. We want to thank April Vingum for being our new newsletter editor. She will take over and replace Dean Stenjem. Thank you Dean for all your hard work and thank you April for stepping up for the good of our Post. . **We have 8th of the month for the deadline to get our articles in.**

We have been very busy at the Legion. Our calendar keeps filling up so if you are contemplating having an event there; please get your request date in early. Breakfasts are always the 3rd Sunday and Post dinners are always the 4th Tues. **We will not have a Post dinner in May due to such a busy month with Syttende Mai and Memorial Day.**

Our Post has recently lost three Legionnaire members. Gene (Beanie) Bjoin, Dan Walters and Wayne Aaberg. We send

our condolences to the families. Let us know if we have missed any loved ones. Post elections are coming up again in June. Please step up and run for a position. We need some young blood as officers. Our Post meetings are always the 2nd Monday of each month starting at 7:00. We try to hold the meetings to one hour so please feel welcome and join us.

Hopefully the next newsletter will bring warm weather and sunshine. Thank you to all volunteers,

Commander Sonny



Alice Asleson presented Archie Christianson a handmade quilt at our March post dinner.



"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 at 873-5926.

Syttende Mai Parade—Sunday, May 20

(Meet at Mandt Park by 1:00 p.m. Veteran's float parks on South 4th street)

Memorial Day Parade-Monday, May 28

(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 28

(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-2018

Syttende Mai

Saturday May 19- 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 17 - 8:00 am- Meet at Riverside Cemetery to put out flags

Rain Date: Friday May 18 - 8:00 am

Thursday May 31 - 8:00 am- Meet at Riverside Cemetery to remove flags

Rain date: Friday June 1- 8:00 am

Set up for the Memorial Day Program

Saturday May 26 - 9:00 am- Meet at Mandt Center for chair and podium set up

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



**At VFW Post 328
following The
Memorial Day Program
at the Mandt Center**

**BRATS
BURGERS
HOT DOGS**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 – Syttende Mai (Norwegian Independence Day)

May 20 – Legion Breakfast – 7:30-11:30am

May 20 – Syttende Mai Parade – 1:30pm

May 22 – Legion Post Dinner – 6:30pm

May 26 – Big Johnson Entertainment – 7:00 – 11:00pm

May 28 – Memorial Day

Parade – 10:00am

Program – 11:00am -Mandt Center

*Reception & Cookout - after the program –
VFW 328*

***For Upcoming Legion Entertainment, call the Post at
608.205.9090 for a recorded message or go to post59.us
and click on the Upcoming Events tab.***

EVENT PRICING

Post Dinner: 6:30pm

\$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30am

\$8.00 Adults/\$4.00 Children under 10

As always, there is no cover charge for Legion Entertainment

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK IS OPEN

The flags are flying and Veterans Memorial Park is open to visitors. Groundskeepers are raking, mulching, and trimming as they beautify the park for Memorial Day and the summer season.

Since the dedication last October 14, there have been several additions. First of all, the road sign facing Highway B has been installed. The names of 84 Stoughton area veterans have been added to the granite walls and 35 additional pavers have been engraved and laid. Security cameras, additional lighting and a directory listing all the veterans' names on the granite walls will soon be in place.

Fund raisers planned for the upkeep and maintenance of the park include the Thrivent sponsored Raise The Flag program, the Freedom Riders Motorcycle Run and the 50/50 raffle at the Oregon racetrack. Donations are always appreciated.

For those visiting the park on Syttende Mai weekend and Memorial Day weekend, members of the Steering Committee will be on hand to help find the names on the walls and pavers.

Bud Erickson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

***“Greater love has no one than
this, than to lay down one’s life
for his friends.” John 15:13***

Legion Members: *If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Edward Nowicki at 608.249-9510.*

Auxiliary Members: *If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Lynn Robertson at 608.692.6321.*

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The 2017-2018 calendar year for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of WI ended on March 31st. All units must fill out a Unit Year-End Impact Report as well as several other Unit Narrative Reports. We have been very busy and have seen many successes this year. Our members work very hard and are very dedicated to our unit, our veterans and our community.

Several of our members recorded and submitted their volunteer hours, reporting a total of 2,245 hours dedicated to veterans' projects/assistance, youth activities and other community projects.

From our Poppy proceeds and other fund-raisers, we were able to donate nearly \$7,000 to veterans and community projects. I am very proud and grateful to belong to the ALA Otis Sampson Unit 59; our members are second to none! Thanks for all you do!!!

Our April breakfast was successful and the community Girl Scout troops who helped out did a great job! As a community effort, the troops worked together to fundraise money for their scholarship program.

Our breakfast profits enabled us to donate \$550 to the Girl Scouts for their efforts, and an additional \$495 was placed in our Badger Girl State Fund.

The Memorial Day planning has begun and we are gearing up for our Poppy distribution. As you will see in this newsletter mailing, we have included a Poppy and a return envelope. If you are able, we will appreciate any donation you can make.

100% of our Poppy revenues go to veterans' projects. We appreciate any help you can give.



"And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honor of our dead,
Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson
that ye wrought in Flanders Fields."

- excerpt of Moina Michael's 1918 poem *We Shall Keep the Faith*

On May 24th our Auxiliary will launch National Poppy Days in Stoughton as a way to honor U.S. Service members, from the battlefields of France in WWI a century ago, to today's War on Terror. For almost 100 years, ALA members have distributed millions of poppies annually across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our state & local community.

Last year our Unit's poppy distribution raised over \$3,300 which was distributed to veteran programs. We appreciate your donations. Be sure to wear the poppy we have enclosed in this newsletter in memory of the fallen and to honor those who have served for our freedom. And if you are able please use the enclosed return envelope to make a donation to this year's collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

Legion
2nd Monday – 7:00 pm

Auxiliary
1st Monday – 6:30 pm

Sons of the American Legion
2nd Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.



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FRIDAY IS OUR FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Which includes salad bar

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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 59 News

Hello Post 59,

In March we had our breakfast to sponsor The Sons of the American Legion Josh Dog program.



American Legion family working together. The auxiliary donating \$320 to SAL "Josh the dog" program from the basket raffle held during the SAL breakfast last month. Linda Schmidt, auxiliary treasurer presenting a check to Jim Oler, SAL Financial Officer.

Our elections are coming up at our June 12th meeting. Any member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 59 is eligible to be an officer. This is a great opportunity for new ideas in our squadron.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at Post 59. Everyone is invited to attend and see what we are all about.

RAISE THE FLAG IN STOUGHTON

*A flag by itself has its own meaning.
Hundreds of flags together make you
think about all the people who
fought and died for our freedoms
and about those who came back
after serving.*

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The Raise the Flag campaign is a Stoughton city-wide community effort Sponsored by Thrivent Financial to raise funds for on-going maintenance of the Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park and various service groups that install the flags. This innovative program will place a beautiful 3'x5' American Flag that is made in the USA in each participant's yard 5 times per year. The flag will be installed no later than 8:30 am and will be taken down by dusk on the following celebration days:

Memorial Day



Flag Day



Independence Day



Patriot Day, 9/11



Veterans Day



The cost to participate in this program is only \$50.00 per year. This show of support from the Stoughton community will honor our nation and help keep the Memorial Park a landmark in Wisconsin. Please tell your neighbors to join this great patriotic event. The more families that participate, the more dramatic the effect will be on your street and in our community!

If you are in the City of Stoughton, OR are within 6 miles of Stoughton, SIGN UP NOW to be part of this effort!

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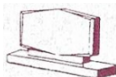
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April 24, 2018

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