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Hello,

Another year has gone by as your Commander. I have had a lot of good times and some not so good, but I have made it through. Here goes another two years as I took the position again. I give thanks to the past officers for the last two years: Vic Malling, Mary & Bob Lloyd, Larry Johnson, Dale Seffens, Jim Oler, Rich Fries, Terry McCardle, and DuWayne Stellmacher for their time and effort. All the above except

DuWayne Stellmacher have retained their offices for the next two years. I thank you all for stepping up and keeping the Post going. It is great to have people interested in our purpose.

The attendance at our Post dinners has slowed down and we would like to have more people join us. We may have to take off some of the summer months. I do not know the reason for this. Maybe there are too many functions during the summer.

We are anxious to get our wish listed started with regard to the Bryant Foundation. I can't help but keep saying how lucky we are.

The wheels are in motion for the Veterans Memorial Park. This will be a very huge endeavor so we need all the help we can get. The American Legion and the VFW have been busy collecting all the data. We have a stand at Pick n Save with samples of our paver bricks and a display. Stop in on Saturday or Sunday morning and we can give you all the information needed. We also have a display at the Post.

We have a sales group and they will help you with your decision if you would like to purchase a paver, bench, flags, or poles.

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Auxiliary News



Greetings Legion Family & Friends,

Well I am now the new Auxiliary President. During my 11 years with the Auxiliary I have served as Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair. With my family having a tradition of serving, (father, Jim—Navy, WWII, husband, Doug—Navy, Vietnam, and son Kevin—Army, Gulf Wars) I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve as President.

I would like to thank Marlene Bierman for all her hard work as President for the past three years. I look forward to her help and support. Thank you also to Alice Moen who has been our Treasurer for the past two years. We have two new officers starting along with

me: Cathy Rigdon will be Secretary and Linda Schmidt will be starting as Treasurer.

May was certainly a busy month for everyone. Where did it go? Between Poppy Days and Memorial Day there was plenty of work to go around and so many members stepped up to participate and help out. I'd like to say thank you to Elvera Phelps and Marlene Bierman for an excellent job as our Poppy Co-Chairs this year. And thank you to all the Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members who helped to remind our community of the sacrifices made by so many veterans.

Looking ahead, we have four Badger Girls attending BG State in Oshkosh this month. They are Shaylee Kooima, Nerse Eddy, Mary Grace Mancini, and Josie Silbaugh (who is an Auxiliary Junior member also). They have been invited to come to a future meeting to talk to us about their experiences. This is Mary Curran's 39th year as a counselor at Badger Girls State. She also does a lot of work getting sponsors for our girls and keeping our program going.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

June 14 - Flag Day
June 20 - Military Appreciation Day at the Duck Pond
Game Time 6:05 pm
June 21 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
June 23 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
July 4 - Independence Day
July 4 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 -11:00 pm
July 18 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 -11:00 pm
July 19 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
July 24 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 -11:00 pm
July 26 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
July 28 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

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

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

All of us have had the experience of trying to assemble something we have bought, whether it was a child's toy or a piece of furniture. Perhaps you have done as I have, thinking I know how to do it and begin, only to discover that I did not know how to do it. Once I read the instructions and follow the diagrams I can put it together easily. I am able to succeed when I obey the instructions.

And so it is with God. If we follow His will instead of thinking we know best, we will

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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The displays have the costs of these items. We also have a fund-raising group if you have any suggestions for them. Any questions, you can call Sonny (873-9428) and I will direct you to the appropriate people.

Thank you to all the volunteers,

Commander Sonny

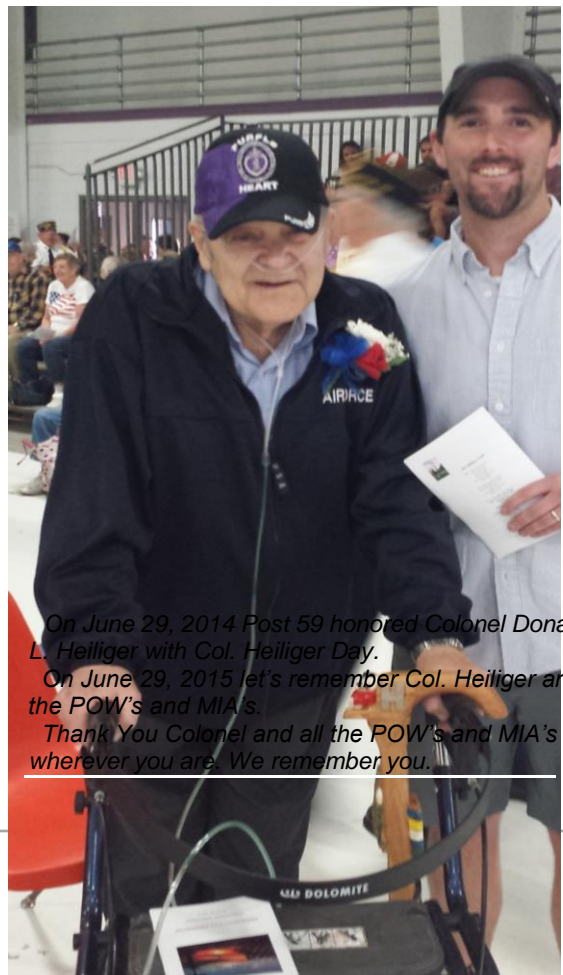
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July 17-19 is the State Convention in Appleton. If anyone is interested in going please let me know by July 1.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there. New faces are always welcome!

Lisa Olson
Auxiliary President
waucoman@hotmail.com

"Don't Talk – Just Act" "Don't Say – Just Show"
"Don't Promise – Just Prove"



On June 29, 2014 Post 59 honored Colonel Donald L. Heiliger with Col. Heiliger Day.

On June 29, 2015 let's remember Col. Heiliger and all the POW's and MIA's.

Thank You Colonel and all the POW's and MIA's wherever you are. We remember you.

Outback Steakhouse Offer

All Military Veterans will receive a discount at Outback from now until July 4 with proof of service; DD214, Veterans ID card, (Legion, VFW card, etc).

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- (a) U.S. Uniformed Services Identification Card,
- (b) U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card,
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- (d) Veterans Organization Card (i.e. American Legion and VFW),
- (e) DD214 Certificate,
- (f) Veteran Identification Card (VIC) or,
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Contact your local Outback Steakhouse if you have any questions about this program.

Thank You

A big thank you needs to go out to Lisa Olson for her dedication and fine job of putting together the Memorial Day program. Also to the Auxiliary ladies for all you do for our Post, Thank You! Last but not least, thanks to all who have dedicated their time at our Stoughton Area Veterans Park fund-raising tent at Pic N Save. Job well done by all!

Jim Oler
Finance Officer

Poppy Days Thank You

A hardy Thank You to all volunteers of American Legion Post 59 and Legion Auxiliary Unit 59 for taking part in our annual American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days on May 21, 22, and 23 at Kwik Trip East, Kwik Trip West, and Pick N Save. Those of you who volunteered made an effort to make this annual event a success and some did double duty or more for a good cause.

Our thanks to the Legion and Auxiliary members who handed out the memorial flower and took donations to remind our Stoughton citizens of the debt owed to those that died during the wars is extended to: Legion members—Bob Lloyd, Lyman Hawkinson, Jack Lyons, Steve Grady, Jim Hanson, Tom Lunde, Archie Christensen, Cliff Maerz, and DuWayne Teigen. Auxiliary members—Linda Swangstu, Marie Matejka, Connie Grefsheim, Ginny Hanson, Dolly Bailey, Elvera Phelps, Jane McGuire, Lisa Olson, Evelyn Kahl, Sharon Silbaugh, Alice Moen, Marlene Bierman, Kathy Ridgon, and Vicky Sersch.

Thanks again for a successful 2015 Poppy Days, you are an awesome bunch.

Elvera Phelps
Auxiliary Poppy Chairman



2015 Poppy Princess Addison Liddicoat

Fund-raising for Veterans Memorial Park

Fund-raising for the Veterans Memorial Park moves forward as orders for bricks, (pavers), benches, flag poles, and T-shirts continue to come in. Although there are orders for all three sizes of bricks, the most popular order is for the 8x16 which costs \$250.00.

All but three of the flag poles and bases have been spoken for. Those sold are as follows: U.S. Flag, Sons of American Legion; State of Wisconsin, Pleasant Springs Town Board; Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 328; American Legion, American Legion Post 59; U.S. Army, Pat Nowlin; U.S. Navy, Richard Asleson Family; Merchant Marine, Duane Broughton and Odean Teigen. The purchase of the POW/MIA flag is on temporary hold pending a final decision by the potential buyer. That leaves three flags--Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard--still pending.

Sales of the commemorative T-shirts have also been brisk with nearly 80 sold so far. T-shirts can be purchased at the Legion or the VFW for \$15.00.

Individual donations are also coming in and are welcomed. Make checks payable to: Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park LLC, and send to Box 16, Stoughton, WI 53589.

The information booth at Pick n Save is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am-noon and many people stop by to get their questions answered about the park. Duane Broughton has been doing much of

the work each weekend, but he needs some relief as the booth will be open all summer. Please give Duane a call to help him out once or twice this summer.

Additional Fund-raisers Planned

The next Memorial Park fund-raiser is for Friday, June 26, at the Oregon Speedway. Eight members of the fund-raising committee will participate in the selling of tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Memorial Park fund.

On Saturday, August 8, the fund-raising committee will sponsor a "Brat Fest" to be held at the VFW Post on Vernon Street.

Come on out to these two events to help raise the funds needed to get the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park rolling.

Submitted by Bud Erickson



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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Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park Brick Order Form



Help the Stoughton area honor its past and present veterans. By purchasing a Memorial Brick to be placed at the new memorial, you can create a permanent tribute to our heroes.

There are three sizes available at corresponding levels of donation.

☐ **8x8 Brick - \$150**

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☐ **16x16 Brick - \$550**

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PLEASE NOTE: SPACES AND PUNCTUATION COUNT AS CHARACTERS.

Please use the reverse side of this form to order your brick. If you have questions about this process of the memorial please contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881 or by email at randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com.

Please complete one order form per brick.**

Please make all checks payable to the: **Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park, LLC**

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For all inquiries regarding the fundraising bricks please contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881 or by email at randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com.

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