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Commander's Report



Greetings,

The post has a lot of exciting news this month.

The installation of the new card access and security system is coming to a close. And we are excited to get it up and running. As I said last month, the Post has too many keys circulating and this system will not only eliminate that problem but also protect our Post from any harmful activity.

We have an amazing group of volunteers and while each has their own role, we realize that most of their work can be done during hours of operation. Therefore, only a very small group of people will be issued an access card. Our top priority is what is best for the Post and we will continue move forward and do our best. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Labor Day marks the end of summer! It also marks the closing of our tiki bar. We got a late start this summer, but we had such a great

turnout and so many positive comments and support, we look forward to re-opening in the spring.

We are sad to announce the end of the Friday night fish fry. Upon further review of the financials we have decided that it is in the best interest of the post to no longer offer it. We appreciate all of the volunteers that made it happen as well as the support. We will continue to offer a monthly breakfast so look for those details. Stay tuned for upcoming events and offerings.

September marks the 100th birthday of the Otis Sampson American Legion, Post 59 as well as the Otis Sampson American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit 59. To kick off the celebrations we will be hosting an open house on September 14th. The event runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. The presentation will begin at 10:00am and includes a series of historical videos, a presentation by our post historian, speakers, and a historical memorabilia display. To commemorate the event we are selling hats, polos and 100-year

collectors coins. This event is open to the public and we encourage all to attend. It's going to be a fun, informative day.

On September 24th we continue the 100th birthday celebration with an awards ceremony and dinner. Reservations are required to attend this event.

As always, we want to thank all of our members and volunteers for their continued support. Commander Sonny

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 2 – Labor Day
- Sept 4 – Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- Sept 6 – Blue Moon Karaoke- 7:00-11:00pm
- Sept 8 – Grandparents Day
- Sept 11 – Patriot Day
- Sept 13 - Deans Blue Country – 7:00-10:00pm
- Sept 14 – Legion 100th Celebration Open House – 10:00am-3:00pm
- Sept 15 – NO BREAKFAST THIS MONTH
- Sept 17 – Constitution Day and Citizen Day
- Sept 18 – Air Force Birthday
- Sept 21 – POW/MIA /Recognition Day
- Sept 22- Country Jam with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three – 2:00-6:00
- Sept 24 – Legion Dinner - 6:30
- Sept 27 - Jackie Marie and Frank(Lefty) James 7:00-10:00pm
- Sept 29 – Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day
- Oct 5 – SAL Fish Boil – 4:00-7:00pm
- Oct 8 – Columbus Day
- Oct 11 - Deans Blue Country – 7:00-10:00pm
- Oct 13 – US Navy Birthday (1775)
- Oct 14 – Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct 19 - 6th Annual ALA Chicken n’ Biscuit Dinner- 4:00-7:00pm
- Oct 20 – Breakfast (Venture Crew) – 7:30 – 11:00am
- Oct 22 – Legion Dinner – 6:30pm
- Oct 25 - Jackie Marie and Frank(Lefty) James 7:00-10:00pm
- Oct 26 – National Day of the Deployed
- Oct 26 – Halloween Karaoke Party – 7pm-11:00pm (Costume Not Required)
- Oct 27 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three – 2:00-6:00
- Oct 31 – Happy Halloween!

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.

As always, there is no cover charge for Legion Entertainment

EVENT PRICING

Post Dinner: 6:30pm

\$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30am

\$8.00 Adults/\$4.00 Children under 10

AMERICAN LEGION BAR

803 NORTH PAGE STREET – STOUGHTON, WI

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Bar Open to Serve You: Wednesday – Sunday
(Monday & Tuesday CLOSED)

- Wednesday: **Open at 3:00pm**
- Thursday: **Open at 3:00pm**
- Friday: **3:00-10:00pm or later**
- Saturday: **Noon-10:00pm or later**
- Sunday: **11:30am-6:00pm or later**

WEDNESDAY IS LADIES NIGHT

\$.50 off any Ladies Drinks

THURSDAY IS THIRSTY THURSDAY

Bud Light or Miller Light Taps
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NO FISH FRY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SATURDAY – MEAT RAFFLE

2:00 pm

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Sons of the American Legion Report

HAPPY 100th American Legion!

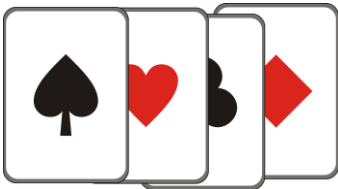
Congratulations as our Post family celebrates 100 years for the men and women who have made the American Legion and the Auxiliary such an important part of the lives and families of our wonderful American veterans. Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 59 members will be joining in to help out at the open house on September 14th as well as the dinner on September 24th SAL Squadron 59 will also be recognizing current members that were charter members as it is the 10th anniversary of their commitment to the Post and our community.

SAL Squadron 59 will be having a fish boil on Saturday, October 5th at the Legion Post 59 on Page St. Dinner will be served starting at 4:00 and continue to 6:00 Entertainment (To be announced) will start at 7:00 and continue into the evening.

Bob Hocking

Euchre Card Party

Come join us every 2nd Wednesday of each month (through May 2020) at 1:00 pm to play euchre! All men & women are welcome to play. You do not need to be a member to play.



Post Membership News

This year's memberships had been coming in fast initially but have slowed to a trickle lately. We have 51% of our members renewed, 197 out of 386. I have always said the first 50% are easy. It is the second 50% that prove difficult. With that in mind, please pay your dues as soon as you get the next dues renewal notice from National Headquarters. They come out fairly regularly. Recently, President Trump signed The Legion Act in to law. The Legion Act opens up membership in The American Legion continuously from Dec. 7, 1941 to present. No more peske dates to fall thru the cracks. If you know of someone who previously fell in to one of those dates and were denied membership in the Legion, they are now eligible to join. Sign them up. Remember, you can always renew on-line at wilegion.org, click on "renew online", enter your name and member ID number, pay with a Mastercard, Visa or Discover card. That's it. You're done.

Submitted by Bob Lloyd, Post 59 Membership Chairman
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." [Jer. 17:7-8](#)

Ed Nowicki, Chaplain

Auxiliary Members: If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Linda Swangstu at 608.873.9428.

OCTOBER





Auxiliary News



Greetings



Final preparations are being made for the September 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Mary Lloyd and her committee have been working very hard over the past several months planning the two events. I hope you will be able to take the time to stop by and celebrate the legion's successes!

Our auxiliary is gearing up for our 6th annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Dinners will be served from 4pm – 7 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our event.

ALA membership notices will be going out soon. You can send in your dues or drop them in the auxiliary mailbox located by the front door of the legion.

Hope everyone is enjoying the last of the good weather.

Thanks to all our ALA members – working together we make a great team!!!!!! -Cathy

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 59

6th ANNUAL CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER



**Saturday, October 19th
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

MENU

Chicken & Gravy on Biscuits
Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw & Cranberry Sauce
Coffee, Milk & Water
Homemade Desserts

**Cost: Adults \$9.00
Children 10 & under \$5**

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WORD SEARCH

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E	R	A	G	B	Y	Q	S	C	COAST GUARD
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E	C	N	O	E	D	S	G	N	EMBLEM
E	A	N	N	R	L	T	U	G	FLAG
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E	I	Y	N	A	M	R	L	Z	SERVICE
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N	E	F	S	S	G	W	M	V	WARRIOR

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEGION FACTS?

1. WHAT ARE THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION?
2. WHO IS POST 59'S CURRENT COMMANDER?
3. WHO ARE AMERICAN FAMILY MEMBERS THAT RIDE MOTORCYCLES?
4. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE LEGION FAMILY MEMBER THAT DISTRIBUTES POPPYS?
5. WHAT STREET IS OUR POST ON?
6. WHO IS OUR POST NAMED AFTER?
7. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL LEGION UNIFORM?
8. WHAT DOES 59 MEAN IN OUR POST NAME?
9. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE LEGION PLACE FOR HEALING IN TOMAHAWK?
10. HOW MANY MEMBERS DOES OUR POST HAVE?

ANSWERS IN ANOTHER AREA IN THIS NEWSLETTER

The excitement is building, the pins have been ordered, the certificates have been made, the food has been prepared, and all we need now is YOU.

Our Legion Post's 100th birthday party is being celebrated at our September 24 dinner and we are cordially inviting you to attend. Without all of our members, including you, we would not be able to serve our veterans, our families and our communities in the outstanding way that we currently are.

We support the food pantry, families in need, our senior citizens, our departed veterans, our students, our businesses, our organizations. We have been blessed with a second calling of service, (the first being a call to serve our country) and we have been doing it well. It is time to celebrate ourselves.

September 14, at 10 am we are hosting an open house inviting our community partners to celebrate our achievements together and at our September 24 dinner, our Legion family is celebrating our many achievements, including recognizing some of our long-time members.

The Courier Hub has put together a story or two on the Legion so be sure to watch for that coming soon.

If you haven't already signed up for the September dinner, please do so ASAP. You can call the Post office at 608-205-9090 and leave a message or email alpost59@gmail.com.

Please come celebrate with us. Life is short, but our good deeds will live on.

Mary Lloyd, 100 Year Committee Chairperson



100th Anniversary Legion Family Supper

Date: Tuesday, September 24

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Post 59

Please come to our Post supper to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. There will be a short program following the supper to recognize our members for longevity.

Advanced sign-up is required to ensure we have enough food. Please sign up in the bar, email the legion at alpost59@gmail.com, at the August 18th breakfast, or call Linda Swangstu at 577-7428 providing your name and the number attending. Please sign up early as there is limited seating in the dining room. The deadline to sign up is September 9th.

Menu:

Stuffed pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, green bean almandine, dessert

Word Search Answers:

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| 1. Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation | 6. Otis Sampson |
| 2. Sonny Swangstu | 7. Cover |
| 3. American Legion Riders | 8. We were the 59th post in Wisconsin to Charter through Congress. |
| 4. American Legion Auxiliary | 9. Camp American Legion |
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Post Dinner will resume September 24, 2019
Prior sign up REQUIRED month of September.
please visit: www.post59.us/legion-post-dinner-information
Or Call 608.205.9090



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