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Hi y'all!

Just had some company from Alabama visit so I'll probably start talking like them, hopefully not thought.

Newsletter time again so I trying to come up with things to talk about, so here goes.

Spring, I guess, has finally sprung and wouldn't you know it, the flu, colds, and everything else that comes with it is here. I hope y'all have had it and it has passed on and you are healed.

Let's hope.

One again the onion fundraiser sale has come and gone. I believe all the bags have left the building. It is a lot of work for a few but they do get it done. I can't name them all, so I just want to say thanks to all and I won't forget anyone.

Memorial Day is coming soon and we would like all Vets to come down and ride our float. If you need a ride to and from the parade gathering site we can help you. Just call the Post at 205.9090 or Sonny at 575.9444 and leave a message with your phone number and we will pick you up.

Our Post monthly dinners now have a new and different twist

to them. Our new cook, Wally, has come up with some different menu ideas and the folks who have come to the dinners say they are great, so come join us this month and see for yourself. You will be surprised! Don't forget, the fourth Tuesday of the month and I will you see there. This month we are having chopped beef and pulled pork with all the trimmings, cake, cookies, and some ice cream for your sweet tooth. SEE YOU THERE, 6:30 on May 24.

The Memorial Park is really starting to take shape. Most of the concrete work is about completed and we hope to

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Auxiliary News



Greetings,

Finally we are enjoying some well-deserved warm weather. Sunshine or clouds, we'll take it! I just hope it doesn't "rain on our parade" again this year! Many people put a lot of work into the parade and program so I hope you will join us on Memorial Day. It is a special time for us to gather and to remember and honor the veterans who have made so many personal sacrifices so we can continue to have the freedoms that we enjoy in this country.

We also will be distributing poppies around Stoughton on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Memorial Day along with the Post members. If you can spare an hour or two to give a hand please let us know. Our

poppies are handmade by veterans and ALL of the proceeds go to support veteran programs.

I am happy to welcome Cheryl Heiliger this month as our newest Auxiliary member. Also, I am pleased to tell you that our Junior member, Emily Mogden, has been awarded the H.S. and Angeline Lewis ALA Scholarship. This is a \$1000 scholarship awarded by the State Auxiliary. Emily is the daughter of our Auxiliary member Cathy Mogden and granddaughter of Mary Curran.

Our April breakfast was an Auxiliary benefit for the Stoughton Girl Scouts. They worked very hard in the dining room serving, waitressing, and bussing tables. We donated half of our proceeds to their programs. Hopefully this is just the beginning of a great alliance. This breakfast also helped us to support our Stoughton Badger Girls who this year are Brianna Adams and Madeline Beach.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- May 15 - Legion Breakfast – 7:30-11:30 am
- May 22 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
- May 24 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- May 27 - Dean’s Blue Country – 7:00-10:00 pm
- May 30 - Memorial Day
- June 4 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 to ?
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 19 - Legion Breakfast – 7:30-11:30 am
- June 28 - 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

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

Francis of Assisi

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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get started with the placement of monuments very soon. If you or any of your family members have not registered your name for the monuments, please do so soon as we have more than 5000 name to etch in the stone. We don't want to miss anyone. *A big thank you to Roger Kleven and Basil Sadler* for all the hard, tedious work they have put into accomplishing this venture. Thank you guys!
Got to run, it's press time.

Your cub reporter, Sonny

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The last basket raffle proceeds were donated to the MS Walk on May 5 in Madison. And the lucky winner was Roger Thorsen. A big thank you goes out to Bonnie Kennedy who puts together these great baskets for our raffles.

Now I would like to tell you about your new officers for 2016-17. Our new President will be Cathy Rigdon. Assisting her will be Amy Hermes at 1st Vice and Jona Chat at 2nd Vice. Lynn Robertson will be our Chaplain and Linda Schmidt will continue as Treasurer. I will take over as Secretary and continue as Membership Chairman along with the help of Bonnie Kennedy and Linda Swangstu. They will be installed at our June meeting on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lisa Olson
Unit 59 President

“Be a Spark for our Veterans”



SAL Elections

Annual elections for officers will be held at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm.



Thank You to everyone that came out for our fund-raiser fish boil on May 7. The fund-raiser was to support the Stoughton Police Department with their Paul Kraby Memorial fund. We were pleased to have our Sons of the American Legion State Commander, Mike Kollmensberger, in attendance for this event. It was his first fish boil and he really enjoyed himself.

We would've liked having all of our great volunteers in this picture, but someone had to keep working! All kidding aside, a big Thank You to these volunteers for all you do. These events could not happen without you.

Dean Stenjem
Commander
SAL Squadron 59



Memorial Day 2016 Schedules

Memorial Day

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
The Memorial Day Committee*



In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

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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The Story of Taps

The 24-note melancholy bugle call known as "taps" is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called "tattoo," that notified soldiers to cease an evening's drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the tattoo resemble taps.

The word "taps" is an alteration of the obsolete word "taptoe," derived from the Dutch "taptoe." Taptoe was the command — "Tap toe!" — to shut ("toe to") the "tap" of a keg.

The revision that gave us present-day taps was made during America's Civil War by Union Gen. Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, Va., near Richmond. Up to that time, the U.S. Army's infantry call to end the day was the French final call, "L'Extinction des feux." Gen. Butterfield decided the "lights out" music was too formal to signal the day's end. One day in July 1862 he recalled the tattoo music and hummed a version of it to an aide, who wrote it down in music. Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes and, after listening, lengthened and shortened them while keeping his original melody.

He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but not given the name "taps" until 1874.

The first time taps was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union Capt. John Tidball, head of an artillery battery, ordered it played for the burial of a cannoneer killed in action. Not wanting to reveal the battery's position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted taps for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave. Taps was played at the funeral of Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson 10 months after it was composed. Army infantry regulations by 1891 required taps to be played at military funeral ceremonies.

Taps now is played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag and to signal the "lights out" command at day's end.



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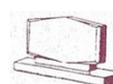
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