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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.

Commander's Report

Greetings,

Seems spring can't make up its mind this year. Let's sing "You are my sunshine" maybe that will help.

We finally had good turn outs for our last two monthly dinners. Let's keep it up when we continue in September. Thank you for supporting the Legion.

Syttende Mai will soon be here and we will have our Post breakfast that Sunday. The Norwegians will take over the town as well as the Norwegian "wantabees." Hopefully the weather is great and the merchants do well.

We were blessed again with a Bryant Foundation check. We have several things that need fixing and this will go a long ways towards our needs. Thank you once again Bryant committee.

Our helicopter is getting closer to the top of the list. We are waiting patiently to place it behind the horseshoe fence on an elevated base such as the airplane at the VFW.

Our once a month Country Jam session will continue through summer thanks to Doug Barr. He has agreed to finance the months of May thru Aug. Thank you Doug from Post #59.

We are working on the 100th birthday of the American Legion & Auxiliary. There will be a program and more information before September's celebration. Also, please attend our Memorial Day parade and program at the Mandt Center. There will be an ad in the Great Dane. After the program we will gather at the American Legion for coffee and rolls.

The SAL guys had a gathering at Bjoin Park this past Sunday honoring the late Patrick Nowlin. His wife and son were presented with a park bench, 2 picnic tables and garbage cans with his name on them. These added nicely to the park and will be enjoyed by many. Thank you SAL for a very touching day.

Thank you volunteers for all you do and keep it up!

Commander Sonny

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1 – Loyalty Day

May 1 – Silver Star Service Banner Day

May 4 – 1st Annual Kentucky Derby Bash 2:00 – 11:00pm

May 9 – VE (Victory in Europe) Day

May 10 - Dean's Blue Country – 6:00-9:00pm

May 10 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 13 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day

May 17 – Syttende Mai

May 18 – Armed Forces Day

May 18 – Dan Reilly Country Variety – 7:00-11:00pm

May 18 – Legion Breakfast – 7:30 – 11:30am

May 24 – Jackie Marie & Frank (Lefty) James Country variety 6:00-9:00pm

May 26 – Country Jam Session with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three 2:00-6:00pm

May 27 – Memorial Day

Parade – 10:00am

Program – 11:00am -Mandt Center

Cookout – immediately following American Legion Post 59

June 6 – D-Day – WWII Allied Invasion Anniversary

June 14 – Flag Day

June 14 – ARMY Birthday

June 14 - Dean's Blue Country – 6:00-9:00pm

June 16 – Father's Day

June 16 – Post Breakfast – 7:30 – 11:30am

June 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 27 – PTSD Awareness Day

June 28 – Jackie Marie & Frank (Lefty) James Country variety 6:00-9:00pm

June 30 – Country Jam Session with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three 2:00-6:00pm

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

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Bar Open to Serve You: Wednesday – Sunday

(Monday & Tuesday CLOSED)

- Wednesday: **Open at 3:00pm**
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- 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

12oz.- $1.00 / 16oz.- $1.50

FRIDAY IS OUR FISH FRY

5:00 – 8:00pm

Which includes salad bar

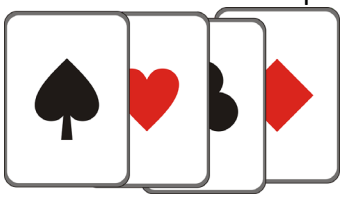
SATURDAY – MEAT RAFFLE

2:00 pm

Euchre Card Party

Come join us every 2nd Wednesday of each month (through May 2019) at 1:00 pm to play euchre!

All men & women are welcome to play. You do not need to be a member to play.



Sons of the American Legion Report

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 59 members were busy following up a late April snow with a picnic in the park the following day at Bjoin park in Stoughton. The picnic also doubled as a dedication of a permanent bench, several picnic tables and a pair of trash receptacles which were donated to the park by the SAL honoring the late Patrick Nowlin and his timeasaSALmemberwithSquadron59.The park equipment was ordered last year and arrived late enough that we decided to do the dedication early this year before the picnic season ramped up for the warmer weather. The picnic and dedication went well despite the remnants of the Saturday snow, and was attended by Donna Nowlin and other family members, friends, members of the Stoughton VFW, and members of American Legion post 59 as well as the hosts from SAL squadron 59 Bjoin Park is a city park and like others in Stoughton has a warming house and is available to rent for graduations, picnics and reunions as well as other family orientated festivities. Future visitors to the park will see how much Pat was loved and is missed as the bench and tables have a plaque attached.

Upcoming events for Squadron 59 members include participating in and preparing for the Memorial Day Parade and service Monday May 27th. Other SAL members will be busy cooking and preparing for the luncheon that will be starting at the American Legion Post 59 following the service. Less than two weeks later SAL members will be anticipating in and preparing for the 4th annual Freedom ride poker run that raises funds for the Stoughton area Veterans Memorial Park. The ride is scheduled for Saturday June 8th and we again will be manning the grill during and after the ride.

Bob Hocking

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

Recycle your inkjet cartridges!

Please bring drop off your empty inkjet cartridges. The box is located at the entrance of the legion. Proceeds from this collection project are earmarked for the American Legion Auxiliary General Fund and will be used to offset operating expenses.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ALBUMS FOR SALE

The historical Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park albums are now on sale. The beautiful, nearly 200 page album, is a history of the building of the memorial, beginning with the planning stages in July, 2014, and concludes with the dedication on October 14, 2017, and contains many photographs, stories, articles, documents, etc. Copies are on display at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Veterans Road and at the American Legion on North Page Street. Copies cost $50. To order, call Bud Erickson at 608-873-5305.

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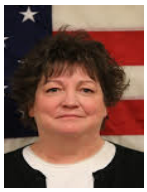
Auxiliary News



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"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 23th 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 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 $3,000. 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!

Unit 59 American Legion Auxiliary

Membership News

I wish I had better news to report so I could write a more positive newsletter article. Unfortunately the truth of the matter is I have not processed a single membership renewal since the last newsletter a month ago and only a couple membership renewals in the month before that. We seem to be stuck at 342 members renewed out of 386 for 86.60%. I am not certain why this is. I recently sent postcards to all of our delinquent members. Another round of letters will be mailed to our remaining members who have not paid their dues yet very soon. They will be out before you get this newsletter.

After this round of letters a phone call campaign will begin immediately after Syttende Mai weekend. We are rapidly running out of time to reach our 100% goal.

If you receive one of the letters from me please respond at once. Your membership is vitally important to us. Remember, you can always pay on-line at The American Legion Department of Wisconsin: Home Page. Click on "Renew Online", Enter your name and ID#, pay with a MasterCard, Visa or Discover card. That's it. You're done.

Submitted by Bob Lloyd, Membership Chairman-Post 59

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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 flags 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!

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The 2019 session of the Badger Boys State program, which promotes the ideals of good government and citizenship, will be held June 8-15 at Ripon college, Ripon, WI.

Stoughton High School authorities have selected Evan Jensen and Gabriel Dickens as this year's delegates, co-sponsored by A.L. Post 59 and Stoughton Lions. We plan to invite Evan and Gabriel, and their parents, to a fall dinner to hear of their program experiences and to duly recognize them for their achievements.

Syttende Mai and Memorial Day Schedules - 2019

Help needed for Syttende Mai

Saturday May 18 - Decorate float at VFW at 9:00 am.
8:30 am bring up chairs and float materials
9:00 am decorate float

Help needed for Memorial Day

Thursday May 16 - 8:00 am - Meet at Riverside Cemetery to put out flags. Rain Date: Friday May 17 - 8:00 am
Thursday May 30 - 8:00 am - Meet at Riverside Cemetery to remove flags
Rain date: Friday May 31- 8:00 am

Set up for the Memorial Day Program

Saturday May 25 - 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 Post 59 following The Memorial Day Program at the Mandt Center

BRATS
BURGERS
HOT DOGS

Everyone is invited

"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.

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Syttende Mai Parade - Sunday, May 19

(Meet at Mandt Park by 1:00 p.m. The Veteran's Float parks on South Fourth Street)

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 27

(Beginning on S. Prairie and West Main St. at 10:00 a.m. Parking at Mandt Center 9:15am, Shuttle to parade line-up for parade participants). Veteran's Float parks on the corner of S. Prairie & W. Main.

Memorial Day Program - Monday, May 27

(Immediately Following the Parade @ 11:00 a.m. at Mandt Center **rain or shine**)

The Memorial Day Program is open to the public

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