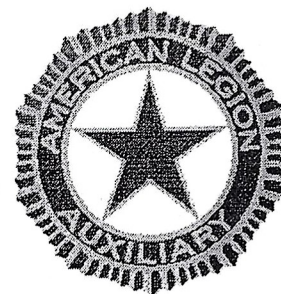




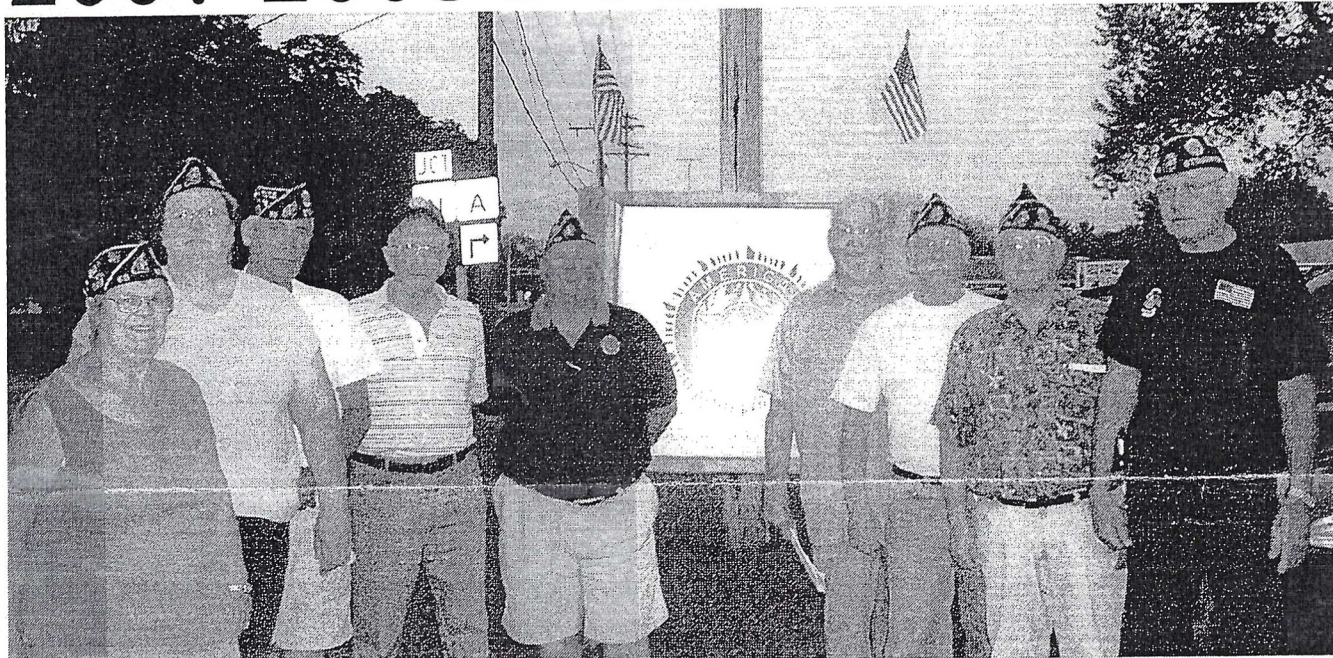
THE LEGION POST OTIS SAMPSON POST 59, STOUGHTON WI

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Veterans Helping Veterans



2007-2008 POST OFFICERS



Your 2007 - 2008 Officers for Otis Sampson Post 59 are from (L- R) Shirley Lauretic 3rd Vice, Jo Ann Damkoehler Adjutant, Duane Broughton 2nd Vice, Nick Bierman 1st Vice, Bill Redepenning Commander, Wayne Buss Finance Officer, Monte Whitford Chaplain, Bud Erickson Service Officer, Dennis Schwenn Sgt at Arms. Missing from photo Tom Stokes Judge Advocate and Odean Teigen Historian.



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2nd Vice President

Ellen Curren

Secretary

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Chaplain's Corner

This being my first article in our monthly newsletter I realize I have some big shoes to fill. My becoming Chaplain is a giant leap for me. I have been reading lately that in order to grow, you must first leave your comfort zone, face your fears and hopefully with your support and with God's will I can do justice to this position.

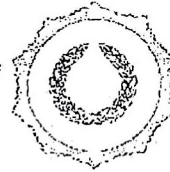
To start off. As I and several others are new Legionaries I thought I would state what the American Legion stands for.

The American Legion Emblem

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning."



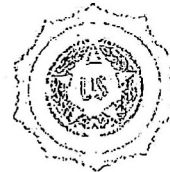
The Rays of the Sun form the background of our proud Emblem, and suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.



The Wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States, that liberty might endure.



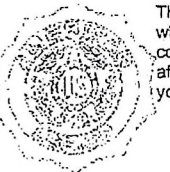
The Star - victory symbol of World War I, signalizes as well honor, glory and constancy. The letters U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



Two Large Rings the outer one stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of America's children.



Two Small Rings set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our states and the Nation.



The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.



Perhaps if not only the newer members, but all members will take that leap of faith, leave that comfort zone, support each other, remind ourselves just what we stand for we will all grow. This we can do with God's help.

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or in need please call Chaplain Monte at 873-4020 or e-mail at whtfrd@sbcglobal.net