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Commander's Report



Greetings Legion Family,
Tis the season to be jolly.
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to all.
Hoping all stay healthy
throughout the long cold
and flu season ahead.

Bob Lloyd, our Post
membership chariman,
says dues are coming in
pretty good but we need
everybody who hasn't to
step up soon. Thanks.

We had a Post fundraising
raffle that didn't turn out
as good as we thought it
might but was worth the
while. The funds go
towards Post
maintenance and other
worthwhile Post
functions. Thanks to Steve
Grady and Bob Lloyd for
organizing the raffle.

We the Post would like
to invest in a defibrillator
(heart shocker) machine.
We had an event at the
Post lounge not long ago
and it scared the devil
out of the folks who
were there, including
me. Luck would have it, a
gal who was a nurse
helped out until the EMS
arrived. She suggested
we purchase on for the
Post and I agree. We
could use some financial
help from anyone in the
Post who can help.

Thank you volunteers,
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.



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Polly Stout 608.513.5378
(Between 8am – 9pm)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 8th – Ugly Christmas Sweater Night with All-Star Karaoke 7:00–11:00 pm **Ugly Christmas Sweater not required to attend

Dec. 9th – Breakfast with Santa (SAL)

Dec. 11th – Legion Dinner 6:30 pm **MUST PREPAY/REGISTER**

Dec. 14th – Dean's Blue Country 6:00-9:00 pm

Dec. 22nd – Blue Moon Karaoke with Renee 7:00-10:00pm

Dec. 23rd – Country Jam Session with Mikey Fuss & the Cherokee Three 2:00 – 6:00pm

Dec. 25th – Merry Christmas!

Dec. 28th – Frank James & Jackie Marie 6:00 – 9:00pm

Dec. 31st – New Years Eve Party – 8:30 – 12:30pm with All-Star Karaoke. Complimentary food & snacks will be served with a Champagne toast at Midnight along with party favors. No cover.

Jan 11th – Dean's Blue Country 6:00-9:00pm

Jan 22nd – Legion Dinner 6:30pm

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

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.



AMERICAN LEGION BAR

803 NORTH PAGE STREET – STOUGHTON, WI

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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
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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Almighty and ever present God, creator of life and author of peace, guard the brave men and women serving now in our military services. Watch over each and every one. Protect them as they discharge their duties. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights and lives of those imperiled by injustice and evil. Encourage them as they encourage one another. May the power of Your love and the presence of Your Holy Spirit enable the troops who are now serving away from home to return safely.

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



Sons of the American Legion Report

Happy Holidays.

As we speed past Thanksgiving and take aim at Christmas and the New year lets take a moment to reflect on the people and events that keep us focused and enrich our lives. The love of family, the respect and admiration of those who served, fought, sacrificed, or died so that we can live freely, the countless number of people that work tirelessly donating their time and resources to honor those that mean so much to them. You know who I'm referring to, you see them all the time at 803 N. Page street and elsewhere in our community. People that volunteer their time to remodel and maintain the premises for the American Legion post, spend their evenings and weekends serving liquid refreshments, breakfasts or dinners or preparing and cleaning up afterwards, and even people that spend hours of their time to bring this news letter to you on a monthly basis. Those who have blessed our area of Wisconsin with a beautiful memorial to so many hero's. Those that work hard to show their patriotism and support the maintaining of that beautiful park by running, volunteering or participating in the Raise the Flag program also deserve a tip of the hat. Not that

are looking any of these selfless individuals are looking for someone to pat them on the back. They all do it because it needs to be done and it makes them feel good to be part of something wonderful. The most critical thing is that THEY DO IT. The next time you catch one of these special people "doing something right" tip your hat, pat them on the back, or simply smile and say thanks. Have a great holiday season.

Bob Hocking



Membership Report

Our Post has done well in membership the last month. We have had 21 renewals (12 on-line) and two new members.

Currently our Post has renewed 265 memberships with 5 new members and 51 renewed on-line for a total of 69.95%.

That is a great improvement from the previous month. Let's keep 'em coming in.

An American Legion membership can make a great Christmas gift for a friend or eligible family member.

Membership forms can be found at the Post.

Renewals can be done on-line at wilegion.org, click on "renew online", Enter your name and ID #, pay with a Mastercard, Visa, or Discover Card. It's that easy.

Submitted by

*Bob Lloyd, Post 59 Membership
Chairman*

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Lloyd2364@sbcglobal.net

The post membership discussed getting an aircraft to put on display at the post at the last meeting. We need to request what we would like to have. I recommended a UH1 Huey helicopter, this is the iconic helicopter of the Vietnam War. If anyone has any other suggestions for a different aircraft, please let me know. It will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Submitted by Vic Duesel



Auxiliary News



2018-2019 OFFICERS

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Chaplain

Linda Swangstu
608.577-7428

Membership

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Happy Holidays ~

In November, our auxiliary sponsored an ice cream social at the VA Hospital. We paid for the ice cream and toppings, served ice cream to patients and visitors in the lobby, took orders from each patient on each floor, filled the order and took it back to the patient. This was a very heart-warming project as we were able to provide the veterans with a treat and thank them for their service. In turn the vets appreciated the treat. Special thanks to Tootsie Wilson, Kathy Knight, Susan Barber, Sheri Leick, Linda Swangstu, Judy Johnson and Lisa Olson for helping at the ice cream social.

At last month's legion dinner Basil Sadler was presented with a veteran's quilt, recognizing his service to our country and his many years of service and volunteerism in our legion. The quilt, an auxiliary sponsored project, was made by Pat Broadbent.

The 2018 Community Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the American Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and VFW will be served on Christmas Day at the VFW. Auxiliary members will participate in making sweet treats for the dinner, including cakes, bars, cookies and pies. The treats will be dropped off Christmas Eve Day or Christmas morning. Other legion family members, or the general public reading this newsletter, who are interested in making sweet treats for that day are welcome to do so. If you have any questions, contact Mike Griggs at (608) 873-1275.

Be sure to watch the events calendar on the legion website to get up-to-date information on scheduled events at the legion.

Again, thanks to all our members for all they do!

Cathy



Basil Sadler is presented with a quilt at the November legion dinner recognizing his service to our country and to the legion. Quilt make by ALA member Pat Broadbent.



ALA's donation to the Sun Prairie Disaster fund.

Front Row (left to right): Cathy Rigdon, Sherry Leick, April Vingum, Linda Schmidt

Middle Row (left to right): Elvera Phelps, Lisa Olson, Teresa Vike-Kelly, Pat Broadbent, Bonnie Kennedy

Back Row (left to right): Amy Hermes, Linda Swangstu, Alice Moen, Bonnie Dobson-Lamp, Randi Hanson.



You can help us save a life!



Fundraising efforts are underway for a public access defibrillator at the Legion. The cost of the device is \$1,400. If you can help, drop off your donation at the bar or send your donation to the Otis Sampson American Legion Post 59, 803 N. Page Street, Stoughton, WI 53589.

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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.



The Stoughton American Legion Post 59 is a **Toys for Tots** Drop off Location

803 North Page Street - Stoughton



Please Donate a New, Unwrapped Toy



Duwayne Teigen and Sonny Swangstu folding the flag at Sand Hill school for the Veterans Day program.



FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

All Are Welcome!
VFW Hall
Veteran's Road (CTYN)
Stoughton, WI
December 25th
Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Delivery will start at 10:00 am
If you need a ride or if you want a meal delivered, please call
The Stoughton Senior Center
(608) 873-8585

by Thursday Dec. 21

- Leave your name, address and phone number
- How many dinners you will need
- How many passengers need a ride
- Rides and home delivery limited to Stoughton School District area

Donations are Appreciated
Hosted by the American Legion, VFW Post 328 and their Auxiliaries and Volunteers



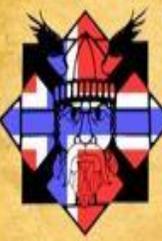
From left to right: Linda Swangstu, Cath Rigdon, Sherry Leick, Lisa Olson, Susan Barber, Judy



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Post Dinner Menu – December 11th – 6:30 pm

Prime Rib – PREPAY/REGISTER ONLY

please visit: www.post59.us/legion-post-dinner-information

Or Call 608.205.9090



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