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In June the community of Stoughton rolled out the "Red Carpet" for one of our young soldiers by the name of Andrew Howard. He was returning home from San Antonio, TX for 30 days to recuperate after receiving burns on his body while serving in Iraq. With very little advanced notice, it was arranged for as many people as possible to line the streets with signs and waving flags to welcome him home. The Legion Riders met the family at the Madison airport and gave them an escort back to Stoughton. At the West end of town they were joined by the Stoughton Fire and Police Departments with sirens and red lights! It

reminded me of Memorial Day, with well-wishers on both sides of the street cheering and waving flags! At our June supper we were honored to have Andrew and his grandpa as guests. Keep Andrew in your thoughts and prayers, as he will be returning to his military duties.

As of this writing, we are making the final plans for our Grand Opening on July 12. State Commander, David Kurtz, along with other dignitaries, will be joining us on Saturday. I hope you were able to participate in this long awaited event.

It's that time of the year again...Yes, your membership is due. Please pay early so that your Commander and Post

can be 100%. On the positive side of that, you will not have to hear me talking about it and you will not receive the notices from National! Have you considered PUFL (Paid Up For Life)? If you want more information on this, we can get you the form and rate for your age, plus you can pay for it in 12 monthly installments.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and not getting carried away by our State Bird, THE MOSQUITOES!!! Till next month, God Bless...

Commander Bill



On July 12 at the dedication of the new Post 59, Legion and Auxiliary officers along with members of the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce prepare to cut the ribbon.



Auxiliary

your assistance.

Our very own Past President Elvera Phelps is now Dane County Auxiliary President. Please congratulate her the next time you see her. Our Past Dane County President, Joyce Endres, will be installed as Department Chaplin at the State Convention later this month.

I would like to extend another HUGE Thank You to all of the ALA members that came out to help with the Legion

Baseball Breakfast. I cannot tell you how much your help was appreciated! The July Breakfast is on the 20th. It is an "Auxiliary" breakfast, so I'll be seeing many more of you, yes? Oh, did I mention, Junior members are more than welcome to help also? We can find things for almost any aged Jr. to do! (We had a 2-1/2 year old Jr. member helping us one morning for a little while! And she loved it!)

July 4th was the date of our Annual (?) Chicken BB-Q. We did not do nearly as well as we did last year. Details were discussed at the Auxiliary meeting on July 14th.

Many surveys were returned. They've been very helpful for planning, etc. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so soon, and consider marking YES to something, or feel free add your own ideas to the one that have already been sent in.

I am looking forward to a rewarding year working with all of you to support the American Legion Auxiliary Program's and the American Legion Post 59.

Ellen Curran, President
ALA Unit 59

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The last month has been a busy one, but with all of your help we've survived! And somebody said May was our busy month? We started off by giving SPC Andrew Howard an awesome Hometown Hero's Welcome Home; Thank you Commander Bill and Bob Lloyd for

Legion Hall Wish List

- A collapsible dowel type drying rack for dish cloths
- A CD player for "background" music during activities
- A bulletin Board for the Auxiliary room

Thank You to those of you who donated the booster seats. Our youngest patrons appreciate your thoughtfulness!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

If you want to hear God laugh, tell him your plans. We make lots of plans, and we could not live our lives without them. Yet even as we make them we know that they are always subject to change. We want to be in control, and we often think we are. But as much as we want to be, we never really can be. Life can be cruel and hard, but when all is said and done, we will see that all things work together for the common good. Suffering, pain,

disappointment, loss-all of these are a constant part of the human experience. Yet they are not the last word. The truth about Christianity: is that Jesus died and rose to a new life. As Believers We will also!

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need please contact Monte at 873-4020.

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>2nd Annual Chicken BBQ 11-2</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Breakfast Post 501 7-11 am</i>
13	14 <i>Post Meeting at 7PM</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Fish Fry Post 481</i>	19
20 <i>Post breakfast 7—noon Fathers Day</i>	21	22 <i>Post dinner</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Breakfast Post 501 7-11 am</i>
10	11 <i>Post Meeting at 7PM</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Fish Fry Post 481</i>	16
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GRAND OPENING JULY 12 2008

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WAYNE CHRISTENSEN



Legion Rider Raffle for Legacy Scholarship Fund

In May, the members of Post 59 were mailed 5 raffle tickets to benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The Legacy Scholarship Fund is a program established by the American Legion to provide a college education for the children who have a parent killed in this current war on terror. The American Legion Riders have taken the lead in fundraising for this endeavor as our way of helping these unfortunate children.

The Legion Riders of District-3 came up with the idea of the 1st annual Rider Raffle as a fundraiser to benefit these kids. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with 7 cash prizes and \$1000 as the top prize.

The raffle concludes on September 7, with the drawing at Post 59 in Stoughton at noon. For those of you who purchased your raffle tickets, THANK YOU! If you have not yet returned your ticket stubs, please return them promptly.

If you have not received your tickets or have misplaced them or if you would like to purchase more, please contact Bob Lloyd at 608-873-5926 or lloyd2364@sbcglobal.net.



Aslesons and Stoughton High School Student Council donate \$1,433.50 to the American Legion to support the Golf Company Marines care packages that were sent out on July 1. Pictured is Mark of Aslesons is presenting Mary Lloyd with the check. This donation made it possible to send out 125 care packages to the marines. This is the unit that is currently in Iraq and that came to our aid during the 2005 tornadoes that devastated Stoughton. Thank you to Aslesons and the SHS Student Council.

... As you watch the flooding in the Midwest, have you noticed that there are no farmers running around with stolen plasma TVs or holding stolen liquor over their heads?

There's no looting or yelling 'Where's Bush?', 'Where's FEMA?, Where's my check?', or 'Why isn't the Government out here saving me and my farm?'

Likewise, I've also noticed there are no reports of any other country coming to help or sending aid.

And where are Reverends Jessie Jackson and Al Sharpton????

“THIS TABLE SET FOR ONE”



This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her suppressors

The table cloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with the unyielding determination, a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter taste.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of the families as they wait.

The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty. They are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The American Flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the supreme commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.



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