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GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

We will be hosting our Grand Opening on July 12, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting will be at 1:30, followed by a brief program. We hope to have some of our State dignitaries from the Legion in attendance. The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Helen Johnson and others will be there to help us celebrate. Please make every effort possible to attend this mile stone event as the community will also be invited!

I would like to have some volunteers for clean up of the building after meals, events and meetings. Even if you will take

a month or two at a time, this will help. We have a new building-let's ALL HELP! There have been several volunteers step forward for the bar, lawn care and kitchen. Please give me a call if you can help **608-877-9918**.

At the June meeting your new officers were sworn in. Thanks to the officers that served last year. I'm looking forward to working with our new officers. We will be busy with all of our activities we have planned.

What a turn out for our May breakfast during Syt-tende Mai, we served 436 guests! We were very lucky we had all of the help that chipped in, we did pretty

well with keeping up with the food. Our first dinner meeting was also well attended.

The Auxiliary will be serving another chicken BBQ again this year on **FRIDAY, JULY 4**. Why do the cooking when you can support the functions at our Post. If you care to help with the dinner contact Elvera Phelps at **608-873-5154**.

Mark your calendar for these dates:

- June 24 Monthly dinner
- July 4 Chicken BBQ
- July 14 Business meeting

Commander Bill

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Auxiliary News

This is a sad time for me to write this as it will be my last newsletter article. I want to THANK all of my Officers over the last 6 years as I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Without the WHOLE Unit I couldn't have done it and as I have mentioned before you were always there for me when I needed your help. So I want to say Thanks to all of you.

Your 2 new Officers are: President Ellen Curran and Chaplain Lorraine Thompson. Thank you for stepping forward to continue the work of Unit 59. Vice President is

Lori Redepenning, Secretary is Audre Kurowski, Treasurer is Rita Sperry, Membership Chairman is Lisa Olson, Historian is Evelyn Kahl, Sergeant of Arms is Traci Lloyd, Poppy Chairman is Karen Whitford, BGS Chairman is Mary Curran and I will keep the membership visitation that I have enjoyed doing all along.

I have taken the Dane County Presidents job so wish me luck and I will try to serve them the best I can. I have a lot of friends in the County behind me so that will help me a lot.

Coming up is our Legion Dinner on the 24th, possibly our Annual chicken barbecue July 4th, State Convention is July 16th thru the 20th in Lacrosse (if interested in going let Ellen know) and

the breakfast on July 20th is for the auxiliary. Our next meeting is July 14th.

We are looking into having funeral luncheon's at the Post and renting it out for parties of any kind. We have met and have the prices set but both the Post and Auxiliary need to approve it. Sonny and Linda Swangstu have agreed to be our contact people for renting it out.

We have a beautiful new Legion Post if you haven't seen it yet, stop down for one of our breakfast and then look around. We should all be proud of it. There a few items still needed so if you are interested in donating something give Commander Bill Redepenning a call at 877-9918.

If you need anything be sure and call Ellen at 608-843-7820.

Don't forget your dues will be coming up next month so please remember to send

them in whenever you can so we can once again be 100% by October 15th like we were for the last 6 years. I know that you can do it as we have done it before so remember we are proud to stand behind all our Veterans. If you want to pay them ahead of time please do so, they are still \$16, just send them to Lisa Olson, 1617 Moline St. , Stoughton WI 53589 . Remember if you do pay and still get a notice PLEASE JUST RIP IT UP as they have been sent in. Like everything else they pass in the mail and National and the Department are known to be slow and have a hard time keeping caught up.

Thanks again,
Elvera Phelps

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Despite its enormous popularity, I have yet to become a fan of the television show "American Idol". I find watching it to be a painful experience. The contestants themselves are often appealing enough, eager in their desire to impress the audience; it's the judges I find hard to take. Their feedback is often ruthless, as they ridicule not only the contestants vocal abilities, but also their wardrobe, hair, and personal ap-

pearance. The more insulting the judges are, the more the audience seems to cheer. I remember talent shows from my childhood, when my friends and I would sing or dance or play an instrument. Some were genuinely talented, but many of us were not. What I remember most are the words of encouragement that teachers offered to each of us. How we cherished those words! Let us re-

member Barnabas, a companion of Paul, known for the support and encouragement he gave to the early church. Encouragement is a wonderful gift: it costs nothing to give it; but it is priceless to those who receive it. How might we offer the gift of encouragement to someone who needs it today?

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

UPDATE ON SPC HOWARD

Here is a piece for the newsletter. 5/28/08 I learned today that SPC Andrew Howard was able to go "home." Home is at the Guest House where his mom, Natalie, and dad, Mark, are staying. From what I understand, it is on the Brooks Army Medical Center campus. When he needs to go to the clinics or hospital for dressing changes and/or therapy, Natalie "wheels" him over. Apparently it's very close to the hospital. She'll continue to wheel him until he can wheel himself. But, I understand he's also had quite extensive Burns and or injuries to both hands. Please send thoughts and prayers for a good recovery for Andrew and the Howard Family. Thanks again, Ellen

(NOTE) We were going to provide an address where you could send cards or letters, just before we went to press word had it Andrew was believed to be coming home in the next week or two. We will keep you updated. *Ed.*

June 2008

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

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>
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27	28	29	30	31		

**3RD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION
GOLF OUTING
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008**

8:30 Shotgun Start Registration fee: \$ 45.00

Deer Valley Golf Course
HWY 18/151 Barneveld

Open to Legionnaires, Auxiliary, & SAL

Awards presentation to follow at clubhouse
Awards for 4 person men's scramble,
4 person women's scramble
Numerous flag events

Door prize donations welcome

New this year: Donations for Middleton VA & Non-perishable food items for

Camp American Legion will be accepted.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 21st

No walk-ins & no refunds

Questions: Ken Rynes 608-647-8642

-----clip & send to address below-----

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

Golfers names: Phone: Fee

Make checks payable to Ken Rynes \$ _____

Send to: 1051 E Haseltine St
Richland Center , WI 53581

BY JULY 21st

Local Veterans Supporting Madison Golf Company Marines and the Fallen

Early last winter Madison's Golf Company marines were sent to Iraq for the second time since September 11, 2001. They gladly serve their country. They left their families, their friends, and place of employment to do what their country asked them to do. They ask nothing in return.

You may know of them because of the things they do in our communities. They hold an annual Toy's for Tots toy collection and distribution for Dane County residents, they helped the Stoughton Police department and Stoughton residents after the tornado in 2005, they march in parades and perform in color guards around Dane County. Some are members of our community!

The Fallen Warrior Memorial is a bronze sculpture representing the symbol of the rifle, helmet, and boots. This sculpture is presented to all the families of Wisconsin servicemen and women who have been killed in the war on terror. The League has only been able to present about 1/3 of these memorials. Our goal is to present one to each deserving family. These memorials each cost just over \$200. We are also placing a life-sized Fallen Warrior Memorial in Quantico, Virginia to memorialize our Wisconsin service men and women. Comments from the parents of these brave young men and women have been "Flowers die, but this statue will be our memory forever", and "This memorial will be our way of making sure others remember what our son gave for them." Please help us give this lasting memory to the parents or spouses of Wisconsin fallen warriors.

We are collecting items and money to send care packages to each member of Golf Company—over 220 men and women, and to support the Fallen Warrior Memorial program. Collection of care package items will end in the end of June and the packages will be sent out on July 1. We have collections sites at the Stoughton VFW on Veterans Road, VFW 1318 in Madison off of John Nolen Drive, and at Advent Lutheran Church in Madison. Contact Mary for a list of items for the packages.

We are in the planning stages for a silent auction/raffle and would be grateful if you were able to either donate an item(s) or money so we can purchase items. The date of the auction has not been set, but we are hopeful that it will be in mid-June. We have already received some great items. We have received a football from the Green Bay Packers signed by the 2007 team members (including Brett), a vase worth \$350 from Peckmann Memorials, and a financial donation from Conant Automotive.

Financial donations should be made **payable to ALRA District 3** and sent to the address below. Please note if the donation should go to the Golf Company Marines or the Fallen Warrior Program. Unspecified donations will go to the program needing the most support at the end of the drive.

Please help us with these great projects that say Thank You.

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2008 Badger Boys

The annual Badger Boys Orientation was held at the WPS complex in Madison on Monday, May 19. Al Phelps (County Vice Commander and County Badger Boys Chair Person) and Mary Lloyd represented Stoughton. Forty six delegates and parents as well as 9 legionnaires attended the orientation. Five of our six delegates attended the orientation (pictured). Our 2008 delegates are: Randall Mastny, Andrew Egan, Jens Arneson, Arich Hasfeld, Alex Vick, and Jared Wendt. Thank you to Stoughton

Rotary, Stoughton Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Stoughton Optimists, and Dane County 40 et 8 Voiture for sponsoring delegates. Badger Boys State is Saturday, June 14 to Saturday, June 21. On Wednesday, May 21, Al Phelps and Mary Lloyd attended the Stoughton High School Awards Night. They presented the 6 Badger Boys delegates with their certificates and badges. Lydia Ginter was presented the Outstanding Student Award. Also presented was the Americanism and Government Award to Blake Johnson and Associate Principal Brain Shimon.

Submitted by Mary Lloyd, Badger Boys Chairperson

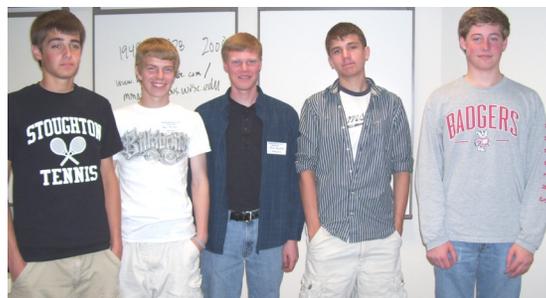
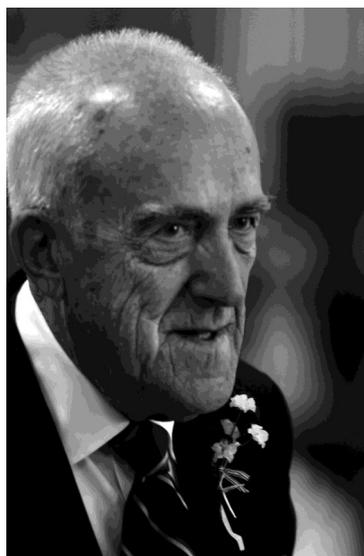
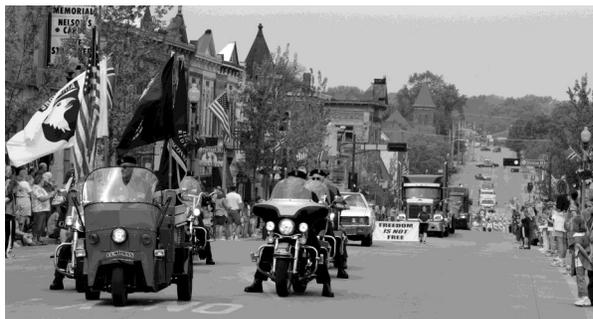


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<p>JUNE DINNER</p> <p>HAM</p>

2nd Annual

4th of July Auxiliary Chicken Barbecue

Time 11am to 2 pm

**Menu: quarter chicken, potato salad, cole slaw,
baked beans, rolls, ice cream, coffee lemonade.**