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Commander's Report

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Greetings,
We are getting weather of all kinds these days and the moisture will help gardeners grow their produce and farmers grow their crops. I am thankful for not living on the East Coast. Those people have endured so much in the past year and 2013 isn't starting out too well either.
We are nearing the end of our renovation project. Thank you to several members and non-members who came daily

for a good week and helped get things done so we could reopen. The Post is very fortunate to have people who care and want to help. It was quite a mess tearing apart and moving things in and out as well as sorting and major cleaning. The women did a lot of scrubbing as well as the men. I would like to list the helpers in hopes I didn't leave anyone out so if I did, I apologize:
Rae Stelzer, Dolly Bailey, Julie Nygaard, Linda Swangstu, Marlene Bierman, Lynn Robertson, Rita Sperry, Mary Hack, Sharon Silbaugh, Becky Peura, Alice Moen, Linda Schmidt—Laverne Hack, Laverne Christenson, Wendell

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The Post received a \$1,100 grant from Stoughton Utilities to use on children's programs. Thus far, we have donated to the Three Gates Horse Stable on Hwy. 138 toward Oregon. They work with disabled children. Thanks to Bob Lloyd for applying for the grant.

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Auxiliary

- President**
Marlene Bierman
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Auxiliary News



Hello American Legion Family,
Well we have had quite a January, with snow, cold, rain, and warm—all four seasons. The most exciting has been the remodeling of the Post. It looks great. Just want to thank all the men and women that put in many long hours volunteering their help to get the job done. There are a lot of devoted people in our Post & Auxiliary that are very proud for what we have here and want to keep it that way. Everyone has worked very hard over the last few years to make Legion Post 59 what it is today. There may have been people that weren't members that volunteered their

time, too. Thanks again.

The Auxiliary is getting ready for a new year. We will be continuing our raffles at the breakfast. It is a good fund-raiser for us. Ellen Curren won the Movie and Pizza Raffle at the January breakfast. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The February raffle will be a bird feeder/or bird house and bird seed. The March raffle will be an Easter ham.

The Department has an Emergency Fund for Auxiliary members. This is for members who may need financial assistance and have been members for at least two years. I have forms that you will need to fill out before you apply or if you need more info. Let me know at 873-7397 or e-mail nickbierman@att.net.

The Post and Auxiliary has scholarship forms for any member's children, grandchildren, step-children, or step-grandchildren. The applications are due to the Auxiliary by March 15. If you have any questions you can call me at 873-7397.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- February 18 - President's Day
- February 26 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- March 2 - Blue Moon Karaoke
8:00 – 11:00 pm
- March 3 - Viking Snowmobile breakfast
7:00 – 11:00 am
- March 19 - Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 17 - Legion Breakfast
7:00 – 11:00 am
- March 26 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- March 30 - Universal Sound
8:00 pm – midnight

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

Breakfast: 7:00-11:00 am
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I thank God for the blessings
That His mercy has bestowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough
I'll not ask for other blessings for
I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy
To help bear another's load
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer
When our cups have overflowed.

John Paul Moore

*If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need,
please contact Rich Fries at 608.273.8758.*

Hall Rentals

Call Julie Nygaard at 608.333.9577

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Craig Woods from Stoughton Utilities installed an extra light in the parking lot at no charge. It sure helps light up the east end of the parking lot. Thank you Craig!

The onion ordering has started. Watch for the ad in the *Great Dane*. Catch the breakfasts each month and get in on the Auxiliary's raffles.

Stay healthy,

Commander Sonny

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Linda Swangstu, Lisa Olson, and Mary Curran are on the nominating committee for the up the coming year. I will stay as president; Linda Swangstu, vice president; Julie Nygaard, treasurer; Sharon Silbaugh, chaplain; Pat Christenson, sergeant-at-arms; Lisa Olson, membership; and Sherry Leick will be historian. Thanks ladies for volunteering to take these positions. *We still need a secretary.*

Watch for our RADAR Knife fundraiser...coming to the Post soon. There will be catalogs at the Post so you can place your orders.

Remember, the second Wednesday of every month, come and play euchre at the Legion @ 1:00 pm. It is for members and guests. You are welcome to bring a friend. It is for both men and women.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring five girls to Badger Girls State this year. Thanks to the Rotary and Lioness clubs for their contributions.

President Marlene



Vidalia Onion Time

On February 4, the fourth annual Vidalia onion project kicked off. Orders will be taken until April 1, and the onions will be delivered in early May. The cost remains the same as in the past—\$10 for a ten-pound bag, \$6 for a five-pound bag. Vidalia's can be ordered from any committee member or stop by the Post lounge to place your order.



In the past three years nearly 2200 bags have been sold. Proceeds were used for Legion projects such as \$5300 for the parking lot and \$2000 for dining room chairs. Donations were also made to the Stoughton Senior Center, food pantry, Youth Center, Stoughton Dream World, the Veteran's Hospital in Madison, and Camp American Legion.

Bud Erickson
Chair, Vidalia Onion Project

What's Cooking?

I am working on publishing a cookbook, with the proceeds going to the Stoughton VFW and American Legion posts charity projects.

To that end, I'm asking if you would be able to send me one or two of your recipes to be published in that book. The recipes can be in any category; entrees, desserts, dips, etc. Or if you have a combo favorite, say an entrée/dessert such as Hamburger Helper topped with lime sherbet. Anything goes.

Then put: You can leave your recipes at the Legion or the VFW. Just mark them "COOKBOOK" and they will get to me. Be sure to put your name on it so we can give you credit for it. Or e-mail them to me at: mary@starsupplyllc.com

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA Site)

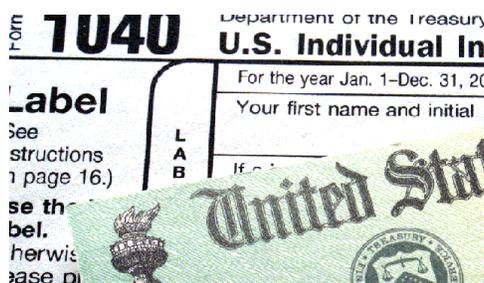
Would you like **free** help filing your 2012 income tax return?

When: February 7 – April 11, 2013 – **Thursdays only**, noon to 5:00 pm
Walk-in service – no appointments taken

Where: VITA Site – 724 E. Main St, Stoughton, WI (in back of the building)

Who: All individuals and families filing basic State and Federal Income Tax forms

More information: call 873-8585



THE STRAIT SKINNY

Recently, another interested reader, (Definition: The paint he had been watching had dried and grass doesn't grow in the winter so he was left to read the latest installment of "The Strait Skinny") inquired of our staff as to why strait was spelled that way. (Definition: Staff - a political or military entity designed to disguise the identity of a culprit(s) in the event of a humongous SNAFU.) Rampant finger pointing is normally an indication of said SNAFU.

Now to answer the question; according to a famous Webster (Alex, Dan, Noah, one of those guys), a strait is defined as a narrow passage connecting two bodies of water. So in order for the "skinny" (the inside scoop) to get from one body of water (our staff) to the other (you, the interested reader) it has to pass through the strait (via this fact filled new letter). So there you have the strait skinny on "The Strait Skinny" and we trust that everyone got that straight.

While keeping with tradition (so far), we are about to enlighten you with some tidbits of useful information concerning a branch of service steeped in tradition—the

U.S. Marine Corps.

It all started in 1775 when the head Navy guy went to George W. (Washington, not Bush, for those of you who were wondering.) and said: "George, we need some guys crazy enough to climb high up in the riggings of our ships and shoot their muskets at guys on the other ships." So that's how it all began – honest. So with that

being said, here is some more real informative Marine type stuff:

'You, you, and you, panic. The rest of you come with me.'

- U.S. Marine Gunnery Sgt.

'Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.'

- Unknown Marine Recruit

'Aim towards the Enemy'

- Instructions printed on U.S. Rocket Launcher

'No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.'

- Joe Gay

When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.'

- U.S. Marine Corps

'If you see a bomb technician running, follow him.' - Ammo Troop

'If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe.' - Marine Aviator

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A great big thank you goes out to all those who helped during our remodel project. Some of those were Sonny, Larry Johnson, Joe Erickson, Truman Haried, Don Helmke, Ray, Ken & Rae Stelzer, Dean Horner, Cliff Maerz, Vic Malling, and the Auxiliary Ladies: Linda, Rita, Marlene, Dotty— just to name a few. I apologize if someone was left out as I was not there all the time. Everyone and anyone, who helped in any way, it was greatly appreciated. The Post looks GREAT.

Jim Oler
Finance Officer





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DVBIC serves

- Active Duty Military
- National Guard
- Reserves
- Veterans

How We Serve

Care Coordination

- Connects service members with a TBI sustained during Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) to health care and resources
- Follows service members for two years or until symptoms resolve
- Assists service members during transitions from DoD to VA and civilian life

Education

- Provides educational materials on awareness, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of TBI
- Provides education and training for health care providers, military leadership, service members, veterans, families and civilian communities

Protecting Service Members

- Offers in-theater support to medical providers through training resources, tele-health consultations and technology
- Collects and analyzes data that enhance TBI care and treatment

Clinical Care

- Provides assistance at medical sites for TBI-related evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care

Research

- Conducts research to better understand, assess, prevent and treat TBI

DVBIC Network

DVBIC Headquarters

- Silver Spring, MD

Military Medical Centers

- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, MD
- San Antonio Military Medical Center, TX
- NMC San Diego, CA
- Camp Lejeune, NC
- Camp Pendleton, CA
- Fort Belvoir, VA
- Fort Bragg, NC
- Fort Carson, CO
- Fort Hood, TX
- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany

Veterans Affairs Hospitals

- Richmond, VA
- Tampa, FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- Palo Alto, CA
- Boston, MA

Neuro-Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration Centers

- DVBIC Charlottesville, VA
- DVBIC Johnstown, PA

Future Sites

- ★ Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
- ★ VA San Antonio, TX
- ★ Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

To find a point of contact in your region, please visit the DVBIC website.



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