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Commander's Report



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends. We have been busy at the Legion these past few months. The new garage area has been completed now with the ceiling going in. It has really freed up some space in the Legion. The storage area has been redone to include a liquor cabinet that can be locked up now. You also may have noticed that the auxiliary area has been cleaned out to make room for expansion of the bar area. We hope to

have this completed in the near future. Thank you to Roger Strandlie for all of your help in the projects around the Legion.

A reminder to all Legion members that our meetings are back to every month which is on the 2nd Monday of the month.

We are currently looking for someone to step up and take on the Legion Dinners. This would include planning and preparing this once a month dinner for members of the Legion Post. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in. Our volunteers at the Legion are the life blood of not only our Post, but the entire American

Legion organization. It couldn't run without the help of our volunteers. If you're wondering how you can help down at the Legion, stop by or give us a call and we would be glad to let you know of some of the opportunities we have for you. It doesn't matter if you have 1 hour, 1 day, or whatever time you have available, we are always looking for more help.

As always, and I don't like to keep repeating this, but if you have a complaint, please come and talk to me. We can usually come to some sort of resolution before the situation gets out of hand.

Commander Sonny

Auxiliary News will return in March

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

If there is anything you would like to see in the Legion Post, on the post59.us website, or on the Otis Sampson Post 59 Facebook page or if you have a question or comment, please Email: 59legionpost@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm

February 10 - Dean’s Blue Country – 7:00-10:00pm

February 14 - Valentine’s Day

February 17 - Brett Peterson – 7:00-10:00pm

February 19 – Legion Breakfast – 7:30- 11:30am

February 20 – Presidents Day

February 24 – Jackie Marie – 7:00 – 10:00pm

February 26 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm

February 28 – Legion Post Dinner – 6:30pm

For upcoming Legion entertainment, call the Post at 205.9090 for a recorded message or go to post59.us and click on the Upcoming Events tab.

Event Pricing

*Post Dinner:
6:30 pm \$11.00*

*Breakfast: 7:30-11:30 am
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children under 10*

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.” **Max Lucado**

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

Auxiliary Members: If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Lynn Robertson at 608.692.6321.



Sons Happenings

Happy February,

It was another successful year for the Toys for Tots campaign. We collected 131 toys and around \$600.00 in cash donations that in turn was used to purchase more toys. These toys are delivered to the Dane County Human Services location right here in Stoughton and are distributed locally. Thank you to everyone that helped out with our 3rd annual drive.

The Sons of the American Legion have been busy planning some events for the upcoming year which include a fish boil, a swiss steak dinner, and a few of the breakfasts. An updated calendar of events is available at post59.us. Just click on either the upcoming events tab or the Post 59 calendar of events.

Submitted by Dean Stenjem

2017 Sons of the American Legion Officers

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FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY SALAD BAR

Thank You to Linda Schmidt for all your work in getting our salad bar going on Friday nights. It is a great addition to our Fish Fry!

As always, The Friday Night Fish Fry is served from 5:00-8:00 pm every Friday.

Check out the menu at:
www.post59.us/post59fridaynightmenu

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Or email alpost59@gmail.com

Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

- Legion – 2nd Monday –7:00 pm
- Auxiliary – 2nd Monday – 6:30 pm
- SAL – 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.



Music and Entertainment at the Legion

In the last few months you may have noticed a change to the entertainment down at Post 59. We have changed directions and moved the entertainment from the dance hall to the bar area. Now, on most Friday nights you'll find the music being played in the bar. As usual we also have our regular Friday night fish fry from 5-8pm, but that doesn't mean you have to have the fish fry to enjoy the music. Just come on down, relax and enjoy some great music. The shows usually only last until about 10:00pm.

The New Year's Eve Party that was held at the Legion turned out much better than expected. We weren't able to get The Northern Lights Band like in the previous years, so we improvised and obtained a karaoke system and it turned out to be a big hit. With the help of Ray Dzieciol and Mark Geitt we had a very successful night. Mark started bartending at about 5:00pm and the music started at about 8:00pm. Ray handled all the cooking and served the hors d'ourves at about 10:30pm. With the help of a little "liquid courage" the karaoke went strong throughout the night. I would like to thank the members of the Legion, The Sons of the American Legion, and The Auxiliary for coming out to welcome in 2017.

I would also like to remind everyone of the Country Jams that are held monthly at Post 59. These are usually held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 6:00pm with the exception of January which is moved to the fifth Sunday because of football playoffs. These are held in the dance hall and have been very successful. Many different singers and musicians show up to entertain us. Barbeques and chips are served from the bar with our bartending couple Teri and Mike keeping us well hydrated.

As always, there is no cover charge for any of the entertainment held at the Legion. Coming down to these events serve 2 purposes: 1. You have a good time. 2. It helps the American Legion Post 59 to continue to operate.

Hope to see you soon.

Larry Johnson- 3rd Vice Commander



Front Row: Dick Boyd- 8yrs., Second Row: John Christopherson- 37yrs., Truman Harried- 37yrs., Archie Christensen- 37yrs., Third Row: DuWayne Teigen- 18yrs., Duane Broughton- 14yrs., Don Helmke- 37yrs., Joe Erickson- 37yrs., Dick Amundson- 42 yrs.

Above are the names of the Post 59 Kitchen Crew and their years of kitchen duty.

John relates that early on the Legion did not have a dishwasher, so after dinner they stacked the dishes in large water filled garbage cans. The next day after work the crew returned to wash the dishes and put things away.

John also tells the story of how they expanded the kitchen space at the old church. The crew dug out the basement wall and threw the dirt out of the window. Then, Eric Christopherson and Arlin and Dale Teigen pitched the dirt into Odean's truck and hauled it away.

When the church was sold, dinners were held at the VFW for two years. Then for an additional two years at the Norse Chalet. Finally, in 2008, the Legion purchased and remodeled the building at the current location at 803 North Page Street.

During this time the original crew stuck together and on December 13th, 2016 the whole crew were all together, with the exception of Odean Teigen, for the final dinner.

John said he could not have worked with a more reliable team. "They showed up every time, did the job, and never once had to be called or reminded."

*Farewell John and your Crew. You did a great job for 37 years and will be missed.
Submitted by Bud Erickson*

HONOR GUARD REPORT

In 2016, the Post 59 Honor Guard provided military rites at 22 funerals for Stoughton area veterans. In addition, we provided a flag ceremony at the Skaalen Home honoring their resident veterans on the Thursday prior to Memorial Day. We also had a significant role in the Memorial Day activities at the Mandt Center, providing a firing detail and flag ceremony, in addition to participating in the parade. A flag ceremony was also done at the Dane County Fair. We participated with the Stoughton Police Dept. to honor Officer Paul Kraby who was killed in the line of duty in 1934. Officer Kraby was also a WWI veteran. A firing detail was provided at Christy's on Lake Waubesa for a program honoring veterans of the various military service branches and firemen and law enforcement personnel. On Nov. 11 we greeted students in the morning at the High School and later participated in a program honoring veterans at Fox Prairie. In December, we provided a Color Guard for the Love Lights program at the Stoughton Hospital.

We've had a busy year. Deceased veterans are entitled to military rites at no cost, in general, if they were honorably discharged. Arrangements are usually made through their funeral home. They contact the Veterans Administration, who in turn contact us as certified providers of military rites. Our Honor Guard members are out in all weather conditions serving our area Community with meaningful services befitting our fellow veterans and their families.

Submitted by: Al Vick

Christmas Dinner

Another successful year for the Annual Christmas Dinner that was held at The VFW Post 328. There were 150 dine-in meals, 22 walk-ins, and 121 deliveries.

This is a collaboration between the VFW Post 328 and The American Legion Post 59 and offers a free Christmas dinner to anyone.

Thank you to all the volunteers and to the businesses for their donations that helped to make this a great event.



304 POUNDS!



Every ounce counts! *(It takes about 1,400 pop tops to make a pound.)*

Thanks to members and patrons of the VFW and American Legion Post 59 we have been able to collect over 304 pounds of aluminum pop tops for **Ronald McDonald House** (Madison) since September of 2015.

Got pop tops? Drop them off at either Post and we'll see they get delivered.

**Ronald McDonald House provides free or inexpensive housing for families to be with their children while hospitalized and is a 5 star rated charity.*

*** Local McDonald's restaurant owner/operators generously fund portions of the annual operating costs of the Houses. However, the majority of the annual operating income comes from individual and other corporate donors.*

**GET YOUR TAXES
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**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
(VITA)**

does not have a facility in Stoughton this year, but they have agreed to do tax preparation at The American Legion Post 59 on Thursday, March 16th from 12:00 - 5:00.

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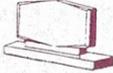


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