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Quarterly Newsletter

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Aug/Sept/Oct 2022



Commander's Report

Hello to everyone, hope you all are enjoying the summer. The Post and all of the volunteers have been extremely busy with bar and hall events. We will continue this trend during the next few months with a number of new events at the bar and our hall rental staff will stay busy with celebrations of life, weddings, birthday parties and other events.

We ended our membership year at 88.8%, total membership stands at 322. The new membership year started in July so you should soon see your 2023 membership renewal. Please make sure you send your renewal in for the year or go online to renew at (www.legion.org/renew). If you know of anyone returning from active duty or from deployment and would like to join the Legion, please let us know.

Our Post Membership Chairman Bob Lloyd has decided to retire from that responsibility. I want to thank Bob for his years of service as our Membership Chairman. The Post is now looking for a new Membership Chairman so if you would like to volunteer or know of someone that may be interested, please let me know.

We had a few new events start in July like Margarita night at the bar on Thursday nights. We're having music on Friday nights now, (check the Post social media sites for dates and times). We also are having the Tiki bar open as staffing permits.

In August the Brewers are having an American Legion night out so we are planning on a bus trip to the game. The game is August 29th against the Pirates. **CONTINUED>>>>>**

If interested there's a sign-up sheet at the bar. We will be having a Customer Appreciation Day for all members and patrons at the Post on Saturday August 6th, (look at our social media site for times). We will have drink specials and serving brats, burgers, and hot dogs. So come on down so we can show our appreciation for your continued support to the Post.

We would like to look into having several fun leagues for late fall through the winter. We now have a shuffleboard in the bar area and would like to start a league. We are also considering either having a corn hole tournament or a league which could be held in our hall. If either of these events would interest you please feel free to discuss.

Our Stoughton Police Department is having a Police Night Out event on August 2nd at Nordic Ridge Park, they have asked our Post if we could assist them in cooking food, serving food and cleanup at the event so if you're interested please contact Sherry Leick.

Don't forget to remember our Post Breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday of every month and we will start up our Post dinners on Tuesday September 27th and will continue every 4th Tuesday of every month through April 2023. Please make sure you check out our calendar of events in this newsletter.

As always thank you to all of our Post volunteers for all you do. You all are what makes the Post a success. See you all at the Post!

Michael Currie
Post 59 Commander

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ATTENTION PLEASE!

Next Quarters Newsletter article deadline is:

Saturday, October 15th, 2022.



Significant Dates for this Quarter

AUGUST

- Aug 1st: Badger Girls Presentation @ 5:30pm
- Aug 2nd: [National Night Out - Nordic Ridge Park @5:30pm](#)
- Aug 4th: [Coast Guard Birthday](#) (1790)
- Aug 6th: [Post 59 Customer Appreciation @ Noon](#)
- Aug 7th: [Purple Heart Day](#)
- Aug 8th: [Monthly Legion Meeting @ 7:00pm](#)
- Aug 10th: [Agent Orange Awareness Day](#)
- Aug 10th: [Sons of the American Legion Monthly Mtg. 7:00pm](#)
- Aug 12th: [Bryan Alan Piper Music @ 7:00pm](#)
- Aug 13th: Third District Picnic – Mt. Horeb
- Aug 14th: [Navajo Code Talkers Day](#)
- Aug 21st: [Monthly Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am](#)
- Aug 26th: [Bryan Alan Piper Music @ 7:00pm](#)
- Aug 26th: [National Legion Convention- Milwaukee](#)
- Aug 29th: [American Legion Family Night w/The Brewers](#)
- Aug 29th: [Marine Forces Reserve Birthday](#) (1916)

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2nd: [V-J Day \(Victory over Japan\)](#)
- Sept 6th: [Monthly Auxiliary Meeting @ 5:30pm](#)
- Sept 11th: [Patriot Day](#)
- Sept 12th: [Monthly Legion Meeting @ 7:00pm](#)
- Sept 14th: [Sons of the American Legion Monthly Mtg. 7:00pm](#)
- Sept 16th: [National POW/MIA Day](#)
- Sept 18th: [Air Force Birthday](#) (1947)
- Sept 18th: [Monthly Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am](#)
- Sept 25th: [Gold Star Mothers' Day](#)
- Sept 27th: Monthly Legion Dinner

OCTOBER

- Oct. 3rd: [Monthly Auxiliary Meeting @ 5:30pm](#)
- Oct. 10th: [Monthly Legion Meeting @ 7:00pm](#)
- Oct 10th: [Columbus Day](#)
- Oct 12th: [Sons of the American Legion Monthly Mtg. 7:00pm](#)
- Oct 13th: [US Navy Birthday](#)
- Oct 16th: Monthly Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am
- Oct 22nd: [Auxiliary Chicken & Biscuit Dinner](#)
- Oct 25th: Monthly Legion Dinner
- Oct 26th: [Day of The Deployed](#)
- Oct 27th: [Navy Day](#)
- Oct 31st: Halloween

MEAT RAFFLE

EVERY SATURDAY @ 2:00pm

Any events that are listed here for Post 59 are subject to change. Please check our website @ www.post59.us or our Facebook page @ www.facebook.com/post59stoughton for any changes to the events listed.

POST 59 MONTHLY MEETING TIMES



AMERICAN LEGION

2nd Monday of Each Month @ 7:00pm



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

1st Monday of Each Month @ 5:30pm



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

2nd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7:00pm



2022-2023 Post 59 Officers

From Left to Right:

- Rodger Hansen- 1st Vice Commander
- Jim Oler- Finance
- Ed Nowicki- Chaplain
- Dale Seffens- 2nd Vice Commander
- Randy Robertson- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Michael Currie- Commander
- Tom Jenny- Judge Advocate
- Mike Ayers- Service Officer
- Ken Schieldt- 3rd Vice Commander
- Not Pictured: Joshua Holt- Adjutant



Auxiliary News Unit 59



Greetings All~

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

And serving others is what has definitely been happening with the ALA this past quarter!

- The Auxiliary assisted in 11 funerals/celebrations of life from January - June 2022.
- The juniors participated in the Purple Up project held on April 15.
- We hosted the Derby Party May 7. The proceeds went to Three Gaits.
- Poppy distributions were a record high this year, expanding distribution over Syttende Mai and Memorial Day.
- We participated in the SCAA Open Air Market at the Oak Knoll Park on May 21, raising \$568. 30 members donated food; 15 volunteers helped at the bake sale.
- Rounding out May, was the Memorial Day parade and celebrations.

All of these events and activities would not be possible without the helping hands of our members which are 163 strong!

The upcoming quarter looks to be just a busy. In lieu of our August meeting, our BSG representatives will be coming to speak to us. We have also invited Rotary and Lion/Lioness members to attend for a networking opportunity as they have been past sponsors. We will also be helping with National Night Out on August 2. This event is hosted by the Stoughton PD and is a great way for us to be active in our community.

Our Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner is fast approaching. The date is October 22, mark it on your calendars! It is sure to be delicious ☺

Thank you to all our great volunteers for without your help and support we would not be able to do all the things we do!

In friendship & fellowship,

Amy Hermes- ALA Unit 59 President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS



To say that 2021-2022 was a banner year for membership for our Auxiliary would be an understatement! We exceeded our 100% goal of 145 paid members already last November. Now we are 11% over our 100% goal with 163 members! Twenty-six new members have been added to our group during this year. Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed six new members: Kristen Schmidt, Michelle Solverson, Sandy Sproul, Ruth Burull Dreher, Sharon Mason-Boersma and Rebecca Anderson-Ehrke. Sadly, we have lost three of our members, Alice Asleson, LaVon Hofland and Rosemary Gassen. We are very thankful for their contributions to our Auxiliary over the years.

At the Third District Spring Conference, Stoughton received the Sylvia Bunyard Gavel Membership Award. It is a beautiful rose gavel and is on display in our case in the hall. It is awarded annually to the one unit in Third District whose membership increased by the greatest percentage from the previous year. And since there are 45 other Units in 3rd District, we should be very proud to have earned this honor.

We are now moving on and beginning to collect 2023 Dues. The dues amount is \$30.00 (\$5.25 for Juniors). You can drop off your check at the Post if you like. You can put it in the auxiliary mailbox in the hall by the front door or mail your payment to me at 1705 Severson Drive, Stoughton, WI 53589.

Make your check payable to: ALA Unit 59.

I would like to thank Dawn Clark for her help as Membership Co-Chair with me for the last two years. She did a great job! She is going to be devoting more of her time now to our Junior Program along with Sally Schieldt. Anna Paul has now volunteered to be co-chair with me.

Lisa Olson

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**Sons of the American
Legion Report**

Squadron 59



The Sons of the American Legion elected, and in most cases re-elected officers for the new year. Our refreshed lineup includes,
 1st Vice Commander Dean Stenjem
 2nd Vice Commander Dan "The Man" Blomgren
 Chaplain: Brian Vogt
 Adjutant: "King" Roger Strandlie
 Historian: Rob York
 Sergeant at Arms: Bob Crofoot
 Commander: Bob Hocking



**Post 59
Service Officer Report**



Post 59 Service Officer Report July 2022

On June 22nd I attended the Combating Veteran Suicide Forum held at Monona Terrace and sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs. My objective was to receive information on suicide prevention/intervention and presenter contacts. This information will be used in support of having a co-sponsored event at the VFW focusing on Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) a suicide interaction training program. I will be meeting with the VFW Commander to discuss this information and a future presentation date.

Below are several contacts in the event you or someone you know is in need of assistance.

If I can be of assistance or point you in the right direction on other needs, please feel free to contact me at my email tqmgr@yahoo.com or for more dire needs by phone at 608-335-1771.

Mike Ayers
 Post 59 Service Officer

QUESTION	QPR Training - Modeled after CPR training which involves the training of individuals as to how to resuscitate a person in physical distress.
PERSUADE	QPR trains individuals to identify possible suicidal intentions through open direct Questioning, providing support and Persuasion to the person, and getting the person Referred to professional help.
REFER	

Hall Rentals

For More Information, please contact Sherry Leick @ post59hallrental@gmail.com or go to our website @ [Post 59-Otis Sampson American Legion Stoughton/Hall Rental Information](#)

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- Friday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm
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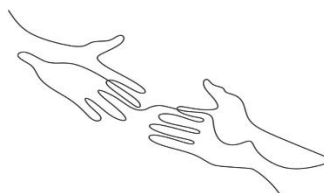
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Suicide
Awareness**

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2022 Ms. Poppy - Amery Drogsvold



Amery Drogsvold has been selected as the American Legion Auxiliary's 2022 Ms. Poppy. Amery is 13 and is in 7th grade at River Bluff Middle School. Her parents are Rob and Karen Drogsvold. Amery has a sister Casey and two cats named Meeko and Willow.

She is also an ALA Junior Member.

Amery is the official representative of this year's annual ALA Poppy Program. She has already met with Mayor Tim Swadley for a Poppy Proclamation signing, helped at legion breakfasts, participated in this year's Syttende Mai Parade, poppy distributions and Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. Additional duties will include assisting our legion's honor guard with Raise the Flag Ceremonies at the Dane County Fair and other upcoming ALA events. Her reign will end in May 2023.

Amery has participated in many ALA events since becoming a junior member. She has vast knowledge of the military through the many heartfelt conversations with her father, Rob who is a US Marine Corps Veteran, a member of the American Legion, the American Legion Riders and is the Commander at the Stoughton VFW Post 328.

Amery's family has instilled a solid work ethic while emphasizing the importance of volunteerism and service to our veterans. Her grandmother is Sherry Leick, a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her great-grandpa, Odean Teigen, was a US Army Veteran, a lifetime member of the American Legion and past Commander, and a past Stoughton Fire Chief. Her other great-grandpa, Jerry Trieloff, was a US Army Veteran, a past Stoughton Police Chief, a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the VFW.

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CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Almighty God, we bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all-around peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses, and everything we lay our hands on.

Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ed Nowicki

Other military family members include her great-grandpa, Roger Leick, a US Army Veteran (also a Golden Glove Boxer), great-uncle, Arlin Teigen, a US Army Veteran, a lifetime member of both the American Legion and VFW, great-great-uncle, DuWayne Teigen, a US Army veteran, a member of both the American Legion and VFW and great-great-uncle, Eugene Teigen, a US Army Veteran.

Congratulations to Amery!



Pictured: Mayor Tim Swadley, Amery Drogsvold, Sherry Leick and Karen & Rob Drogsvold.

RED ARROW DIVISION

The famed 32nd Division of Wisconsin, E Company, 2nd Brigade, was comprised of men mostly from Stoughton and Edgerton. The 32nd has a long and honorable tradition and has been called to action over many generations. It was first activated on October 1, 1861. Dating from the Civil War to today, its origin can be traced to Iron Brigade. Also called, "The Black Hats", Union General, George Mc Clellan, remarked after the brigade's action at Turner's gap "those men must be made of iron". That was the origin of the "Iron Brigade".

The Division has been called to action over many generations. During the Civil War, the 32nd fought in battles at Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, and others.

In World War I, the French honored the 32nd with the nickname "Les Terribles". The division penetrated every combat line they faced and relinquished no ground. Accordingly, the Red Arrow was adopted as its shoulder patch.

Preparing for World War II, the 32nd was activated in November 1940. Deployed to the Pacific in early 1942, the unit spent 654 days in combat, which was more than any other division.

Stoughton's own unit of the 32nd, Company E, was called to serve for nearly one year during the Berlin Crises of 1961. Various units of the division served in Bosnia and also in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bud Erickson

Pieces of Military History

Submitted by Steve Grady

NOTE SIX

(FOR PLAN OF THE DAY SATURDAY, 9 MAY 1959)

For the information of all hands, the following forthcoming schedule of operations and events is promulgated. This schedule for the months indicated is firm, at the present time, however, it must be realized that minor changes or modifications may occur. THIS SCHEDULE IS CONFIDENTIAL - KEEP IT AS SUCH.

21 May Arrive Long Beach (1000 local time)
 25 May BREMERTON Personnel conduct combined Damage Control Ex of HELENA
 25-29 May Shore Bombardment Team (C-4 course) rehearsal at San Diego
 2 - 3 June CIC Team rehearse ADEX at San Diego
 4 - 5 June BREMERTON conduct Admin Inspection of HELENA
 8 -11 June Underway for ADEX and Rose Festival at Portland, Oregon
 11-15 June Portland, Oregon
 15-18 June Enroute Long Beach (Arrive 18th)
 20-21 June General Visiting at Long Beach
 19-26 June Filming of movie "The Admiral Halsey Story" on board
 29 June - 3 July ORI by FTG, San Diego
 3 - 6 July Visit Santa Monica
 11 July * Embark 170 NROTC Midshipmen for summer cruise
 7 -10 July Type Training Long Beach Area
 13-17 July STRIKEX 1-60
 17-20 July * Visit San Francisco
 20-21 July Enroute Long Beach
 21-24 July Upkeep Long Beach
 27 July-2 August Upkeep Long Beach
 3 August Underway for SEA FAIR
 6 - 9 August Visit Seattle, Washington
 10 August Visit Bremerton, Washington
 11-14 August Type Training enroute Long Beach
 15-23 August Upkeep Long Beach

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