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Greetings,

Well another year has soon gone by and the holidays are right around the corner. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Can you believe this weather?

We have finally got our new lights up in the Post parking lot. This past week we poured cement for our Post Honor Guard van storage building and a little extra space for other

things we don't have room for in the Post. Some Legion members do not realize all the things we do to make it a better place is because of the generous Bryant Foundation funding we have been receiving these past years.

New Year's Eve is coming soon so plan on coming down to the Post and help us celebrate. There is no cover charge. Larry Johnson and the Northern Lights Band will be entertaining you for the evening. Hats, horns, and snacks will be served right before midnight with a toast of Champaign. Music will start at 8:00. Check our Web-site for details.

We will have a Post dinner again on Tuesday, January 26. We will change the menu a bit in hopes more people will come and try it out. Monthly dinners need more attendance and I know many people out there look forward to them. It would be a shame to discontinue after all these years.

We now have a park bench on display for the Memorial Park if you would like to view it along with pavers. We still have a long way to go, but with your help it can be done.

Thank you to all volunteers and may 2016 be a good year and a safe one for all.

Commander Sonny

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Auxiliary News



Hello Auxiliary and friends,

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and that you all are able to enjoy time with your family and friends. Many of you will now be heading to warmer spots over the next few months and I wish you safe travels. Hopefully the rest of us will enjoy a mild winter while you're gone, although it's always nice to have a little snow. Wisconsin without snow just doesn't seem quite right.

In November we said good-bye to another veteran and member Nick Bierman. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Marlene and her family.

Our candy collection for the Wisconsin USO was a huge success! There were two very

heavy boxes that we shipped out in time for Christmas. Thank you for your candy donations.

I would also like to thank the American Legion Riders for the donations they make to our Auxiliary Junior & Youth fund every year. In 2015 we received over \$800 from their Saturday Meat Raffle proceeds. Each month they hold the 4th Saturday's meat raffle for the Auxiliary. This month we contributed \$250 from the fund to Stoughton's "Host-A-Family" program.

Our unit was pleased to donate \$250 to the Wisconsin Disabled American Veterans (DAV) "New Van Fund". The DAV is able to provide rides at no cost to veterans to get to VA medical appointments through this program. We also recently received a thank you from the Fisher House in Milwaukee for our \$300 donation from the Poppy Fund.

We are happy to welcome a new member, Pauline Stout, to our Auxiliary. We are now at about 63% of our membership goal.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- December 20 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
- December 25 - Merry Christmas: Christmas Dinner
11:00am - 1:00 pm at VFW
- December 27 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss
2:00 – 6:00 pm
- December 31 - New Year’s Eve with Northern Lights
8:30 pm – 1:00 am
- January 1 - New Year’s Day
- January 2 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 pm – 1:00 am
- January 16 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 pm – 1:00 am
- January 17 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
- January 22 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 pm – 1:00 am
- January 24- Country Jam with Mikey Fuss
2:00 – 6:00 pm
- January 30 - Universal Sound – 8:00 pm - midnight

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We really need all members who have not paid their 2016 dues to attend to this before year end. Please call me if you're not sure if you have paid as of yet.

We do not have an Auxiliary meeting in January. Our next meeting is Monday, February 8 at 6:30 pm. We are planning lots of great things for 2016! See you then!

Lisa Olson
Unit 59 President



Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

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

For upcoming Legion entertainment, call the Post at 205.9090 for a recorded message.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Where there is charity and wisdom there is neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility there is neither anger nor worry.

St. Francis of Assisi

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

Honor Guard Report

From July through November we have provided military rites for 10 funerals, an average of two a month. In addition, we've done flag raising at the Dane County Fair, the ground breaking at the new Veterans Park, a veteran's salute at Christy's Bar, and meeting students at the Stoughton HS and Fox Prairie on Veterans Day. In the future if any of you are a friend or relative of a deceased local veteran and would like to be on the Honors Detail at their funeral just give me a call as soon as you can and I'll include you: 873-3481. We were at our best providing the military rites for Nick Bierman. I think he would have been proud of us.

Submitted by Al Vick



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

DECEMBER 7, 1941

To remember and honor the 2,403 victims who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.



The attack sank two U.S. Navy battleships (USS Arizona and USS Utah) and damaged five others plus three cruisers and three destroyers.



After 74 years, oil still seeps from the sunken hull and memories of that day never fade.



Some survivors are cremated, and the cremains are scattered directly over the water covering the ship. Other survivors have chosen to have their cremains placed into a special urn which is then carried under water by Navy divers to be placed in the ship's #4 gun turret. The funeral is a private event intended only for family, guests and Pearl Harbor survivors.

Update on Veterans Memorial Park

Orders and donations continue to come in. Following is the count as of December 13: 292 pavers sold; 13 benches sold, 11 flag poles and bases sold; 1 1/2 educational pillars sold. Sales from T/sweat shirts total \$2075 and donations at the Pick 'n Save tent are \$4,713.

The gun raffle, under the leadership of Rick Kumlien and Randy Robertson, netted \$6,535. Four of the raffle winners were from Stoughton; the fifth was from South Beloit.

Cash on hand is just over \$ 291,000, plus a \$50,000 pledge from the Wahlin Foundation.

The Steering Committee continues to meet weekly to iron out the details of construction, name collecting, educational pillar information, fund-raising, and publicity.

Excavation at the park was scheduled to begin early December, but was delayed due to the heavy rains in November. The Huston Construction Company of Cottage Grove will do the excavating at a cost of \$40,000.

If you have not turned in your paver order yet, please do so by February 1 to ensure that your paver will be among those laid in the first batch.

Submitted by Bud Erickson

GIFT IDEA FOR YOUR VETERAN

(Dad, grandpa, sister, uncle, or a good friend)

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR A GIFT FOR THE VETERAN IN YOUR FAMILY, WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY TO PROTECT OUR MANY FREEDOMS. THAT HARD-TO-BUY-FOR VETERAN ON YOUR LIST CAN BE PERMANENTLY HONORED WITH THIS TRIBUTE:

GIVE A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A PAVER TO BE PLACED IN THE STOUGHTON AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

*The pavers come in three sizes:
8 x 8--\$150; 8 x 16--\$250; 16 x 16--\$550*

These gift certificates are available at the VFW or American Legion posts in Stoughton.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

*ROGER NITZSCHE at 873-6433 or
RANDY ROBERTSON at 608-764-5881*

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.



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BATTLE of the BULGE

Dec. 16, 1944 – January 25, 1945



At the onset of the battle, the temperature was 14 degrees F. Not only the attacking Germany Army, but snow, freezing rain and blizzard-like conditions were as deadly an enemy. The following pictures should speak for themselves as to the courage and fortitude of those soldiers. *(Thank you Clarence) – Ole*



The SAL Major Player in the Fund-raising Effort for Veterans Memorial Park

The Sons of American Legion (SAL) continue their efforts to raise money for the Veterans Memorial Park. It was the SAL that contributed the seed money to start the fund-raising effort. Back on July 18, 2014, the group, under the leadership of Jim Oler, sponsored a spaghetti dinner which netted \$350. That was the initial contribution to the pot which has now grown to nearly \$250,000. When the plans for the park were presented, the SAL again stepped up to sponsor the U.S. flag at a cost of \$5500.

On August 16 of this year, the SAL held a breakfast at the Legion which netted \$1400. The balance needed (\$1600) was raised in other efforts and will be used toward the purchase of a bench for the park in honor of Carl Sampson. The SAL is an integral part of the team striving to meet the goal of holding the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Day, 2016.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

All Are Welcome!

VFW Hall
Veteran's Rd (Cty N)
Stoughton, WI
December 25th
Serving from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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please call

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873-8585 By 12 - 23

- Leave your name, address and phone number
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