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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DATES: MARK DOWN.

- 1. Business Meeting -Nov 11th-7 PM (Legion Hall)
- 2. VETERANS DAY-Nov 11
- 3 Legion Dinner Nov 12th-Tuesday
- 4 Auxiliary Meeting Dec. 3 - 7 PM (Legion Hall)
- 5 John & Shirley Lauretic-50th Wd Anniv. VFW Nov. 30th, 4-9 PM
- 6. CALL KATHLEEN FALK - NOV. 15-30

("RETAIN VA EMPLOYEE")
Tel:-266-4114

- 7. County Meeting Potluck— Dec 5-West Port - 7 PM
- 8. Honor Guard Meeting Dec. 7 – 9 - 11 AM Legion Post
- 9. Business Meeting-Dec. 9 - 7 PM Legion Hall
- 10. Legion Dinner Dec. 10-Tuesday

### 2002- 2003 OFFICERS

COMMANDER: Bill Redepenning 608 877-9918

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Officers of Post 59
invite you to "quaff" one
FREE drink at the Tues'
Nov 12th Dinner—"reward"
for tough roast beef-Oct 22.

# COMMANDER'S REPORT

Another busy month has gone by. We had a great turn-out for the clean-up day, broken windows repaired and replaced, tile replaced, roof repaired, cupboard cleaned and even some hidden treasures were found. Thanks to Al and Elvera Phelps, Archie & Wayne Christensen, Andy Toso, Mary Lloyd, John and Shirley Lauretic, Joe Erickson, Bob & Ellen Potratz, Dick Anderson, Lenny Swingen, and Wayne Nelson.

The Dane County District meeting was hosted by the McFarland Post. Following the meeting was an auction to raise scholarship funds for the Badger Boys/Girls State participants. Thank you to all that donated baked goods and handmade items. We had over 60 items donated and our post was fortunante enough to win a scholarship for the Badger Boys/Girls. Thanks to all who donated their time and efforts in this worthwhile project and to those who opened up their wallets!

For our dinner meeting, are you a member that does not like to drive at night, have no transportation, or don't like to face the winter elements? We have members who are willing to pick you up for the meal or you can have them deliver the meal to your own door. Please contact any officer or fellow member for details or a ride

Tax Season is just around the corner. Have you considered giving your Post a donation that may be applied to the "Building Fund"? If you do, your donation gualifies as a tax deduction.

Membership is going great! We are down to about 33 members to contact. We still need more new members. Please talk to your neighbors, co-workers and church members to see if they may be eligible to join our Post. If they are, invite them down to a dinner, introduce them and make them feel welcome. Also, VFW Post 328 is looking for new members to join. If you are interested, please contact Commander Bob Swenson or stop out for one of their famous Friday night fish fry dinners. Talk to some of the members there. You may find yourself signing up!

I have two remaining messages--one for the entire membership, and one for our Honor Guard Participants:

#1 — OUR DANE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THAT ITS KEY EMPLOYEE WILL NOT BE LOST IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET CUTS. PLEASE CALL COUNTY EXECUTIVE, KATHLEEN FALK, AT HER OFFICE (266-4114), GIVE YOUR NAME AND POST, AND ASK HER, TO:

"PLEASE RETAIN THE "COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE EMPLOYEE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET!"

CALL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15th and the 30th--MARK IT DOWN.

#2 -HONOR GUARD PARTICIPANTS—WE HAVE A MUST-SHOW ON DECEMBER 7, 9 - 11 AM AT THE POST. COME IN DRESS UNIFORM. THE FEDERAL MILITARY HONORS GROUP WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND OBSERVE OUR ROUTINE. THEY WILL ALSO UPDATE US ON A FORTHCOMING PROGRAM.

Oh, yes! Don't forget, our Business Meeting on Monday night the 11th, 7 PM at the Post; and don't forget we're having our November dinner on Tuesday night, November 12th--early, because of Thanksgiving; and our December dinner on December 10th.

You all have a great month and a wonderful Thanksgiving! Take care and stay healthy. **Commander Bill** 

#### **BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Come On In...we've got big doings going on including overhauling our Legion Post Building--do we want to improve or build new? Be a part of your Post's destiny!

#### WOMEN'S **AUXILIARY**

CONGRATULATIONS!! We have been recognized for having met our 100% membership by Oct. 14th. This is something to be very proud of as we had our membership in early and we didn't get a goose egg for being late--PLUS, we are the only Auxiliary in Dane County that had 100% as of Oct. 31st. This is why it is so important to send your dues in as soon as you receive your membership billing. Our year-end runs from July to July. THANKS SO MUCH. I am proud of our Unit for receiving this honor with the County.

Below is a list of items needed by the different Veterans Hospitals and servicemen overseas:

TOMAH VA Hospital wants old jewelry or pieces of old jewelry, buttons of all sizes, shapes, and colors to used by the Socialization and Support Center for their creative art

MADISON VA Hospital could use paper back books, mainly westerns, but there can be adventure, mysteries and war novels.

**OVERSEAS SERVICEMEN** could use the following coupons to use even if they are out-dated. The stores over there will let them use them, just like we do here, including the out-dated ones. The coupons can be from cereals, soups, baby food, diapers, kleenex, pet food.

If you can provide any of the above items, please let me or Lori know and we will get them delivered or mailed to the right places.

Don't forget our meetings first Tuesday of every month. All Officers and elected members to the executive committee meet at 6:30 p.m; regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks again for all your donations to the Dane County Auction and for sending in your dues. I am very proud of our unit--we have moved ahead with the start that our previous Officers gave us including an award for increasing membership over the year 2000 - 2001. So let's keep it up for a great year. Many Happy Holidays to all of you.

Elvera Phelps - President

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires--below is a handy list of phone numbers for emergencies:

When in sorrow......call, John 14. When men fail you.....call, Psalm 27 When you have sinned..call, Psalm 51 When you worry..call Matthew 6: 19 -34 When you are in danger..call Psalm 91 When God seems far away ..call Psalm 139 When your faith needs stirring..call Hebrews 11 When you are lonely and fearful..call Psalm 23 When you grow bitter and critical..call I Cor. 13 When you feel down and out .. call Romans 8:31 When you want peace and rest..call Matthew 11:25-30 When the world seems bigger than God..call Psalm 90 When you want Christian assurance..call Romans 8:1-30 When you leave home for labor or travel...call Psalm121 When your prayers grow narrow and selfish..call Psalm 67 When you want courage for a task..call Joshua 1 When you think of investments and returns...Call Mark 10 If you are depressed ......call Psalm 27 If your pocketbook is empty......call Psalm 57 If you are losing confidence in people.....Corinthians 13 If people seem unkind......call John 15 If discouraged about your work .. call Psalm 126 If self-pride/greatness takes hold ......call Psalm 19 If you want to be fruitful......call John 15 For understanding of Christianity, call Corinthians 5:15-19 For a great invention/opportunity .....call Isaiah 56 For how to get along with fellow men.....call Romans 12 For Paul's secret to happiness ...call Colossians 3:12-17 PLEASE NOTE: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator's assistance is necessary. All lines to heaven are open 24 hours a day. Feed your FAITH and DOUBT will starve to death! Chaplain Al Pass it on and on!

Call Chaplain Al Phelps at 873-5154 if you know of a veteran who is sick or in the hospital.

AMERICAN LEGION OTIS SAMPSON POST # 59 STOUGHTON, WI 53589

> EGION BUSINESS MEETING **MONDAY-NOVEMBER 11TH LEGION HALL - 7 PM**

LEGION DINNER TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 12th Reception 6 - 7 PM; Dinner 7 PM NON-PROFIT ORG U.S. POSTAGE PAID STOUGHTON, WI Permit No. 9

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