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Commander's Report

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No article this month

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Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

Legion
2nd Monday
7:00 pm

Auxiliary
1st Monday
6:30 pm

Sons of the American Legion
2nd Wednesday
7:00 pm

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Hall Rentals

Call

Polly Stout 608.513.5378
(Between 8am – 9pm)

Or email:

buddycatsonny@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 2nd - Meat Raffle 2:00-4:00pm
Feb 3rd – Four Chaplins Day
Feb 8th – Dean’s Blue Country 6:00-9:00pm
Feb 9th – Meat Raffle 2:00-4:00pm
Feb 14th – Valentine’s Day
Feb 16th – Meat Raffle 2:00-4:00pm
Feb 16th – Blue Moon Karoke 7:00-11:00pm
Feb 17th – Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:00am
Feb 18th – President’s Day
Feb 22nd – Frank (Lefty) James and Jackie Marie 6:00-9:00pm
Feb 23rd – Meat Raffle 2:00-4:00pm
Feb 24th – Country Music Jam with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three 2:00-6:00pm
Feb 26th – Legion Post Dinner 6:30pm
March 3 – Navy Reserves’ Birthday
March 8 – Dean’s Blue Country – 6:00-9:00pm
March 15 – American Legion Birthday (1919)
March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
March 17 – SAL Breakfast – 7:30-11:30am
March 20 – First Day of Spring
March 26 – Legion Dinner - 6:30pm
March 29 – Vietnam Veterans’ Day

For Upcoming Legion Entertainment, call the Post at 608.205.9090 for a recorded message or go to post59.us and click on the Upcoming Events tab.

As always, there is no cover charge for Legion Entertainment

EVENT PRICING

Post Dinner: 6:30pm

\$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30am

\$8.00 Adults/\$4.00 Children under 10

AMERICAN LEGION BAR

803 NORTH PAGE STREET – STOUGHTON, WI

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bar Open to Serve You: Wednesday – Sunday
(Monday & Tuesday CLOSED)

- Wednesday: **Open at 3:00pm**
- Thursday: **Open at 3:00pm**
- Friday: **3:00-10:00pm or later**
- Saturday: **Noon-10:00pm or later**
- Sunday: **11:30am-6:00pm or later**

WEDNESDAY IS LADIES NIGHT

\$.50 off any Ladies Drinks

THURSDAY IS THIRSTY THURSDAY

Bud Light or Miller Light Taps
12oz.- \$1.00 / 16oz.- \$1.50

FRIDAY IS OUR FISH FRY

5:00 – 8:00pm

Which includes salad bar

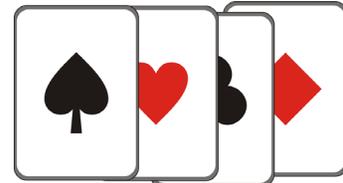
SATURDAY – MEAT RAFFLE

2:00 pm

Euchre Card Party

Come join us every 2nd Wednesday of each month (through May 2019) at 1:00 pm to play euchre!

All men & women are welcome to play. You do not need to be a member to play.





Sons of the American Legion Report

The Sons of the American Legion started the New Year out right by joining with some of our beautiful helpers in providing and preparing hors d'oeuvres and champagne for the guests and members that made it in to celebrate the end of 2018 and the start of 2019. Special thanks to Donna Strandlie, and Amy Hocking who joined Roger Strandlie, Dan Blomgren and myself in making the night even more enjoyable for the many that braved the snow to participate in the Karaoke and enjoy the evening.

SAL Squadron 59 had five members that made it to the Winter meetings held at Ho Chunk in Baraboo January 17th – 20th Dan Blomgren, Ray Dzieciol, Jeff Gassen, Mike Pilat, and myself all traveled the wintery Wisconsin roads to make it for the meetings and seminars and safely return to Stoughton afterwards.

Veteran and SAL member Bob Crowfoot will head up and coordinate a program where SAL Squadron 59 will train for and participate in the American Legion Post 59 Color Guard. We consider the proposal an honor and are looking forward to helping as we are needed. Having known Bob for years I am confident that he will do an amazing job with getting us trained and integrated into the program.

Our Squadron is busy preparing our calendar of events for 2019 and I hope to be able to share some exciting information in the next News Letter.

Bob Hocking

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek to be
 consoled as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to
 eternal life.

Amen.

—[St. Francis of Assisi](#)

Auxiliary Members: *If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need, please contact Linda Swangstu at 608.873.9428.*



Auxiliary News



**2018-2019
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Linda Swangstu
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Membership

Lisa Olson
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Greetings ~

Over the holidays five care packages were sent to our troops. The care packages included candies, nuts, activity books, rubric cubes, beef jerky, cheese and crackers, sausage, flavored drink mix and other misc. items, along with party favors for celebrating the new year. This project was a joint effort, sponsored by the Post, with financial support from the auxiliary, SAL and the legionnaires. Larry Johnson did most of the coordinating and mailing of the packages. Not only does this project support our auxiliary's mission to support our troops, we always embrace working on joint 'family' projects.

In conjunction with the legionnaires, we sponsored a family in the Host-A-Family Christmas Program. A special thanks to Sherry Leick and Bonnie Kenney for their time and efforts to buy the gifts on the family's wish list.

At the December legion dinner Richard Boyd was presented with a veteran's quilt, recognizing his service to our country and his many years of service and volunteerism in our legion. The quilt, an auxiliary sponsored project, was made by Alice Asleson. In addition, Alice Asleson made a table runner that she presented Donna Strandlie in appreciation for her delicious deserts and sweet treats that she makes for the monthly legion dinner. There was no quilt presentation in January since the legion dinner was cancelled.

In January, all auxiliary members should have received their annual dues renewal notice. At this time there are 20 members who have not renewed their membership. If you haven't renewed your dues, or if you have a membership question, please contact Lisa Olson at 608-279-4847.

Our auxiliary will be sponsoring this month's legion breakfast on Sunday, February 17th from 7:30 am – 11:30 am. Hope to see you there!

Again, thanks to all our members for all they do!

Cathy

Membership News

Memberships were in a lull during the holidays but are starting to come in again. We are currently at 80.57% having renewed 311 out of 386 with 6 new members. Keep them coming in. We still need 75 members to be 100%.

If you receive a "Past Due" dues notice please pay it at once. It is important that we reach 100% membership in this 100 year anniversary of The American Legion. Remember all the good things The American Legion does for veterans and their families. And all the youth programs like Badger Boys and Girls State, County Government Days and Camp American Legion to name a few. Also remember your travel discounts, car rentals and hotel discounts.

I am also looking for more members to pay on-line. Currently we have 68 member that have renewed on-line. That is 10 less than last year. You can renew on-line at wilegion.org and click "Renew Online", enter your name and ID# and pay with a credit card. If you ever have any questions or problems with your membership please contact me.

Submitted by Bob Lloyd
Post 59 Membership Chairman
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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ALBUMS FOR SALE

The historical Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park albums are now on sale. The beautiful, nearly 200 page album, is a history of the building of the memorial, beginning with the planning stages in July, 2014, and concludes with the dedication on October 14, 2017, and contains many photographs, stories, articles, documents, etc.

Copies are on display at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Veterans Road and at the American Legion on North Page Street. Copies cost \$50.

To order, call Bud Erickson at 608-873-5305.



Alice Asleson presenting Richard Boyd with a Veteran Quilt, recognizing and thanking him for his service to our country and his volunteerism to the legion.



Larry Johnson packaging up the first of five holiday care packages being sent to our troops.

2018 HONOR GUARD REPORT

Another year has come and gone, so it's time for a recap of the 2018 activity of the Honor Guard.

We participated in the military rites for 34 funerals and did more Pass and Review ceremonies than we have in the past. In addition to the planned Pass and Reviews, we did a few on the spot when it seemed appropriate.

In addition to the funerals we were involved in the following activities: In April we posted flags for the opening of the Stoughton City Council. We were on the planning committee and participated in the Memorial Day parade and program. Many of us sold poppies. We posted and retreated the flags at the Dane County Fair. Along with the Police Dept. we provided a flag and rifle detail for a memorial at Riverside Cemetery for Officer Kraby, who was killed in the line of duty in 1934. He was a WWI veteran. For Veterans Day we participated in the program at Skaalen honoring their resident veterans and also were at the High School, Fox Prairie and Sand Hill elementary schools as part of their programs honoring veterans.

The Honor Guard has a very visible presence in our community. Honoring our local veterans by providing dignified military rites is an activity we take pride in.

If you have ever thought of joining our group give me a call or an email. I'd be glad to have a no obligation chat with you regarding the commitment you'd be making to become a member of our group.

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