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Commanders Report



Hello Comrades,

Let's think spring. The Packers are done for the year and the Brewers are warming up. Go Brewers Go!!!!

Not much going on at the Post other than funeral duties for the Honor Guard. The cold and snow has slowed things down at the bar although the Friday night fish fry is picking up. The Vidalia onion sale is now on. Please see our ad for further information. This is an excellent fundraiser, so let's see how well

we can do and top last year's sales.
We had our clean up day on
February 1st. We did not have a
very good turnout, but thank you for
those that showed up. It was very
much appreciated. It seems that it
is always the same people that
show up and that is not fair. An
hour or two would help out a lot, so
let's start out the New Year doing
better with our volunteering time.

Home Talent Baseball is having a steak fry at the Post on April 9th from 5:00 to 8:00. They will be selling tickets for reservations. The Post will also have the tickets on sale.

Election time will be in June for new officers. If you are interested or know someone that would be, please contact the nominating committee (Bill Redepenning, Monte Whitford, Duane Broughton or Al Phelps).

Not sure if you will get this information on time. There is a Mid-winter Extravaganza on Feb. 19th in Barneveld WI. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Pool, darts and euchre will be played at 12:30. For more info call 608-576-4022

MARCH 2011

Dane County Veterans
Service Office has now
moved to the City-County
Building, 210 Martin Luther
King Jr. Blvd, and Room 108.
The phone number has not
changed.
Thank you,

Commander Sonny

Auxiliary News



Hello Auxiliary Members,

Today looks like a spring thaw. Wonder what is next. Maybe we will have an early spring. Remember to start thinking about your volunteer hours as they are due the end of March.

Also, we hold the March County Meeting at 6:30 at our Post. This is a potluck and we would like to do a raffle basket along with the Post with proceeds to go for Denise Rohan's campaign fund She is the first woman to run for State Commander. She is in the 3rd District (ours). Mark your calendar for March 24th. If you would

like to contribute an item, please call Linda Swangstu for more information.

Election time is in June. If you know of anyone who would like to hold a position, please call the nominating committee (Linda Swangstu, Karen Whitford or Kay Voight). We would like to keep our organization going.

Kudos to Lisa Olson for her membershipspread sheet that is now used statewide. Good Job Lisa!

March 10th we will be stuffing and fluffing poppies at the Post at 6:00. Please join us and eat pizza with us. We have fun conversing.

Save your empty ink cartridges. The Auxiliary has a box at the Post by the front door entrance. This is a fundraiser. Please, when you come to the Post for a function or meeting we ask that you might bring in an item for the food pantry. There is a list of needed items posted on the wall by the food container. Thank you,

Linda Śwangstu, President

VETERAN BEWARE!!

Veteran Email Scam: An old e-mail scam has reappeared and is targeting veterans. Recently forwarded throughout the Army community and titled "Warning To Veterans," the current version of the e-mail advises against using the services of an organization called Veterans Affairs Services. An earlier version of this e-mail, purportedly from Michael G. Daugherty, staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel, contains a Facebook link that may be an attempt to upload a virus according to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line officials. The BBB advises anyone receiving this e-mail not click on the link. Also, the VA advises veterans seeking assistance to use a VA-recognized service organization in order to submit a claim for benefits. [Source: Military.com Veterans Report article 17 Jan 2011 ++]

CALENDER OF EVENTS THE LEGION POST

FEBUARY 201

Feb 20- Post breakfast 7-noon

Feb 22- Post dinner 6:30pm

Feb24- Dane County Meeting @ Marshall

Feb 25- Blood drive (Tentative)

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BADGER HONOR FLIGHT







Sons of the American Legion Squadron 385 in Verona will be hosting award winning singer/song writer Michael Peterson!

When: Friday, March 11, 2001 at 7:00 PM

Where: Verona High School Performing Arts Center

(300 Richard Street, Verona, WI)

Tickets cost \$15 at the door (All proceeds from this concert will go to Badger Honor Flight to help fly WWII veterans to Washington, D.C.)

Sponsored in part by: Holiday Inn Express, Verona, WI Miller's Supermarket, Verona, WI

MARCH 2011

Mar 1- junior Aux meeting @ 7PM

Mar 10- Poppy Stuff an Fluff AND Pizza @ 6pm at Post

Mar 11- Fish Fry Waunakee

Mar 12- Breakfast Post 501 Madison 8noon

Mar 14- Post and Auxiliary meeting @

Mar 18-Fish fry Post 481 Westport

Mar 20- Legion Breakfast 7 - Noon

Mar 22- Legion Dinner 6:30pm

Mar 31- Dane County meeting @ 6:30pm Stoughton. Potluck Legion Birthday.



It's time to gather your family for a fun and filling Badger Honor Flight fundraising event. Applebee's Dining to Donate

On February 23, all area Applebee's will be donating 15% of your meal purchase to Badger Honor Flight. All you need to do is click this

link http://www.badgerhonorflight.org/files/BHF_Applebee s.pdf and print the coupon. Present the coupon at Applebee's on that day and they will donate 15% of your entire party's food and non-alcoholic beverage bill to our cause. This is a statewide promotion, so even if you are out of town, Dine to Donate at Applebee's.

Please help us get the word out by handing these coupons out and forwarding this e-mail to your friends or, for that matter, anybody who eats!

As a courtesy to our host, please do not distribute these in Applebee's or their parking lot the day of the event.

CHAPLAINS CORNERTHE LEGION POST

GOD WILL PROVIDE

A young woman brings her fiancé's to meet her parents.

After dinner, her mother tells her father to find out about the young man. I'm going to be a Bible scholar" he replies.

"A Bible scholar, Hummmm, "the father say's. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she's accustomed

I will study," the young man replies, "and God will provide for us. "And how will you buy her beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves? Asks the father. "I will concentrate on my studies, " the young man replies, God will provide for us.

"And children? Asks the father. "How will you support children? "Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replies the fiancé's.

The conversation proceeds like this, and each time the father questions, the young idealist insists that God will provide.

Later, the mother asks, "How did it go, Honey?

The father answers," He has no job and no plans, but the good news is he thinks I'm God.

"Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke, and Terry!

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need please contact Monte at 873-4020.

STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY **DONATIONS**

A NEW AUXILIARY Community Service **Project**

Beginning this month the Auxiliary will start collecting for the Stoughton Food Pantry. We will have a collection container at the Post and welcome all donations. The pantry is fully funded by donations. No tax dollars are used to purchase supplies. The need this year is greater than ever before. Just since February the number of people using the Food Panty in Stoughton has almost doubled!

All non-perishable food items are needed, however there are some items that the Food Pantry does not purchase and are very much needed. They are the following: toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shaving cream, bar soap. Also: Hamburger Helper, rice mixes, Sloppy Joe mix, pasta, taco kits, cake and cookie mixes, oatmeal and cereal.

So please help us to help those in our own community who are in need by bringing in a few items each time you come to the Post for a dinner, a breakfast, a meeting or a drink in the lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Olson at 873-8924 or Linda Swangstu at 873-9428.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LEGION HALL AVALIABLE FOR RENTALS

The word is getting out regarding our hall rental. We are open for funeral luncheons, birthday parties, wedding receptions, family and class reunions, holiday parties, and anniversaries. We do have a portable dance floor as well. Book your dates now before our calendar gets full. We have a wonderful kitchen and bar. We can hold approximately 150 people in our dining area. For more information, contact Linda Swangstu at 608-873-9428 or 608-577-7428.

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PICK AND SAVE ADVANTAGE CARD

There have been some questions about the transfer of the American Legion account number from the old card to the new Roundy's Reward card. When you get your new (Black Card) it might be advisable to check at the service desk and confirm that our account number has been transferred to the new card. The account number for the legion is 026625. This will insure that 1% of your purchases will be credited to the legion.

If you are not already a participant in this plan. please sign up. Just go to the service desk and show them your card. The legion appreciates your help and it doesn't cost you anything. Remember our account number is 026625.

SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

(SAL)

The new SAL (Son's of the American Legion) is forging ahead with its new Friday Night Fish and more. These dinner baskets have been getting great reviews and we have sold out of what we ordered the last two Fridays. Reminder, NO FOOD is currently being sold on Sat. Nights due to staffing. It takes many volunteers to keep up with the demand on a busy night, so for now we are only Serving on Fridays.

In other news, we are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for Saturday Feb. 26th from 5-8 Also we will be doing a Fish Boil on May 14th at 4:p -?

If you know of anyone interested in joining SAL, we hold meetings every 1st Tues of each month @ 7:p

Stay Warm, and Think Spring!

Jeff Gassen; Historian.



Membership Notes

As of February 9, we stand at 332 or 96% have renewed their dues. Most of our remaining members haven't paid in the last couple of years or have decided not to renew this year. In order for our post to reach 100% we need 15 new members by April. We all need to reach out to all our veteran friends and neighbors and ask them to join. Once you explain all the positive things our post does most veterans join.

We have 2 new members so say hi to them when you see them.

Michael Walters Richard Kittleson

Dennis Rodenkirch, Membership Chairman 608-438-8768

BAR BANTER

Hello one and all it's been awhile since we had an article in the newsletter, so I thought lets put one in. Things are shaping up here for another good year.

We are starting the music back up this month with Country Renegades Feb 18th 8:00 to 12:00 and maybe a jam on some Sunday it will be posted out side on the sign with dates and times.

I also wont to thank you for your help a support at the legion bar you all know who you are.

Thank You Ray or Jack Jill

National Commanders Jimmie Foster's Incentive Program

I Am a Part of the "Lucky 7" Pin

Our National Commander will award his National Commander pin to any Legion family member who signs up at least two new members and renews 5 current members into The American Legion.

A "New Member" is defined as any eligible person joining the 2011 membership year who was not member of The American Legion during the 2010 membership year.

The program ends on June 30, 2011 so lets see how many of our post members can get this pin. A list of renewal names will be available at the next monthly post meeting.

Any questions contact, Dennis Rodenkirch 608-438-8768 rc0295@yahoo.com

THE LECTOR PST ACKAGE HELP NEEDED

Mary Lloyd would like to send a care package or two to our brother Cpl Rodriguez. I have listed some suggestions below. To donate items, please bring them (or give them to someone that will be attending) to the next February County Meeting February 24, the March 14 Post 59 meeting, or the March 22, DEC meeting in Barneveld. To donate funds, please memo the check Cpl. Rodriguez, payable to Mary Lloyd and send to Mary by Friday, March 25. Cost of postage per box \$15.00

Suggested items:

Magazine, t-shirt, baseball cap or other items showing the Packers as Super Bowl Champions, Badger or Brewers memorabilia (It won't matter to him what state they come form. He will be proud to show he has support from people in Wisconsin)

Hand held solitaire or poker-type game

Deck of cards

Sudoku and crossword books

Notebooks, folders

Click pens (no lids or twist types)

Phone Cards

Sports Illustrated, National Geographic, fishing, hunting, cars, motorcycle magazines

Get well and thank you cards from local youth and adults

Items that would be light, easy to hold, and entertaining. Use your imagination!

What we should not put in are food items. We don't know what medications he is on and don't want to put him in a position of being tempted to eat something they would rather he not have. Also, being in a rehab hospital, he has access to hygiene items.

If you want to send a package or card yourself, his mailing address is listed

below.

Thank you. Dane County Commander Mary Lloyd

MMM

CCPL Rodriguez

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Veterans Corner BOB LLOYD MARINES 1983-1985 By Evelyn Kahl





Robert Lloyd was born in Stoughton Wisconsin on May 11, 1964. Bob attended Stoughton High School, but left early to join the United States Marine Corps. Bob enlisted in 1981 and went to Boot Camp in San Diego, California on May 13, 1981, two days after his 17th birthday.

After Boot Camp, Bob was sent to the deserts of Barstow California for 4 months for an on-the-job-training course in supply and warehousing, which he successfully completed.

In January 1982. Bob was sent to Okinawa Japan for his one year of overseas duty. In Okinawa, Bob worked as a security guard for the base armory the entire year; recounting many harrowing experiences. During that time, war in the Middle East was gearing up and terrorism was just getting started. Even in Okinawa. It was here Bob earned his high school diploma from the State of Wisconsin.

Upon leaving Okinawa, Bob was sent to Camp Legume, North Carolina to finish out his last 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of service. Bob was assigned to HQSVCO, HQSVBN to work as a warehouseman in the largest Battalion supply warehouse in the Marine Corps. The wars in Beirut and Grenada as well as the many deployments and training kept them extremely busy.

Bob eventually worked his way up to the position of Warehouse Chief, as a corporal, a position customarily held by a Staff or Gunnery sergeant. Bob was in charge of every aspect and function of the warehouse. It was at Camp Legume that Bob met his wife Mary, who was also a marine stationed at Camp Legume.

One exciting duty that Bob was responsible for was to set up the warehouses first computerized inventory system. One day a computer arrived at the warehouse and the Lieutenant instructed Bob to get it up and working. Bob, with the help of Mary, both of which had any computer

experience, set up the computer, installed the software and THE LEGION POSTdata entered the entire warehouse inventory. This was no small feat and was done outside the normal work hours. Bob and Mary worked almost every night and weekend for over a month until it was up and running.

> While stationed at Camp Legume, Bob recalls being invited to join Force Recon, a Special Forces battalion and offered a position in sniper school. Bob declined the offer and impending 6-year re-enlistment and deployment and was discharged in May 1985 after 4 years of honorable service.

While in service, Bob was awarded the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, the Navy unit Commendation along with three consecutive Rifle Expert Badges. Not an easy task on a Marine Corps Rifle Range. This is what prompted the invitation to join the Force Recon Battalion.

Bob came back to Stoughton and joined the Madison-based Marine Corps Reserve Unit, 2nd BN, 24th Marines while working at Universal Silencer, a division of Nelson Industries.

Bob attended some college and took many technical courses and eventually got a job with the State of Wisconsin as an income tax auditor.

Bob has recently enjoyed his 25th wedding anniversary with Mary, his two grown daughters; Traci and Christi, and granddaughter Rayana.

Bob has been a member of the Stoughton American Legion Post 59 for 18 years, qualifying for membership because of the wars in Beirut and Grenada.

Bob has held many officer and committee positions serving 2 years as the Post Finance Officer and has been the current Post Service Officer for 4 years. Bob also served Post 59 as the Secretary of the 2006 American Legion State Convention Corporation, helping plan and coordinate the entire state convention.

Bob was instrumental at organizing a chapter of the American Legion Riders in the Stoughton and District 3 area serving two years as the District Vice President and two years as the District President earning many state and national awards. Bob currently serves as the State President of the American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin.

Bob also serves as the Sr.Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League 4 Lakes Detachment of Madison Wisconsin, a position he has held for 4-5 years.

Bob has served the community, state and nation for many years and looks forward to continuing to do so.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

The Wisconsin Air National Guard is always deploying individuals and small groups of Airmen to Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kuwait and other locations around the globe. These deployments vary in length with some of our airmen deployed for up to nine months. We thank our area American Legion, VFW and other individual groups for their support of our troops with care packages and letters. If you would like to help with cards and letters, please send them to us and we will pass them along to our troops. We are also in need of cards and letters of support for the children of our deplorers. If you or your group can help, please call us at 608-245-4654 or mail to the Airman and Family Readiness Program, 3110 Mitchell Street, Madison, WI 53704. Many thanks for your support!

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- Form 1040 A
- With Schedule 1,2,3,&EIC
- Form 1040
 With Schedule A,B,EIC & R
- Form 1040-V
- Form 1040-ES
- Form 2441 (Child and Dependent Care Credit)
- Form 8863 (Education Credits)
 Form 8812 (Additional Child Tax Credits)

Will Not Prepare:

- Schedule C (Profit or loss from Business)
- Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital gains and Loss)
- Schedule E (Rents & Loss)
- Form SS-5 (Request for Social security Number)
- Form 2106 (Employee Business Expenses)
- Form 3903 (Moving)
- Form 8606 (Non-deductable IRA)
- Form 8615 (Minor's Investment Income)

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Days: Thursdays until April 7th

Hours: Noon-5 PM

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH