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Commanders Report



Greetings Post Members,

First of all I would like to thank Mike Griggs for filling in for me while I've been sick. I'm slowly getting back to normal, I think! I received so many card, letters and calls. It is very nice to know so many people care.

On a sadder note John Christofferson our long time cook has been hospitalized. Please keep him in your prayers. We sure wish him the best and hope he can get relief from all his back pain.

We are having some issues with our water heater and softener. The sizes of these

are not ample to keep up with the usage when we have functions going on in the kitchen. We have a bid out for replacements. Badger Water is the low bid @ \$8,000. Badger Water is about \$900 cheaper than other bids.

Another expense is for the Bunn coffee pot repair @ \$300.

Roof repair is also an issue as we are having leaks in the kitchen as well as in the dining hall. No quotes as of yet.

Our parking lot is another issue. Estimating at 35-50,000. So, you can see we have a lot of expenses and work coming up.

We need to keep in mind to start fund raising, getting donations and anything else we can think of to help with these projects.

Please let me know about ideas you may have.

Don't forget Memorial Day is right around the corner. Come join us on the float, as all are welcome. We line up at the church on Prairie St. and Main St.

On a higher note, Bud's Onion Brigade sold something like 500 bags. Way to go Bud Erickson!!!

Till we meet again, have a safe Memorial Day weekend!

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Sonny Swangstu

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Auxiliary News



Greetings,

As I write this newsletter the blowing winds sound like winter is back, and the temperatures are frigid! Come on, it's May!! I can only hope that next weekend will be nice for Syttende Mai. By the time you read this, it will be history.

Speaking of history, the members who flew to Washington, D.C. on April 17th made the inaugural flight with no problems. I hope many of you have heard some of their stories and that others will be persuaded to sign up for the next flight, which is already in the process of being planned. If you know of a WWII veteran, encourage them to sign up for the Honor Flight-they pay nothing! Those who I have spoken to had such excitement

in their voice as they spoke of their trip. It was an honor to have participated in this event. I made it a point to be at the airport on their return flight, I am so glad I went, it was AWESOME!!

The Memorial Day parade and service is soon upon us. Please find time in your day to honor those veterans who have gone before us and commend those who are in our presence for serving our country. The Auxiliary will be contacting members to help distribute poppies on Memorial Day weekend; I hope you will find time to assist in this worthwhile project. Wear your poppy to honor ALL VETERANS, wear it proudly!

In Flanders field the poppies blow - Between the crosses, row on row - That mark our place; and in the sky - The larks, still bravely singing, fly - Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago - We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow - Loved and were loved, and now we lie - In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel

with the foe: - To you from failing hands we throw - The torch; be yours to hold it high. - If ye break faith with us who die - We shall not sleep, though poppies grow - In Flanders fields.
By John McCrae

President, Lori Redepenning



Memorial Day
Never Forget
Ever Honor

CHAPLAINS CORNER

We had three apple trees behind the house. The surest sign of spring was apple blossoms. I would move my bed over by the open window, so that when I woke up those blossoms would be the first thing I smelled. The scent of those blossoms was a sign of promise. Winter was over; summer would come. In the fall came the apples. Two of the trees had small, tart apples that we made into jam in a long, tiresome process. The third tree had larger apples, perfect for pies. If you ask me what the scent of September and early October is, I would tell you it is apples combined with sugar and cinnamon, enveloped in pastry, and baked at 375 degrees.

What a miraculous thing it was that each year those trees bore fruit. We came to expect nothing less that each year the seasons would come and go, and ultimately a harvest would be available to us. As the seasons of your life unfold, what sort of fruit do you think God has come to expect from you? I wonder how changed we might be if there were starving places and hungry hearts desperate for our best fruit, our finest harvest? Oh wait, there are.

GOD GUIDES US TOWARD FAITHFUL ACTION. IN JESUS' NAME.
AMEN

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

We wish to thank Jim and Ginny Hanson, Cliff Maerz, Bill Redepenning Jr. and Heather Redepenning for their help this past month, in keeping the hall cleaned.

Thanks again.

Monte and Karen Whitford



PICK AND SAVE ADVANTAGE CARD

LEGION HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTALS

The word is getting out regarding our hall rental. We have had funerals, a music jam session, and Christmas and birthday parties. We now have a portable dance floor as well. We are now getting wedding receptions and anniversary bookings also. How about those family and class reunions coming up this summer? 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.

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.

Membership Notes

Hello everyone:

Not a lot to report this month.

As of May 10th we stand at total membership of 345, which is 104% of our goal of 334.

This month we had one new member sign up. He is William (Bill) Berry. He works at the local post office and lives on Stebbensville Rd. We also had a transfer from the Evansville post. He is Basil Remley and was referred to us by another recent transfer, Terry Haines. Let make them feel that they are a part of our rapidly growing and active post.

That is about all this month.

Archie Christensen:

Membership chairman

Don't forget that you can pay your dues online at

www.memberslegion.org/member.

Bar Banter:

Hello everyone:

It is hard to believe that we are already in May. We had a good April and hopefully the weather will cooperate with us on a very busy month.

We had a good month at the bar. On May 8th we had live music by the Northern Lights band. As usual they put on a very enjoyable show and everyone had a good time. Come on

down for their next appearance and join in the fun.

There are a number of events scheduled for the month of May, so hopefully we will continue to be successful in our bar operations.

As usual we are could use some more bartenders. Let Joe or myself know if you would be interested in helping us out.

I guess that is all for this month. Please participate in the events that will be taking place to honor all our veterans.

Archie and Joe: Your friendly bar managers.

Out of the mouth of babes...worth reading twice

Judas Asparagus

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching??? Through the eyes of a child: The Children's Bible in a Nutshell.

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked but they weren't Embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden or Eden.....not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother Esau because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charleton Heston. Moses led Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent then plaques on Pharaoh's people. These plaques included frogs, mice, lice, bowels and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh yeah, I just thought of more: Humor thy Father and thy Mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be King by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son names Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus was the star of the New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too because my Mom is always saying to me, "close the door! were you born in a barn! It would be nice to say, "As a matter Of fact, I was.")

During his life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

Jesus had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus; he just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, and then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.



May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Breakfast Post 501 7-11</i>
9	10 <i>Post and Aux Meeting at 7PM</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Post Breakfast 7- Noon</i>	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Fish Fry at Post 481</i>	22
23	30	24	31 <i>Memorial Day/ parade</i>	25 <i>Post dinner 6:30 PM</i>	26	27 <i>County meeting Post 245 Cross Plains Election of Officers 7:30</i>
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JUNE 2010

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27	28	29	30			

Veterans Corner

Charles (Bud) Erickson
U.S. Army
Korean War 1953 – 1955
By Evelyn Kahl



Bud, as he is known by every one here in Stoughton, entered the U.S. Army on August 18, 1953 at the age of 19. He was in the 5th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

The main reason for entering the service was that almost everyone his age was doing the same. In early 1953, the Korean War was being fought and the military draft was a reality. As a college sophomore at Platteville State College, many of Bud's classmates and friends were either being drafted or were enlisting. So on the way home from college at the end of the school year, Bud stopped at the draft board and volunteered to be drafted. Six weeks later, he entered the United States Army.

Bud reported to Fort Chaffee, AK for basic training. He then volunteered for an additional eight weeks for advanced basic training, followed by an additional five weeks of Leadership Training. He was then assigned as a drill instructor for basic trainees. After three cycles as a DI, Bud volunteered for overseas assignment and within a month was on his way to Augsburg, Germany, where he became an artillery surveyor. His primary responsibility was to compute distance, range and elevation for the trajectory of 155 Howitzer shells. Although it was peacetime army, the "War Games" were constant in order to maintain a state of readiness in the event of actual combat. This training was carried out about seven miles from the border of Czechoslovakia, which, at that time, was controlled by the Russian Red Army. It was not unusual to see the Red Army do their training exercises at the same time.

When not out in the field, Bud attended Advanced Artillery Survey School and the Non-commissioned Officer Training Academy, both in Munich Germany.

Bud said that it was really a great time to be in Germany as the war was now over. He was able to visit Paris and Copenhagen and do some traveling before being discharged in July 1955.

He had served his country for two years and it was interesting to hear him tell of his various experiences



Archie Christensen, membership chair of Post 59 receives 2 plaques and 2 certificates at the April 24th District meeting. "First Post at 100% over 3 Members 12/31/09", "Highest % Increase in Membership over 300 members 102.4%", "Certificate of Meritorious Service", and 2010 Department Membership Award". Pictured presenting the awards are 3rd District 1st Vice (3rd Dist. Elect) Ken Rynes, and 3rd District Commander Denise Rohan.

Submitted by Mary Lloyd
Past Commander, Post 59

How Many Members



Have YOU
Signed Up Today?

Stoughton Senior Legion--2010

Coach-Erik Veum 209-7537

JUNE

Wednesday, June 9 — at Jefferson 7:30
Tuesday, June 15 — at Verona 7:00
Wednesday, June 16 — Middleton 7:00
Saturday, June 19 — at Memorial 12:00 and 2:30
Tuesday, June 22 — at Marshall 7:00
Wednesday, June 23 — Madison East 7:00
Saturday, June 26 — Wausau 12:00 and 2:30
Monday, June 28 — at Middleton 8:00
Tuesday, June 29 — Madison West 7:00

JULY

Friday, July 2 — Madison Lakers 5:00 & 7:30
Monday, July 5 — at Oregon 6:00
Tuesday, July 6 — at Sun Prairie 6:30 and 8:30

Baraboo Tournament

Friday, July 9 — Baraboo
Saturday, July 10 — Baraboo
Sunday, July 11 — Baraboo

Wednesday, July 14 — Madison East 7:00

SENIOR AA TOURNAMENT REGIONALS — 7/21 – 7/25

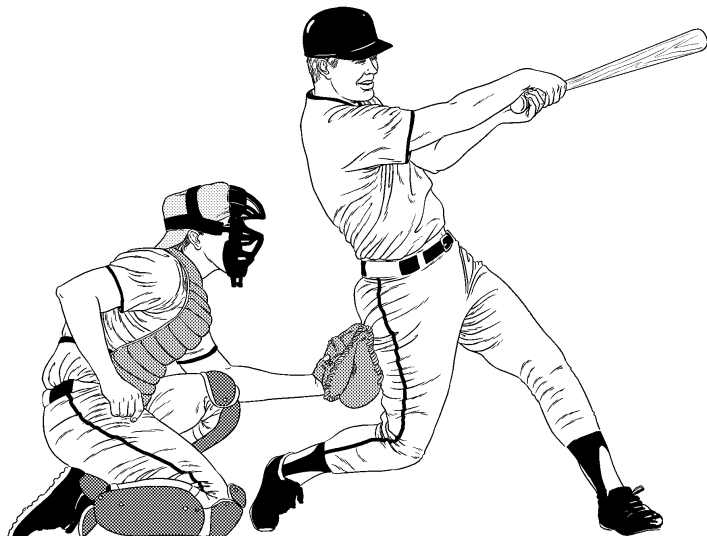
*****AT STOUGHTON*****

SENIOR AA STATE TOURNAMENT — 7/30 -?

Jr. Legion Schedule

June 9th @ Jefferson 5:15pm
June 12th @ Edgerton 1pm start Double header
June 14th Home vs. McFarland 6 pm
June 15th @ Oregon 6 pm
June 16th @ Baraboo Double Header
June 23rd @ Sun Prairie 6 pm
June 24th @ Brodhead 5:30 pm
June 26 and 27th @ Baraboo Tourney
June 28th @ Middleton 5:30pm
June 30 Home vs. Sun Prairie 6pm
July 1st Home vs. Brodhead 5:15 pm
July 5th Home vs. Oregon 6pm
July 10th Home vs. Fort Atkinson 10 am start Double Header
July 12th @ McFarland 6 pm
July 14th Home For Jr. Legion Tournament (July 14th through 19th) Both High School and Norse parks.

Also, the meeting Monday night went well for advertising at parks. It was passed by the committee and will go before the city council. Tom Lynch develop a draft policy for park and recreation advertising.



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