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Commander's Report

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Greetings,

Fall is arriving fast and it is time to wrap up our outside work before the cold sets in. I am sure the Snowbirds are also packing up and looking forward to heading south with the rest of the birds.

I am sad to say our Newsletter Editors Tim Carter and Cliff Maerz are going to be leaving their position after our last newsletter of the year. Both have been marshalling our news for 5+ years and had

done a great job for our Post. I can't thank them enough for their dedication to the Post. I believe Tim would agree to train our new editor. If you are good with the computer and would like to volunteer for this job, please call me at 873-9428.

We are also in need for a cleaning person for the Post. Duties include cleaning all four bathrooms and dining hall. Interested person can call (Sonny) 873-9428—compensation maybe negotiable.

There has been some discussion about turning the back parking lot into angle parking because of the backing out danger of hitting parked

cars behind. Please state your thoughts to me.

We are looking into a little change in our breakfast menu. Maybe a salad bar or Bloody Mary bar would be a nice change. We are open for suggestions at this time. Our Friday night fish fry has been slow. Maybe we could use some changes there. Getting the food out faster could be worked on. Hopefully we can get some people back to support the cause. Does anyone have any opinions or suggestions?

Stop by the Memorial Park and see all of the work being done and it is looking great!

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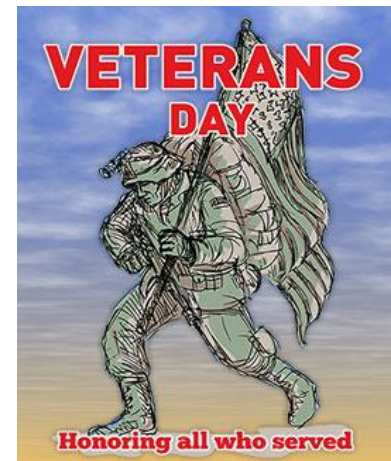
Auxiliary News



Editor's note: there is no Auxiliary report this month, except that everyone is invited to the Chicken n' Biscuit dinner from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 22 as well as to attend the Veterans Memorial Park dedication on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 am. The following is a brief description of Veterans Day.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the

Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 15 - SAL Fish Boil – 4:00-7:00 pm
October 16 - Legion Breakfast – 7:30-11:30 am
October 21- Dean’s Blue Country – 7:00-10:00 pm
October 22- Auxiliary Chicken ‘N Biscuit dinner
4:00-7:00 pm
October 23 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
October 25 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
October 28 - Jackie Marie – 7:00-10:00 pm
October 31 - Halloween
November 5 - Quilt Show – 10:00 am-1:00 pm
November 5 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00 pm-1:00 am
November 8 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
November 11 - Veteran’s Day
November 12 - Veterans Memorial Park Dedication
11:00 am
November 18 - Dean’s Blue Country – 7:00-10:00 pm
November 20 - Legion Breakfast – 7:30-11:30 am
November 24 - Thanksgiving Day
November 25- Jackie Marie – 7:00-10:00 pm
November 27 - Country Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

Breakfast: 7:30-11:30 am
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children

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

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish
the light of a single candle.”

Francis of Assisi

*Legion Members: If you know of anyone who is
hospitalized, or in need, please contact Rich Fries
at 608.273.8758.*

*Auxiliary Members: If you know of anyone who is
hospitalized, or in need, please contact Lynn
Robertson at 608.608.692.6321.*

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Thanks for all the volunteers who keep our Post afloat.

Commander Sonny



Membership News

This article is a reminder to please pay your 2017 membership dues of \$40.00. Our dues renewals have slowed up recently. We are currently at 62.57% or about 2/3 of the post membership have renewed their membership dues. We have 130 members that have not renewed their membership dues as of yet.

If you have not renewed your membership dues please mail them to:

American Legion Post 59
P.O. Box 16
Stoughton WI 53589

Or you can renew on-line at wilegion.org, click on “renew online” and enter your member ID number (on last year’s card). It’s that simple.

We have found that some Post 59 members cannot afford their membership dues this year. If you would like to “sponsor” a member’s dues please send a check to the address above and write “sponsor dues” in the memo line. It would be greatly appreciated and save the Post money.

Thank you,
Bob Lloyd
Post Membership Chairman

Hall Rentals

Call Linda Swangstu – 608.873.9428

AMERICAN LEGION *AUXILIARY* UNIT 59

CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER



**Saturday, October 22nd
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**American Legion Post 59
803 N. Page St. Stoughton, WI**

MENU

**Chicken & Gravy on Amish Biscuits
Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw & Cranberry Sauce
Coffee & Milk & Water
Homemade Desserts**

Cost: Adults \$9.00 Children 10 & under \$5

Sons Happenings

2016-2017 OFFICERS



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Hello all Son's of the American Legion and the Legion Family,

First off, our current Commander, Dean Stenjum, has stepped down for family issues. We wish him and his family well. My name is Jeff Gassen, as Past Commander, and current 1st Vice, I have stepped up to take over the reigns to keep our goals and needs moving ahead. We have our fish boil fund-raiser coming up fast, Saturday, October 15. We are using profits to go towards our 3rd annual *Toys for Tots Program*. Our 1st and 2nd were very successful, so we want to make this year even better as we do our part to help those less fortunate.

We have more projects to work on before the snow flies.

Thanks,
Jeff Gassen, Commander
Squadron 59 Son's of the American Legion

FISH BOIL FUNDRAISER
Saturday, October 15
4pm to 7pm
 American Legion Post #59, Stoughton
 We are serving people as they arrive!
 \$12.00 per person.
 Dinners include: boiled fish, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, coffee & milk
 Followed by: **BIG JOHNSON Entertainment**
 Proceeds to benefit the purchase of toys for the local Toys for Tots program.

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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Sunday: 11:30 am – 6 pm or later

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Veterans Memorial Park

Although the excessive rainy weather has delayed some parts of the construction of the million dollar Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park, plans are moving ahead for the dedication to be held on Saturday, November 12, at 11:00 a.m.

The Centerpiece was set on October 5; flag poles, benches, and 630 pavers are in place. Pechmann Memorial Company has been working between the rain to set the educational pillars and the black granite monuments. The well has been dug and the electrical hookup is complete. Most of the landscaping is completed.

At the dedication, Scott Geister-Jones, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, will offer the invocation and benediction. The keynote speaker will be Duane Broughton, General Chairman of the entire project. Other speakers include Donna Olson, Stoughton Mayor, and John Scocos, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Master of Ceremonies will be Bud Erickson.

The Stoughton High School band, under the direction of Dan Schmidt, will perform both before and after the program as well as playing the National Anthem while the U.S. flag is being raised. All service

flags, Post flags, POW/MIA flag and the State of Wisconsin flag will be raised. The Centerpiece with the names of 170 Stoughton area men killed in action dating back to the Civil War will be uncovered. The 12 educational pillars, the 24 granite benches, and the 20 black granite monuments inscribed with the names of 5,200 Stoughton veterans will also be acknowledged.

The program will conclude with a rifle salute to the 170 fallen comrades performed by the American Legion Post 59 Honor Guard. "Taps" will be rendered by Brian Shimon, Assistant Principal of Stoughton Senior High School.

Additional parking will be available at Christ Lutheran Church and the shuttle bus will run beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. after the program.

The dedication is open to the public and, following the program, everyone is invited for snacks and fellowship at both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 328 and American Legion Post 59.

Submitted by Bud Erickson





Placing the centerpiece pedestal at Veterans Memorial Park

**QUILTING BY THE RIVER
FRIENDS OF
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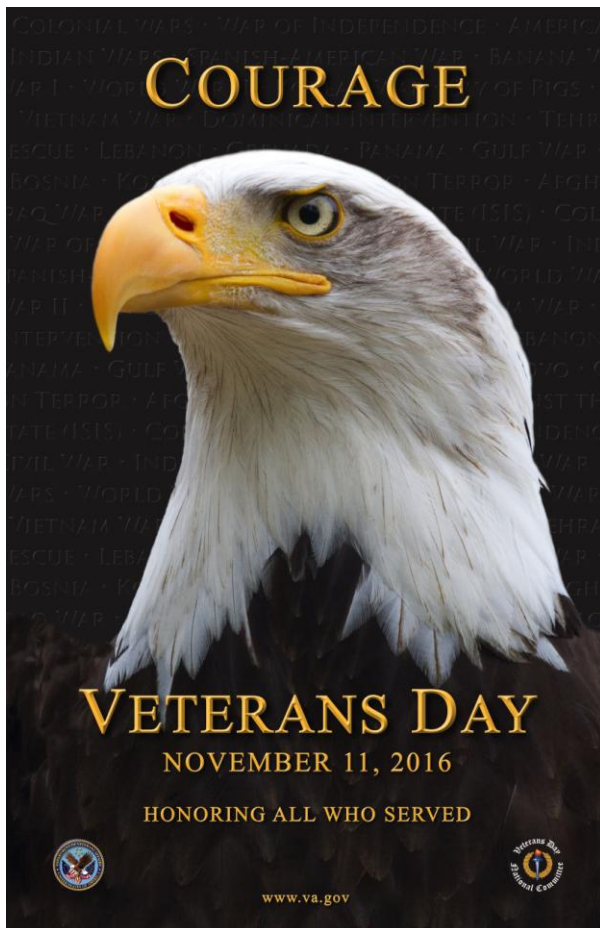
PATRIOTIC QUILT DISPLAY

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2016
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION HALL
803 N. PAGE STREET
STOUGHTON, WI**

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MADISON ON VETERAN'S DAY.**

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