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## Commander's Report

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Greetings to All,

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Fish Boil on September 28 from 4 – 7:00 pm. Eating times will be 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00. Tickets are available at the Post. This year's sponsors will be the Post, SAL, and Auxiliary. This is a fund-raiser for the entire American Legion Family. Price is \$12.00 because food prices have gone up. We will have cookies and bars for dessert. I

encourage all attending members to try and bring a dessert and volunteer a time to work. Please call Sonny or Linda at 873-9428 to sign up.

We now have our new donated kitchen stove from Sub-Zero installed. I had inquired about a stove at Sub-Zero and my good friend Dick Sorenson (Post member) put in a good word for us. We need to give Dick and his great friend Mike Holpin (donor) at Sub-Zero a big, big thank you. We really appreciate their kindness and generosity.

We also will be purchasing a new griddle with electric pilot system like the new stove. This

will eliminate the wasted gas burning pilot lights and will be safer. Our kitchen was always so extremely hot to work in and this will cut down on the temperature. We also need to thank the Bryant Foundation for helping us again this year. Without them, we could not make the changes and updates at our Post.

We are still excepting military books and tapes for the library. Please contact Steve Grady if you have any questions. We hope to work on this project soon.

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### Auxiliary

#### President

Marlene Bierman

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#### Vice President

Linda Swangstu

873-9428

#### Secretary

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## Auxiliary News



Hello American Legion Family,

Now that school has started, please slow down and watch for the children at the school crossings and intersections.

The Executive Board met this last month and discussed the distribution of the Poppy money. At our regular meeting in September, the members approved of the donations:

- \$100.00 3rd District American Legion Fountain Project
- 100.00 State Convention – Parade of Checks – Homeless Women Veterans
- 50.00 King Nursing Home – Chicken

#### Dinners Donation

- 100.00 Camp American Legion – Chapel Project
- 500.00 VA Hospital – Madison
- 200.00 Surgical Assistance Pillows
- 300.00 Department President Project – Share Your Life – Organ Donor Assistance
- 200.00 Veterans Day & Christmas Fund
- 400.00 Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund (Men & Women)
- 200.00 Camp American Legion General Fund
- 250.00 Homeless Veterans Assistance Centers (Men & Women)

We also discussed that we don't need three waitresses and two bussers at the breakfast. We will try having two waitresses and one busser. Lately it seems it was too many and it has been hard to fill those spots at times.

I want to thank Linda Schmidt who volunteered to be our new Secretary. Thanks again Linda. You are a great asset to the Auxiliary!

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## CALENDER OF EVENTS

- September 15 - Legion Breakfast  
7:00 – 11:00 am
- September 24 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- September 28 - Fish Boil – 4:00, 5:00, and  
6:00 pm seatings; Big Johnson 8:00 – 11:00 pm
- October 5 - Special Olympics spaghetti dinner  
4:00 – 7:00 pm
- October 5 - Blue Moon – 8:00 – 11:00 pm
- October 12 - Cristy B Band – 7:00 – 11:00 pm
- October 19 - Universal Sound – 8:00 - midnight
- October 20 - Legion Breakfast  
7:00 – 11:00 am
- October 22 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm

### Event Pricing

**Post Dinner:** 6:30 pm \$11.00

**Breakfast:** 7:00-11:00 am  
\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I am following  
your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact  
please you.  
And I hope that I will never do anything apart from that  
desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be  
lost  
and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are never with me, and you will never  
leave me to face my perils alone.”

–Thomas Merton

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

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The Special Olympics will have their annual spaghetti dinner on October 5. Watch for the Poster and Stoughton *Courier-Hub* for their advertising. Please help support this great fundraiser.

There will be no more flag borrowing from the Post. If it is at all necessary, they will have to be signed out, with permission from the Honor Guard Captain, Monte Whitford.

Thank you to all volunteers who make our Post what it is. Your hard work is appreciated by all.

Sonny Swangstu  
Commander

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The Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary Cookbook will be coming soon with all the sales proceeds going to veteran programs. Auxiliary members will have books for sale. We are depending on member support by buying books to make this a successful fund-raising project. Thanks to Mary Sundby for getting this project off the ground. The books will sell for \$16.00 and would make a nice Christmas gift.

Thank you to the Auxiliary ladies who have already paid their 2014 dues. We are doing really great so far with more than half of the members already paid. National Headquarters will be sending out renewal notices on September 7, so if you have already paid and receive a notice from National, please disregard it. If you haven't sent in your dues payment yet, we would appreciate it if you could do so now.

The Post is having a fish boil Saturday, September 28 from 4:00-7:00 pm. We are looking for helpers and people to bring bars/cookies for dessert

*Mark your calendar, euchre will start up again at the Post on Wednesday, October 9 at 1:00 and the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. You don't have to be a member to play, so tell your friends.*

I would like to see more members attend our meeting. It is the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Post.

Our Department President Joyce Enders' motto for this year is: "Share your Life – Be Gems of Service"

President  
Marlene Bierman



I'd like to introduce you to the newest member of Post 59 in Stoughton. It's a 1970 M35A2 or better known as a deuce and a half. Deuce and a half represents a 2 1/2-ton cargo truck. This truck was originally stationed at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and was retired on October 31, 2001. At this time the truck only had 2042 miles on it. Then Norbert Rich purchased the truck to enter into his collection of military vehicles. Mr. Rich since passed on and I bought it after an estate sale. When I bought it in September 2012, the truck it only had 2410 miles on it. The truck was made by Kaiser Jeep Corporation. It weighs 13,530 pounds and is powered by a six cylinder diesel engine. It is called a multifuel engine, which means it can burn any of the following fuels: diesel, gasoline, fuel oil, or kerosene. It's six-wheel-drive with the added power takeoff to drive a 1 1/2-ton trailer that has a rear end for an axle. This would make it eight-wheel-drive.

I have the truck licensed as an historic military vehicle so nothing can be altered on it and the truck must stay completely original. The historic military plates never expire as long as I own the vehicle. I also have insurance coverage for parades, special events, or just a joyride.

I also have permission from the local police in order to give rides from the American Legion to the VFW in the back of the truck. Riders must be at least 16 years old. I have a portable stairway to make it easier to get in the back of the truck.

It's a little loud and it's a little smoky but, as you recall, that's the way they were.

I also purchased a M105A which is a 1 1/2-ton cargo trailer that is pulled behind the truck. It is a 1986 PRIBB model. It also has a historical military vehicle license as long as I keep it original. It was originally from Arizona.

I hope we can have some fun with this vehicle in parades or special events at the Legion or VFW. If you have any ideas let me know.

Larry Johnson  
Third Vice-commander



**Badger Girls State**  
*Kim Wethal, Maggie Lessor and Emily Koshallek attended the July Auxiliary meeting and spoke about their experiences at Badger Girls State in June in Oshkosh. Carrie Adams and Emily Peterson also attended Girls*

### Monthly Post Meeting Schedule

**Legion – 2nd Monday – 7:00 pm**

**Auxiliary – 2nd Monday – 7:00 pm**

**SAL – 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 pm**

Meetings are held at the Post.

All members are encouraged to attend.



## THE FINAL INSPECTION

**You've done your time in Hell.'**

**Author Unknown~**

The Soldier stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.  
'Step forward now, Marine,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other  
cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?'  
The Marine squared his shoulders and  
said,  
'No, Lord, I guess I have not.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint  
I've had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.  
But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.  
And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear..  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.  
I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears  
If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand.  
There was a silence all around the  
throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the Marine waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.  
'Step forward now, Marine,  
You've borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,

**It's the Marine, Sailor, Soldier and  
Airmen not the reporter  
Who has given us the Freedom of the  
Press.  
It's the Marine, Sailor, Soldier and  
Airmen not the poet,  
Who has given us the Freedom of  
Speech.  
It's the Marine, Sailor, Soldier and  
Airmen not the politicians  
That ensures our right to Life, Liberty  
and the Pursuit of Happiness..  
It's the Marine, Sailor, Soldier and  
Airmen who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag.**

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## THE STRAIT SKINNY

It was recently brought to our attention by an anonymous reader that, “we don’t know jack” (He wished to remain anonymous as to not “admit that I actually read this tripe”, as he put it.). Well, our intelligence department was very quick to respond in true military fashion with, “Oh yeah????? So what’s your point?”

We then proceeded, still in true military fashion, to form a committee to develop a plan for a calculated response. Sound familiar? In any case, extensive research was undertaken (involving primarily Google and a bottle of Jack) until we were done calculating and had developed the following calculated (obviously) response:

First of all, we do too know “jack”. In fact we know a whole bunch of jacks! Furthermore, we got really “jacked up” when we realized how many “jacks” we really do know!

We grew up with Jack & Jill, Jack-in-the-box, playing jacks, and our personal favorite, Cracker Jacks. Of course, Cracker Jacks aren’t the same now as when we were growing up, lest some tyke swallow the little prize. Back then, we’d open the box, tip it up, and pour it down. So what if we swallowed the prize. It just meant that we’d have to wait another day or two to find out what it was.

There was General Blackjack Pershing (Named after the gum or visa-versa?), jumping jacks, Jumpin’ Jack Flash (Whoopie!), and the Navy Union Jack (Don’t tread on me!). Then you have carjack (noun or participle or whatever the correct English usage), Hi Jack! (Greeting), hijack (Not a nice greeting.) and sky-jack (See hijack.)

Delving deeply into our high school Latin (one semester, almost.) we will now add the suffix “et”. (As in “Et tu Brute?”, “et al”, “Musta been something I et.” etc.) Thus, we have your flight jack-et (Up we go into the...), pea jack-et (Ahoy there mates!), flack jack-et (In coming!!!), and the rather unflattering “strait” jack-et, made famous by none other than Jack Nicholson (Cuckoo, cuckoo).

So once again the staff of “The Strait Skinny” has provided you, our avid (?) reader a veritable plethora of useless information and proven to all that we really do know Jack. And so to you, Mr. Anonymous Reader, stuff that in your smoking jack-et. Or something like that.

“*Ole*”

*Peace is that brief glorious moment in history when everyone stands around - reloading.*

-Thomas Jefferson

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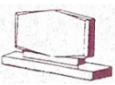
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