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Commander's Report



Greetings,

Nice to see we had a good turn-out for the monthly Post dinner in Sept. Hopefully we can keep it up in the hundreds as it takes 75 guests to cover the expenses. October's dinner will be stuffed pork chops. Keep in mind the dinners are every 4th Tues. except in Nov. and Dec. as it is moved up a week because of the Holidays. Mark your calendars to remember this information.

Post membership dues are due again. Bob Lloyd does a good job collecting them but sometimes has to send out reminders, so please take care of this soon.

The jam sessions are in full swing again the 4th Sunday of each month from 2-6 o'clock. Come and kick up your heels or just listen to that good old country music and enjoy some delicious appetizers

from the bar to munch on.

We are having another raffle and the prizes are great! This raffle is to help the Post defer incurred costs. The Legion Family is selling tickets and we appreciate every ones help.

Some of the Auxiliary ladies who also belong to the Quilting by the River are making special quilts to be given to a Legion member at the Post Dinners. The girls do the selecting of names to be honored. It is great what all the Auxiliary ladies do for the Post!

We are still looking for a Fri. night cook for the fish fry. If you can think of someone let me know soon.

Thank you all volunteers! We could not exist without you!

Commander Sonny

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Auxiliary News



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Greetings ~

There was a lot of activity in September and we could not have accomplished as much as we did without the efforts of our members. Thanks to:

- Sherry Leick, Randi Hanson, Marlene Bierman, Amy Hermes, Donna Strandlie and her friendly-funny-hard-working grandson Colin for working at the Culvers fundraising event.
- Pat Broadbent, Lisa Olson, Bonnie Kennedy, Elvera Phelps, Alice Moen, Sherry Leick, Marie Matejka, Jona Chat, Dolly Bailey, Linda Schmidt and Teresa Vike-Kelly for working at the steak dinner.

And special thanks for all the hard work of the SAL members preparing food and working in the kitchen at steak dinner. A wrap-up meeting will occur soon and we will keep you posted on the results of that fundraiser.

In addition to the fundraising events, Bonnie Kennedy, Linda Schmidt, Lisa Olson and I attended the ALA In The Know Conference held in Verona.

On several occasions, I have mentioned the great work and efforts of the Quilting By The River Friends, which is a quilting group that works year-round sewing patriotic quilts that are presented to veterans in the VA Hospital on Veterans Day. The group, which several of our ALA members are involved in, contribute to the over 100 quilts that are presented to veterans each year. Now, as a spin-off of that concept, our auxiliary has taken on another project called the American Legion Auxiliary Patriotic Stitchers and its purpose is to recognize, support and thank our local veterans by providing them with a patriotic quilt. Financial support from our auxiliary helps to subsidize *some* of the costs to make the quilts. The goal is to have one quilt presented at each legion dinner to a veteran thereby recognizing his/her contributions to our community, our legion and our country. Our unit members of the ALA Patriotic Stitchers are Alice Moen, Alice Asleson, Pat Broadbent, Teresa Vike-Kelly and Cathy Rigdon. During the September Legion Dinner, a quilt made by Alice Moen was presented to Odean Teigen and a second quilt, made by Teresa Vike-Kelly, was presented to Lenny Swingen.

Our October ALA fundraising project will be the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, October 20th from 4pm – 7pm. Proceeds will support baby bags which is a project to honor and support veterans welcoming new babies into their families.

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

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Sons of the American Legion Report



THEY'RE BACK

For those of you that have been patiently waiting, The Sons of the American Legion, 2nd annual Fall Amish Candy Sale is stocked up and ready supply you with the delicious Cashew Crunch, and Chocolate Covered Cashew Crunch that so many of you enjoyed last fall. This is our major fund raiser for the year and helps us provide funds for several different ongoing projects including donations to Camp American Legion, The SAL Josh Dog Program, Toys for Tots, and other worthy local programs or needs. BUT WAIT, there's more. New for this fall we have added a third choice off Candy Andy Miller's menu of deliciousness. Scrunch is described as Peanut butter and "crunch" all dipped in rich chocolate. It's simply fantastic. We expect to be able to provide candy through the months of October and November and into December. They make great holiday gifts if you can hold off on the urge to open the bag. Price is \$10.00 for a 1-pound bag. They will be available at the Legion Post or contact your favorite SAL member to score yours.

SAL members were busy on Patriots Day, September 11th assisting with the Raise the Flag program here in the Stoughton area. We will also be lending a hand in November on Veteran's Day. Thank you to who got up c



early and battled the mosquitos to put the flags up and finished the day off collecting the flags.

More thanks yet to all the SAL members and friends that worked some long hours preparing the great foods for the September 29th Steak Feed. We appreciate the many wonderful comments, and hope everyone enjoyed the meal.

Bob Hocking-
Squadron 59 Commander

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- 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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." [Jer. 17:7-8](#)

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

Honoring PFC Michael Lee Mulcahy



Michael graduated from Stoughton High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17. PFC Mulcahy was KIA on 9/13/67 at the age of 19 in Quan Tri Province, South Vietnam. PFC Mulcahy was the first person from Stoughton killed in the Vietnam War. Accepting with great appreciation the dedication for Michael Mulcahy plaque is Commander Sonny Swangstu, Rose Schroeter, and Charles Mulcahy.



A new group of Quilters of the American Legion Auxiliary decided to make Quilts for our American Legion Vets. The Recipients at the September Dinner were Odean Teigen and Lenny Swingen. They have had many years of service and Volunteering. In the future we plan on honoring our vets with Quilts at the Monthly Dinners. We appreciate their service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct.8 - Columbus Day**
- Oct. 9 – Euchre Card Party 1:00 pm**
- Oct. 12 – Dean’s Blue Country 6:00-9:00 pm**
- Oct.13 - US Navy Birthday (1775)**
- Oct. 14 – Clergy Appreciation Day**
- Oct. 20 – 5th Annual ALA Chicken n’ Biscuit Dinner**
- Oct. 21 - Breakfast (Venture Crew) 7:30-11:30am**
- Oct. 23 – Legion Dinner 6:30 pm**
- Oct.26 - National Day of Deployment**
- Oct.26 – Frank (Lefty) Jones & Jackie Marie 6:00–9:00 pm**
- Oct. 27 – Halloween Party with All-Star Karaoke**
- Oct. 28 – Country Music Jam with Mikey Fuss & the Cherokee Three. Country Halloween 2:00-6:00 pm**
- Oct.31 – Halloween (All Hallows’ Eve)**
- Nov. 9 – Dean’s Blue Country 6:00 – 9:00 pm**
- Nov. 13 – Euchre Card Party 1:00 pm**

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

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.



Membership News

Memberships have really slowed up this month. We have received 9 since the last newsletter and are still under 60%.

When we get the next dues renewal notice from National Headquarters please send them in. The online renewals are nowhere near what they were last year. We currently have 33 on-line renewals. Last year we had 77. We need to get those going too. Go to:

<http://www.wilegion.org%2C/www.wilegion.org>

Click "Renew Online",

Enter your name and ID# and a credit card number and your renewed.

Bob Lloyd
Membership Chairman
Post 59
608-873-5926

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.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

5th Annual

CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER

Saturday, October 20th

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

MENU

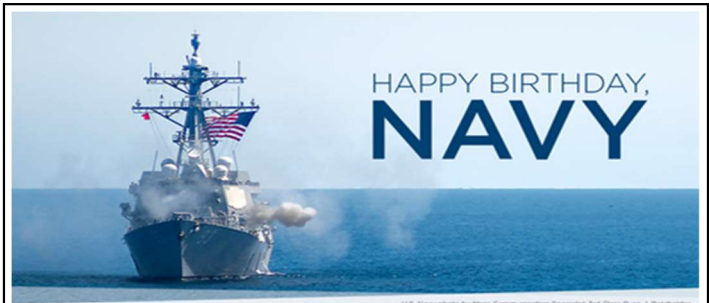
Chicken & Gravy served on Biscuits

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



OCTOBER 13th, 2017
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National Day of the Deployed
Thursday, Oct. 26th, 2017

BLUE STAR SERVICE BANNER – THE TRADITION

The American tradition is to display a Blue Star Service Banner in the front window of a home when a loved one is proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Blue Star Service Banners were widely used during both world wars, but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with the same enthusiasm. The American Legion rekindled that spirit of pride in our military men and women following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by providing banners to military families across the nation. The Otis Sampson American Legion Post 59, Stoughton WI, Women's Auxiliary continues this tradition. For info. contact Blue Star Chairperson: Bonnie Kennedy 608.669.7544 or bonnie1lee@hotmail.com

BLUE STAR SERVICE BANNER FACTS

The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry. Queisser had two sons that served on the front line. His banner quickly became the unofficial symbol for parents with a child in active military service. During World War II, the Department of War issued specifications on manufacture of the flag, as well as guidelines indicating when the service flag could be flown and by whom. Restrictions were also passed on who can wear the service lapel. (The Department of Defense authorized the service flag and service lapel on Dec. 1, 1967, with DoD Directive 1348.1), which implemented an act of Congress (U.S. Code 179-182). The Blue Star Service Banner is an 8.5-by-14-inch white field with one or more blue stars on a red banner. The size varies but should be in proportion to the U.S. flag. Today, families display these banners when they have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The blue star represents one family member serving, and a banner can have up to five stars. If the individual is killed or dies, a smaller golden star is placed over it. Gold stars are placed above the blue stars or to the top right of the flag, in the event a flag represents multiple servicemembers. On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother or family: their children." Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today.

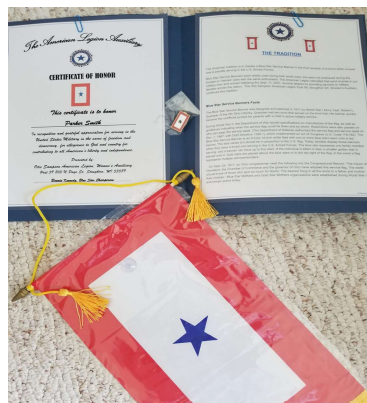
BLUE STAR SERVICE BANNER QUALIFICATION

Otis Sampson American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 59 will issue ONE Blue Star Service Banner free to ONE immediate family member listed. The Blue Star Service Banner Request Form must be completed i.e. by contacting chairperson with information, to record and insure delivery. Recipient must be currently be enlisted and a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The immediate family member requesting a banner must have mailing address within Stoughton WI area.

If you have a request for a banner:

Email American Legion Auxiliary Blue Star Banner Bonnie Kennedy Chairperson, bonnie1lee@hotmail.com Or, leave phone message: 608.669.7544

Per Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36 definition for "Immediate family member" is defined as follows: Wife, Husband, Mother, Father, Stepmother, Stepfather, Parent through adoption, Foster parent (who stand or stood in loco parentis, "in the place of a parent" refers to the legal responsibility of a person), Grandparents, Children, Stepchildren, Children through adoption, Brothers, Sisters, Half brothers, and Half sisters.



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