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Hello,

Where do the weeks go? The older we get, the faster time goes by. The snowbirds are back and we are glad to see them. I hope everyone is pleased with their Vidalia onions this year.

It looks like we can start our outside work seeing the weather is nice once again. We will be building our storage shed for our Honor Guard van. This should have been done last year but because of city issues, we ran out of time weather wise. This is a project thanks to the Bryant

Foundation again.

We would also like to put up more lighting in the parking lot for safety purposes for our customers and also the lady bartenders having to close late at night. We also have some things listed for the inside of the Post.

Once again we are asking for potential candidates for Post officers. Please contact the Post if you are interested and you can also call me at 575-9444.

The SAL fish boil was a success. This is their first time doing this. Thanks to Dean Stenjem, Jeff Gassen and the whole gang who organized it and worked all day. Great job guys!!!

It won't be long and it will be the 17th of May again. If you want to ride in the parade let me or the

Post know. Let's try and get the trailer full this year. After the parade we have live music for your enjoyment at the Post. Come on down and visit and listen to Dan Reily sing.

We will be handing out literature for the Veterans Memorial Park at the Memorial Day program. You can pick this up at the entrance door of the Mandt Center.

Thank you to all the great volunteers at our Post. Without you we could not be successful.

Commander Sonny

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Auxiliary News



Hello American Legion Family,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice spring/summer weather. The farmers can get their crops in and people can plant their garden and flowers. This is the first year in 50 years I haven't put in a garden, Nick thought that I should but I said who will take of it, of course me, and I don't want to. Nick is doing much better. His voice is getting stronger but still needs oxygen and his walker. He is getting stronger every day. Never thought that it would happen—we about lost him twice. I guess the good Lord doesn't need him yet. Which is good, he gets another chance. That's enough about us.

Well Poppy Days are coming up. They will be May 21-23. Elvera is doing the calling for distributing the poppies at local businesses. If you haven't returned your donation for the poppy you received in the mail, please do so soon. Thanks to everyone who has returned a donation. The Veterans will say thanks too. So does the Auxiliary.

The Memorial Day Committee is working hard on getting everything organized for the day. If you are asked to help, please say YES. Addison Liddicoat will be our Poppy Princess this year. Elvera, Addison, and I will be having our picture taken with the Mayor on May 5, when the Mayor will sign the Proclamation for Poppy Days. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at the Legion this year with food and beverages after the Memorial Day Program.

I hope a lot of you came to the Denise Rohan fund-raiser at the Post. It was a beer & wine tasting. There were a few people there when I visited. I hope more people came later. Snacks were also served.

I would like to thank the Pleasant Springs Garden Club, who will be maintaining the flower beds in front of the Post this year.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- May 17 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
- May 22 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00–midnight
- May 24 - County Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- May 26 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- June 6 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00-midnight
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 14 - County Jam with Mikey Fuss – 2:00-6:00 pm
- June 21 - Legion Breakfast – 7:00-11:00 am
- June 23 - Legion Dinner – 6:30 pm
- June 26 - Blue Moon Karaoke – 8:00–midnight

Event Pricing

Post Dinner: 6:30 pm \$11.00

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

Calling all Veterans & Military Personnel

Veterans from all eras are needed to ride the veteran's float in the Syttende Mai and Memorial Day parades. Not necessary to have been in a combat zone. Not necessary to be in uniform. These floats are in your honor. Please come and participate. No RSVP necessary.

If questions, call Bob Lloyd 873-5926.

Syttende Mai Parade–Sunday, May 17

(Meet at Mandt Park by 1:00 pm: Veteran's float parks on South 4th street)

Memorial Day Parade–Monday, May 25

(Beginning on S. Prairie and West Main St. 10:00 am. Parking at Mandt Center 9:15 am, [shuttles to parade line-up for parade participants](#)): Veteran's float parks on the corner of S. Prairie & W. Main.

Memorial Program–Monday, May 25

(Following the parade 11:00 am at Mandt Center **rain or shine**)

The Memorial Program is open to the public

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Linda Swangstu, Mary Curran, Elvera Phelps, and Lisa Olson attended the 3rd District Spring Conference in Gays Mills. Our Auxiliary was awarded the "Over the Top" Membership award. We received a certificate for being the first Unit in the 3rd District to go over 100% and the highest over goal by April 1. We received a beautiful gavel with a rose and the Auxiliary emblem embedded in the gavel head. Thanks Lisa, for all your hard work getting new members and present members to pay their dues. Also thanks to all the members that brought in new members.

Officer nominations and elections will be held at the May meeting. Installation is in June. The books and gavel will be turned over to the new officers. The new officers will start with the July meeting.

Remember to buy your paver for the Veterans Park. You can buy one "in memory of, in honor of, or just buy one in your name or give a donation. There will be members at the Pick n Save every Saturday and Sunday morning from 9:00-12:00. If you don't know what it is about, please stop and ask and some get information. You don't need to be a veteran to buy one.

This will be my last Auxiliary Newsletter. I have enjoyed it immensely; sometimes it is hard to come up with news when we don't have much going on. But, I have a couple of guys that let me know the deadline. I would like to thank all of the officers I have worked with the last three years and all the members that have volunteered to help with the many functions we have had. It isn't all work. We have fun getting together as well, doing these things!

Many things are going on this month. Please help where you can, enjoy yourself, and stay safe.

Thanks to all the Veterans who have served and are still serving. We wouldn't be living as free as we are if it wasn't for you. THANKS AGAIN. Hope to see everyone on Memorial Day.

President Marlene

Hall Rentals

Call Julie Nygaard at 608.333.9577

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

MALLARDS BASEBALL



MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

AT THE DUCK POND

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

GAME TIME: 6:05 PM

GATES OPEN: 4:30 PM



TICKET OPPORTUNITIES

★ ★ Discounted ticket prices available for veterans and families ★ ★

FIELD BOX STADIUM SEAT - \$8

OR



★ Great Dane Duck Blind ★
General Admission Ticket



★ ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK ★

= \$28

SODA ONLY - \$23



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY:

- Veteran Tribute and Recognition
- Presentation of the Colors
- Military Vehicles Displayed



For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Kevin at 608.246.4277 or kevin@mallardsbaseball.com
The Duck Pond ★ 2920 N Sherman Ave ★ Madison, WI 53704 ★ ph. 608.246.4277 ★ fx. 608.246.4163 ★ Mallardsbaseball.com

Fund-raising for Veterans Memorial Park Begins in Earnest

Efforts to raise the money to fund the Veterans Memorial Park began in earnest on May 2 as the Sons of the American Legion sponsored a fish boil at the Post. Profits from that event will go toward the purchase of the U.S. flag which will fly over the park.

Also, on May 2, Duane Broughton and Bud Erickson manned the first information/brick sales booth at Pick n Save. This booth will be in operation every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until noon. This is an important aspect of fund-raising and help is needed to man the booth. Help out by working in pairs during a three-hour shift. Please contact Duane Broughton.

The sales tally as of May 5 is:

-Flag poles and sponsors: four—American flag, SAL; State of Wisconsin flag, Town of Pleasant Springs; American Legion flag, Post 59; U.S. Army flag, Pat Nowlin

-Benches and sponsors: three—Terry Kahl, Helen Braemen, Erich Pechmann

-Pavers (bricks): 26

Cash donations from both individuals and organizations as well as 11 in-kind donations are also coming in. These will help pay for the educational pillars, the entrance, archway, and the centerpiece. There are a few things that need to be clarified:

-First of all, there are veterans who think they are not eligible to have their names on the veterans' monuments because they are not "from Stoughton"—that is, they were not born here. To clarify, any person who has served in the U.S. military and has lived in the greater Stoughton area is eligible.

-Secondly, ANYONE can purchase a brick and can put any inscription on it they wish. Some options are: the name(s) of a veteran(s); "Thanks To Those Who Served"; "For God and Country"; dedicated to a relative or loved one; given by _____ (the name of a group or organization, the name of a business, etc.)

On another note, Roger Kleven reports that the names of more than 2600 Stoughton area veterans have been collected.

We are moving ahead toward our goal.

Help us out on this memorial to those who served to protect our freedoms and way of life.

Submitted by Bud Erickson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

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.



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Wednesday & Thursday: 3:00 pm or later

Friday: 3 – 10 pm or later

Saturday: Noon – 10 pm or later

Sunday: 11:30 am – 6 pm or later

Wednesday Ladies Night

\$.50 off any Ladies drinks





Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park Brick Order Form



Help the Stoughton area honor its past and present veterans. By purchasing a Memorial Brick to be placed at the new memorial, you can create a permanent tribute to our heroes.

There are three sizes available at corresponding levels of donation.

8x8 Brick - \$150

4 lines of text max.

12 characters per line max.

16x8 Brick - \$250

4 lines of text max.

24 characters per line max.

16x16 Brick - \$550

8 lines of text max.

24 characters per line max.

PLEASE NOTE: SPACES AND PUNCTUATION COUNT AS CHARACTERS.

Please use the reverse side of this form to order your brick. If you have questions about this process of the memorial please contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881 or by email at randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com.

Please complete one order form per brick. **

Please make all checks payable to the: **Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park, LLC**

Please mail all checks and order forms to:

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For all inquiries regarding the fundraising bricks please contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881 or by email at randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com.

Purchaser _____ Date _____

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**** If you are ordering more than one brick, and would like them placed together please fill out information on back. While we cannot guarantee that they will be adjacent based on sizes and patterns, we will do our best to accommodate these requests.**

Order Blanks on Reverse Side

Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park

When filling out this order form, please use one character, space, or punctuation per box.

When filling out form please use the first line & first box; it will be centered on the brick automatically.

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16x8 Brick - \$250 - 4 Lines, 24 Characters Each Line

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For general questions or concerns, please contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881 or by email at randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com.

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