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Hello,
I would like to thank past Commander, Bill Redepenning for his years of service. His guidance has led us to where we are today with our Post. I also want to thank those of you who believed in me enough to put me in the position of Commander. I will try to do my best in moving forward and continuing to improve our Post.

Commanders Report AUGUST 2009

Congratulations to our newly elected officers. I feel we have assembled a very excellent group of people and their support will help us advance to greater accomplishments.

I had the opportunity to visit the Camp American Legion at Lake Tomahawk in June. It is a very relaxing place to spend a few days. There are several things for folks to do such as fishing, boating, exercise facilities, trips in the area organized by the Camp, bingo, bon fires, library, chapel and meals are provided. Oh yes the chipmunks are friendly and love to be fed peanuts! If you would like more details, check with me. I believe there are also some brochures at the legion

on this subject.

I would like to put our building to more use. We have to keep everything running and pay the bills. A few ideas may be fish fry, spaghetti dinners, and music. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

In closing, feel free to stop in or call if anyone has issues. The door is always open.

Thanks,
Commander Swangstu

Auxiliary News



Greetings from your new Auxiliary President! I have assisted Bill many times with his newsletter and I should know just what to say, but

at a loss for words! There are a few new officers this year, so bear with us as we lead our group into another successful year. Evelyn Kahl has taken the position of Secretary, Linda Swangstu is the new Vice President and Marlene Bierman is our Chaplain. Rita Sperry has remained on board as our Treasurer. As of yet, we do not have a Historian. If anyone is interested in this position, please let one of us know.

I want to thank the officers and chairwomen from last year for the commitments they made, everyone is very busy, yet many of you contributed your time and talents to

help our veterans when you were called upon. This is what the Auxiliary is all about, continuing to assist our veterans and their families in time of need. As we plan for our

those of you who are able will participate when called upon, we really do have a good time and even some laughs!

You will soon be receiving your membership dues for 2010. Please consider returning them as soon as possible, it will be one less thing to have to be bothered with. Department is always having a

goal first and our Unit has been pretty successful in the past. Our Junior group is growing but we certainly can use additional young girls, so if you have daughters, granddaughters or great granddaughters under 18 years old, please consider signing them up for the Auxiliary, they are our future! What a rewarding way to teach the next generation to respect veterans, and there are many things we can do to get them involved. The girls distributed cards they made to veterans during the Memorial Day program, some of the veterans

were really surprised, to say the least! On July 12th our Unit is sponsoring an event where the girls can ride horses on the Mel Cohen farm, through the assistance of his daughter, who uses horses as a therapy aid. So you

younger girls involved with fun activities, we just need them to get signed up!

In closing, I hope to continue the work of the American Legion Auxiliary to the best of my abilities and will rely on you ladies to keep me on my toes. If you have any comments on how to improve our group or want to make any suggestions of new projects to participate in, please give me a call at 608-877-9918. Ladies, remember, you are always welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and also encouraged to attend the monthly dinner night that is put on by the Post. I hope you will continue to support our efforts whenever you are called upon.

Lori Redepenning,
Auxiliary President

Auxiliary

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Love This Comeback

One of my sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California. He called me yesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him, and his troops, everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands, and thank them for being willing to serve, and fight, for not only our own freedoms but so that others may have them also.

But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way home from the base. He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha. He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the U.S. flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock. The cashier

reached up and touched the pin, and said proudly, "Yes, I always wear it and probably always will.

"The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi. A gentleman standing behind my son stepped forward, putting his arm around my son's shoulders, and nodding towards my son, said in a calm and gentle voice to the Iraqi

woman: "Lady, hundreds of thousands of men and women like this young man have fought and died so that YOU could stand here, in MY country and accuse a check-out cashier of bombing YOUR countrymen. It is my belief that had you been this outspoken in YOUR own country, we wouldn't need to be there to-

day. But, hey, if you have now learned how to speak out so loudly and clearly, I'll gladly buy you a ticket and pay your way back to Iraq so you can straighten out the mess in YOUR country that you are obviously here in MY country to avoid."Everyone within hearing distance cheered!

IF YOU AGREE: Pass this on to all your proud American friends

Our Legion Getting Involved

PICK AND SAVE ADVANTAGE CARD

There have been some questions about the transfer of the American Legion account num-

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

member our account number is 026625.

LEGION HALL AVAILIABLE FOR RENTALS

The word is getting out regarding our hall rental. We have had funerals, a music jam session, 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**.

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Breakfast Post 501 7-11</i>
12	13 <i>Post Meeting at 7PM</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Fish Fry at Post 481</i>	18
19 <i>Post Breakfast 7-Noon</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Post dinner 6:30 PM</i>	29	30	31	

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Membership Notes

By now you should have received your 2010 Membership cards. So far the response has been very good. As of July 13 we have received payments from 94 members, and 28 PUFL for a total of 122. That is just behind last year at this time. We have signed up 4 new members.

Just a reminder. If you pay your dues now, you get 17.5 months for \$35.00 or \$2.00 a month. If you wait until Dec. 31 you get 12 months for \$35.00 or a cost of \$2.90 per month. (How's that for logic).

If you pay your dues at the July meal, we will laminate your card at no additional cost.

Lets keep up the good work and get our 100% as soon as possible.

Archie Christensen: Membership Chairman

Bar Banter:

Things were rather quiet this month. There were lot of graduation parties and other outdoor activities that affected our business, but we are doing just fine.

We have purchased a new air conditioner for the bar and it is doing a much better job of keeping the bar cool without having to use the central air.

We have added margaritas to our drink menu and we hope to

have a Taco Night in the future. In the fall we would like to have some activities on Saturday and Sunday for Badger and Packer football games. Any suggestions? Please let us know.

Stop in and support your post :
Archie and Joe



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR SPECIAL

August 6-16, 2009

i [Wisconsin State Fair](#): Free admission to Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom service members returning since 2008

(July 23, 2009 [application](#) deadline). All veterans, active duty, guard, and reserve personnel can receive \$3 off admission coupons at Wal-Mart stores.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

What Color Is God

What color is God? That's the question James McBride, an African-American author and musician, asked his Jewish mother when he was a boy. His autobiography contains the following story; Walking home from church one day, he asked her if God was black or white. She replied, "God is not black, God is not white. God is the color of water. Water doesn't have a color." That was indeed a wise response.

We know that God doesn't have a color because He doesn't have a body. He is Spirit and He's present every where (psalm 139;7-12). Whether we're sitting at home or flying miles above the earth, He is there and we can call out to Him. His ears are always open to our cry (Psalm 34-15). He isn't an idol or a mere idea. God is Spirit, almighty, always present, ever available.

An atheist was engaged in a public debate with a Christian about the existence of God. To emphasize a point he was making, the atheist wrote these words on a blackboard; God is nowhere. "In rebuttal the Christian simply split the last word so that the statement read, God is now here."

That truth can give us assurance, strength, and comfort each day as we trust in Him.

God is always present with us,
Though His face we cannot see;
He protects and guides and comforts
As He cares for you and me.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Twass the night before Payback...

'T was the night before Payback and all through the land,
The Taliban are running like rabbits in Afghanistan.
Osama's been praying, he's down on his knees,
He's hoping that Allah will hear all his pleas.

He thought if he killed us that we'd fall and shatter,
But all that he's done is just make us madder.
We haven't yet forgotten our Marines in Beirut,
And we'll kick your ass, with one heavy boot.

And yes we remember the USS Cole,
And the lives of our sailors that you bastards stole.
You think you can rule us and cause us to fear,
You'll soon get the answer if you live to hear.

And we ain't forgotten your buddy Saddam,
And he ain't forgotten the sound of our bombs.
You think that those mountains are somewhere to hide,
They'll go down in history as the place where you died.

Remember Khadhafi and his line of death?
He came very close, to his final breath.
So come out and prove it, that you are a man,
Cause our boys are coming and they have a plan.

They are our Fathers and they are our Sons,
And they sure do carry some mighty big Guns.
They would have stayed home, with Children and Wives,
Till you bastards came here and took all these Lives.

Osama I wrote this especially for you,
For air mail delivery by B-52.
You soon will be hearing a thud and a whistle,
Old Glory is coming, attached to a missile.

I won't be sorry to see your cowardly ass go,
It's Red, White, and Blue that's running this show!

Two good ol' boys, Bubba and Junior get promoted from Privates to Sergeants.

Not long after, they're out for a walk and Bubba says, "Hey, Junior - there's the NCO Club. Let's you and me stop in and have us a drank."

"But we's privates," protests Junior.

"NO, we's sergeants now," says Bubba, pulling him inside

"Now, Junior, I'm gonna sit down and have me a drank."

"But, we's privates," says Junior.

"You blind, boy!" says Bubba, pointing at his stripes. "We's Sergeants now!"

So they order their drinks and pretty soon a hooker comes up to Bubba.

"You're cute," she says, "and I'd like to take you someplace and make you feel good -- but I've got a bad case of gonorrhea."

Bubba pulls his friend to the side and whispers, "Junior, go look in the dictionary and see what that gonorrhea means. If it's good, give me the okay sign."

Junior goes to look it up, comes back, and gives Bubba the big okay sign.

Three weeks later Bubba is laid up in the infirmary with a terrible case of gonorrhea.

"Junior," he says, "What you give me the okay for?!"

"Well Bubba, in the dictionary, it says gonorrhea only affects the privates."

Then he pointed to his stripes and says, "But we's Sergeants now!"

A drill sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets, and as he was walking away, he turned to the cadet and said, "I guess when I die you'll come and dance on my grave."

The cadet replied, "Not me, Sarge...no sir! I promised myself that when I got out of the Army I'd never stand in another line!"

STILL MORE HUMOR

AIR FORCE HUMOR

"Squawks" are problem listings that pilots generally leave for maintenance crews to fix before the next flight. Here are some squawks submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews. (P)=PROBLEM (S) =SOLUTION (P) Left inside main tire almost needs replacement (S) Almost replaced left inside main tire (P) Test flight OK, except auto land very rough (S) Auto land not installed on this aircraft (P) #2 Propeller seeping prop fluid (S) #2 Propeller seepage normal - #1 #3 and #4 propellers lack normal seepage (P) Something loose in cockpit (S) Something tightened in cockpit (P) Evidence of leak on right main landing gear (S) Evidence removed (P) DME volume unbelievably loud (S) Volume set to more believable level (P) Dead bugs on windshield (S) Live bugs on order (P) Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent (S) Cannot reproduce problem on ground (P) IFF inoperative (S) IFF always inoperative in OFF mode (IFF -Identification Friend or Foe) (P) Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick (S) That's what they're there for (P) Number three engine missing (S) Engine found on right wing after brief search (P) Aircraft handles funny (S) Aircraft warned to straighten up, "fly right" and be serious! (P) Target Radar hums (S) Reprogrammed Target Radar with the lyrics

 Hit Television Shows in Iraq:

"Husseinfield" "Mad About Everything" "U.S. Military Secrets Revealed" "Suddenly Sanctions" "Allah McBeal" "Children Are Forbidden From Saying Anything Darndest" "Matima Loves Chachi" "The Brian Benben Bin Laden Show" "Buffy The Slayer of Yankee Imperialist Dogs" "Wheel of Fortune and Terror" "Iraq's Wackiest Public Execution Bloopers" "Achmed's Creek" "The Price is Right If Saddam Says It's Right" M*U*S*T*A*S*H
 "Veronica's Closet Full of Long, Black, Shapeless Dresses" "Two Guys, a Girl, and a Mosque" "When Kurds Attack" "Just Shoot Me" "My Two Baghdad" "Captured Iranian Soldiers Say the Darndest Things" "Two Guys, a Girl and a Fatwah" "Totally Clothed Baywatch"

THE INTERVIEW

Note: This is an extract of a National Public Radio (NPR) interview between a female broadcaster, and US Army General Reinwald who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop visiting his military installation.

INTERVIEWER: " So, General Reinwald, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?"

GENERAL REINWALD: We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery, and shooting."

INTERVIEWER: "Shooting! that's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?"

GENERAL REINWALD: "I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the rifle range."

INTERVIEWER: "Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?"

GENERAL REINWALD: "I don't see how,we will be teaching them proper rifle discipline before they even touch a firearm."

INTERVIEWER: "But you're equipping them to become violent killers."

GENERAL REINWALD: "Well, you're equipped to be a prostitute, but you're not one, are you?"

The radio went silent and the interview ended.

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear: No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?"

The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler."

"I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield."

The general said, "Drive on!"

The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker."

The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on!"

The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

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