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Commander's Report



Dean Legion Family,

October was an exciting month here at the Legion. We started off the month with a fish boil. Not only did we have a great turnout we also had a tremendous group of volunteers that put it all together and made it a success.

To celebrate Halloween, we had a Fright Night Bash with karaoke by Big Johnson. So much fun and so many great costumes. We look forward to next year.

As we move into November we are excited to announce the completion of the new security system. Please know that only a very small number of people will be assigned key cards for access. We respect and appreciate all of our volunteers and what they do for the post. If you have not been notified, please make arrangements to complete your volunteer duties during normal business hours. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these times of change.

On November 11th we celebrate Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a time for us to pay respect to those who have served.

Our monthly dinner will be held on November 12th and the monthly breakfast will be on 17th. We hope to see everyone at these two events.

The post will be closed on November 28th for all of our volunteers to celebrate and give thanks.

Moving into December mark your calendar for December 8th. The Sons of the American Legion will host Breakfast with Santa. It is a fun way to get into the holiday spirit and bring in the community. Stay tuned for more details.

And last but not least, December's monthly dinner will be prime rib. Like years past, we require reservations and pre-payment for this event. Look for the sign-up sheet in the coming weeks.

Sonny Swangstu,
Commander

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 1 – Blue Moon Karaoke – 7:00-11:00pm
Nov 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 3 – Soup Potluck 2:30-6:00pm
Nov 8 – Deans Blue Country – 7:00-10:00pm
Nov 9 – VA Quilt Display – 8:00am – 3:00pm
Nov 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
Nov 17 – Legion Breakfast - 7:30 – 11:00am
Nov 22 – Jackie Marie and Frank (Lefty) James 7:00-10:00pm
Nov 23 – Bad Habit Band – 7:00 - 11:00pm (all tips go to Stoughton Veterans Park)
Nov 24 – Country Jam with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three – 2:00-6:00
Nov 28 – Thanksgiving – CLOSED
Dec 1 – Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day (1941)
Dec 7 – Rock & Roll Blues Jam – 7:00 – 11:00pm
Dec 8 – Breakfast with Santa (SAL) 8:00 – 11:00am
Dec 13 – National Guard Birthday
Dec 13 – Deans Blue Country – 7:00 – 10:00pm
Dec 14 – National Wreaths Across America
Dec 14 – Ugly Christmas Sweater Night with All Star Karaoke 7:00 – 11:00pm
Dec 15 – John Solis Country 7:00 – 10:00pm
Dec 22 – Country Jam with Mikey Fuss and the Cherokee Three – 1:00-5:00
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
Dec 25 – Christmas Day
Dec 27 – Jackie Marie and Frank (Lefty) James 7:00-10:00pm
Dec 28 – Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant
Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

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

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(Monday & Tuesday CLOSED)

- 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

NO FISH FRY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SATURDAY – MEAT RAFFLE

2:00 pm

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Melissa at 608.220.9192

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Sons of the American Legion Report

The cold weather has been here early and for an extended time. Fortunately, the Fish Boil we had in early October was a major success even with less than perfect weather conditions. I heard a lot of compliments on the dinner and everything went very smoothly. Thank you to all involved in all aspects of putting on an event that truly was an all-day affair to make it go as well as it did. Hopefully we can do it again in 2020.

Our focus has changed to the things we find ourselves doing each fall and into mid-December. Monday November 11th a dozen of our SAL members and volunteers will be participating in the Veterans Day "RAISE the Flag" honoring military veterans in the Stoughton area by planting flags at homes and businesses of those involved with supporting the Raise the Flag program. This will be the final Raise the Flag of 2019.

We have started to collect toys for this year's "Toys for Tots" effort. Please bring in new unwrapped toys to donate. Collection boxes will be located in the dining room at the OTIS SAMPSON AMERICAN LEGION POST 59, and at Crown Flooring Inc. 2126 S. Stoughton Rd. in Madison. If you are unable to get your donation to the collection points, please contact Bob or Dean at Sonsofthelegion59@gmail.com or Bob at 608-206-6980 and we'll make sure that you have the assistance that you need. The Breakfast with Santa which will also be a fundraiser for Toys for Tots will be held on Sunday December 8th from 7:30 am – 11:30 am bring in a new unwrapped toy for a one-dollar discount on your breakfast. Breakfast costs are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under the age of six.

Last but not least the SAL Amish candy sale is going strong. Cashew Crunch Brittle and Chocolate covered Cashew Crunch are available at the Legion Bar or by contacting any SAL member. We hope to be able to keep them available for the holidays.

Bob Hocking

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh God, when I have food, help me remember the hungry. When I have a home, help me remember the homeless. When I am with friends and family who love me, help me remember those who are friendless and shunned. And remembering, help me destroy my complacency, move my heart and reach out by word and deed to those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Ed Nowicki, Chaplain

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



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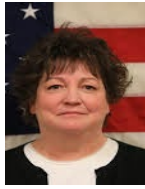
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Bonnie Kennedy
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Auxiliary News



Greetings ~

Our 6th annual chicken & biscuit dinner fundraiser, held on Saturday, September 19th was a big success. We served 142 dinners (134 adults and 8 kids). The tasty treats were made by several of our auxiliary members. Additionally, Bonnie Kennedy continues to make great raffle baskets for our events. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this event a success!

As a reminder, our auxiliary is hosting another ice cream social at the VA Hospital on Saturday, November 23rd. Anyone interested in helping should call Lisa Olson at 279-4847.

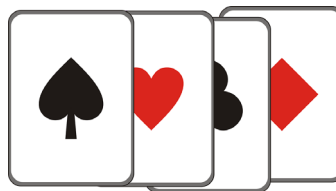
During the October legion dinner, quilts were presented to deserving veterans. Robert 'Bob' Dvorak was recognized for his many years of service and volunteerism to our legion. The quilt was made by Alice Moen. The second quilt was presented to Dale 'Zeke' Seffens recognizing his service to our country and his many years of volunteerism at the legion. The quilt was made by Teresa Vike-Kelly. There is a long list of deserving veterans that we want to recognize and present with a quilt. This past month gave a snap-shot of the veterans as we try to recognize all eras of service. We appreciate all our veterans and honor what they have done for our country and their commitment to our legion.

Thanks to all our members for all they do!!!!

-Cathy

Euchre Card Party

Come join us every 2nd Wednesday of each month (through May 2020) at 1:00 pm to play euchre! All men & women are welcome to play. You do not need to be a member to play.



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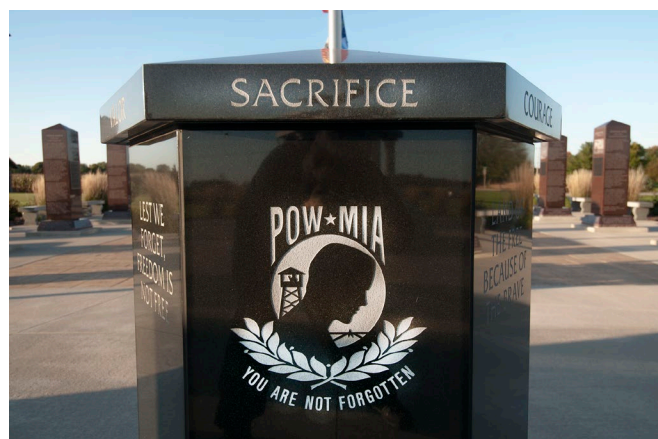
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Gabe Dickens, Stoughton High School senior, was duly recognized and shared of his recent Badger Boys State program experience following our American Legion Post 59 monthly dinner.



PARK PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**FREE
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

All Are Welcome!

VFW Hall
Veteran's Road (CTY N)
Stoughton, WI
December 25th

Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Delivery will start at 10:00 am

If you need a ride (van is handicap accessible) or
if you want a meal delivered,
please call

The Stoughton Senior Center
(608) 873-8585

by Friday Dec. 20

- Leave your name, address and phone number
- How many dinners you will need
- How many passengers need a ride
- Rides and home delivery limited to
Stoughton School District area

Donations are Appreciated

Hosted by the American Legion, VFW Post 328
and their Auxiliaries and Volunteers

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



**Join us for the 14th Annual Social and Silent
Auction for America's Game December 14th**



**Navy League of Madison invites you to America's Game at Mr Brews Taphouse-Monona
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