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COMMANDER'S CORNER . . . BILL CROWE

Hi All, and Happy 4th

In this letter we have a lot of good things to talk about.

The panic over the virus is dwindling and people are getting back to normal. We still have Members with health issues, but more healthy Members are stepping up to visit them and let them know they haven't been forgotten.

Our Boy Scout Troop #59 face dressed all the brass flag holders at Floral Hills before Memorial Day.

Speaking of Boy Scouts, this past Sunday 5, that's right, 5! Scouts from Troop #59 reached the rank of Eagle. I had the Honor of presenting their Congratulatory Certificates from Post 263.

This year's Memorial Day Observance was a successful and moving event. It was the first time in over a year the NLHS Marching Band was able to perform publicly and they were wonderful. The Honor Guard did not disappoint either. Legion Baseball is back and such a treat after their year off. If you want to have an enjoyable evening for \$2, come to the park and watch the Legion Clippers.

In closing, let me say I'm encouraged by all the positives happening with our Post and I hope and pray that it continues.

PAST HAPPENINGS . . . TIM ROBERTS

These past months, the Post has been doing a great job at keeping ourselves busy. There was a wonderful turnout for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Taft Park. The beautiful heartfelt ceremony can be watched at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqc2djWNmAc>

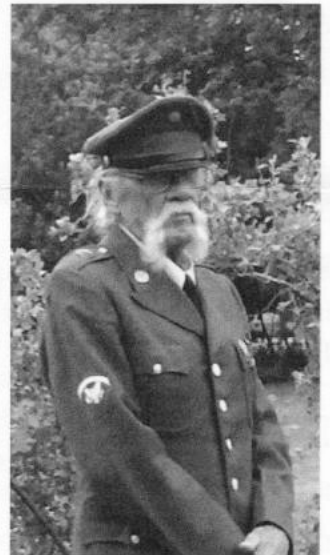
The community has lost a few more brothers in the last few months: Robert Fritz, Stanley Bresch, Gordon Frank, Earl Laughlin, Jim Leiby as well as Donald Mueller and Dan Hedtke, who were members of our Post.

The Boy Scouts completed the Flag Holder Project, held a food drive with people dropping off donations at the Post during our Chili Feed, they have been taking care of the Adopt a Highway section, as well as staking out the fire pit for future use. As a thank you for the great job at the Memorial services and all their help, the Post held a cookout on June 29th for them before their meeting.

IN MEMORY OF:



Daniel K. Hedtke
Oct 19, 1931-May 28, 2021
Service: 06/04/21 11 AM



Donald W. Mueller
Jun 17, 1944 - May 6, 2021
Service: 05/19/21 11 AM
WI Veterans Cemetery

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Discussion regarding fixing the parking lot has come up the last couple months. So, we looked into it and decided that instead of spending the \$60,000 to \$100,000 to replace it, we will fill in cracks, sealcoat and line stripe it instead. Badgerland was awarded the contract for \$5850.

Other events the Post has taken part in were a Brat Fry in April that brought in over \$1100, attended the Mid-Winter Conference and worked the gates at the Iola Car Show. Jim Jaeger continues to sell his coasters & tip-ups for a profit going to Cabin 8. Be sure to submit your volunteer hours to Tim Roberts.

ANNUAL POST PICNIC . . .

THURSDAY AUGUST 19th

NEED SIX MEN TO PUT UP THE BIG TENT AT 10:00AM

Picnic starts at 1:00 PM, will eat at 4:00PM. Post will provide BRATS & BURGERS, POTATO SALAD, CORN ON THE COBB & LIQUID REFRESHMENTS. Bring a dish to pass, also bring chairs to sit outside. You must make reservations, contact Jim Jaeger at 920-460-1403 or email at jjj.jaeger3@gmail.com no later that August 15th.

INVITE A VETERAN

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS . . .

July 16th	4:30pm	AL Baseball Clippers Steak Fry in Hatten Stadium
July 27th	7:00pm	County Meeting in the Waupaca VFW
Aug 7th		Post 263 Brat Fry, Fleet Farm in Waupaca
Aug 13th	11:00am	AL Auxiliary Blood Drive in the Post
Aug 19th	1:00pm	Annual Post Picnic at the Post
Oct 17th		Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Post

SICK CALL

Bob Polaske is recovering from colon surgery and is adapting to his new life in Appleton. Mike Hoks is still recovering from surgery on his leg. Linda Butler is also recovering from surgery and doing well.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

If at anytime you need any assistance or just a visit, please call any officer:

Commander:	Bill Crowe	920-850-4280	bcmktng@aol.com
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**A LITTLE
HUMOR TO
CHEER YOU UP:**

HOW DO DIFFERENT
MILITARY BRANCHES
US STARS?

THE ARMY SLEEPS
UNDER THE STARS.

THE NAVY
NAVIGATES BY
THE STARS.

THE AIR FORCE
CHOOSES HOTELS
BY THE STARS.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

NORRIS SPENCER UNIT 263



In this week of Dept. convention, our Unit is wrapping up work under Dept. Auxiliary President and Navy veteran Joanie Dickerson. Members are getting back to the 'new normal' during this pandemic recovery period. Sadly, we are still leading the world with 605,000 deaths in the U.S. and counting... Please continue to think of others in preventing the spread. If anyone needs a ride to get your vaccine shot, call Marla at 920-538-2186.

Just to recoup a bit since our last report in April... Our 9th grade Americanism essay winner went on to win State and has now gone on to the national level. The 5th grade poppy poster contest finished at the end of school so winners will be recognized in the Fall. The Badger State program, cancelled in 2020 and 2021, is being reviewed at Dept. and national levels and should resume in 2022. Three Auxiliary ladies called in to the 8th District Spring teleconference, a few attended veterans' funerals, Unit elections were held, dozens of cookies were dropped off at New London Middle School during Teacher Appreciation Week and a bag of patriotic supplies went to the Chamber's Women's Wellness Walk event. Legion Family members worked Poppy Days in May...*always a lasting memory - if it's not dripping sweat HOT than it's freezing wind COLD for those outside.* The Auxiliary then offered lunch to Veterans, military, their families and the community following Memorial Day ceremonies at Taft Park and Floral Hill Cemetery. Be sure and catch the Veterans' mural progress at Taft Park! June had us working another American Red Cross blood drive (thank you Post for a beautiful floor), the Badger Girls' State brat fry (with Ken Stuczynski's help) and Donna B. organized the Legion/Auxiliary contingent staffing the Iola Car Show gates in July. Then a much-deserved break until August!

Thank you to the 19 Legion Family members who worked Poppy Days 2021:

Bill Crowe, Ken & Audrey Stuczynski, Lynne & Arien Herminath,
Ron Gagnow, Tim Roberts, Tina Sommer, Kim & Marla Knuettel, Judie Knapp,
Donna Hanson & friend Helen Dessort, Don Schmoll, Jim & Sandy Massonet,
Jim Jaeger, Joanne Ehrenberg, Dale & Kathy Waushesock. ☺



\$ \$ \$ \$: In-kind donations went to Camp American Legion via our Post workers in May, along with the annual \$300 for general use. This was followed up with \$1,000 at the June meeting for the new Waupaca Co. Cabin #8. General and rehab monies also went to: NL Park & Rec's Fourth of July fireworks and their Camp Hatten Super Heroes program in August; the Mobility 4 Vets program (Waupaca); 20% Poppy profit (Dept. VA&R, Children & Youth); and female veterans' baby needs (VAMC-Zablocki).

Membership: We are one short of goal! Who has some spare time to give to our Veterans, Military and their families?? Maybe there is a granddaughter out there ready to be mentored? Please contact Donna Bellettiere, 920-986-3712 or Audrey Stuczynski (920) 594-0746 if you can help. Dues are \$33 for Seniors and \$6.25 for Juniors. We are looking for Veterans' spouses (male or female), mothers, grandmothers, sisters, any female direct or adopted descendants and female veterans (Dual is Cool)! You need not attend meetings - you can work at home! ♥ *Unaffiliated members/helpers welcome!* ♥ *Shout-out to Audrey after her recent hospital stay...*



What's coming up...

August meeting will be a little different...come and see! Hint: A time to celebrate youth. Executive committee members are checking out scholarship possibilities.

September meeting is important in that members will decide on Rehab and General donations to Dept. of WI - where some of our Poppy money goes to support our veterans at VA and VAMC facilities throughout the state.

October meeting will be a little bit of everything - Auxiliary and Legion activities.

November meeting/month will wrap up the extended Auxiliary Centennial so be prepared to party!



→ Suicide Prevention: If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 or text 838255. You can also chat online at Suicide Prevention Chat: 24/7 Confidential Help – Veterans Crisis Line.



→ Lap robes for hospice veterans: Knitted or crocheted, using any combo of red/white/blue yarn (*provided*), any pattern, finished size of 2 ½ ft. x 3 ½ ft.

→ Check out amlegionauxwi.org, Facebook, Blog; also ALaforVeterans.org – need membership ID# to log-in...



Calendar:

- **JULY - NO AUXILIARY MEETING!!**
- Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18 – Dept. of WI convention @ Middleton. (16th caucus, 17th voting)
- Sat., Aug. 7 – Post brat fry @ Waupaca Fleet Farm. *Heritage Day at Historical Village, 10am-4pm.*
- Thurs., Aug. 12 – TAL/ALA monthly meeting, 6:30pm, Legion Hall.
- Fri., Aug. 13 – ARC Blood drive, 11am-5pm; Chamber's 'Volunteer New London' 4:30-7:30pm
- Thurs., Aug. 19 – PICNIC, 1pm social, 4pm food.
- Sun., Aug. 22 – AMVETS Flag Retirement ceremony, 9:00am at Konkol/Hatten Park; noon potluck.
- Thurs., Sept. 2? – All Vet groups/auxiliaries - talk from sister of six-tour Vietnam veteran (deceased).
- Mon., Sept. 6 – **LABOR DAY!** Auxiliary Day of Service.
- Thurs., Sept. 9 – TAL/ALA monthly meeting, 6:30pm, Legion Hall.
- Sat., Sept. 11 – **PATRIOTS' DAY!** 20th anniversary of 9/11; *NL Fall Fest downtown, 9am-3pm.*
- Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 23-25 – 3rd 'Celebrate Freedom' at Portage with 9/11 History tours on semi-truck.
- Sat., Oct. 2 – 'In The Know', Appleton, 8:30am-3:30pm. Will car pool from Hall. Unit pays.
- Mon., Oct. 11 – **COLUMBUS DAY!** Auxiliary Day of Service.
- Thurs., Oct. 14 - TAL/ALA monthly meeting, 6:30pm, Legion Hall.
- Fri., Oct. 15 – ARC Blood drive, 11am-5pm.
- Sun., Oct. 17 – Post pancake breakfast, 7am-12 noon.
- Sat., Oct. 23 – Tentative Fall Conference, date and place TBD.
- Tues., Nov. 2 – **ELECTION DAY!**
- Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – **VETERANS DAY!**