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Wausau American Legion Newsletter
February - March 2024

Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

Winter has officially set in and Mother Nature reminded us that we live in Wisconsin. Before we know it, we will be on the fast track to spring. While things have calmed down a bit, we are still very active at the Post. I want to say "Thank You" to Unit 10 and their committee members that hosted a great Christmas Party on Saturday January 13th. Attendance was great with 75 members and guests signed up to enjoy the festive evening. Check our Facebook Page to see numerous pictures of the fun. Our Veterans Meal Delivery program is going stronger than ever. We have officially reached our maximum capacity as we delivered 250 meals on January 17th. A huge "Thank You" to Past Commander Bob Weller and his entire team for the unbelievable amount of work it takes to put together a single delivery date. We have 2 more deliveries coming up this spring.

This edition is full of information on events and programs that will be coming up this spring. Our Post 10 Baseball and Softball Teams are busy scheduling games and preparing for their fundraisers that are coming up. We are looking forward to some exciting ball this summer. Our Scholarship Committee is processing the applications they received and looking forward to making notifications to those selected. Our Membership Committee and our Fundraising Committee are off to great starts and looking at ways to boost our numbers on both fronts. At the time of this publication, we are less than 60 members away from our 100% goal. We have not achieved that goal in many years. If you know of a veteran that is not a member, please reach out and tell them about the great things we are doing for our veterans, our community and our youth. Joining us will strengthen our programs and ability to help.

Jim Klement, the director at Camp American Legion, was our guest speaker at our January membership meeting. He spoke about all of the great opportunities and programs that are available at camp. If you or a veteran you know can benefit from a stay at camp, please check out their website: wilegion.org/camp-american-legion/. While Jim was there, we also made our annual donation from the post of \$1500.00 to help with their needs.

I encourage you to keep up to date with everything we are doing. Our Publicity Committee does an amazing job in showing the work we do. Check out our website and our Facebook page for tons of information about your Wausau American Legion.



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Fran Bender

Hello Auxiliary Members!

Happy New Year! Am I still allowed to say that even though we are well into 2024? I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you're all enjoying the snow and cold weather that finally showed up.

As always, I want to thank all of our members for renewing their membership for 2024! As of January 17th, we have 110 members that have renewed. Our 2024 membership goal is 168, so we are at 65.48% of that. I know that I bring up our current membership with every newsletter article. However, we are a member-based organization. Without each and every one of our members, we would not have an American Legion Auxiliary. Each member has value and each member counts! Our members are the reason we are here and able to do all of the amazing things we do for our active duty military, veterans, their families and our community. If you are reading this article because a member of your family received it but you are not a member, come join us!! Attend our next week membership meeting, see what we are all about and consider becoming a member.

As a reminder, in the last newsletter I had included information about the year-end reporting we do. We collect and report all of our volunteer and service hours, donations and number of veterans / military members served. If you did use the form from the last newsletter to record your information for April 2023 – March 2024, please send your completed form to me by the end of March (email it back to me at [aman-da.szalewski19@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.szalewski19@gmail.com) or mail it back to me at 310 Prospect Ave, Wausau WI 54403).

So what have we been up to over the last few months? Our Juniors are busy working on their patches for the National Junior Patch program. They complete different tasks to learn about the American Legion Auxiliary programs and earn their patches. Our plastic canvas ladies have been making numerous tray favors and items for our veterans in the state Veterans Homes as part of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. Last autumn, members attended ALA in the Know – an informative daylong program to learn more about our organization and connect with other members across the state. In January, members attended the American Legion Holiday party where they shared in fellowship with fellow Auxiliary members and Legionnaires.

In the upcoming months, we have many activities going on. We will be initiating new members at the February membership meeting. In March, we will be recognizing members for their continuous membership years starting at 25 years and then at every 5 year increment after that. In May, we will be distributing poppies the Friday before Memorial

Day. Watch for our Auxiliary members and Legionnaires through the city with poppies, in the Memorial Day Parade and at the Memorial Day Ceremony. On top of those activities, we will be continuing to work our programs!

Every member is welcome to attend any of these events, participate in any of our programs and join us at our meetings. Reminder! Our Unit meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July and December) at 7pm at Bunkers. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thank you members for everything you do to support our military members, veterans and our communities!

Respectfully,

Amanda Szalewski, Unit 10 President



Unit 10 Membership Information

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin Red Book 2023 – 2024 under Membership 2. c. states as follows: Dues shall be payable annually for the succeeding calendar year or for life. A member **failing to pay such annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and should be suspended from all membership privileges.**

Dues are \$40 for seniors (members born in 2005 are SENIORS). Dues are \$7 for juniors (members born in 2006 are JUNIORS). Dues can be mailed to Fran Bender, 1839 Kimberly Rd., Kronenwetter, WI 54455. Checks should be made out to ALA Unit 10.

The website to renew online is www.legion-aux.org. You can also renew by phone. If your address has changed or if you have moved into an assisted living facility, please send your updated information to Fran Bender, at the above address, call her at 715 359 8469, or email at csmrb@charter.net.

2024 NON-PAID MEMBERS RENEWAL NOTICE

Abigail Adshead	Heidi Krcil	Ashley Adshead	Tricia Maier	Elizabeth Adshead	Tracey McDonald
Hope Adshead	Dorothy Miller	Jacqueline Adshead	Peggy Nelson	Sarah Adshead	Lauren Nowinsky
McKenzie Cottrell	Lilly Nowinsky	Danielle Duranceau	Neitzke	Grace Ospeth	Emilynn Guthrie
Doris Peters	Joan Jehn	Lilyn Peterson	Margaret Juedes		Dawn Sapp
Lynn Keen	Jennifer Schwede		Anne Schymanski		Malory Smit
Connie Tessmer	Emma Tessmer	Gillian Waukau	Nevaeh Waukau		

Wausau American Legion Family Christmas Party

Everyone had a great time at the Christmas Party on Saturday January 13th at Bunkers. 75 people signed up for a fun filled evening. After a great meal, we were entertained by the Montessori Charter School Choir. The Post and Unit were proud to make a donation to the choir for their upcoming trip to New York where they will perform at the United Nations. It was relaxing evening.



Feb & March Meals Delivery

Our meal delivery program reached a new plateau in January with 250 meals delivered by 25 drivers. This arbitrarily set plateau was reached when Bunkers stated we had maxed their capacity. And, in reality, we have reached that capacity too, with 5 individuals making hundreds of call, reaching Voice Mail, calling again, not once, but 3 or 4 times. After the names are compiled, then it's time to determine the routes needed to deliver to 125 locations. That task alone takes about 6 hours to complete.

Bunkers is provided the info for the 250 meals, and the process starts by ordering the meat, potatoes, gravy and warm vegies we selected. Then, we need to determine if we're going to do pies, cookies or bars for dessert. In the end, we get the invoice for 250 meals... and the price varies based on the menu selection, availability from their vendors, and time to prep the meals for us to deliver.

If you're able, we need drivers too: email pastcmdrbob@wausaupost10.com. Our next delivery dates are February 28th and March 21st. If you could use a meal, call 715-298-1606 to leave your name and number. Thanks for your support.

Bob Weller
Past Commander



Post 10 Chaplain's Report

Chaplain Don Hildebrandt has been working with the City of Wausau and met on January 23rd with additional Post 10 Members for a formal declaration of The Four Chaplains Day. We will have much more coverage but we thought that you would enjoy knowing the story behind it.

NO GREATER GLORY:

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS AND THE SINKING OF THE USAT DORCHESTER

The Four Chaplains also known as the Immortal Chaplains or the Dorchester Chaplains, were four WWII chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American Troop ship the SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of WWII.

The Dorchester was a civilian liner converted for military service in WWII as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. On this voyage it was heavily loaded with civilian and military personnel and material to build a new airstrip in Greenland designed for long range bombers. The ship left New York on January 23, 1943 on route to Greenland carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard cutters-Tampa, Escanaba and Commanche.

During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic.

The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life vests when the supply ran out as well as their own overcoats and gloves.

The chaplains joined arms, said prayers and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

Of the 904 personnel on board only 230 were rescued.

The impact of the chaplain's story was deep, with many memorials and extensive media coverage. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart.

The chaplains were nominated for The Medal of Honor, but were ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a special medal for them, The Four Chaplains Medal with the same weight and importance as The Medal of Honor. Congress also designated February 3 as "Four Chaplains Day"

The chaplains were:	George Fox	Methodist Minister
	Alexander Dvid Goode	Reform Rabbi
	Johnn P Washington	Catholic Priest
	Clark Poling	Reformed Church Minister

Each man wanted more than anything else to serve God by administering to men on the battlefield. When the moment came, they did not hesitate to put others before self, courageously offering a tenuous chance of survival with the full knowledge of the consequences.

Post 10 officers are meeting with city officials to help promote this Nationally recognized event to honor the chaplains as well as remember the 674 who perished.

For more details, please read Sea of Glory by Ken Wales and David Poling

Post 10 Legion Baseball and Softball Information



The 2024 Wausau Legion Baseball season will start on June 7th

Wausau will again field a senior and junior team and will play in a conference that includes Stevens Point, Plover, Wisconsin Rapids, DC Everest, Marshfield, Antigo and Merrill.

The senior team will be playing in weekend tournaments in Maple Grove Minn, Chippewa Falls, and Stevens Point as well as hosting a number teams for weekend action.

The annual Wausau Legion baseball raffle tickets will be available soon. Tickets are \$20 apiece and will be available at Bunkers, Loppnows and also from Legion baseball players. You can also buy tickets by sending a check made out to Wausau American Legion baseball to Tom Magnuson 154658 Marshall Hill Rd Wausau wi 54403 or use Venmo at @Tom-Magnuson-5.

Prizes include \$1500 cash, \$500 cash, \$100 cash, a week's stay at a condo in Key Colony Beach Florida, Brewers tickets, Badger football tickets and more.

Drawing will be Monday June 3rd at 5:30 pm at Loppnows Sports Bar in Wausau.

Most of our home games will be played at Athletic Park with a few exceptions to be played at one of the high school fields. If anyone has questions about the baseball program they can text or call me at (715) 297-1893 or email tmags33@yahoo.com.

WAUSAU AMERICAN LEGION POST 10



BULLDOGS BASEBALL

WAUSAU JR LEGION



POLAR BEAR BASEBALL

Post 10 Patriots Softball

Exciting news to kick off our second year of Patriots Softball! Post 10 will have 2 teams playing this year. Our Senior team and our Futures (Junior) Patriots Team. While the schedules are being finalized, we are planning our Senior games on Tuesday Nights and Futures games will be on Wednesdays. The season will start June 11th with a Grand Kick Off Event at Sunny Vale Park in Wausau. The Central Wisconsin Legion Softball Conference will have teams from the Wausau, DC Everest, Antigo, Wittenberg, Merrill and Whittlesey (Medford) American Legion Posts. Our Jr league will include some teams from the Marshfield area as well. We will post the schedules on our Facebook Page at Post 10 Patriots Softball.

Also Save the date for the First Annual Girls Softball Fundraiser Golf Outing which will be held at Tribute Golf Course on Sunday June 9th. Details will be released soon, with the chance to sign up your team for a fun filled day of golf for a good cause.



Post 10 Membership Information

TO ALL MEMBERS,

We would like to thank all members that support our Post and those that have renewed for 2024. The membership year starts **July 1** and after December 1st you are considered delinquent if you have not renewed. We have 49 members that have not yet renewed yet as of January 16th. Continued membership is important. Unfortunately, 18 members have passed away since July 1.

Because of the renewal system that National uses, some members do receive reminders after they have already renewed and mistakenly send in another check-which we return. If you ever are uncertain about your status, please call the Post at 715-581-5210 or the Adjutant at 715-574-1882.

We realize that for many older members health and travel issues and where they live may prevent them from participating in Post functions and they may no longer wish to renew. We certainly do not mean to harass anyone into renewing, but we cannot begin to know the status and personal feelings of all our members. By no means do we wish to deny anyone from renewing and if some help is needed, please call us.

Sincerely,
Executive Board

NON RENEWED MEMBERS

AMMENT	WARREN				
BAESEMAM	GORDON	LELKO	LEONARD	FLYNN	JOHN
BINS	GERALD	MATHSEN	CURTIS	FRENZEL	KEITH
BLALOCK	SAM	MCVEY	ROBERT	GARDNER	SID
BLIVEN	DAVID	MILLER	ARTHUR	GERMINARD	ROBERT
BROWN	NANCY	NEISES	JAMES	GOOD	PAUL
BUSKA	JOSEPH JR	NEST	SCOTT	HUBER	ERVIN
CHADDERDON	ROBERT	OLIVA	PAUL	JACOBI	ORVILLE
CLEMMENTS	MIKE	OLSON	PATRICIA	JEWEL	FRED
ECKMAN	DAVID	REMLEY	HARRY	JOLING	DANIEL
FLATH	LAURENCE	ROCHON	JOHN	JONES	CHARLES
FLORA	BRUCE	SAAL	RABECKA	KEEN	RONALD
SNOWADZKI	GARY	SANDBERG	KURT	KOEPKE	ARTHUR
STEGNER	ROBERT	SCHEURER	ROBERT	KOERTON	FRANK
STEPAN	KADE	TESCH	EUGENE	WYLIE	ROBERT
TELLEKSON	MIKE	UTECHT	ARLEIGH	YUNK	JEFFREY
WISNEWSKI	DALE	WESENICK	ROBERT	ZUNKER	TODD

NEW MEMBERS THAT HAVE JOINED OR TRANSFERRED SINCE JULY.

WE ARE GRATEFULL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT POST EVENTS

JAMES ASCHER	ARMY	VIETNAM	TIMOTHY BRYANT	AIR FORCE	GULF WAR
ARLAN ERICKSON	ARMY	OTHER CONFLICTS	WAYNE GUTHMAN	ARMY	VIETNAM
ALAN HOFFMAN	VIETNAM		GARY KOSKEY	ARMY	OTHER CONFLICTS
DONALD KURTH	AIR FORCE	KOREA	TOM LINDSTROM	AIR FORCE	VIETNAM
DAN MUELLER	ARMY	VIETNAM	JOHN PEROUTKA	NAVY	VIETNAM
DONALD PHILLIPS	NAVY	VIETNAM	KEN REHMEYER	ARMY	VIETNAM
CHARLOTTE RETHABER	USMC	GULF WAR	CHARLES SANDERS	USMC	VIETNAM
RONALD SELL	USMC	LEBANON-GRENADA	RUSSELL SLABY	ARMY	PANAMA
DAVE SOHN	ARMY	LEBANON-GRENADA	THOMAS STEMPSON	ARMY	KOREA
DEVIN SUNIE	ARMY	GULF WAR	FREDERICK VEENSTRA	ARMY	OTHER CONFLICTS
WILLIAM WOLFE	ARMY	VIETNAM			

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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

February 12th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
February 20th	Post and Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
February 28th	Veterans Meal Delivery	
March 11th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
March 19th	Post and Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
March 21st	Veterans Meal Delivery	

You can still sign up to receive the full color version of this newsletter electronically up to 2 weeks before the mail version. Email our adjutant to sign up at

Check out the events calendar on our new website for a current and very detailed list of events. Wausaupost10.com