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Post 6 Horseshoe Team a Strong Second

By David Bigalke

Post 6 members Harold 'Smitty' Smith and Dwight Hucke took second place in the 4th Annual Moose Charity Horseshoes Tournament held Saturday, June 27th, at the Moose Family Center #1572. Post 6 was also represented by the team of Dennis Kaminski and Jerry Kowalski. Other teams were sponsored by the Evening Lions, Plover VFW Post #10262, Vietnam Veterans of America #115 and the hosts, Moose Family Center #1572. Harold Smith, and then partner Dave Strelke, took first in the Inaugural tournament in 2006.

The team donated their prize money to the Family Readiness Group (FRG) of B Battery, 1/120 Field Artillery. A team from the Vietnam Veterans of America #115 took first place and they also donated a share of their prize money to the FRG for a total donation of \$400.00.

B Battery from Stevens Point's National Guard Armory was sent to Iraq in February for a ten month deployment. The FRG is a support group comprised of family members and friends of those deployed. Since their deployment, Stevens Point American Legion Post 6 and the Plover VFW Post #10262 have adopted the FRG as a show of support for our troops overseas and for their families and friends.

Family Readiness Groups are officially supported by the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. Usually the responsibility of the unit's commanding officer, the organization is comprised of family members, volunteers, soldiers and civilian employees associated with a particular company or battalion. FRG's are established to provide practical tools for adjusting to military deployments and separations by enhancing the flow of information between the units and the group. This information reduces stress brought on by the unknown or unexpected by family and those deployed. Information can be distributed at meetings, by newsletters, websites, e-mail and member telephone trees.

They also provide activities to enhance the well-being and esprit de corps within the unit depending on whether the unit is in pre/post deployment, deployed, or in training. The American Legion Post 6 and Plover VFW Post 10262 have adopted the local FRG in a show of support. The FRG understand that they can give as well as receive. In appreciation for support from the community, members of the FRG have discussed conducting a blood drive and/or a drive for the Portage County Humane Society with details yet to be worked out.



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From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

I hope your summer is going great. We miss you when you're not at a meeting. I am going to say this ONE LAST TIME for those who were present at this last meeting. I'm sorry for the use of the gavel but if you have something to put before the membership, ask to be recognized don't just start your own little conversation when others are talking.

I wish to thank Cecil for saying yes to the two requests for events coming up in Stevens Point. Please remember that any of our fundraisers are more successful when there is a better presence of Legionnaires. It is hard to do all the work and be present all the time when it is always only the VERY few of us that show up. I know we all have other things to do, but what could it hurt to put in an hour or so for the Post. Think about this, the more money we raise from fundraisers the less money we have to take out of our general fund. Make sense??

For the Legionnaires who were not at the meeting please read the 6 Pointer and see what's going on. If you can help (in any way) please call me at 343-1947. Harvest Fest is coming up on Sept. 19th from 9AM to 4PM downtown. The Auxiliary and Juniors will be again selling pies and ice cream. Post 6 will have a booth selling flags and doing Flag folding demos. PLEASE come and help because funds raised go to help VETERANS in need in Stevens Point and boxes to our troops overseas (remember when you were overseas and the boxes came, felt good didn't it?).

Well I won't write a book so all I will say in ending is Please help when needed don't take the attitude that "someone else will do it" because they may be saying the same thing. It's YOUR Post, be proud and join in. Who knows you just might like it.

God bless you all and your families, God bless our troops and God bless America. Till we meet again.

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By *Chef Jerry Kowalski*

Attention Voyageurs of 831,
I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer, time sure flies when you are having fun.

Our next promenade will be on Monday, September 14th at the Olympia Restaurant. Happy Hour will be at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm and a short promenade to follow. See you all there.

God Bless, and God Bless America.



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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

The Department Convention was great, King Day was fabulous with a fantastic chicken dinner and the summer picnic was so much fun.

I have to bow down to Bob Golla. He beat me again this year in Yard Golf. I'm not giving up. I want a rematch next year.

We have a couple of important fundraisers coming up. There is an Auxiliary Rummage Sale August 27-29th. Donations can be dropped off anytime from now until sale time at 3257 Minnesota Ave. Call for pick-up. We also have our annual Pie Sale at the Harvest Fest Celebration on September 19th. We always run out of pies, so if you can bake a few it would be really appreciated.

Again, I want to remind you that we sponsor Bingo at the Portage County Home the 2nd Wednesday of each month and volunteers are needed to help with this event. Bingo starts at 2:30PM. Legionnaires are also welcome to help.

Congratulations to our Secretary, Sarah Szymkowiak, on her upcoming wedding. We will be having a Bridal shower for her at the next meeting and ask that members bring a kitchen gadget as a gift. We will put them into a special basket and present them to her. Hope you can all make it.

See you all September 9th.

Junior News

Congratulations to all the Juniors of Unit 6 for being given the award of Department Junior Unit of the Year for the 3rd straight year. Good Job and keep up the good work. Congratulations to Anna Rathe who was named Department Junior of the Year. This honor has gone to a Unit 6 Junior for the past 3 years also.

The Juniors will have a short meeting on Sunday Sept. 20th at noon at the Art Village downtown. After their meeting they will paint bowls to donate to Empty Bowls. There will be no charge for Juniors. If you would like to bring a friend, the cost for them to paint a bowl will be \$11.00. You must let Stacey McDowell (715 572 4832) or Sarah Szymkowiak (715 498 9355) know by September 17th if you are planning to attend.

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Memorial Day Flags

I would like to thank all the Legion and Auxiliary members and their families who helped put up and take down Memorial Day flags at veteran grave sites this year. Also, a special thank you to Bob Glennon, the Boy Scouts of Troop 293 and Cub Scouts of Pack 293 for their help.

Dennis Kaminski

Upcoming Events & Information: September, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Post Meeting Aux Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 40 & 8 Mtg	15	16	17	18	19 Harvest Fest
20 Junior Mtg	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Bridge the Gap Fundraiser Successful

Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6 completed the "Bridge the Gap" fundraiser they started during the Riverfront Rendezvous recently and are pleased to announce that over \$600 was raised for local veterans and their families.

The Post and Auxiliary started the fundraiser by collecting donations and cards on the Clark St/Hwy 10 Bridge over the Wisconsin River in Stevens Point during the rendezvous as a way to raise awareness that many of our veteran's families are struggling in today's economy. The fundraiser then continued through the month of July at local businesses where patrons were asked to drop off their donations during normal business hours.

Attention all Auxiliary Members

Pies are needed for the Harvest Fest Booth on September 19th 9AM-4PM, Downtown, Stevens Point. Please consider donating a pie or two for this fundraiser.

Pies can be dropped off at President Lorrie's house (3257 Minnesota Ave), brought downtown the morning of September 19th, or call Lorrie 343-1947 to have pies picked up. Everyone's help is needed to make this a success.

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Soldier to Receive Medal of Honor

By The American Legion

Sgt. 1st Class Jared Monti, who was killed in Afghanistan June 21, 2006, will receive the Medal of Honor for his valor in combat, the White House has announced.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to award Monti's Medal of Honor Sept. 17, to his parents in a White House ceremony. His father Paul Monti and mother Janet Monet currently live in Raynham, Mass., where their son was born and raised.

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Monti, 30, was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, when he was killed in Gowardesh, Afghanistan, in a battle with enemy forces using small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. He displayed immeasurable courage and uncommon valor, according to the White House release, which goes on to say he sacrificed his own life in an effort to save his comrade.

Monti was born Sept. 20, 1975, and graduated from Bridgewater-Raynham High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in March 1993. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla.

His previous military decorations include: the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, five Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, three Good Conduct Medals, and three National Defense Service Medals.

He was posthumously promoted to sergeant first class.

Monti will become the sixth servicemember to receive the Medal of Honor during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and the first Soldier to receive the nation's highest award for valor in Afghanistan.

Navy Lt. Michael Murphy is the only other servicemember to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan.

The Army's Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith and Spc. Ross McGinnis have received the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq.

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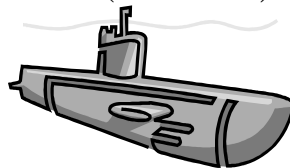


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Notes on Upcoming Events

The following notes are provided to assist our members in planning for the next few months:

- The next Post 6 or Auxiliary Unit 6 meeting will be September 9th, 2009 at 6:30 pm.
- The Department of Wisconsin Golf Outing will be held on September 12th, 2009 in West Salem, WI. As usual Post 6 will be sending one team, other members who are interested should contact Cmdr Louis for more information.
- **Don't forget to support the Auxiliary and the Post during the Dozynki Harvest Fest on September 19th, downtown in Stevens Point. The Harvest Fest is about 3 weeks earlier this year than it was last year and will be running in concert with the Art in the Park. While you are downtown support your editor's Cub Scout Pack (Pack 293) by stopping by their food booth and purchasing a brat or hotdog.**
- Planning has begun for the November Veterans Day Dinner. The dinner is tentively planned for November 11th, the normal Post and Auxiliary meeting night, at Shooter's Supper Club in Plover. More details, specifically the time for Happy Hour, dinner and price per member or guest will follow next month.
- Next month will be your only opportunity for a cut out to mail in for the Veterans Day Dinner as the issue next month will be 2-month issue covering September and October. Your editor will be out of town during the October meeting and for a couple of weeks afterward.