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## **House Passes Jobs Bill for Veterans**

*By the American Legion*

Culminating a strong push by The American Legion to improve work opportunities for America's jobless veterans, the House of Representatives has passed the final version of legislation that will help provide jobs for about one million veterans who are currently unemployed.

Provisions of the bill, passed by the Senate on Nov. 10, include expanded education, and training and transition assistance for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as older veterans.

The House of Representatives passed the final version of American Legion-backed legislation that will help provide jobs for about one million unemployed veterans. Provisions of the bill include expanded education, and training and transition assistance for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as older veterans.

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, shepherded through the legislative process by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., has several provisions that fall in line with recommendations made to Congress last September by American Legion National Commander Fang A. Wong.

"The final version of this bill passed today by the House, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, is welcome news to us and to America's jobless veterans," Wong said. "It shows us that Congress still knows how to compromise for the good of our country, and we want to thank Sen. Murray and Rep. Miller for their impressive efforts in building the consensus that got this legislation passed."

The new legislation, once signed into law, will provide tax credits to businesses that hire veterans who are out of work – \$5,600 for each veteran and \$9,600 for each disabled veteran.

Wong said that veterans should not be held hostage by partisan politics. "The American Legion has been urging Congress to pass this legislation quickly and not jeopardize it by attaching other provisions – like tax increases – that have nothing to do with getting our veterans back into the civilian work force."

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## From the Commander

By Cmdr Louis LaCroix



### Legionnaires:

WHEW, this has been a very busy month for Post 6. From Funeral Honors, Veterans Day activities at the Library and Pacelli High School, Bowling for Veterans fundraiser and the upcoming 3rd Annual Freedom Feast at Graffiti's on November 24th I'm beat but I am filled with happiness for the showing of generosity of the businesses and citizens of the area, outside Portage County and beyond the State of Wisconsin. That's right we received donations from Illinois, New York, Minnesota and Michigan. When I set my sights on something I go for the gusto, because all they can say is no, but they didn't I want to thank the members of Post 6 that came down to cheer us on for this fundraiser it was great to see you all there. Hats off to Matt Janssen and his great family (they know why). The coffers of the Veterans Assistance fund have been replenished (for now) by the amount of \$2,197.25. If you have any questions about this fundraiser please contact me at 715-343-1947 or e-mail me at [lacroix1@charter.net](mailto:lacroix1@charter.net)

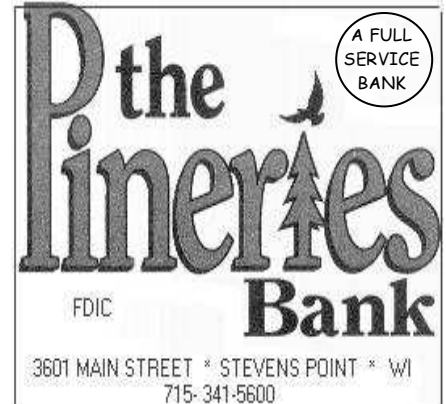
The Veterans Day dinner at Point Bowl went great. The food was fantastic and there was plenty of it. The Scouts of Troop 293 did a great job presenting the colors. Those of you that couldn't make it you missed a good time. We will be having the Veterans Day dinner at the same place (Point Bowl) November 7th 2012 and the 6th annual Dave Manske Bowling for Veterans on November 10th 2012 at 12 noon and 3 PM. I know, I know that this is a bit early to remind you of the dates but I will be reminding you all during the course of the coming new year. Thanksgiving is coming up soon and I hope that while you give thanks for the sleep inducing meal you are about to eat, please remember our troops who are guarding our freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan and all around this world. Remember also their families at home thinking about them in harm's way. We as Veterans know what our families and loved ones went through when we were in harm's way. So please take a moment to say a little prayer for them. Well time to get off my soap box and wish you all and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. Till we meet again, God bless each of you and your families, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America the land of the Free because of the Brave.

Until we meet again, God Bless each of you and your families, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

**WANTED:** We need Legion members to attend funeral rituals at the funeral homes for deceased Legion members and/or Veterans. A good attendance makes a good impression for our Post. We may someday be there for you.

## Taps

★ Ray Bartkowiak



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## Message from the President

*By Lorrie Barber*

This is a combined newsletter for November and December so make sure you write all the upcoming events on your calendar. We have plenty of fun things coming up and I wouldn't want you to miss any of them.

I hope to see you all at Freedom Feast on Thanksgiving for a wonderful meal put on by Graffiti's. We can always use some help with the meal and just visiting with the Veterans and their families from the area.

We have been challenged by the Plover American Legion Auxiliary to ring bells and collect money for the Salvation Army. We have accepted that challenge and we will be ringing bells at Trig's in Stevens Point on Thursday December 15th from 4-8PM. That is a long stretch so if you can come down and help out for a little while that would be great. Even 1/2 hour during that time period would be appreciated.

We will be selling ponczkas again this year. Don't miss out on these delectable treats. We will be taking pre-orders. The forms should be ready to go by the December meeting. Call me or send me an email if you need some order forms. 715 343-1947 or [lacroix1@charter.net](mailto:lacroix1@charter.net). There were a lot of people who missed out last year, because they didn't order in time. Get those orders in early so you get yours. They will be ready for pick-up the week-end before Ash Wednesday.

The January meeting will be a combined gathering with the Legion at the Elks. There will be a potluck dinner and Holiday Party after a very, very short meeting. So mark your calendar on January 11th and don't miss the fun.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership for 2012. There will be a dues increase in 2013 so if you are considering becoming a PUFL (paid up for life) Now is a good time to do it. You have until the end of December 2012 to get those in. You will never see a dues raise again by becoming a PUFL. If you have already paid your dues for this year and want to do it or just need some membership renewal help, contact Kathy Jones and she can help.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

## Junior News

The Juniors met on Veterans Day and made buttons for everyone to wear to honor our veterans. They are beautiful. There will be some available at the Legion and Auxiliary meetings in December so come and get one. The Juniors will be meeting on December 9th at 630PM for a Christmas Social at Stacey McDowell's house. Bring a snack, a 5.00 gift to exchange and a friend. Thank you to all the Juniors that bowled for Bowling for Veterans. Great turn-out and so much fun and thank you to the American Legion Family members that helped to sponsor their bowling.

## Upcoming Events & Information: December, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Junior Mtg	10
11	12 40 & 8 Mtg	13	14 Post Mtg Auxiliary Mtg	15 Bell Ringing at Trig's	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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### Honor Guard Commander Needed

Post 6 is looking for a new Commander to lead our Honor Guard for the coming years. After years of faithful and selfless service Cecil Coats has decided to retire.

If you are interested in continuing to provide service to your fellow veterans and the Post, contact Adjutant Jason Nagorski.

### Joint Holiday Party

American Legion Family will meet at the Elks on January 11th for a Holiday Gathering.

There will be a very, very short meeting and then a potluck dinner and Holiday Party.

Please bring a dish to pass and your family to enjoy the fun. The fun begins at 6:30PM.

Special activities for Kids and Adults alike.

Due to US Postal Service Regulations we are no longer able to show addresses and phone numbers for our newsletter sponsors. As we transition to information that meets US Postal Service Regulations we are asking that you find our sponsors in the phone book and online and support them as they support the Post and the American Legion/Auxiliary



### 40 & 8 Voiture 831

*By Chef Dave Strelke*

Attention Voyageurs of 831,

Our Christmas Party will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Park Ridge Cafe. Let me know if you can make it and if you will bring someone.

The January Promenade will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>, please try to make it there, especially since attendance will be less there due to the winter. Try to go for the get together at least.

I will not be back until April 5th so maybe Jerry can make sure things get done Have a good winter and stay safe until spring.

Lookouts Below, Dive Dive - Chef Dave Strelke

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### House Passes Jobs Bill for Veterans

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According to Tim Tetz, the Legion’s legislative director, provisions of the bill are fully paid for by a continuation of existing VA Home Loan fees and other savings within VA. “The VOW to Hire Heroes Act won’t add to our federal deficit. But it does add to what the Legion has been pressing Congress to do for some time – help our veterans get jobs. We look forward, in the very near future, to having President Obama sign this bill into law.”

The unemployment rate for about a quarter-million veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan stands at about 12 percent. Of the estimated one million jobless veterans in America, two-thirds of them fall within the 35- to 64-age group.

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## Legion Attends Roundtable for Veterans

*By the American Legion*

Not surprisingly, joblessness among veterans, especially Guard and Reserve members, was the hot topic at a Nov. 16 roundtable discussion hosted by U.S. Senate Democrats. Members of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee joined with invited guests, including Legion Deputy Legislative Director Ian de Planque, to discuss this and other concerns of veterans advocates.

The first issue to be aired at the Capitol Hill session, however, was the fate of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, as crafted jointly by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Patty Murray, D-Wash., and her House counterpart, Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla. The Senate passed the measure on Nov. 10 while the House passed it a few hours after the Senators' roundtable. Sen. Murray and VOW Act co-sponsor, Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., were both effusive in their praise of Congressional colleagues as well as veterans and military support organizations for the success of the legislation. They noted especially the bi-partisan cooperation demonstrated in support of the bill.

The other main issue of concern to roundtable participants was the work of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, better known as the supercommittee. As their Nov. 23 deadline for decision making approaches, fears of deadlock and consequent cuts to military and, perhaps, veterans budgets grow. This had been a topic of discussion by members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee the previous day, as prompted by Mr. de Planque.