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Legion Baseball Icon & Supporter Remembered

By The American Legion

The recent news of George "Sparky" Anderson's death at age 76 has saddened the baseball world, The American Legion and all those who knew him well.

"Sparky Anderson was not only a dear friend for over 30 years, but much, much more," said Bill Haase, senior vice president of the Baseball Hall of Fame. "He was the consummate friend, a great confidant and a true professional. Sparky loved baseball as much as anyone I have met in my 36 years in the game. He touched everyone he met in a special way because he loved teaching, sharing experiences, telling stories and making the game better for those around him. I will miss him personally and baseball will miss one of its greatest ambassadors."

Though Anderson is remembered as a professional baseball icon, he too is remembered as a great supporter and player of Legion Baseball. Long before Anderson acquired his nickname "Sparky" in the minor leagues in 1955, he was a spunky California boy playing American Legion Baseball for Los Angeles Crenshaw Post 715. That energy helped his team win the Legion World Series in 1951 at Detroit's Briggs Stadium (renamed Tiger Stadium). That group made Legion history - Crenshaw Post 715 became the first Legion Baseball team to travel by air instead of train to the Major League Baseball World Series in New York City for special recognition.

After Anderson stopped running Legion bases he spent nine seasons in the minor leagues and one season in the majors with the Philadelphia Phillies, eventually hanging up his playing uniform to become a manager. From 1970-1978 Anderson managed the National League's Cincinnati Reds, leading the team to a World Series win in 1975 against the Boston Red Sox and again in 1976 against the New York Yankees. Anderson then moved up the ranks by managing the American League Detroit Tigers from 1979-1995, during which time he captured his third World Series title in 1984. This achievement led him to become the only manager in baseball history to win a World Series in both National and American Leagues.

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From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

Well November is here and there are a lot of things going on. I first want to start by wishing all of you a Happy Veterans Day. We had our annual Veterans Day dinner at Shooters and the meal was fantastic as usual. Our speakers were 1Lt Lasinski and 1st Sergeant Stoflet of B Battery of the 1/120 F.A., Wisconsin National Guard. There was a token appearance by Post 6 members (6) but all (22 total) that did attend had a good time. Our firing squad participated in the Veterans Day activities at the Elks Club, the opening ceremonies for the Wisconsin Toast Masters Club, 10 Funerals starting on October 1st, 6 of which were Post members and we will be marching in the Stevens Point Holiday Parade.

We will have had our 4th annual Dave Manske Bowling for Veterans on November 27th at Point Bowl with 12 noon and 3 PM sign ups. I am looking forward to a better turnout to raise money for our Post Veterans assistance Fund. In the last 3 years we have had an increase of participation in this event and hope this continues. I will have a full breakdown of the event at our December meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6 Holiday party to be held at the Elks after a SHORT regular meeting on January 12, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Hopefully we will have a speaker who lived through the German Blitz in WW II. There will be a Pot Luck dinner so please join us to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Tom Pease concert on January 23, 2011, 1 PM at the Sentry Theater. It's free to all. Post 6 will be helping to sponsor this event. Hope you can attend and bring the kids. That's it for now so until we meet again. May God Bless you all, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

40 & 8 Voiture 831

By *Chef Jerry Kowalski*



Attention Voyageurs of 831, Our next Promenade will be our Christmas Party, which will be held on December 13th at the Park Ridge Café located on the east side of Stevens Point at the junction of I-39 and Hwy 66.

Happy Hour will be 6:00 pm and dinner will be at 7:00 pm, I hope to see you all there.

Future Promenades will be held at the Olympia Restaurant on January 10th and February 14th, 2011.

Happy Holidays to all, and God Bless America.

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Message from the President

By Sarah Szymkowiak

November is the month of giving thanks and I would like to start by thanking everyone for continuing your membership in the Auxiliary. I would also like to call current Auxiliary members and any guests interested in joining to attend our next meeting on Dec 8th, at 7pm at Kristin's Riverwalk. Perhaps you also have a friend that is an Auxiliary member that you would like to bring with, or maybe you would like to invite along a friend that is not currently a member of the Auxiliary. I am making every effort to make the meeting as fun and as exciting as possible. If you would like to attend the meeting, but you need transportation to and from the meeting, please contact me and I will help arrange a ride for you.

Our October meeting was short and sweet, as it was followed by the County meeting, complete with delicious refreshments. We have started collecting 2011 dues, which are \$22 for senior members and \$4 for junior members. Even if you are not an "active" member, paying your dues is a great way to support the Auxiliary and its causes.

Our November meeting was down in attendance but allowed us hear about the progress of the Tom Pease concert planning. The planning committee has been busy and the committee chair was pleasantly surprised with a donation from Commander LaCroix. The Smart Kids Tom Pease Concert will be held on Sunday January 23rd at 1:00pm at Sentry Theater. This is a free community event to promote children and youth safety and increase public awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary.

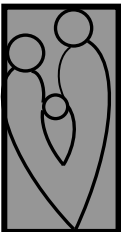
I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.



Junior News

Ellen Rathe and Honorary Dept Junior President Mariah Pursley attended the Fall Conference at VA Tomah. They had a great time visiting with the veterans and helping them with BINGO. Mariah announced her special project would be assisting the American Legion Children's Home in Oklahoma, but received news the end of October that the Legion would be closing that home on Dec. 31st. The monies she has already collected will be sent to provide the children with a great Christmas.

The Juniors will be making cookies at their next meeting. Watch for emails as to the date.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 Post Meeting Aux Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 40 & 8 Christmas Party	14	15	16	17	18
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23 Tom Pease Concert	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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.

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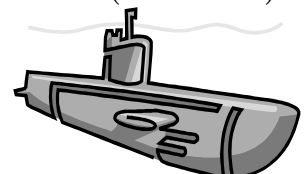
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Disabled-Vet Memorial Breaks Ground

By The American Legion

On November 10th, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial broke ground at its planned site, on 2.4 acres near the U.S. Botanic Garden and the Capitol. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki will speak, as well as representatives of the memorial’s foundation; a representative of the AT&T Foundation, one of the memorial’s biggest supporters; and the memorial’s national spokesman, actor Gary Sinise. As Sinise puts it, “It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to recognize the sacrifices that our country’s disabled veterans have made on behalf of us all ... I am deeply moved to have been asked to participate in this highly necessary memorial.”

Until now, no national memorial has focused on disabled veterans. Congress authorized its creation and President Bill Clinton signed it into law in 2000, but public funds were precluded from being used. The Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc. had been formed in 1998 to raise funds for the memorial; the foundation handles all fundraising.

The design includes a star-shaped reflecting pool with an eternal flame inside and a nearby grove of ginkgo trees. The hole is ringed with two walls of marble and glass, the glass inscribed with bronze reliefs. The site is meant to engage all the senses and evoke the power of hope and the human spirit in its strength and fragility. It is dedicated to disabled veterans of all wars - both the 3,000,000 living and all those who have died.

As of the first quarter of 2010, the foundation’s fundraising goal is less than \$3.5 million. The American Legion passed Resolution 48 at the 2009 National Convention in Louisville, supporting the creation of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.



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Baseball

From pg 1

When Anderson retired from his managerial career in 1995, he walked off the field with the third most MLB victories in history - 2,194. And a year later, Anderson rekindled his passion for Legion Baseball by speaking at the 1996 American Legion World Series banquet in Roseburg, Ore., where he stated, "Legion baseball players measure up to the finest traditions of the game in tangible ways."

More importantly, when it came time for Anderson to give his acceptance speech as an inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000 as a manager, he mentioned one of his greatest moments was winning the Legion Baseball World Series 49 years ago.

"Sparky always remembered his roots, especially American Legion Baseball which was special to him," Haase said. "He used to share with me how much Legion Baseball shaped his life and made him both a better person and a better student of the game."