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5th Annual Dave Manske Memorial Bowling for Veterans

Bowling for Veterans will be Saturday November 12th at Point Bowl on Dixon Street. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Kids 12/under. The price includes 2 games of bowling, shoes and door prizes. There will be colored pin bowling where you will have a chance to win food and drink on red pin strikes. If you collect \$25.00 in pledges, you will bowl free. Registration is available online at americanlegionpost6.com or by calling Commander Lou at 715 343-1947. There will be a raffle where you can win an autographed Packer football, bikes and numerous other prizes. All proceeds will go into the Veterans Assistance fund. Come join us for fun and a great cause.

3rd Annual Freedom Feast

The feast will be held on Thanksgiving Day from 1-4PM at Graffiti's on the Square. Graffiti's, along with Post 6 are providing the dinner to show appreciation to ALL Veterans and their families. There is no cost for this meal. Please email us at lacroix1@charter.net or call to let us know how many will be attending by Friday November 18th if possible. Walk-ins are welcome as well. Help is also needed for serving and clean-up. Please spread the word to all Veterans and their families. We would like to show them how thankful we are for the sacrifices they made to keep us safe.

Veterans Day Dinner Announced

The Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6 Annual Veterans dinner will be held at Point Bowl November 9th. Cash Bar at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM. A program will follow.

Cost of the dinner will be \$14.00 which includes tax and tip. Dinner will include chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, vegetable, rolls and dessert. PLEASE RSVP BY November 2nd. RSVP to lacroix1@charter.net



3'x5'
nylon flags with sewn
stripes and embroidered
stars. Available with or
without mounting
brackets.

Call Cmdr Lou at 715-
343-1947.

From the Commander

By Cmdr Louis LaCroix



Legionnaires:

October is half over and the very busy month of November looms big on the horizon. Sitting here thinking of what to say it entered my mind of what November means to Post 6. Is it a month of looking forward to a free meal at Applebee's or the Golden Corral? Does it mean that hunting season is on the way, or does it bring memories of our Veterans in need for the Holidays coming up? As you have seen in the papers that the food pantries are very low on food because of the many (including Veterans) people needing help. We have a couple of fundraisers coming up so that our Veterans can be helped to avoid going without the necessary items to carry them through the holidays and beyond. In order for these fundraisers to be successful WE NEED YOUR HELP. First of all the whole month of November is Veterans Appreciation Month, Post 6 will also be giving "I helped a Veteran" cards to the local Taverns, Pubs and restaurants in the area to get donations for the fund. I am not just asking for donations from you (although it would be nice) I am asking for help in getting these cards out to the places mentioned. We also have our Bowling for Veterans fundraiser on November 12th at Point Bowl. We need HELP promoting the event, selling raffle tickets (\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00) and help at the event. Only by your help can this be a success. I hope that we don't have anyone who could care less about our Veterans and concentrate on themselves.

We all know what it is to be on the short end of the stick in our lifetime and I am sure that someone helped us out. Help Post 6 be that someone that helps a needy Veteran. Our Korean Veterans and Vietnam Veterans in Post 6 know what it is like to be ignored, set aside and not given a second thought about. Let's not put on the cloak of ignorance and pretend these Veterans don't need help. Let Post 6 continue to be the "Santa" for the children, the food delivery man so that a Vet and his/her family can eat a good meal.

On Thanksgiving Day we will have our 3rd annual Freedom Feast at Graffiti's Sports Pub. ALL Veterans and their families are welcome. The Feast is from 1 PM to 4 PM. This is Graffiti's way of saying THANK YOU to Veterans. There is NO COST to Vets and families. Please spread the word about this to any Veteran you know. It will be a full Thanksgiving Meal with all the fixings and is all you can eat. Please let me know if you are coming and how many will be with you so that Graffiti's can prepare enough food. Call me at 715-343-1947.

Mark your calendar for January 11, 2012 for our annual Holiday Party.

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

Taps

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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

November brings our thoughts to Veterans. Isn't it a shame that we need Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veteran's day to remind us that we should honor and thank our Veterans? The other day, Lou and I were eating at a restaurant and a young lady came over to our table from way across the restaurant. She said, "excuse me sir, but I would like to thank you for your service." Those few words meant so much to him. It really made his day to think that she would go out of her way to thank him. The next time you see a veteran, tell him thank you. You don't have to wait for a special holiday or event.

I have seen the pins that you can have made honoring your "Special" Veteran. They are great and very inexpensive. The order blanks are available at www.alaforveterans.org . Super way to Honor them every day.

Memberships are coming in at a good pace and I want to thank you for that. If you have received your renewal and set it aside, dig it out and send it in. If you are like me, if I don't do it right away I completely forget about it. Help us reach that 100%.

REMINDER: We will be meeting the **1st Wednesday in November**, (November 2nd) so that we can all attend the Veteran's Dinner on November 9th. Also hope to see you at Bowling for Veterans and the Freedom Feast.

Junior News

Juniors will be meeting on Friday Nov, 11th at Stacey McDowell's House. They are busy working on their VA&R Patch and items to use as a fundraiser. The Juniors will also have a couple of bowling teams for Bowling for Veterans. They are collecting pledges to help them pay for their bowling. If you can help them out, let Stacey or Mary Ellen know.

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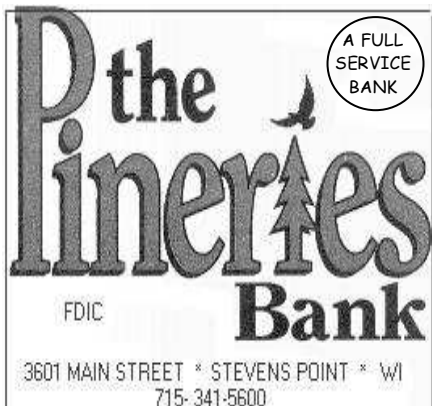
By Chef Dave Strelke

Attention Voyageurs of 831,

Mark your Calendar Nov.14th Promenade at Olympian Restaurant. As usual 6PM Happy Hour and Dinner at 7PM. We will have two less Voyageurs Florida bound so try to make it.

I ask present members to ask a friend to join our Organization we help and support the Nursing Field and that's a good thing to do.

Lookouts Below, Dive Dive - Chef Dave Strelke



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Upcoming Events & Information: November, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Aux Meeting	3	4	5 Open House in Tigerton
6	7	8	9 Veteran's Day Dinner	10	11 Junior Mtg	12 Bowling for Veterans
13	14 40 & 8 Mtg	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Freedom Feast	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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.

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Member Post 6

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.

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 family.

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Gulf War Task Force Draft Report Released

By the American Legion

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force has completed the draft of a comprehensive report that will outline how VA addresses the concerns of veterans who deployed during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991.

Notification of the draft written report is being published today in the Federal Register, and the draft written report addresses seven areas where VA provides services for this group of veterans.

Over the past year, the task force has examined, evaluated, designated and adjusted the initial roadmap outlined in last year's report. VA has designated steps to improve care and services to Gulf War I veterans and these improvements are becoming a part of our culture and operations.

This year's report focuses on improvements in the delivery of health care for Gulf War veterans. One of the most substantial additions is modifications to clinical care models used for Gulf War veterans, which is the most critical point of service VA provides. There are better linkages between specialty knowledge and services at the basic point of care. Clinical research and development is significantly contributing new concepts and methods to clinical practice and clinical education throughout VA.

Two new positions were established in the Office of Research and Development for deployment and Desert Shield and Desert Storm health-related issues. Both positions have been filled and are enhancing research efforts for Gulf War Veterans and will continue to do so in the coming years.

VA is also strengthening partnerships and medical surveillance to address the potential health impacts on veterans from the environmental exposures on today's battlefield. Additionally, VA continues to use social media to improve communication with Gulf War Veterans.

The Chairman of the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force is John R. Gingrich, chief of staff at VA, a retired Army officer who also served in the Gulf War.

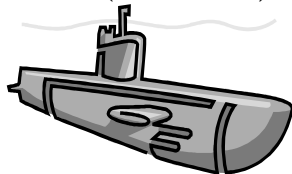
As a first step, VA is seeking public comments on the draft written report before final publication. The public notice and instructions for how to submit electronic and comments via postal mail will be posted **online**, and the draft written report will be open for comment for 30 days. In addition, VA recognizes that a great number of Gulf War veterans use the Internet on a daily basis to share their ideas and concerns, so VA has also created a **public discussion board** on the seven recommendations.

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Eden Prairie in spotlight at Busch Stadium

By the American Legion

Players and coaches from the 2011 American Legion Baseball World Series champion team, Eden Prairie, Minn., enjoyed the spotlight Thursday night at Busch Stadium in St. Louis for an 85-year-old tradition-on-field recognition during the Major League Baseball World Series.

Eden Prairie overcame 2010's Legion World Series championship loss to Oklahoma by edging Tupelo, Miss., 5-4 in 13 nail-biting innings to capture the 2011 Legion World Series championship crown in Shelby, N.C. Now, it's the players turn to sit in the stands and watch the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers battle in the World Series.

During Game 1, Eden Prairie witnessed Scotty McCreery, the 2011 American Idol winner and a Legion Baseball alumni from Garner, N.C., sing the national anthem. Additionally, first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden took center stage to salute veterans. And prior to Game 2, the Eden Prairie team was escorted on to the field for a presentation, where it received an MLB award from Executive Vice President Joe Torre, who is also a Legion Baseball alumnus.

When they're not watching World Series games, the Eden Prairie team is taking in all the sites St. Louis has to offer, such as riding an elevator to the top of the Gateway Arch and eating lunch at Cardinals' All-Star Albert Pujols' restaurant