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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.

Thanks for Volunteer Help

I would like to thank all the volunteers, members, wives, children, Bob Glennon and Cub Scout Pack # 293 along with some non-members, who help put up and take down flags for Memorial Day on Guardian Angel, St. Stephens, St. Joseph's, Union and De Pines cemeteries this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you in 2012
Dennis Kaminski
Cemetery Flag Committee



3'x5'
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Call Cmdr Lou at 715-343-1947.

From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

The crisp feel of fall in in the the air. This is one of my favorite seasons. I love the cool air. It is easy for us to turn on the furnace or throw a log onto the fire, cuddle up with a cup of hot chocolate and sit back and watch our favorite TV show. It isn't that nice for a lot of people. The colder temps mean higher fuel costs; the oncoming Holidays bring the fear on disappointing children.

It brings to mind the sermon I heard in Church last Sunday. In a nutshell it said: "It's not right for someone to have too much if everyone doesn't have enough". My first thought was "hey wait a minute" I work hard for what I have so why should I have to support others they can work just as hard as I do. Then as the week went on I finally got it. I have no clue why they don't have as much as I do, but they definitely don't have enough. There are a lot of our brother and sister Veterans out there with this very same problem. We have lots of events coming up that can help them out. Won't you please join in and help a Veteran who does not have enough.

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

40 & 8 Voiture 831

By *Chef Dave Strelke*

Attention Voyageurs of 831,

We had a good turn out last month that's great. In Oct the day is Monday Oct 10th for the Promenade; 6pm social hour, 7pm dinner. We initiated 5 new members last month you could be one also.

We have a great love for the Nursing field; if any Nurse ever made a difference in your life join us we help them in their schooling to be one

Lookouts Below, Dive Dive - Chef Dave Strelke

Hail And Farewell

Post 6 would like to welcome the following new members:

Brenda Joyce Flaschmeyer - US Army Veteran, Vietnam Era

Taps

- ☆ Joseph Tylka
- ☆ Robert Klish
- ☆ Joseph DiStasio
- ☆ Edward Jazdzewski

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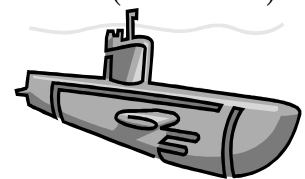
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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

Thank you so much for a great pie sale at the Dozynki Festival on the 17th of September. 72 pies were donated and we sold every last piece. Visitors to the festival were looking for more pies, but unfortunately our supply had dwindled to only a couple of pies by 2PM in the afternoon. We even had people coming back looking for more pies after purchasing them in the AM, only to find that we were sold out in the afternoon. Thank you so much to those who baked pies and gave of their time to help out at the booth during the day.

We have some really fun and worthwhile things coming up in the next few months. Of course we have the 8th District Fall conference on the 29th of October and I would really like to see lots of you attend. Also November is being proclaimed Veterans Appreciation Month. Lots of events that you can participate in to assist and honor our Veterans in November. You will find more information throughout the newsletter.

The theme for this year's National president, Kris Nelson, is Honor their Service. National is offering pins with a picture of the person that has given you the eligibility to join this great organization. If you are interested in getting one, you can find the information for ordering at alaforveterans.org. While you are there, check out all the American Legion Auxiliary does and then come to our meetings to share your ideas on how you feel the local unit can best fulfill the goals of the auxiliary. I know there are lots of great ideas lying dormant just begging to come out. Hope to see you at a future meeting.

Junior News

The Next Junior meeting is Friday October 14th at 6:30PM at Stacey McDowell's Home. Stacey will be sending out email notices to those that have supplied their email addresses. If you would like to get an email notice give Stacey a call 715 701-1878 or send her an email at stacey@jayjaynet.net.

We will be working on the VA&R patch & coming up with ideas for a money-maker at Spring Conference. If you like to bowl, we would like to get a bowling team or two together for Bowling for Veterans in November.

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Upcoming Events & Information: October, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 40&8 Meeting	11	12 Post Meeting Aux Meeting	13	14 Junior Mtg	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Portage County Auxiliary Meeting	27	28	29 8 th District Fall Confrence
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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.

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.

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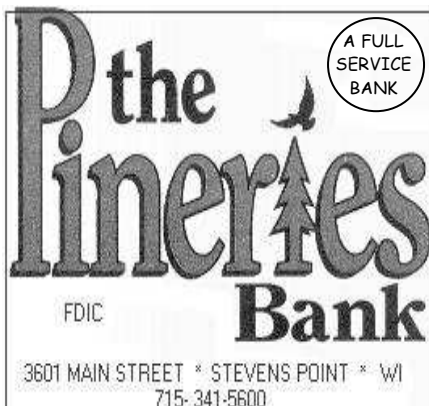
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Veterans Day Dinner Announced

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



Veterans Court Resolution

By the American Legion

In a recent press release, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Justice For Vets said it was "honored" that support for the Veterans Treatment Courts was included in one of the 23 passed by The American Legion during its 2011 National Convention in Minneapolis.

Among other things, [Resolution No. 109](#) urges Congress to continue to fund the establishment and expansion of Veterans Treatment Courts, and recommends the various Legion departments and posts provide non-monetary assistance and support to veteran treatment courts by having department service officers serve on the Veteran Treatment Court or having volunteers provide information on VA benefits and services.

"The American Legion is committed to help returning servicemembers in Veterans Treatment Courts to access their VA benefits," said Jacob Gadd, deputy director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division. "We have more than 2,000 professionally trained service officers across the country, and we look forward to working with Justice For Vets to provide valuable training for our service officers to be active with Veteran Treatment Courts in their communities."

Veterans Treatment Courts operate similar to Drug Courts but serve only military veterans suffering from substance abuse and/or mental illness. They promote sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with the traditional community and criminal justice partners found in Drug Courts, with the addition of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, the Veterans' Benefits Administration, state veterans agencies/departments, volunteer veteran mentors, veterans service organizations and veterans' family support groups. Since the first Veterans Treatment Court launched in January 2008, approximately 80 programs have been created with hundreds more being planned.

"The American Legion has been one of the mainstays of Veterans Treatment Court," said former Tulsa County Veterans Treatment Court Judge Sarah Smith. "Their members have enthusiastically embraced our program since its inception and helped numerous participants file claims, reinstate benefits and navigate the VA. Their encouragement, professionalism, and support have been a tremendous asset to our veterans and our team. All courts should reach out to The American Legion and other veterans service organizations in their community."

"So many veterans benefit by having Service Officers in court navigate and cut the red tape to receive the disability compensation, vocational rehabilitation, education benefits and other services earned through their time in our Armed Forces," said Matt Stiner, Justice For Vets Director of Development and Outreach. "With 14,000 posts worldwide, I have no doubt that all Veterans Treatment Courts have an American Legion Post within reach. We are profoundly proud of their support and look forward to seeing more Veterans Treatment Courts partnering with The American Legion to better serve our veterans."

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VA Announces Brown Water Ship List

By the American Legion

The Department of Veterans Affairs has finally posted an expanded [list](#) of U.S. Navy ships exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The so-called Brown Water ship list comes a year after U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, chided the agency for failing to obtain key military records showing that sailors on the ships were presumed exposed to the toxic herbicide. The updated list - which is not complete - was supposed to be available Aug. 1. The agency has not offered an explanation for the delay.

Akaka's staff found hundreds of cases in which VA regional offices across the country did not request deck logs from the National Archives before rejecting Agent Orange claims from Vietnam Navy veterans. The senator, then chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, asked VA to review the cases of sailors whose claims appear to have been inappropriately rejected. VA expanded the list of oceangoing Navy vessels presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange from 150 to 170 ships, in part because of information Akaka's staff provided.

As of April, VA had re-examined about 6,700 of the 16,820 cases Akaka called to the agency's attention, said Tom Pamperin, deputy under secretary for Disability Assistance. Many will receive disability compensation and medical care for illnesses connected to Agent Orange exposure. VA has not said when it will complete its review of all 16,820 cases.