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Additional Social Security Benefit Available

By Louis LaCroix

Attention all Veterans:

If you served on Active Duty between 1957 and 2001 you may qualify for additional Social Security benefits upon retirement. Under a little known Social Security program all service members who served on active duty between 1957 and 2001 can qualify for up to \$1200 of earnings credit per year of active duty, this can have a substantial impact on your Social Security benefit. You need not be a military retiree in order to qualify.

Unfortunately this benefit is NOT automatic; in order to obtain this you must present your DD-214 to the local Social Security office at the time of application.

26 Club Ticket Announcement:

26 Club tickets will be sold starting in April 2010 and through July with the drawing to be held on August 11th at the American Legion Post meeting at the Elks Lodge.

Former Post Commander Dave Strelke will chair this fundraiser and will be calling on Post Members in the months to come to assist.

Remember, this is our biggest single fundraiser and we need help selling all 250 tickets.

This year there will not be a social hour, but the top 2 prizes have been increased by \$100 each; to \$600 and \$350 respectively.

Look for more information in the months to come.



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From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

Here it is March and the feeling of spring is in the air. Thoughts go to fishing, gardening and cookouts. Let us also be mindful that spring and summer is a great time to have fundraisers to get money for our Post 6 projects. Veterans in the Stevens Point area do not get time off from need. They still have financial problems and that's where we come in. We (Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6) have to think of fundraisers to get the monies for them and our Children and Youth activities.

We are in the planning stages for just such ideas for raising money for our Post and Auxiliary. If any of you Legionnaires have any ideas please come forward and let me know or bring them up at the meetings. We need input and help. We cannot keep putting the burden on just a few members; we need all the help we can get. Together we can make Post 6 the pride of Portage County, 8th District and Wisconsin Department of the American Legion.

Till we meet again, God Bless each of you, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

Memorial Day Dinner Announcement

Berens-Scribner Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6 will host their annual Memorial Day Dinner at Shooters Supper Club, Plover, WI on May 12th, 2010.

Cocktails start at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm.
\$14.00 per plate, RSVP on page 4

40 & 8 Voiture 831

By *Chef Jerry Kowalski*



Attention Voyageurs of 831,
I'm both happy and proud to announce to all Voyageurs that we are at 100% membership. Thank you to all of you who paid their dues. I hope to continue this trend in the future.

Our next Promenade will be April 12th at the Olympian Restaurant on North Division St in Stevens Point. Happy Hour will start at 6 pm, dinner will be at 7 pm with a short meeting to follow.

See you all there and thank you again for helping achieve 100% membership this year.

God Bless and God Bless America.

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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

The next few months will be getting very busy as we prepare for our Annual Poppy Distribution. Help is needed to assemble and distribute the poppy posters and then to distribute poppies on Memorial Day weekend. I would like to urge the Legionnaires to help out as well. I have handed out poppies along side of Legion members and the public will pass me by just so that they can put their money in the Legionnaire's canister. The Juniors do well too. Our Legion members and Juniors have notoriously been the top collectors for this great program. We need the whole Legion family to get involved in this event.

Thank you to everyone that made the Portesi Pizza sale a success. We will be holding a rummage sale in June so set aside those treasures to donate. This is an easy way to do spring cleaning and raise money for the Auxiliary.

Here is your chance to win \$50.00. That goes for you Legionnaires too. Sign up a new Auxiliary or Junior Auxiliary member between now and July 1, 2010 and your name will be entered into a drawing to win \$50. You get one entry for each new member. The drawing will be held at the July Auxiliary meeting. The American Legion Auxiliary is a great organization, we just need you to go out there and tell everyone about it.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.



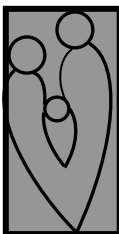
Junior News

The Juniors are selling suckers this month. The proceeds from the suckers will be given to Department President's special project - Special Olympics.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary for winning the Penny War for the 3rd year in a row. The Legion is getting closer though. They were only \$5 away from winning. Thank you to both the Legion and Auxiliary for supporting us.

Poppy princesses were crowned at the March 10th Auxiliary meeting. Congratulations to our new Poppy Princess Meridith Homann and our new Junior Poppy Princess Leah Szymkowiak.

Thank you to Mariah Pursley and Alexandra Raczek for doing a great job this past year.



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Upcoming Events & Information: April, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Americanism Essays Due	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 County Aux Meeting	9	10
11	12 40 & 8 Promenade	13	14 Post Meeting Aux Meeting	15	16	17 8 th District Aux Conference
18	19 County Legion Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6 are requesting pictures of deceased loved ones who served in the military for a display at the Memorial Day Dinner. Pictures can be emailed to lacroix1@charter.net or Commander Lou or President Lorrie and they will make arrangements to scan and return the photo. They need these by April 15th, 2010.

Post 6/Auxiliary Memorial Day Dinner RSVP

Member: _____


Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Return to: Cmdr Lou LaCroix
3257 Minnesota Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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Hill Praises 9th Circuit Court Ruling

By the American Legion

American Legion National Commander Clarence E. Hill characterized Thursday's ruling by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is constitutional as "a great victory for common sense."

In a separate ruling yesterday, the Court also upheld the use of the national motto "In God We Trust" on coins and currency.

"The American Legion was very critical, in fact outraged, when the same Court ruled in 2002 that the pledge was unconstitutional because of a phrase that has existed in the pledge since 1954," Hill said. "But it is time to give credit where it is due. The Ninth Circuit corrected its earlier mistake and now there is absolutely no reason why schools across the nation should not lead their students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day."

The latest ruling answers the call of a resolution unanimously passed by delegates at The American Legion's 90th National Convention in 2008 that stated, "That The American Legion reiterate its continuing support for the Pledge of Allegiance in its current form, voicing opposition to any and all attempts to revise it beyond the version approved by Congress in 1954."


"While this was an important victory in protecting American values, the pledge isn't the only great American institution under attack," Hill said. "Since 1989 it has been legal to desecrate the flag of the United States. The American Legion calls on Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that will allow Congress to protect the flag from desecration. Now that the pledge is legally protected, let's show Old Glory the same respect."

Have you seen the book;
Looking Back, Portage County,
The Early Years?

Fellow Legionnaire Dennis Kaminski loaned his copy out for other members to read about two years ago and has not seen it since. His name is written inside the front cover.

If you know where this book is please call Dennis at
341-2276

Watch for information on the Sixer's Batter's Club in next month's newsletter.

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The American Legion and Scouting

By James V. Carroll of the American Legion Magazine

The American Legion is calling upon its members to conduct events with local Scouting troops in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The Boy Scouts of America. Scouting's "A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference" program began Sept. 1 and will end Dec. 31, 2010. The Boy Scouts will officially celebrate 100 years as an organization on Feb. 8, 2010.

Founded to help young Americans become strong citizens and leaders, the Boy Scouts have more than fulfilled their mission. The American Legion first voiced support for Scouting at the Legion's first national convention in 1919, making it the organization's first officially recognized national youth activity. In May 2009, by resolution, The American Legion National Executive Committee reconfirmed the Legion's enduring support of The Boy Scouts of America and Scouting's positive influence on millions of young men and women across the country.

"The resolution also calls for The American Legion at all levels to encourage and support Scouting in its year-long 100th anniversary celebration," said Joseph E. Caouette, chairman of The American Legion National Americanism Commission. Scouting is one of the nation's foremost youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. It teaches duty to God and country, personal honor, respect for others' beliefs, volunteerism, and interdependence with the environment - principles that are conducive to good character, citizenship and health.

"Working together, the Boy Scouts of America and The American Legion have created a strong foundation of leadership, service and community for America's youth," Caouette said. "Together, we can celebrate this legacy and commit ourselves to inspire and prepare future generations of America's youth."