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Veterans Day Message

By Portage County Executive Mark Maslowski

Across our country and around Wisconsin, Americans pause today to honor our brave fighting men and women who for more than 233 years have underwritten our freedom by their duty, honor, and selfless service. Veterans Day harkens back to 1918, when an armistice called the end to World War One...and guns fell silent on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of that terrible year.

A tradition of honoring our nation's veterans began in 1919 as Armistice Day to recognize those who died fighting in the First World War. Congress broadened the scope of this national holiday in 1954 to honor *all* veterans – the ordinary Americans who placed themselves in extraordinary circumstances in service to the nation.

Combat veterans are naturally the first people we think of this day and we pay special tribute to those who faced the dangers and hardships of combat. They have earned our nation's deepest admiration. But a veteran is also that Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman who served during peacetime – either on active duty or in the Guard or reserve.

Some veterans were drafted... and others volunteered. Some served their initial tour and returned to civilian life... while others pursued military careers.

We recognize that all our veterans have given *something* of themselves to this country... but that some gave *all*. So today, we especially honor those Americans who gave their lives in the defense of liberty and, therefore, are absent from celebrations such as this one.

And finally, on this day, we appreciate those men and women serving in *today's* military – those who will be *tomorrow's* veterans. They have inherited the defense of the nation and stand guard in the shadow of their predecessors.

At any point in American history, you can see the handiwork of veterans doing great things for our country. The soldiers of Washington's Army were leaders in the construction of the nation's first transportation system, including the Erie Canal. Veterans of the Spanish-American War were instrumental in completing the Panama Canal. The GI's of the Second World War vastly expanded the nation's colleges and universities and others participated in the construction of America's superhighway system.

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From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

November has been a busy month for us and it's just started. I want to thank all Legionnaires who participated in the 3rd annual Dave Manske Bowling for Veterans. If you bowled or pledged it was a great success. Last year we made \$600.00 for our needy Vets and families, this year so far we have taken in \$1,831.05. If it not for the generosity of local businesses and individuals like Tom Manske, Tom and Dave of Point Bowl this would not have been possible. There will be a full list in the Journal and Gazette.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the members of Post 6 for awarding me Legionnaire of the Year (2008-2009). To me it felt like receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. What we (President Lorrie Barber and I) have done was for the good of the American Legion and especially for the best Post in the Country as far as I am concerned. Again, I am truly honored by this award.

If any of you Legionnaires have any ideas of things we (as a Post) can do for the Community or our Veterans, please let me know or bring up at the meetings. I know that you have something in mind so bring it up. The Holidays are just around the corner and I am getting names of Veterans in the area that will need help. If you know of a Vet in need let me know. In closing I would be remiss not mentioning the Color Bearers for the Veterans Day Dinner. They were Eli Glennon Boy Scout Troop 293 and Garrek Wierzba Cub Scout Troop 293. They did a fantastic job.

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

40 & 8 Voiture 831

By *Chef Jerry Kowalski*

Attention Voyageurs of 831,
Our Voiture Christmas Party will be held on December 14th at the Park Ridge Café's new location; the intersection of I-39 and US 66 (US 10) across from the BP station.

For more information on the Christmas Party, or to RSVP, contact Dave Strelke or myself.

Our January Promenade will be held at the Olympic Restaurant again. The date will be January 11th, 2010.



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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

It has been a busy couple of months. The fall forum in Eau Claire was filled with lots of information. That is a wonderful meeting to go to if you would like to learn what the Auxiliary is all about. Of course there were a number of us there and we would be happy to share what we learned with each and every one of you. It is so great to be a member of this organization.

I was able to help out with 3rd Annual Dave Manske Bowling for Veterans on the 7th of Nov. There was a good turn-out of bowlers, everyone had a great time, there was a lot of community support and funds were raised to assist our Veterans. It was a win-win situation. Thank you to all that participated and pledged money. The Juniors you sponsored had a great time.

I was also privileged to attend three Veterans' Day Observances on Nov. 11th. It was good to see so many of our Auxiliary members at these functions.

On Thanksgiving Day, Graffiti's downtown is partnering with the American Legion in offering a Freedom Feast for Veterans and their families. If you know a Veteran who needs a place to go for dinner that day, have them give Commander Lou a call. He needs to give Graffiti's a head count. This meal is free.

Remember that our December meeting will be a Christmas Party and we will start the short meeting at 6:30PM and then have a party. Please bring a snack to share. Bingo will be played.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. If you know someone that is eligible to join, bring them along and introduce them to this great organization. Juniors are welcome at our meetings too, so if you have some Juniors in your family bring them along.

Junior News

The Juniors painted 29 bowls and donated them to the Empty Bowl Event. If you attended Empty Bowls, check the bottom of your bowl and see if you got one of their bowls.

The Juniors have also challenged the American Legion and Auxiliary to a penny war. The winner of the penny war will receive cookies made by the Juniors. So bring your pennies and silver to the meeting. The Auxiliary has won for the past two years.

The Juniors will be meeting at Lorrie's house (3257 Minnesota Ave) on Sunday November 22 at 12:30PM to bake cookies. We have a Christmas Party Meeting in the planning for December, so watch your email or mail for more information.

Veterans Day Message

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Every day in America, veterans are making significant contributions in our communities. Emergency medicine is enhanced by the experience skilled surgeons, past and present, who first learned to save lives in combat support hospitals. Our airlines are staffed with thousands of professional pilots who received their wings on active duty. Our police forces and firefighting units are filled with veterans who were once MPs or military firefighters.

And it is not just job skills they bring to our communities. They also bring their commitment, their work ethic, their integrity, their sense of duty, and their willingness to work as members of a team. It is these values – the core values of anyone who has ever worn a U.S. military uniform – that continue to refresh and enrich our society.

And from communities all across Wisconsin and America, the warriors of the future are stepping forward, each day, to grasp the torch of freedom and carry it forward.

Our veterans defended America through both the best and worst of times and they have performed their difficult duties tirelessly, with little recognition or fanfare. They sought neither fortune nor fame. A simple love of country and liberty compelled them to serve this great nation of ours.

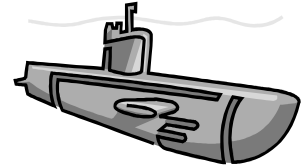
America's veterans, past and present, did not march to foreign shores armed with notions of glory and conquest was never their goal. Instead they went to distant lands with a simple belief: that all peoples in all nations have a right to live in a world free from tyranny. And they fought with an equally simple conviction – *that some principles in life are worth dying for.*

In the words of General Colin Powell, “they asked nothing from those countries in return – except for a little land to bury their dead.” Many of today's veterans share a wisdom that can only come from wartime experiences. Whether they returned from war as heroes – or were ignored or forgotten – they all came home changed in some ways. Whether or not they got the hero's welcome they deserved, it's not too late to show our appreciation now – on this Veterans Day and every day. Any morning we wake up in a free land, it's because of men and women like these.

We've honored our veterans here today as we should on Veterans Day, but I also want to recognize one more group for their contributions – the families of veterans. Whenever troops have been called to action and deployed in support of a mission, they leave behind their spouses, their children, their parents, and all of their loved ones. Those family members have waited nervously for the letters, the phone calls and the emails home that tell them their loved one is safe.

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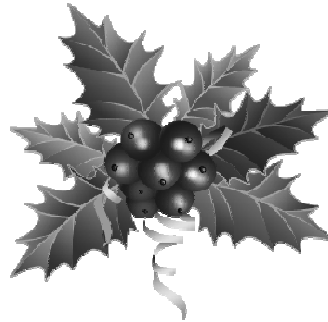
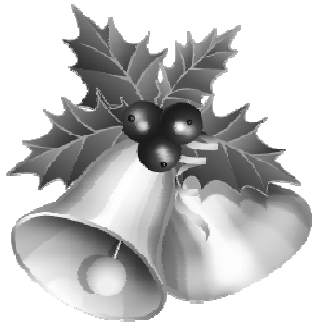
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They may not carry a rucksack on their back, but they have carried the weight of worrying about their Soldier – probably the heaviest burden you can imagine. They carry that burden until their Soldier returns. So please remember that veterans’ families have also paid a price for freedom. We may never be able to adequately thank them – but we must always support them.

If history has taught us anything, it is that Americans will bear any hardship, overcome any obstacle and conquer any foe in their pursuit of liberty and justice – for themselves, their children, their countrymen, and for those whose faces they’ll never see. Yet they endure, and it is this devotion to duty that gives us strength. It inspires today’s military men and women to serve. My cousin Rick just returned from Iraq. It was his third tour of duty. He told me if he is needed he would gladly go back a fourth time. We’re proud of him and back him in whatever his decisions.

For today’s members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Wisconsin, our mission to defend freedom lives on – strengthened by our memories of fallen comrades and inspired by the veterans who served before us. So on this Veterans Day I ask that you remember our troops – America’s future veterans – America’s sons and daughters who are selflessly serving their nation in Harm’s way. As we honor our servicemen and women of yesterday, keep our current troops in your prayers until they, too, are safely home.

With your support, today’s service members – America’s future veterans – will continue to honor their sacred duty of protecting this nation, our fellow citizens, and the freedoms we hold so dear. America is a better place because of the service and sacrifice made by men and women in uniform and by those who served before them.

So today, I join you in saying “thank you” to our veterans and applaud them not only for their past service, but for the example they set for our current and future military.

To the veterans here today who answered the call, a grateful nation thanks you. God Bless you, God bless America’s men and women in uniform... and may God continue to bless the United States of America.