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Post 77 State AAA Baseball Champs



As competitive as American Legion baseball is, it's a great feeling to just have a winning season. However, the Post 77 team did much better than that; they came home as State AAA Champions in late July.

The team has captured two previous AA State Championships (1996 and 1998) but this is the first AAA title they have locked up. With the state win this year, the team traveled to Midland, Michigan for the National Regional tournament. Their luck wasn't quite as good on the other side of the pond with two losses to put them out of the competition for the National title. However, it was still a wonderful experience for everyone.

Coach Mike Thompson did a great job with the team the last few years and it paid off for both him and the team members with a shot at the regional and possibly the national title.

American Legion Post 77 supports the team in many ways but our financial support especially helps out. So next spring when Post 77 members are selling candy bars at local supermarkets, make sure you buy several to support the team. We hope to have a repeat of this year's record in 2012 but it'll take lots of team effort and financial support by the Post and parents.

The state tournament trophy and game ball are on display at the Post in the main hall and we may bring it to the Christmas Party for more members to see.

Chippewa Falls Model Flying Club

As advertised in the last newsletter, Larry Johnson presented information about the Chippewa Falls Model Flying Club. The P-51 below is one Larry flies but was not built by him. He has built several others that he flies on a regular basis. Larry also invited visitors to stop at the airfield anytime you see someone flying. Members are always happy to show off their planes and answer questions.



Cub Scout Pack Chartered to Post 77

The Post was recently asked to become a charter organization for an existing Cub Scout pack. Ron Perry, a long time scoutmaster, is working through the Scout Office in Eau Claire to revitalize Pack 135 which was previously chartered through the Halmstad Parent Teacher Organization.



This is an excellent opportunity for the Post to become more involved in the community and in scouting. At the July 7th meeting, the membership approved the charter request. Adjutant Leroy Jansky will serve as the charter representative for this year and plans to attend some pack and parent meetings.

Certain events such as the Pinewood Derby will still be held at Halmstad Elementary School since our hall may be too small for the track, scouts and families.

2011 Badger Boys State

Badger Boys State Chairman Larry Werner recently reported on the 70th program held in Ripon, Wis. He received good reviews from both students and parents. This year the Post sponsored eight boys, six from Chi-Hi and two from McDonell.

Larry pointed out that the high school counselors select the students to attend. In addition, funds for this program are comprised of donations he solicits from local businesses and service organizations. Larry plans to recognize the donors this year with a framed certificate.

RCAS, RLAS, MDPV, DEERS and DARTS ??

Think you know what DEERS and DARTS are? Come to the meeting on September 15th and afterward listen to SGT Heather Gartner explain her vocabulary and what she does as a Deployability Review Clerk at Fort Snelling, MN. Her presentation follows the meeting at about 2010 hours (that's about 8:10 p.m., folks).



On Memorial Day, the Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council provided an honor guard and firing squad for memorial services at Prairie View Cemetery and Irvine Park.



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LEGION POST 77 - EVENTS CALENDAR
15 September Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
★ **Speaker:** SGT Heather Gartner - 8:10 p.m. ★
Luncheon Served – 8:30 p.m.
06 October Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
20 October Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served After Meetings
03 November Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
11 November Veterans Day Activities – Main Program McDonell
Catholic High School
17 November Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served After Meetings
01 December Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

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After serving 12 years as American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 President, Dona Peterson (right) relinquished her gavel to new President Ardith McIlquham this past June. Thanks, Dona!

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THE FINAL BUGLE
Deceased Members Since May 1, 2011
Please remember these members in your prayers.

✠ Ronald J. Marek, US Navy, Korea ✠
✠ Leland M. Biddle, US Army, WWII ✠
✠ William A. Lazarz, Sr., US Navy, WWII ✠
✠ Maurice P. Hintz, US Army, Korea ✠
✠ Myron E. Sabin, US Army, WWII ✠
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