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American Legion Baseball 2009

Thanks to Bernard Willi, Bob Boettcher, Louie Rineck and other Post members who sold candy bars in local grocery stores to help support our Legion baseball team. The Post was able to present a \$1,500.00 check to coach and team manager Mike Thompson. The team does fundraising on its own too but the annual candy bar sale really helps out.

In addition to eating candy bars, you can help support our team this year by joining the Post 77 Dugout Club. See the information letter enclosed with this newsletter.

Thrift Sale

The American Legion Post and Auxiliary is having a thrift sale on Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th at the Legion Hall in Downtown Chippewa Falls.



All donations of household items, furniture, tools, misc. linens, towels, bedding (no clothes) would be appreciated. Bring items to a Legion meeting or call Bob Boettcher at 723-9024 or Joe Wittrock at 723-3341 and they will meet you at the Legion Hall so you can drop off items. Be sure things are there at least a couple of days prior to the sale so they can be priced.

Thank you very much for any donations you can make.



Commander Rineck (L) presents a \$1,500 check to coach Mike Thompson at our March 19th meeting as Baseball Committee members Bernard Willi and Bob Boettcher look on.

THE FINAL BUGLE

Deceased Members Since January 20, 2009



- ⊗ Harold Cyrus, WW2 ⊗
- ⊗ Francis Peloquin, WW2 ⊗
- ⊗ Irvin Roder, Korea ⊗
- ⊗ Robert Merickel, WW2 ⊗

Wisconsin Veteran 2009 Legislative Goals

There are three main legislative goals veterans service organizations would like to see accomplished in 2009.

The first goal is to fund the Wisconsin Veterans Museum with general program revenue (GPR). Currently, veterans fund the museum through the Veteran's Trust Fund (VTF). GPR funding of about \$1.7 million per year for the museum will help keep the VTF solvent.

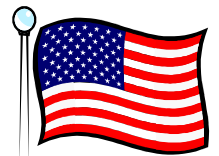
The second goal is to reverse the proposed 1% "transfer" of our veterans funds to the general fund to help balance the state budget. This proposal hurts veterans programs that are already struggling. Veterans receive less than 2% of their funding from the state so a 1% lapse (transfer) is a 50% funding cut. Counties will receive less to help veterans.

Lastly, we need to make sure that Wisconsin Veterans homes are exempt from the Bed Tax on hospital and nursing homes. Our veterans hospitals and homes cannot offset this expense since they are already at the upper limit of federal reimbursement.

It's time to contact your legislator to voice concerns that these changes will hurt veterans that need the services offered by the state

Flag Day 2009

Post 77 will once again cosponsor a Flag Day ceremony with The Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge 1326.



Where: American Legion Hall Parking Lot
When: Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
Refreshments: Enjoy brats, hot dogs, salad and drinks. Donations are appreciated.

Supermarket of Veterans Benefits Comes to Eau Claire

Need to learn about your benefits as a veteran? You'll have the chance on June 4th and 5th at the Eau Claire Exposition Center, 5530 Fairview Drive in Eau Claire. This is a free Wisconsin DVA one-stop-shop for all your veteran benefits.

Hours are noon to 7:00 p.m. on June 4th and 8:00a.m. to noon on June 5th.