



# THE VETERANS VOICE

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## Post 77 Christmas Party

Our annual American Legion Christmas Party will be held at the Post Home located at 12 E. Spring Street in Chippewa Falls on **Saturday, December 19th**. We plan a social hour from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. This party is for all Post 77 and Auxiliary members and invited guests of members. We'll have a catered meal, drinks and lots of raffle prizes. We promise a good time for all, so don't miss this event!



If you plan on attending, please contact Leroy Jansky at 723-0408 or Louie Rineck at 723-9756 to make a reservation for dinner.

**RSVP by December 11, 2009.** The cost for the meal and a cocktail, beer or pop is still the low price of \$10.00. We will be running a few raffles at the party too so be prepared to risk a dollar or two for the benefit of the post.

### Christmas Cheer

During the holiday season, one long standing tradition of the Post is to spread a little Christmas Cheer to ten needy veterans or widows of veterans.

If you are aware of a needy veteran or widow, please contact Louie Rineck (723-9756) or Leroy Jansky (723-0408) as soon as possible and we'll get a gift out to them.



### Post 77 Donates \$500.00

At our October 1st meeting we were informed by Patty Davis of at the Wisconsin DAV that they needed to buy four new vans at a cost of over \$100,000.00 to replace some high mileage ones being used.

Chippewa County veterans benefit from the program since there is a DAV van available here for transportation to the VAMC in Minneapolis on a regular basis. There is no charge for this service. Since this benefits all local veterans, Post 77 donated \$500.00 toward this worthwhile program.

If you need transportation to the Minneapolis VA, you should contact the Chippewa County Veterans Service Office at the Courthouse (726-7990). The van generally makes trips to the VA on even numbered days during the week. A person should try to get appointments early in the morning so that the return trip doesn't get too late into the afternoon.

Also, if you are a good driver who doesn't mind big city traffic, the Veterans Service Office is always looking for volunteer drivers to make trips to the VAMC using the DAV van. Contact Mike Haley, Chippewa County Veterans Service Officer, at 726-7990 to volunteer.

### 2009 Veterans Day Events

The Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council has six events planned for Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th.

This year, the main event will be held at the Chippewa Falls Middle School at 9:30 a.m. The public, especially veterans, are encouraged to attend. All veterans are honored on Veterans Day and since 1998 the Council has promoted school programs to this end. The main program is rotated among the Chippewa Falls Senior High School, McDonell Central Catholic High School and the Chippewa Falls Middle School.

The Council Honor Guard also visits four elementary schools to conduct shorter programs and a flag raising. The schools not receiving a Honor Guard visit are not forgotten. The Ladies Auxiliaries will visit all the other schools and deliver patriotic pencils for the students. This year the ladies plan to drop off more than 2,500 pencils that have the Pledge of Allegiance written on them.

The Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council was formed in 1958 and its members include all local veterans service organizations and their auxiliaries. In addition to organizing the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Events, the Council conducts 40-50 military funeral honors for deceased veterans.

The following is the schedule of events on November 11th:

0815 hrs	Jim Falls Elementary School
0930 hrs	Chippewa Falls Middle School
1100 hrs	Chippewa County Courthouse Monument
1230 hrs	Parkview Elementary School
1330 hrs	Hillcrest Elementary School
1430 hrs	Chippewa Manor Nursing Home

The names of deceased veterans since Memorial Day will be read at both the Middle School and the Veterans Memorial Monument at the Courthouse. There will also be a short rededication ceremony at the renovated monument.

### THE FINAL BUGLE

*Deceased Members Since August 15, 2009*



- ⊛ Dr. Gerald Zapp, WWII ⊛
- ⊛ Marvin Franz, Korea ⊛
- ⊛ Richard Kinderman, Vietnam ⊛



The half scale Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and Museum will be at the Medford Middle School from November 11th – 15th. There are many activities planned including several ceremonies and concerts.