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### Membership Dues

Membership chairman Bernard Willi says we need 77 more members to renew for 2011 to be at 100% retention. So dust off your membership card and if it's not for 2011, you can send your \$25.00 dues to American Legion Post 77, PO Box 241, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. By sending your dues in now, you'll save chairman Willi many hours of time by not having to follow up with additional renewal notices.

**Renew  
Online  
TODAY**



You can also easily renew your membership online at [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org) by clicking on the "Renew Online Today" button on

the left side of the Wisconsin Legion home page.

### 2010 Veterans Day Activities Thursday, November 11, 2010

The Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council has confirmed the following schedule for Veterans Day Ceremonies:

- 08:15 a.m. Southview Elementary School
- 09:30 a.m. Chippewa Falls High School - Main Program
- 11:00 a.m. Chippewa County Courthouse
- 12:30 p.m. Halmstad Elementary School
- 1:30 p.m. Stillson Elementary School
- 3:00 p.m. Chippewa Manor
- 4:00 p.m. Korean War Memorial Plaque Dedication  
At the pond west of the south round-a-bout.



### Freedom Honor Flight

Post 77 Legionnaire John Vodacek was privileged to be one of 102 WW II Vets who participated in a "Freedom Honor Flight" on September 18th. The flight was from LaCrosse to Washington D.C. and back the same day. The purpose was to view the relatively new (about 6 years) World War II Memorial.

John said that the memorial was extremely impressive, consisting of 48 white marble columns with the names of the 48 states each inscribed on them. The centerpiece is a square dome with eagles intertwined with each other. He also related that the WW II Memorial is almost too impressive to be able to give a reader an idea of its "punch" and that the weather was beautiful as is our nation's capitol.



Hundreds of WW II Veterans visit their memorial in September, 2010. Member John Vodacek was one of them.

In addition to the WW II Memorial, several other memorials of various kinds were visited. There was no cost for the trip for the participants.

John also reported that as impressive as the Washington part was, the welcome home given on their arrival back in LaCrosse at 10:30 p.m. (they left LaCrosse at 5:30 a.m.) was just about as good. There were bands, choruses, kids, old-timers and families all waving flags and welcome home posters offering "thank you's" for our service to our country.

LTC David Raihle, Jr., US Army (retired) will be our keynote speaker at Chippewa Falls High School during our main program. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Pre-meeting Speaker Schedule

On October 21st we invited Lew Mallow to provide a presentation about the Andersonville Confederate Civil War Prison. The presentation started at 6:00 p.m. and we had good attendance. Mr. Mallow has many informative Civil War topics to present and we will very likely invite him back to listen to one of his other presentations.

Having a speaker prior to one of our meetings has not been done for some time but can make meeting nights even more interesting. To that end, Cal Kraemer, Roger Lillevold and Dona Peterson have been able to schedule three more presentations for the coming months. We will try to have speakers on even numbered months immediately before the second Thursday meeting. At this time of the month, both the Post and Auxiliary meet.

The topic schedule and speakers for the next six months is as follows:

**December 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**

*The Phillips National Lifeline program, helping you live independently at home*  
Roger Lillevold, Post 77 member

**February 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**

*Wisconsin's Three Veterans Cemeteries*  
Matt Burks, WDVA, Spooner

**April 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**

*Chippewa County's new planned veterans nursing home and other veteran services.*  
Mike Haley, Chippewa County Veterans Service Officer

### Luncheons Scheduled



Following the second meeting of each month the Post will provide a light luncheon after the meeting so both the Post and Auxiliary members can socialize. So attend a meeting and eat free. No dieters allowed!