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Veterans Day Celebrated Locally



Friday, November 11, 2011, is Veterans Day and there will be plenty of activity by Legion members in conjunction with other veteran service organizations. Do try to attend the main community program this year at McDonell Central Catholic High School. A shorter program is held at the Veterans Memorial Monument on the west side of the Chippewa County

Courthouse. For the day's events, refer to the schedule below.

Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council Veterans Day Activities

- 8:15 a.m. Jim Falls Elementary School
- 9:30 a.m. McDonell Central Catholic High School
- 11:00 a.m. Chippewa County Courthouse – Veterans Memorial Monument
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Ghost Elementary School
- 12:45 p.m. Parkview Elementary School
- 1:30 p.m. Hillcrest Elementary School
- 3:00 p.m. Chippewa Manor Nursing Home

The Master of Ceremonies at McDonell High School this year will be H. John Nebelsiek, USAF Ret., Chippewa Falls Patriotic Commander, Legionnaire and AMVETS Post 32 member. The keynote speaker at the McDonell program will be Col. Peter J. Cochrane, M.D., US Army Reserve Medical Corps, Iraq and Afghanistan service and VFW Post 1038 member. Dr. Cochrane's son, Chris, is currently serving in Afghanistan.

And don't forget the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony – Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 11:00 a.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse Veterans Memorial Monument. It's a short ceremony but not always well attended. So brave the cold in remembrance.

Formed in 1958, the Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council consists of all local veterans service organizations and promotes special events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day, conducts military rites for our deceased veterans and provides color guards for parades.

September's Special Program Recap

At our September 15th meeting, SGT Heather Gartner explained what she does as a Deployability Review Clerk at Fort Snelling, MN. Believe us, we were glad there was no exam after the presentation! Basically, she makes sure a soldier is deployable by making sure soldiers can do their job when deployed. This is important to the Army and those about to deploy because she advises them on such important topics as life insurance and updating beneficiaries, health and medical reviews, and issues related to a soldier's family when deployed. As you can imagine, when a soldier is away from home of a year a lot of advance planning is needed to prepare for the extended absence. SGT Gartner is a busy person and

often travels to meet with groups of soldiers at their duty stations prior to a deployment. This saves the soldiers time and expense and helps reduce stress associated with a deployment. Thanks you sergeant for a great presentation!



SGT Heather Gartner speaks to both Legion and Auxiliary members following our meetings on the second Thursday in September.

Badger Boys State Thank You

Chairman Larry Werner has done a fine job promoting Badger Boys State (BBS) to our local schools and businesses. The schools select young men for this program and local businesses donate the funds to help pay for transportation and fees to attend this excellent week long program at Ripon College. If you work for a company that may be interested in becoming a sponsor for our Badger Boys State program please contact Larry at (715) 723-0908.

One of the 2011 attendees took the time during his first day at BBS to write a note of thanks to the Post. We thought it worthwhile to share with you.

American Legion Post 77, Chippewa Falls, WI

Thankful is my state of mind right now. I am deeply thankful and honored to have been chosen to participate in Badger Boys State. And even more, I'm incredibly appreciative of the fact that our local American Legion wants to invest in my generation. Being here at Badger Boys (Day 1) is already really exciting and I'm looking forward to this whole week! I will try my best in representing Chippewa Falls by getting involved and taking risks and not letting my sponsorship go to waste. Thank you so much for this opportunity, but moreover, serving God and Country!

*Thank you!
Brennan Whetstone*

After the 2011 BBS concluded, Larry reported to Post members that he received good reviews from both students and parents. At our meetings in October, several boys give short presentations regarding their experiences. None were disappointed. In 2012, Larry plans to visit for a day to experience the program for himself.



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LEGION POST 77 - EVENTS CALENDAR

11 November Veterans Day Activities – Main Program McDonell Catholic High School. See Details Below.
17 November Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served – 8:30 p.m.
01 December Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
11 December Christmas Party – See Separate Flyer
15 December Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served After Meetings
05 January Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
19 January Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served After Meetings
02 February Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

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Commander's Message Board


Time is winding down and our Christmas Party is coming up. On Sunday, December 11, 2011, our party will be held at the Eagles Club in Lake Hallie. The menu will be chicken, sirloin beef tips, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots and stuffing. The cost is \$10.95 per person. A cash bar is available.

Make your reservations now for the party. Contact Leroy Jansky at 723-0408 or Dave Hedrington at 834-5484 to RSVP. See the special Christmas Party flyer for more details.

We are looking for new members to join the Legion. If you know any eligible Veteran please invite them to a meeting. November 11th, 2011 is Veterans Day. Thank a Veteran for their service. Best wishes for the holidays!

Your Commander,
Dave Hedrington




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Membership Dues

Both Post 77 and its Auxiliary are in the home stretch of their 2012 membership renewal. We need to get all renewals complete by December 31st so that magazine subscriptions and other mailings are not interrupted. Legion dues are \$28 and Auxiliary dues are \$18. At this time you can send both to our PO Box 241, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. In addition, Post members (not Auxiliary) can also pay online. You just need your ID number and a credit card. Go to <http://wilegion.org> and click on the **Renew Online** button as shown above.



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Trivia: 1. In ancient Greece throwing an apple to a woman was considered a marriage proposal. 2. A duck has three eyelids.

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