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### 2012 Poppy Drive Completed

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 completed its annual Poppy Drive for Veterans Relief on April 21st with the assistance of Post 77 members. Many hours were spent at both Gordy's County Stores and Kmart in the Chippewa Falls area and Wal-mart in Lake Hallie. We missed distributing Poppies at Mega Foods this year because of its closing but it appears that total donations were greater this year than last year. This fact is amazing when economic conditions are factored in. People in this area are just so very, very generous.

However, just like last year, there were a few time slots that we just couldn't fill. Several members worked 8 to 10 hours to take up the slack and make the Poppy Drive a success. So next year we could use additional help. Please consider adding this community service project to your list of volunteer activities in 2013.



**Bernard Willi (left) is about to relieve Willie Klemke at the Chippewa Falls K-mart.**

Dale Steinke (below) worked at Gordy's Lake Wissota store and spent some cold hours there on Thursday and Friday. His efforts were well rewarded by the funds he collected and the people he met while promoting our Poppy program.



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### Flag Day Program



American Legion Post 77 is happy to announce that it will once again partner with The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1326 as host of the Flag Day program.

The program will be held at **6:00 p.m. on June 14th** at the Legion Post located at 12 E.

Spring St., Chippewa Falls. As weather permits, the program will be presented outside in the parking lot adjacent to the Post. If inclement weather threatens to dampen us we'll move inside. In any event, after the presentation by the Elks, attendees are invited to a picnic style fare of grilled brats, hotdogs and various other fixings.

The Flag Day program and refreshments are open to the public and is a family type event. Both you and your children or grandchildren will learn about the history of our national colors and how Flag Day first started.

### American Legion Baseball

Are you ready for another exciting year of Legion baseball? Our senior team came very close to playing in a national championship last season. They took the state triple-A championship and did a great job at the regional competition in Michigan where they came home with the good sportsmanship award.

Coach Mike Thompson visited our April 19th meeting and was presented with a \$1,500.00 check to help support Legion Baseball. These funds are profits from our annual candy bar sale at local businesses. Depending on the final results of the candy sale and the needs of the team, additional funds might be available to support the team.



**Senior Vice Commander Bob Boettcher (left) hands off a \$1,500.00 check to Coach Mike Thompson.**

One new project headed by Bob Boettcher, Dale Steinke and Willie Klemke will likely eliminate the candy bar sale to support the team. Starting this season,

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**LEGION POST 77 - EVENTS CALENDAR**

- May 17 Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- May 26 Gravesite Flag Placement – 8:30 a.m. Forest Hill Cemetery
- May 27 **Memorial Program** – 10:50 a.m. Bateman Cemetery
- May 28 **Memorial Day Program** – 9:00 a.m. Prairie View Cemetery  
**Memorial Day Parade** – 10:15 a.m. Downtown Chippewa Falls  
**Memorial Day Program** – 11:15 a.m. Irvine Park Band Stand
- June 07 Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- June 14 **Flag Day Program** – 6:00 p.m. at Post 77 Downtown
- June 21 Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- July 05 Regular Post Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- July 19 Regular Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 p.m.



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the Post is having installed and renting advertising signage at Casper Field to raise funds for Chippewa Falls Legion Baseball. All profits from the sale and rental of the signs will benefit the baseball teams. We anticipate greater revenues in future years and will be better able to provide financial help to all three teams. In addition, it should be noted that for the second year we will have one senior and two junior teams.

You can help the team too by joining the Dugout Club and making a donation toward program printing and other team needs. A donation form is included with this mailing.

Lastly, we wish Coach Thompson and all three teams the best of luck during the 2012 season!

**POST 77 OFFICERS  
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David Hedrington

**First Vice Cmdr**

Robert Boettcher

**Second Vice Cmdr**

Vern Normand

**Chaplain**

Ronald Pinter

**Adjutant**

Leroy Jansky

**Finance Officer**

Bernard Willi

**THE FINAL BUGLE**

*Deceased Members Since Our Last Newsletter*



Please  
remember these members  
in your prayers.

† Joseph D. Anderson, US Navy, Korea †

† George E. Steele, US Army, WWII †

**Auxiliary Unit 77  
2011-2012 Officers**

**President**

Ardith McIlquham

**Secretary**

Alice Normand

**Treasurer**

Patty Jansky

**Chaplain**

Janet Hager

**Salvation Gets Post-Christmas Donation**

The Salvation Army Food Pantry has been assisting needy persons in Chippewa County since April 1981 and currently serves 400 to 450 people each month. The total persons served is actually rising since there are new people each month and yet some don't come monthly according to Amanda Radle, Social Service Director, stationed in the Eau Claire office. Shortly after Christmas, Post 77 became aware that the donations used to support the food pantry were running behind previous years which caused the pantry shelves to be rather bare. Therefore, to help cover a small part of the food pantry's expenses, Post 77 Commander David Hedrington and Finance Officer Bernard Willi delivered a \$500.00 check to Sally Hegg, Salvation Army Food Pantry Coordinator in Chippewa Falls.



*Commander Dave Hedrington (left) presents a \$500.00 check for the Salvation Army food pantry in Chippewa Falls to Sally Hegg.*

**Birthday Party  
Sweepstakes Winners**

- \$100.00 Eugene Hedrington
- \$75.00 Ronald Christianson
- \$50.00 Max Brazeau
- \$25.00 Eugene Hedrington
- \$25.00 Roland Marko
- \$25.00 Janet Hager
- \$10.00 Bernard Willi
- \$10.00 Bob Cunningham
- \$10.00 Don Fisher
- \$10.00 Gerald Joas
- \$10.00 David Hedrington

**We Recognize Continuous Member of 50 Years or More – for 2012:** Eugene Berg, 67 yrs; Warren Dressel, 57 yrs; Charles Dumars, 61 yrs; Donald Durch, 61 yrs; William Gunderson, 60 yrs; Gerald Joas, 64 yrs; Robert Loiselle, 68 yrs; Eugene O'Donnell, 50 yrs; Clyde Pederson, 62 yrs; Robert Pfiffner, 55 yrs; Howard Post, 57 yrs; H.J. Ramsdell, 52 yrs; Eugene Rineck, 67 yrs; John Rooney, Jr., 65 yrs; Norman Sandvick, 66 yrs; Joseph Sydejko, 66 yrs; and Alan Zenner, 62 yrs