

The Solon Legion Family Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

Thanks to all the volunteers that worked in the Auxiliary food stand, the Beef Days raffle stand, helped take the cover charge at the door, worked the beer tanks and bartended. You helped make Beef Days 2007 a success at the Legion. Please read Mike Aicher's article about the Beef Days raffle and thanks to all the Legion members who returned your sold raffle tickets.

Check out the calendar of events in the newsletter. With the fall season approaching we have many events scheduled at the Legion and we hope to see you at some of the events.

Buildings and Grounds is looking at adding an air handler to the building before the end of the year, plus other improvements put on hold during the summer.

Dale Kueter of Cedar Rapids, author of "Vietnam Sons," will talk about his story of two Iowans who served in Vietnam at a book signing on September 22 at Barnes and Noble in the Coral Ridge Mall. He will speak briefly about his non-fiction book at 1:00 pm and answer any questions. The signing will continue until 3:00 pm. "Vietnam Sons" is about two Marines who lived 10 minutes apart in Iowa, but did not know one another until they met in the upper reaches of South Vietnam. Chuck Gradoville was killed June 16, 1967 and K.C. Churchill, who now lives in Muscatine, believes he was responsible. Even though Gradoville's parents have told Churchill they don't hold him responsible, Churchill has been unable to shake his guilt. It's a story of tragedy and compassion. It's also a story that tells how the Vietnam War was very much different from other conflicts involving Americans. Except for their families, many Vietnam vets came home to ridicule and rejection. The book signing is open to everyone, but veterans are especially invited.

The Solon Color Guard marched in many parades this summer at neighboring towns. Thanks guys for braving the heat and humidity.

Congratulations to David Turner, Boys Scout Troop 120, for earning his Eagle Scout award in July.

See you at the Legion!

Dan Bartlett
Commander

Chaplain's Message

Serving with our Talents

Some people have multiple talents; other have fewer. Jesus draws on this obvious reality in a parable of a property owner who entrusted five, two, and one talent to three of his servants.

When you count your talents, don't limit yourself to the musical or literary, to the scientific or the popular. God's talents given to us include many kinds, like group-leadership ability, creative housekeeping, friendliness, being good in a repair shop, being a healer of hurts by words and deed.

God gives us talents for a reason: to equip us for service. Just as eyes and ears, hands and feet, mind and muscles are differently equipped so that they can serve the whole body, so God equips us for the good of all - be that in church, community, society, state, or in the business world.

Talents vary in degree. We may not be able to sing arias or write novels, but we can nevertheless sing to the glory of God in worship and at home, and we can write encouraging letters and notes to people who need uplifting. This, too, is using our talents as good stewards. St. Paul puts it all into one package for us: "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

The motivation for that, like talents themselves, comes from God, who made us and who, through Christ Jesus, redeemed us. In love to Him who first loved us we serve Him and one another with our talents.

Ask that God help you discover your talents and to give you the willingness to use them for Him and others.

Let us keep our military men and women in our prayers, as they serve our country, at home and around the world.

We are grateful for the safe return of Phil Yakish. Thank you, Phil, for your tours of duty.

Peace be with you.

John McFarland
Chaplain

NEW! Legion Post Website

The Stinocher Post 460 welcomes you to visit our new website at www.solonlegionpost460.com for updates on this newsletter and all to follow. This is a valuable tool to keep our members and loved ones, even overseas, apprised of the Post functions and excellent work our members do to serve our Post. We encourage you to visit and visit often to stay informed. As well as the newsletter, this site will tell you current events, sick call and upcoming fund raising events such as breakfasts and feeds.

With this website, approximately half or more of our current members will be able to get their newsletters via the Internet. This will substantially reduce the cost to the Post to produce the newsletter. Any person requesting to not receive a "hard copy" newsletter via the US Mail, please e-mail us at stinocherp460@southslope.net. You do not need to contact us if you would like to receive a regular newsletter through the US Mail. We will continue to serve our members with hard copies of the newsletter to anyone who needs it. We are looking forward to the exciting updates and continuation of our great Post. Thank you for your membership and hard work.

Club Manager Notes

On days where the Hawkeye football games are televised at the Legion, we will be serving baskets of wings and buckets of beer during the games.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Beef Days - especially the bartenders and SAL guys who ran the beer tanks!

Sarah Green
Club Manager

New Members:

Edwards Elms
Frank Krob

Deceased Members:

Margaret Heitman

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Labor Day Closed	4 Auxiliary mtg 7:30 pm Legion Riders mtg 7:30 pm	5 Board mtg 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Legion mtg 7:30 mtg	11 Veteran's Tee Tourney for Blind Vets - Lake McBride Golf Course	12 Veteran's Tee Tourney for Blind Vets - Lake McBride Golf Course	13 Veteran's Tee Tourney for Blind Vets - Lake McBride Golf Course	14	15 SAL Rib Dinner
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 County Mtg Iowa City Potluck 6:00 pm Mtg 7:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29
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October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Auxiliary mtg 7:30 pm	2 Legion Riders mtg 7:30 pm	3 Board mtg 7:00 pm	4 Spaghetti Supper 5:00-7:00 pm	5	6 Birthday Party
7	8 Legion mtg 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13 First District Fall Conference Donnellson, IA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Wedding Reception
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Halloween Dance
28	29	30	31			

2007 Beef Days Raffle Report

This year's Beef Days Raffle was a big success! We were able to sell over 8,000 chances. All of the prize winners have been notified and there is a list of winners posted inside the front door of the Legion hall for anyone who would like to know who won.

Thanks to all of you who helped by buying and selling tickets, everyone who helped record names, helped with all the mailings, and all who helped out in the raffle booth on Beef Days. We had a good time. I'd like to especially thank the American Legion Riders for their help this year. This is their chapter's first year at our Post and we are all very happy to have them with us.

In closing, this was a very successful fund raiser. We had a record number of tickets returned by mail and more of our members sold multiple books of tickets. Your efforts will go a long way to further our Legion programs and goals.

Thank you all!

Mike Aicher, Raffle Chairman

Auxiliary Message

Hello to all the members of Stinocher #460 Legion Family:

It is with humility that Jeanne Erhart and I have decided to work together as Co-Presidents for our Auxiliary Unit. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank Jean Stinocher for her leadership and dedicated service as president for the past five years. Jeanne and I will never fill her footprints in the same way, but we will do our best to serve you members of our unit to the best of our ability.

We have actually just finished a year of service in our Department of Iowa when we attended the State Convention, practically in our front yard - in Coralville. Stinocher Post and Unit #460 came home with several state awards for our accomplishments. We indeed serve our Community, State, and Nation.

Our Legion family received a 1st place rating on our Family Newsletter, by submitting three of the best copies for judging. We also received 1st place in the Field Service Portion of Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation by the hours that we spend helping veterans in their homes. The time and quality of the activities that our unit devotes to Education merited us a 1st place and our Children and Youth program received 3rd place and the President's Award. We can only say "thank you" to each of you members for your help and support and saying "yes" when your help was requested. We are very happy for your volunteering.

Two third graders received state awards for their essays entitled "I am Proud to be an American." They are Simon Duster and Abbie Rickels. We will be presenting them with those awards and unit awards at our October meeting. We are so proud to have had two quality young ladies represent our unit at Iowa Girls State in June on the Iowa State Campus. They were Courtney Holubar and Mattie Koehn and they shared their experiences with us at our August meeting. Both told how much they had learned and how much easier it will be to study Iowa Government when they return to school as seniors.

We mourn the passing of one of our members - Margaret Heitman, who died in California on July 25, 2007. We will be draping the charter in her memory at our September meeting.

With a new year and new department president, we begin with a new theme and new symbol to work with. Our New Department President, Norma, has chosen "FAITH" as her theme and the symbol of a rose. Each district is a different color rose and as members of Johnson County and First District, our rose is sky blue. She says "The rose is a symbol of love and caring and nothing can be accomplished without FAITH." She wants us to have "FAITH" and hope in our members and the rose will grow with love and concern for our veterans.

With the new year also comes our drive for membership. This year there will not be a national mailing coming out at this time. So this is a reminder to mail your dues to our membership chairperson, Phyllis M. Fiala, at 4628 110th St NE, Solon, IA 52333. Senior dues are \$15 and Junior dues are \$5.00.

The Veteran's Tee Tourney for Blind Vets will be September 11-13 at Lake McBride Golf Course. Volunteers interested in helping veterans line up their shots on the course may contact Kurt Sickles at 339-7104. Volunteers are also needed to make brownies or bars to donate for the luncheon. Please contact Jeanne Erhart at 624-3683, Delores Swann at 624-3795, or Jean Stinocher at 624-2356. We will need 10-12 dozen per day.

The Spaghetti Supper for Scholarships will be held on October 4 at the Legion. We will be serving from 5:00-7:00 pm. Tickets purchased by October 3 for adults is \$5.00 and children 5-10 years is \$2.50. Tickets at the door will be \$6.00 and \$3.00.

Jeanne and I thank you for your dedication to our veterans, children, and youth - and our education through these programs of the American Legion Family.

Yours in American Legion Auxiliary,
Co-President, Delores Swann