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June finds us enjoying our long-awaited, warm, sunny days with a few showers thrown in for good measure. Signs are everywhere that our Lord is finally giving us respite from our frigid days of winter. My previous Chaplain’s Corner honored mothers and their special day. June brings Father’s Day on June 15, 2014. I of course, remember my father Charles “Charlie” Lenz who is no longer with us. He was the typical American Legionnaire, working tirelessly for The American Legion. He was a Past Grand Chef with the 40&8, a member of the VFW, a CVSO, and Department American Legion Vice-Commander who led in membership throughout the nation that year! He acquired 30,000 volunteer hours at the Middleton VA Center. He was so proud of every award, certificate, and honor he received.

He was also a great dad to seven children and a disabled wife. He was totally committed to God, his family, and his country. He gave back as much as he gained from his work for veterans. The American Legion was there for him and his young family when he needed help after a serious injury. Charlie Lenz is one of many family when he needed help after a serious injury. Charlie Lenz is one of many

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To show that Wisconsin is working to honor her, one of our American Legion Family: grandmothers/grandmothers, fathers/sons/daughters, etc. Remember to include the names of everyone in the picture and their relationship. Please send these multigenerational photos to me via email or US mail (see contact information at beginning of this article).

WANTED – for President Joyce’s Memorial Book and Public Relations Book – newspaper articles (the entire page with date heading) and pictures of President Joyce. Please send these articles to me via email or US mail (see contact information).

Continue spreading the word about our organization and the wonderful volunteerism we do to support our veterans, our military, their families, and our communities.

Happy Father’s Day!

Jenni Syftestad
WALASBA Bowling Tournament Manager
The WALASBA 9-pin tournament once again was a place to be for fun and relaxation! A few ladies joined us for the first time. Some ladies bowled doubles and singles only because they did not have two more ladies available to make a team. Some came out for the fun, even if it’s only you and a partner. We had twenty-seven (27) teams, forty-seven (47) doubles, ninety-three (93) singles, and seventy-two (72) ladies entered all events. There was one 300-game bowled! Congratulations to Carol Gehlke from Fremont who rolled a 300! Others came close but just couldn’t do it.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Team: 1st Place – Waunakee Unit 360. Team Gusto’s (Score: 2592) 2nd Place – Grafton Unit 155. Team: Grafton (Score: 2559) 3rd Place – Verona Unit 385. Team: Mom & The Girls (Score: 2482).


Happy Father’s Day!

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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Candidate for Department President TERESA ISENSEE

As candidate for Department President, Teresa truly believes in ‘The American Legion Family’ and embraces the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for and educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Teresa is a 24-year member of Walter-Neilson Unit 326 Auxiliary in Boylston, joining under the service of her husband Steve, a Vietnam Veteran, and has been endorsed by her Unit, Chippewa County, the 10th District, and family for the office of Department President.

Steve and Teresa have been married for 24 years and together they have four children and eight grandchildren; all are members of the American Legion Family. In her professional career, she is an IT Project Manager/Program Analyst for National Presto Industries in Eau Claire.

In addition to her volunteer hours to the American Legion Family, Teresa is an active member of the Boylston Lions Club, served for the last eight years as a Village of Boyd Trustee, Past Chairperson of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, Past Chairperson of the Revolving Loan Fund for Chippewa County, and Past Board Member of the Regional Business Fund.

She has held offices at the unit, county, district and department levels and is currently serving as Department Senior Vice President and Department Public Relations Chairman. She has attended Full Informational Forums, Department Conventions, TAL, Mid-Winter Meetings, National Conventions, and National Workshops.

Candidate for Department 1st Vice President LAUREL DUBOIS

Laurel Dubois has been a member of Ellis Unit 278 of Balsam Lake for 15 years, joining under the service of her husband Steve who served 23 years in the United States Air Force. Laurel has been endorsed by 12th District for the office of 1st Vice President.

Laurel has held offices at the unit, county, district and department levels. She is currently serving as 1st Vice President and Department Americanism Chairman.

Laurel served as President on the unit, county and district levels. In 2009-2010 she served as Membership Chairman for the 47th District. She served as the President of the 4th District. In 2005-2006 she served as Department President. Laurel promises to continue to give her dedication, devotion and loyalty to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Candidate for Department 2nd Vice President BONNIE JAKUBCYZK

Bonnie Jakubczyk has been a member of Orschler-Dallmann Unit 434 for over 30 years.

Her eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary is through the Army National Guard of her father Ray, the Air Force service of her husband Dan, and her son Dennis who is also a member in the Army National Guard.

Bonnie and Dan have been married for 37 years and have a daughter who also belong to the American Legion Family.

Laurel has held all offices at the unit, county, district and department levels, and is currently serving as Department Chaplain and the ALA Hospital Auxiliary.

Candidate for Department 3rd Vice President JOANIE DICKERSON

Charlayne Irene Kiesling, known as “Char” is currently the Head Nurse. Laurel was honored to be involved with the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Laurel is currently working with local Units to help improve membership and dedication for this great organization and is proud to be able to provide assistance.

Laurel was a Registered Nurse for 25 years. She is an instructor for the American Legion Red Cross and teaches CPR and First Aid. She helps one local blood drive.

Laurel and Steve have been married for 45 years. They have two sons, two grandchildren and are very proud of their family. If elected for 1st Vice President, Laurel promises to continue to give her dedication, devotion and loyalty to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Candidate for Department Senior Vice President LAURA CALTEUX

Laura’s eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary is through the naval service of her father Pete, her brother Dennis, and the Air Force service of her son Jacob.

She has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 30 years. As a member of Grendale Unit 416, she has held many offices at the unit, county and district levels. She currently serves as Unit President and County Chaplain. On the department level, she served as the PDP Violet Feldmann’s Sergeant-at-Arms, where she gained her first glimpse of the American Legion Family, with another Auxiliary member on the way.

Laura is the Malfooy Chairman for the National Convention and the Chairman for Decorations and Publicity for the 8 & 40 National Convention, both held in Neenah, Wisconsin. She has volunteered at ALA Badger Girls State as a State Commander.

Laura is married to Michael and they have three children, Sarah, Holly and Jacob. Jacob and his wife Lori have two daughters, Renée and Vir- ginia. All are members of the American Legion Family, with another Auxiliary member on the way.

Laura has been a Project Specialist at Graybar Electric for the past 16 years and has run the United Way campaign for Graybar for over 10 years. Laura is supported by her family and proudly endorsed by Grendale Unit 416 and the 4th District.

Candidate for Department Chaplain CHAR KIESLING

Char has been blessed with 47 years of marriage. Keith has been a member of Post 433 as Past Commander for over 27 years and 39 years in the 40 & 8. Char and Keith have two daughters and a son, nine grandkids, and three great-grandkids. Their daughter-in-law is a disabled Army veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan and their son, Dennis, is a disabled Army veteran injured in Germany as an MP. He is now serving as a clergyman, he is truly an American Legion Family and very supportive! Char is a very fulfilling profession and is now a “retired” RN after 43 years, mostly in home care. “There is no place like home” for healing the body and soul. Char attends Madison United Methodist Church in Appleton.

Char leads a very busy life, but one that she truly loves, serving veterans, military and their families. Being a part of this organization has been a gift and she hopes to continue to give back by being your next Department Historian.

Candidate for Department Membership Chairman JOANIE DICKERSON

An active member of St. Mary Parish, she is also employed as a trailer at their school and currently serves on an assessment review committee for the Diocese of Madison. Joanie continues to serve on a local level as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary where she coordinates public education activities for members of the boating public. A long-time supporter of the 8 & 40 National Convention, Joanie is a member of the Arrow, the Boy Scout Honor Society and a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Joanie is a member of Troop 88 committee.

Joanie has two sons, a daughter and son-in-law, and four grandchildren, all members of the Legion Family. She has been endorsed by her unit, county and district.
The recent Poppy distribution of ALA Unit 53 of Eau Claire exceeded all expectations as the result of a large donation from Holiday Vacations.

The annual Poppy distribution is a crucial fundraiser for the American Legion Auxiliary. American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members, community members and businesses in the Chippewa Valley donated generously during the 2014 Poppy distribution in early May. Most generous of all was Holiday Vacations of Eau Claire which gave $10,000 in honor of all veterans. Holiday Vacations’ donation is the largest single donation ever received for the Eau Claire Auxiliary’s Poppy Fund.

Wisconsin’s Poppy Fund benefits veterans in several ways, starting with the veterans who make the poppies. 100% of the Eau Claire Auxiliary’s poppy profits are used to improve the welfare of veterans, active military personnel and their families, especially in Western Wisconsin.

Pictured: Tom Wildrick, World War II Army Veteran, passed away on February 15, 2014. Tom was the beloved father of Patty Stoffers and father-in-law of Pat Stoffers, founder of Holiday Travel in Eau Claire (now Holiday Vacations).