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Celebration of Freedom

As with most events during this time, plans are changing and evolving. The 9/11 mobile exhibit has been postponed but 2020 Celebration of Freedom will still go on with many exciting events.

September 11 & 12 2020

★ Legion Family Chili Cook Off
★ Live Music
★ Kickball & Cornhole Tournaments
★ Vendors

If you are interested in how you can get involved and become a sponsor go to https://wilegion.org/2020-celebration-of-freedom/ for forms and details or Contact Angie at 608-745-0340
American Legion Post 360 and the Boy Scouts, Troop 46, hosted a retirement of the old Colors ceremony. The ceremony began at 10 am at American Legion Post 360, 417 East Main Street, Waunakee. Section 8(k) of the Flag Code states: “the Flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” Since 1937, the American Legion has promoted the use of a public Flag disposal ceremony. This ceremony is a fitting tribute and an overt expression of patriotism which enhance the public’s understanding of honor and respect due the American Flag. The ceremony begins with the review and recommendation that a worn set of old Colors be fittingly retired with the respect they deserve. The commander asks the Sergeant-at-arms, to have the Color Guard advance and present the Colors for final inspection. Two Color Guard members inspect the Flags. The Colors are brought to the commander’s rostrum in proper form. The inspectors then recommend they be retired. The commander asks to prepare the Colors for retirement. The chaplain offers a prayer. The Colors are retired, ceremoniously burned. Then the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Posts from Wisconsin Dells, Pardeeville, and Portage gathered at Department Headquarters on June 15, 2020 to hold a small ceremony for the retirement of the colors.
Getchel-Nelson American Legion Post 210 in Waupun awarded $500 scholarships each to four graduating students in the Waupun area school district to help further their educational goals. Malachi Buchholz, left, a graduate of Waupun Area High School, plans to study Marketing at UW-Fond du Lac. Jarrett Buchholz, center, a graduate of Waupun Area High School, will attend UW-Madison to study Statistics. Alex Pausma, right, a graduate of Central Wisconsin Christian High School, plans to learn to be a Diesel Technician at Fox Valley Technical College.

Standing with the graduates are Post Commander Bob Patrouille, back left, and Post Adjutant Bob Bille. Missing is Waupun Area High School graduate Emily Andrew who will continue her education in Minnesota.

Commander Gerry Johnson and Adjutant Joe Story received a check for $1,080 from Trig’s Grocery in Tomahawk. This was a proceeds of the sale of cupcakes in Trig’s Cupcakes for Vets program. With this check and cash donations, Post 93 received $1,389. This money will be used in Post 93’s Children and Youth programs.
Looking to commemorate their 20th anniversary in business, LaFever Roofing of Hartland, along with Zuern Building Pdts., decided to reroof the American Legion Post 294 of Hartland in tribute of the Post’s community service. Flanagan-Dorn Post 294 salutes LaFever's civic mindedness. Pictured right to left: Greg Witkowski, Legionaire Tom Lay, John Bley, Aaron Mier, Cory LaFever, Andy Chojnacki, Todd Wertz, Legionaire Mike Steger, Chase Smith, Jimmy Mansfield, and Ryan Beckman. Not Pictured are Anthony and Michael Boggans and Kelly Zimmerman.

Upcoming Program Dates

February 1, 2021 – Deadline for Junior Shooting Sports target orders
February 13, 2021 – Oratorical Regional & Final contests at Ripon College
March 1, 2021 – deadline for Junior Shooting Sports targets
End of Postal match
June 12 – 19, 2021 – Badger Boys State at Ripon College
Department Spring Meetings will be limited and held virtually. If you received a call-in for the Department Spring Meetings, please watch your email for updated information on how this will be conducted.

2020 Department Convention - CANCELLED
Annual Bowling Tournament - CANCELLED
Annual King Day - CANCELLED
Legion College Courses in Little Chute - Postponed at this time
1st District Spring Meeting - CANCELLED
2nd District Spring Conference - Changed to teleconference, contact District Commander Julie Muhle at 920-382-4028 if you wish to join the conference
3rd District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
4th District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
5th District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
6th District Spring Conference - Moved to June 21, will remain in Green Lake
7th District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
8th District Spring Conference - Moved to June 20th
9th District Spring Conference - Postponed at this time
10th District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
11th District Spring Conference - Moved to May 16th
12th District Spring Conference - CANCELLED
Legion Baseball - CANCELLED
National Oratorical Finals - CANCELLED
National Spring Meetings - CANCELLED
National Junior Shooting Sports competition - CANCELLED
National Boys Nation - CANCELLED
Badger Girls State - CANCELLED
Badger Boys State - CANCELLED
Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy - CANCELLED
May Wisconsin American Legion Riders meeting at Headquarters - CANCELLED
National Veterans Golden Age Games scheduled for June 22-27, 2020 - CANCELLED
The awarding of American Legion Baseball scholarships and Samsung American Legion Scholarships for 2020 have also been completely suspended (Samsung American Legion Scholarships awarded in years prior to 2020 will continue to be paid out to students upon their requests to receive their funds).

Per Resolution #3- Cancellation of the 2020 National Convention and awarding of National Convention 2026, passed unanimously by the NEC, the 2020 National Convention is cancelled. ATTN: District Commanders and Adjutants. You recently received your National Convention Pre-planning packet, please disregard.
2020 American Legion Legacy Run
All travel through September 30 has been cancelled for: National Commander; NVCs; National officers; and national headquarters employees
All Department Commander travels have been suspended until June 1, 2020
Vietnam Travelling Wall in Waukesha - postponed until 2021
Past Department Commanders’ Spouses lunch - cancelled
The American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention - cancelled

To sign up for weekly email updates go to https://wilegion.org/contact-signup/
Friday, September 11, 2020 ~ 5:00 PM
2020 Celebration of Freedom
Veterans Memorial Field ~ Portage, WI

ENTRY FORM

Name of Entrant: __________________________________________

Chili Name (optional): ______________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

City: ________________________ State: ________ Zip: ____________

The entry fee is $20.00 per chili recipe. Make checks payable to Wisconsin American Legion Foundation or enter credit card information below.

Name on card: ___________________ Card #: __________________

Exp. Date: ___________ Code: _________

Mail or email to:
Wisconsin American Legion Foundation
Chili Cook Off
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901

NOTE: There will be a 1st place trophy for each of the following categories: Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and 1st Responders. The winner will also receive 50% of the cash votes in their jar at the end of the competition. Rules and event description will be emailed to all participants prior to the event.
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