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The Officers of Post 358 and the Ladies Auxiliary would like to wish you a very happy holiday season and a prosperous new year. This newsletter is intended to keep you, our fellow comrade informed of the activities that your post has been involved in during the past year. As always, we encourage each of you to participate in monthly meetings, to help make decisions that will have an impact on our legion post in the future. Our meetings are held at the Unity Legion Hall on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm. We currently have 44 paid memberships in the post and are always seeking to increase our membership. Your membership is important and together, we need to continue the fight to keep and improve the benefits that we have earned. Strength is in numbers. If you are aware of any qualifying veterans, please encourage them to join the American Legion. If you have access to a computer, the link to the Unity American Legion webpage can be located at:
<http://www.unityhappenings.com/legion.html>.

Post Activities

Post activities are used to provide donations to veterans and community organizations throughout the year and to provide recreational and social activities for the membership, in addition to helping defray post expenses. Our main two fundraisers are the breakfasts and the tractor/ truck pull.

Pancake Breakfasts

There are six breakfasts served each year by the Legion Post and the Ladies Auxiliary. They are held on the first Sunday of each month, beginning in October and ending in March. They are held from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, here at the hall. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Commander or Adjutant.

Antique/ Hot Farm Tractor and Truck Pull

Each year on Memorial Day weekend, this event is held on the Legion grounds in Unity. Next year's event will be held on May 26, 2012. If anyone is interested in helping out at the event, they may call Naomi Carey at 715-223-8857.

Facilities

Our facilities are available for small parties (showers, weddings, meetings). Contact Duane Neuman for more information. Our bar is fully stocked and is open Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at 5:00PM. Happy Hour is from 5-7 with reduced drink prices and popcorn and peanuts. Everyone is welcome, so stop in and check us out.

Horseshoe Team

The Post sponsors a six man horseshoe team in the local league each year. We are always looking for interested participants. The league is held on Wed. evenings from May through August. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Roger Wellman.

Activities (cont.)

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Each year the post attempts to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post. This is usually conducted in the time frame of Memorial Day and Flag Day. We extend an invitation to elementary students and scout groups, as a educational opportunity. All members are welcome

Funeral Honors

The Legion Post offers funeral honors for its Legion members if their families so desire. If you are interested in becoming involved and participating, please let the Commander or Adjutant know. This is a very important benefit of all veterans, and we can always use the assistance of our comrades in providing this service.

Veteran's Day

Each Veteran's Day, Post 358 participates in the ceremony at the Colby Middle School. This allows the students the opportunity to interact with veterans and share their patriotism in honoring all veterans for their service. All members are welcome.

Camp American Legion

The camp is located in Lake Tomahawk, WI, and is open to all veterans who are Wisconsin residents, whether or not they are Legionnaires. The camp is in operation from Memorial Day thru Labor Day each summer. It is operated to accommodate a rest and relaxation period of seven days, following an operation, illness, or other affliction. A doctor must certify that the rest is needed, and there is a vast array of recreational activities offered. There is no charge to the veteran, as the camp is supported totally by donations. If you know of someone in need of the facilities, the camp director can be contacted at 715-277-2510 or at campal@newnorth.net for more information.

Organizational Support

Through fundraising efforts above and beyond normal expenses, our post makes monetary contributions to several organizations throughout the year. During the past year the Legion and Auxiliary have strongly supported both Badger Boys State and Badger Girls State, which enable high school students to experience political and leadership skills. In addition, we have made contributions to:

The VA Center in Tomah
The King Veteran's Home
Camp American Legion
The Highground Memorial Park
The Honor Flight
The Colby Post Prom
The CUDA Football Program

Service Offices

Please feel free to contact our Service Officer if you have any questions pertaining to your benefits. Included here is a list of County Service Officers in central Wisconsin, should you wish to contact any of them.

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