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### **SEYMOUR NEWS POST 106**

POST MEETING IS THE FOURTH MONDAY AT 7 P.M.



#### **LEGION POST 106 OFFICERS**

John Berg, 920-366-8401 Commander Brad Blazek 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander Jeff Zahn 3rd Vice Commander Jim Simon Adjutant Tom Theroux, 920-833-7206 Financial Officer John Cumicek Chaplain Dan Vanden Heuvel Sergeant-At-Arms Dick DeBuhr Quartermaster Lyle Clavers Membership John Cumicek Honor Guard John Cumicek Post Historian John Berg

SONS MEETING IS THE THIRD MONDAY AT 7 P.M.

#### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 106**

Commander John Berg Bradley Blazer Adjutant Steve Carpenter Squadron Advisor Chaplain Luke Blazek Financial Officer Russ S. Hanseter Sergeant-At-Arms Adam Smith





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1st Vice President

#### AUXILIARY UNIT 106 OFFICERS – AUXILIARY MEETING FIRST MONDAY AT 7 P.M.

2nd Vice President Treasurer Ann Smith Secretary Bonnie Simon

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Sue Keyzers

Bonnie Simon

Historian Donna Stark Membership Kathy Smits Poppy Chair Terrie Carpenter

### **Commander's Report – August 2020**

We are a recognized Viet Nam War Commemorative Post

With these uncertain times, I hope everyone is doing well. I'm extending out to all of our Post, Auxiliary, and Son's members if you need help in any way, please reach out to either myself, any Post Officers, also Auxiliary President Sue Keyzers, or any of the Auxiliary Officers. We will try to help if we can.

Also, with these uncertain times, this Newsletter is going to cover the rest of the year (to help save a little money). Hopefully, as the New Year comes around, we will be able to get back to business as usual. Between Post Commander John, Auxiliary President Sue Keyzers, Son's Commander John, and other Post Officers, we are trying to stay on top of any business that may arise.

I was holding off getting the Newsletter out until the Post had its Executive Committee Meeting. I wanted to get out as much Post information that I possibly can. The meeting was held on August 24, 2020. If you would like to get more information on what the Post is doing, you can attend our regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Or you can either look at our Web page is (<a href="https://www.weebly.com">https://www.weebly.com</a>) or Facebook page (seymourpost106@gmail.com), or if we have your E-mail address, Adjutant Tom could e-mail you copy of the Post's Meeting Minutes. You can e-mail Tom your email address and ask him to send the minutes to you. Tom's email address is grampatom74@gmail.com. Also, if you have a cell phone and have texting available (and know how to use it), you could get that information to us, so if a meeting needs to be cancelled or any other important information needs to get out, this will help your Post Officers contact members.

With that being said, the Legion, Auxiliary, and Son's Squadron will be having their regular Meeting as scheduled. If for some reason, meetings are cancelled, you can try looking at our web page, our Facebook page, or we will try to post a notice on the Post's doors, or you will receive a phone call from one of your Officers. If you have texting available and use it, forward us your cell number.

The upcoming County Council Meeting are September 9<sup>th</sup> at Colonial House in Freedom, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 38 in Appleton, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Colonial House in Freedom. All Meetings start with Social Hour at 6:00 P.M., with dinner at 7:05 P.M. The 9<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, in Oconto Falls (date, time, and venue to come).

In our last newsletter, I had sent out a questionnaire to be filled out by Post members. Out of our body of members, I only received 34 questionnaires back from our 197 members. This information is for Post Officers only. We need this information to keep our Post files updated. The things we would really like to have is your current address (if you move, please keep us informed), the best phone number we could reach you at, date of birth, branch of service, dates of service, and era of service. If you could, send this information to me at bergflrcov@aol.com or mail it to me at 610 Keune St, Seymour, WI 54165, or phone me at 920-366-8401. Your help with getting me this information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Auxiliary is going to be involved in this year's Fall City-Wide Rummage Sale, which is Saturday, September12th, 2020, only, starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be a workday on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. They are also looking for donations, and will start collecting items on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> until Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. *No clothes or electronic items please*. Thank you.

The Post and I would like to thank Lyle Clavers for taking over as the Post's Quartermaster. I know this will be a learning experience for him, but with the help from our past Quartermasters (Cliff Dembroski and Joe Klarner) showing him the way, he will fill in and do a great job. Thank you, Lyle.

I would like to thank the following members for moving the furniture out and waxing the Post's floors (Tom Theroux, Greg Goetz, and Glenn Dunville). I would also like to thank the Son's Squadron for putting everything back in place. We also had members take care of the outside issues (Commander John, Greg Goetz, and Glenn Dunville). Thank You all. For those who do not know, at the beginning of this Pandemic, the commercial refrigerator in the back room went out. The Executive Committee recommended that we purchase a new one. It was brought up at the Post 27 July 2020, regular

meeting and approved by the general body to allocate up to \$4,000.00 to purchase a new commercial refrigerator. With the Auxiliary unable to have their Salad Luncheon, this will give the Post more time to get the best price possible.

There are things that need to be taken care of at our cabin (Cabin 19) at Camp American Legion. If this is something you think that you would like to help with, please let the Commander, or Post Officer know. There have been a few Post members who have gone up there the past two years to take care of a few of the projects that needed to be done. The cabin still needs to be stained and chalked. At the past County Council meeting, Tom was talking with a member of Post 38's Son's Squadron. He said that he would get a working party to go up there to take care of these items. I talked to Post 38's Commander, he said that he would verify this and get back to me.

To all, during the Post's Executive Meeting, there was some confusion over the terms Executive Committee, House Committee and Post Executive Committee, plus a couple minor clerical errors, like the change in the preamble. These recommended changes and updates to the Constitution & By-Laws will be read at the September Meeting for adoption at the October Meeting.

The Post will be giving the scholarship checks to this year's recipients at our Christmas Party, after the finish of their first semester. This year we are giving out seven \$500 scholarship checks to the Post winners, and also a \$500 to the Legion Baseball most valuable player. Due to the Post not being involved in this year's fair, we did not have any income, so the Post Scholarships for next year will be reduced to only five Scholarships.

With the Post's income this year, we are will not be able to give out as many donations we have in the past.

The Post will be having the Annual Veterans Day Party November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with cocktails starting at 5:30 P.M. Without the Badger Boys and Girls this year, they will not be present, so I will try to get a guest speaker.

Enjoy the fall colors and have a safe and happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas as you celebrate with family and friends!

Hope to see members at one of our upcoming meetings or events. Thank you!

John Berg, Commander, 920-366-8401 bergflrcov@aol.com

### Membership and Honor Guard – August 2020

The membership year for the American Legion is July 1 to June 30 each year. PUFL members have received their membership cards in the mail. The 2021 membership billings have been mailed from the National Headquarters of the American Legion on or about July 1, 2020. Your 2021 membership card will be hand delivered to you or may be included in this newsletter. To date, 147 Post 106 members have paid their 2021 dues. The 2021 membership goal for Post 106 as established by the Department of Wisconsin is 197, thus Post 106 is at 74.62% of goal. 2021 dues of \$30 can be paid by mailing to PO Box 224, Seymour, WI 54154 or online at <a href="https://www.wilegion.com">www.wilegion.com</a>.

Please remember in your prayers Post 106 members John Knorr who died on July 05, 2020, Francis Gerl who died on August 9, 2020, and Gerald "Chub" Garsow, who died on August 26, 2020.

The Post 106 Honor Guard participated in the following functions since the March Newsletter: Home of the Hamburger Parade on August 8, 2020, the Military Funeral of Harold Haak on August 9, 2020 who died on July 17, 2020, and Military Funeral for Gerald "Chub" Garsow on August 30, 2020.

For a great background of the American Legion, you are encouraged to go online at www.legion.org/training and view the virtual course "The American Legion." The course covers five topics: History and Organization; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth.

The colors red, white, and blue are displayed in communities nationwide during the month of July in celebration of Independence Day. Our nation's flag symbolizes freedom, patriotism, and unity. While our communities have been affected and our nation grieves a divide. The American Legion stands firm in a value it has upheld by resolution (still in

effect) passed on October 17, 1923, at The American Legion National Convention that expresses firm support of equal rights and opportunities "without distinction as to race, color, creed or class." These words from National Commander James W. Oxford.

John Cumicek, Finance Officer and Membership Chairman

# American Legion Auxiliary - August 2020

Hello to All! Hope you are all well!

A Big Shout Out to all our members. As of August 18, our unit is a 100% MEMBERSHIP UNIT!!! This means that we met the membership goal set by Department. Thank you to all our members. We are now starting our 2020-2021 membership drive. The dues are \$28.00 for senior members and \$5.25 for junior members. You can either pay them online with the information on your renewal notice or you can mail or drop off your dues to Kathy Smits, our membership chairperson at 227 Muehl Street, Seymour, WI 54165. You can also bring your payment to any meeting or call Kathy at 920-619-9847 to make other arrangements. We would like to have all dues collected by December 31st. Thank you for your continued membership.

This summer has been one of many cancelled or postponed activities. We did manage to have a small group of members march in the Home of the Hamburger Parade. As we look forward to fall, there will be activities that will still be cancelled and some that will go on but with some restrictions.

We have managed to have meetings in June, July, and August. It was very nice to see the members who felt they were able to come to the meetings. Although we all wore masks and social distanced, we were able to get some things accomplished. One of the things that were canceled was the Salad Luncheon. In its place we added a Rummage Sale at the time of the City-Wide Rummage Sale on September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. We are looking for donations of anything that would sell at a rummage sale except clothing and electronics. Check out your house as you get ready for fall. We will start collecting these items at our meeting on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and we will have a workday on Friday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 to sort and price all the items. If you need someone to pick up your items or would like to schedule a time to drop off your items, please contact me at 920-246-9044.

Our meeting dates for the rest of the year are September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will follow whatever guidelines are in place at the time of the meetings. The December meeting has traditionally been our Christmas Party. It looks like County Council meetings will also be happening. There is one on September 15<sup>th</sup> that will be held in Kaukauna. If you like to go the meal is \$13.00 and you would need to let me know by August 28<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> in Kimberly.

November looks like it will be our most active month. We are planning on doing our Poppy distribution on Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> if possible. We will have a signup sheet at the Oct. and Nov. meetings, or you could call me to let us know when you can help. The annual Veterans Day Party will be on Saturday, Nov 14th. This is normally a potluck meal, so we will have to decide closer to the date what we will have. Toward the end of November, we could once again choose a day and ring bells for the Salvation Army at Don's if that program is happening.

Over the past few months, I have been emailing small updates to members that I have an email address for. If you are not getting these updates and would like to please email me at suekeyzers.ala@gmail.com and I will add you to the list.

Remember to pay your dues. Thanks!

Sue Keyzers President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 106

## Son's Squadron 106 -- August 2020

Welcome to all new members.

December 21

December 25

Christmas

This is a reminder that our meetings start at 6:30 P.M. at the Legion Hall on the third Monday of the month. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

The Squadron would like to welcome the following new members: Brian Blohm and Lee Berg

The Son's Squadron is having a Meat Raffle on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It will be at Wally's Seymour Bowl, Seymour. Along with having the Meat Raffle, they are also having a cash raffle. They will be selling 160 \$50.00 tickets. The drawing will be at 4:00 P.M. the day of the event (NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN). The tickets will start selling by 26 August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Buy tickets and come to the event to help support our Son's Squadron. Thank you.

Also, make sure you check out the calendar of events from the Legion for the next few months. If you have any available time to help at any of the events, please contact Commander John.

John Berg, SAL Commander

## **Upcoming Special Dates & Activities**

September 7	Labor Day			
September 8	Auxiliary Regular meeting 7:00 P.M.			
September 9	Outagamie County Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M. @ Colonial House, Freedom			
September 11	Patriot Day			
September 11	Auxiliary Workday for Rummage Sale			
September 12	Seymour City-Wide Rummage Sale (Auxiliary will be involved)			
September 15	Auxiliary Outagamie County Council Meeting @ Kaukauna			
September 17	Post Joint Executive Meeting 3:30 P.M.			
September 18	US Air Force Established 1947			
September 20	POW/MIA Recognition Day			
September 21	Son's Squadron Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.			
September 28	Regular Post Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
October 3	9th District Conference 8:00 A.M. @ Oconto Falls			
October 5	Auxiliary Regular meeting 7:00 P.M.			
October 11	Son's Squadron Meat/Cash Raffle @ Wally's 1:00 P.M 5:00 P.M. Cash drawing 4 P.M.			
October 13	US Navy established (1775)			
October 14	Outagamie County Council (7:00 P.M. @ Post 38, Appleton)			
October 19	Son's Squadron Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.			
October 26	Regular Post Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
October 21	Booyah & Chili Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. @ Post 106 ??????????			
October 31	Halloween			
November 2	Auxiliary Regular meeting 7:00 P.M.			
November 3	Election Day			
November 6	Auxiliary Distribute Poppies			
November 7	Post 106 Executive Meeting 9:00 AM.			
November 11	Veteran's Day			
November 11	Outagamie County Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M. @ Colonial House, Freedom			
November 14	Veteran's Day Party 5:30 P.M.			
November 16	Son's Squadron Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M. Thanksgiving			
November 17	County Council Meeting @ Kimberly			
November 23	Regular Post Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
November 26	Thanksgiving			
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day			
December 7	Auxiliary Christmas Party			
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Post Christmas Party 5:30 P.M. Son's Members are invited. Bring dish to pass.