

AMERICAN LEGION POST 106 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021 THROUGH MARCH 2021

Post Meeting is the Fourth Monday at 7 PM

Sons Meeting is the Third Monday at 6:30 PM

LEGION POST 106 OFFICERS

Commander: John Berg, 920-366-8401
1st Vice Commander: Brad Blazek
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 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander: John Berg, 920-366-8401
1ST Vice Commander: Vacant
2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
3rd Vice Commander: Vacant
Adjutant Bradley Blazek, 920-595-0506
Financial Officer: Russ S. Hanseter
Chaplain: Luke Blazek
Advisors: Russ H. Hanseter and Steve Carpenter
Squadron Historian: John Berg

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

President Sue Keyzers
1st Vice President Bonnie Simon
2nd Vice President
Treasurer Ann Smith
Secretary Bonnie Simon
Chaplain Catherine Goetz
Sergeants-At-Arms Sandy Segersin & Joann VandenLangenberg
Historian Donna Stark
Membership Kathy Smits
Poppy Chair Terrie Carpenter

Commander's Report – January 2021

We are a recognized Viet Nam War Commemorative Post

Both Sue and I hope that all of our members and their families had a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

I know that it seems like forever since our last Newsletter. With the New Year upon us, we hope that we soon will be able to get back to business as usual. That being said, we hope that everyone is still doing well despite the Corona Virus still being very active and causing so many problems for all of us, and that not too many people have been vaccinated yet.

Once again, I'm extending out to all of our Post, Auxiliary, and Son's members, if you need help in any way, please contact either myself, Auxiliary President Sue Keyzers, or any Post, Auxiliary, and Son's Officers. We will try to help if we can.

We waited to send out the newsletter until after we had an emergency Executive/House Committee Meeting on 11 January 11, 2021. Present at the meeting were Post, Auxiliary, and Son's Officers along with a few Past Commanders. We tried to discuss our plans for the upcoming year.

Between Post Commander John, Auxiliary President Sue Keyzers, Son's Commander John, and Post and Auxiliary Officers, we are trying to stay on top of any business that may arise.

In November 2020, the Post had to have a walk through with our Insurance Company. The results were that we needed to have a fire/smoke/carbon dioxide detector installed in the back room behind the kitchen. Also, we need to have our range hood in the kitchen professionally cleaned. The detector was installed December 31. The range hood was scheduled to be cleaned on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, but the company call and said that the crew that was going to come had come down with the Corona Virus (still waiting to hear from them).

To tell you how the Post's luck is going, not only did we have to have the two things above taken care of, remember we have to still have the commercial refrigerator replaced. Also, two weeks ago we had to have both the furnace and boiler repaired (yes both went out).

With the pandemic still in place, we have put replacing the commercial refrigerator in the back room off for the present time.

Due to the Post not being involved in the 2020 fair, and did not have any income, it was passed that the Post reduce the number of scholarships from seven to five for the 2021 school year.

The Post presented the scholarship checks to this year's recipients during Christmas Holiday. They had to wait until the finished their first semester and are going to be enrolled in a second semester.

I heard from Brian Stille from the Fair Association. He e-mailed all vendors from past years to see if they still wanted to have their sites. I replied back right away, yes, that the Post will still have the two beer stands, and that the Auxiliary will still run their food stand.

The Post will not be having our Annual Birthday Party. We feel that because typically we have more of our elderly members who attend this event and, due to the fact that the Corona Virus is still active and many members have still not even been vaccinated, that it should just be cancelled. So that is what we are going to do.

This year's Spaghetti Dinner is cancelled for this year also.

Adjutant Tom could e-mail you copy of the Post's meeting minutes. You can e-mail Tom your e-mail address and ask him to send the minutes to you. Tom's e-mail address is: grampatom74@gmail.com.

The Post is looking for someone to step up and fill the Post Adjutant position. Tom Theroux has given me his resignation. He stated that with being Second Vice Commander of the 9th District, he has too many other obligations to continuing being the Post Adjutant. The Post and I would like to thank Tom for his many years in this position. Tom said that he

would stay on until the position is filled and help train the incoming new Adjutant. Thanks Tom, for your dedication to Post 106.

The County Council Meeting was held on January 13, 2021, at Post 38 Appleton. It started off with the County Oratorical Competition at 6:00 PM. Our Post's contestant was Brianna Patz (who was the Post's contestant last year), won the County and is advancing to the 9th District competition on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at Post 11 starting at 10:00. The Post wishes her good luck. The next County Council meeting will be February 10, 2021, at Colonial House in Freedom. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, with meeting to start at 7:00 pm.

The 9th District Fall Conference was held October 3, 2020, in Oconto Falls. The Spring Conference is scheduled for April 24, at Post 11, Green Bay, starting at 7:30 AM with registration.

The Department Midwinter has been postponed until May 2021, in Baraboo.

I have been trying to update our Post roster information for over a year. I have only received 47 of the questionnaires back from the 197 members of the Post. I have also been trying to call members over the past few months. I started with all the members who signed in at our meetings. I'm next going to try contacting members who don't regularly come to the meetings. But it is hard to do this if I don't have a current phone numbers for members. If you have not mailed your questionnaire back or you have not been contacted by me, could you please send back the completed questionnaire or give me a call. This information is just for Post use. Thank you for your cooperation. 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.

Constitution & By-Laws were read at the September Meeting for adoption at the October Meeting. We have had to delay this until we have meetings scheduled again.

If you have an e-mail address, please check with Commander John, or Adjutant Tom to make sure that we have it. Also, if you have a new phone number or new e-mail, please make sure that you pass it on to them so we can keep the Post records up to date. Thank you.

The Post has a new member, Joe Doro, from Freedom. Thanks for joining our Post.

Cliff Dembroski had a hip replaced Tuesday, January 12. He is doing well.

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

**John Berg, Commander
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Son's Squadron 106 – January 2021

Welcome to all new members. **This is a reminder to our members, that our meetings start at 6:30 PM at the Legion Hall on the third Monday of the month.** Hope to see you at the next meeting.

We had a meeting January 18, 2021. We are planning to have meetings again each month unless things change. If they do, we will contact members either by e-mail or phone call. If you have an e-mail address, please check with Commander John or Adjutant Brad to make sure that we have it. Also, if you have a new phone number or e-mail, please make sure that you pass it on to them so we can keep the Squadron records up to date. Thank you.

The Squadron would like to welcome the following new members: GARY SCHENK AND NICK CLARK

The Son's Squadron had its Meat Raffle on October 11, 2020, at Wally's Seymour Bowl, Seymour. Along with having the Meat Raffle, they are also had a cash raffle. We had a very good turn- out. Thank you to all Post, Auxiliary, and Son's members who attended.

The Squadron's next meeting will be February 15, 2021. Please try to make our meetings if you can.

The Son's wall is progressing well. Should be done soon.

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

Membership and Honor Guard – January 2021

The membership year for the American Legion is July 1 to July 30 of each year. At this time, Post 106 is halfway through the 2021 administrative year. Our paid membership to date for 2021 is 171 or 86.80% of the 197 goal established by the Department of Wisconsin. Those members that have paid for 2021 have received their membership card previously in person, through the mail, the August Newsletter, or enclosed with this newsletter. Post 108 members are encouraged to pay their 2021 dues of \$30 by mailing to PO Box 224, Seymour, WI 54165, or paying online at www.wilegion.org or www.legion.org.

Please remember in your prayers the following Post 106 members that have died: Ken Zablocki 12/17/2019, John Knorr 7/05/2020, Francis Gerl 8/08/2020, Gerald Garsow 8/26/2020, Eugene Hendzel 12/07/2020, and Harlan Blumreich 12/27/2020. They certainly have served their country and community well.

The Post 106 Honor Guard participated in the following functions since the August 2020 Newsletter: Gerald Garsow military funeral 8/30/2020, Ronald Ziebell military funeral 10/19/2020, John Krupka military funeral 11/06/2020, Robert Tregging military funeral 12/05/2020, and Harlan Blumreich military funeral 12/31/2020.

The Wisconsin Department of Wisconsin offers the virtual or online Wisconsin American Legion College. This course is designed to a) Enhance knowledge and appreciation of the core values and contributions of the Legion; b) Prepares you for the leadership positions through education, development, and motivation; and c) Curriculum designed to challenge attendees to think creatively about the issues facing Legion Wisconsin. The Basic Course will be offered online Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19-20, 2021, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM or Saturday and Sunday, January 30-31, 2021, 9:00 AM-noon. You can register by going to www.wilegion.org, under Members. For further information contact the Post 106 Finance Officer who has taken the course.

TWO: The number of times the American Legion Constitutional Preamble has been changed since 1919; first after World War II to pluralize "the great wars" and again in 2019 to apply the organization's mission to serve U.S. veterans of "all wars".

**John Cumicek,
Finance Officer and Membership Chairman**

Auxiliary Unit 106

Happy New Year to all,

As I started to write this newsletter article, I looked back to last year's article and felt very sad because we missed so much. Then I started to think of all the things we did get done. We managed to have six in-person meetings in 2020. We delivered Valentine's flowers to veterans in February and sent two Pet Pals to King in April. At the September meeting, we wrote "Thinking of You" notes for the veterans at Good Shepherd Services and had a very successful rummage sale. In the end of November, we again took all shifts on a Sunday to ring bells for the Salvation Army. In December we tried a Christmas Card Social, with all senior members getting at least one Christmas card and more than half got two. I want to thank all the members who took the time to be involved in any of these activities. Along with these activities, your executive committee learned how to have meetings on Zoom and we even had a County Council on Zoom in November. Now the million-dollar question, "What comes next?". We did not have a scheduled meeting in January, and after a very quick survey I think we will **not** have a meeting in February. Starting in March we will go month-to-month as to whether we have in person meetings. I want to thank our callers for keeping the communications open. I will contact Good Shepherd about flowers for the veterans in early February and will put out an e-mail when it is time to put the vases together for anyone who would like to help. We may have to just drop them off, but I would like to make sure the veterans know we are thinking of them. Spring would normally bring Card Parties, Bingo at King and County Council meetings, and we will just have to wait and see. I will keep everyone on the e-mail list up to date. If you are not getting e-mails, please send your e-mail to suekeyzers@gmail.com and I will add it to the list. On a good note, we have been contacted by the Outagamie Fair Manager to ask if we are interested in having the food stand at the fair this summer. The dates of the 2021 fair are July 21st through July 25th.

Membership has been going well. We are 12 members away from our goal of 145 for 2021. That means that over 120 members have paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues yet, please contact Kathy Smits at 920-619-9847 to make arrangements to do so.

REMINDER: Please continue to keep track of your service hours. I will need to do the annual report in April, and I will need to have something to report. I know that you all have helped out wherever you can. We need to report everything, such as taking a friend/neighbor to shop or to a doctor or helping out at a food pantry or church. Even if you are unable to get to meetings, we really need you to report your service hours. This is one way we can all be part of the Unit. If you are unable to get to meetings, please e-mail or phone in your service hours to me anytime.

Be well, be happy, be peaceful, and stay strong.

Sue Keyzers

Upcoming Special Dates & Activities

January 23 9th District Oratorical Contest, Post 11, Green Bay
February 2021 Regional & State Oratorical Contest @ Ripon
February 10 Outagamie Cty Council Meeting @ Post 38, Appleton
February 14 St. Valentine's Day
February 15 Presidents' Day
February 15 Son's Squadron Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
February 22 Regular Post Meeting 7:00 PM ??????????
February 17 Ash Wednesday
March 2 Auxiliary Unit Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
March 14 Daylight Savings Day
March 10 Outagamie Cty Council Meeting @ Colonial House, Freedom
March 14 Post 106 American Legion Birthday Party Cancelled
March 15 American Legion Birthday 1918
March 15 Son's Squadron Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 17 Auxiliary Unit County Council Meeting at Black Creek
March 20 First Day of Spring
March 22 Regular Post Meeting 7:00 PM ??????????
March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
April 1 Legion Baseball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Cancelled
April 5 Palm Sunday
