**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 196**

 Delafield Post No. 196

 **January**

 **2023**

 333 Lapham Peak Road

 Delafield, Wisconsin 53018

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| Meetings: **Clubhouse Opens:****About 1 hour before Business Meetings****Legion / 3rd Monday**January 16 1900 hrs**Sons/ 1st Monday**(Tue)January 3 1830 hrs **Auxiliary/ 2nd Monday** December 9, 1830 hrs |

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 **Commander’s message for January 2023**

Hello legion family members.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank all members of the Legion, Son’s, Auxiliary, Marine Corp league, Boy Scouts and Venture Crew for an outstanding year.   We accomplished record sales at the bar and our events have been well attended! The contributions to our Veteran’s organizations and youth programs have been awesome.   Also, on top of all that, our post has grown!   We are almost completely done with our expansion.   Congratulations to all for all your support, muscle, and dedication towards this endeavor! We are looking to start off the New year on the same track.  Thank you to all for your support and dedication

Coming up at the post in the new year:

New Year’s Eve 7:00pm we will be open to celebrate the new year.   If you would like to bring a dish please do so, we will be jamming to jute box and having fun

Saturday the 14th - Chili contest Delafield Presbyterian Church will be hosting cook off. The public is welcome to enter or come up and enjoy chili and a Packers game.

86th Annual Coon feed- January 28th (Sat) Please bring in a donation of sausages, turkeys, hams or anything else for us to raffle (we will also be dedicating this year to Mark Corgiat our past Coon feed committee chairman)

February 4th Son’s annual Fishery

We have raffle tickets to help with the building fund: There is a bottle of Clase Azul tequila valued at $179 and there also another Henry Rifle are up for raffle. Get your tickets at the bar and help offset our cost for the new expansion.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

In closing,

God’s blessings

Terry Frazier Commander Pot 196

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 196**

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!!

Our monthly membership meeting was held on December 5th 2022 with 15 members in attendance.

A New Member, Chris Kennedy was introduced whose dad served in US Navy. Welcome Chris!!

Minutes from our November meeting were read, voted on and approved.

Financial Report was read, voted on and approved as well.

Under Old Business the Chili Contest had 20 entries and made $1270.00 in profit. The turnout was fantastic, and it was agreed that this was one of the most successful ever.

We also discussed our group bartending at the German Christmas Market over Thanksgiving weekend. All agreed it was a enjoyable event and we would like to do it again next year. We made almost $2700 for three hours work. Thank you to all that came out and volunteered for this event!

It was suggested that we send out actual invoices to help collect annual payments for the billboards.

Steve Reardon reported the state is still having issues with our membership cards, but it should be rectified soon. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2023, please get them in ASAP! We are currently at 69% paid.

Rockin’ with the vets is tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 10th 2023. Please save the date as we will need as many members as possible to help with this event.

Under New Business

We voted on and approved $10,000 for building expansion and Jerry will present a check at the next Legion Meeting.

Raffle tickets for the fishery are now available, if you haven’t got your tickets, you can pick them up at the Legion. Speaking of the Fishery, we will be holding The Delafield Sons of the American Legion 20th Annual Fishery on Saturday February 4th.(NOT January 28th as reported in last month’s newsletter).

 We will not only need lots of help that day but will need all members to sell raffle tickets prior to the event and as always, we need raffle prize donations. Keep in mind all of the money we make is from the raffles so please help with getting some great prizes so we can make our 20th the best ever!!

Also please note our January Membership meeting will be on Tuesday Jan 3rd at 6:30 pm, NOT on Monday due to the New Year’s holiday.

Please try your best to attend this meeting so we plan the fishery.

I truly hope everyone has a safe and blessed New Years!

Take Care & God Bless!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Knickelbein

Second Vice Commander

Delafield Son’s of the American Legion

Squadron 196

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

Greetings,

Our Christmas party was held December 12 and as always, the food was delicious! Thank you Beth for making the beef for sandwiches.

This was not an official meeting, but a few items were shared.

Thank you to Sherri, Sandy and Gini for the beautiful decorating!

Mickie gave the knitted hats to Jeff Dentice "Doc" to be distributed to veterans in need. I am sure Jean Dodd is looking down on all the veterans knowing they will have a warm hat for the winter.

Mary reported on the names that won for the Custom Canines' pups that will begin training in 2023. The female names are Hope and Phoebe. The male names are Ace and Bravo. Mary will send in our application, and we will receive pictures and updates on the puppy's progress. Thanks for taking care of this Mary.

Sherri shared the dates for the 2023 events. Poppy weekend will be May 19 and 20. The Lucky Ducky Veterans River Race will be August 6.

Our next meeting will be January 9 at 6:30 pm.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Jane Schmittinger**

**President, American Legion Auxiliary, Delafield Unit 196**

Troop 49 Report

1/3/2023

1. Proud to announce that on December 11th Nicholas Hoffman passed his Eagle Board of Review to become the 95th Eagle Scout in Troop 49. Congratulations!
2. Elections took place and we have new leadership in place. SPL for Troop 49B is Josh H. and SPL for Troop49G is Jess V. Both will share SPL duties with both troops during the meetings. Looking forward to what they can bring to the troops.
3. Scouts worked on the Climbing merit badge this past weekend that was held at Adventure Rock.
4. Next Troop Court of Honor will be on Thursday January 26th held at Kettle Moraine Middle School Commons. Evening begins at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join.
5. Upcoming events: Winter Blast this is helping out at a Cub Scout day camp, Legion Coon Feed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Marek – T49 Charter Org Rep

Chaplain’s Corner

 January 2023

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Hey guys, a new year is upon us, rather we like it or not. 2022 was not the best year, but a lot of good things happened to people and to our Post. Many of you either hate or love making New Year’s resolutions; personally, I fall in the middle of the two. Sometimes I need and want to make resolutions that will change my life for the better. Over the years I have been successful with one or two of those resolutions stick. I figure that is about 1% of all I have made over the years – not bad, not good. Some people are determined to make 2023 the year that they will lose weight, stop smoking, go to church more often or become a kinder, more patient spouse, parent or person. This year I am committing to living a healthier lifestyle and spending a little less time on my computer and a little more time with my wife.

Most of us are trying to become better versions of ourselves. Some years we make good progress on our goals; other years we don’t even put up a good front. It is all part of the human condition that we all share. Don’t get bogged down in frustration or anxiety. As we change, as our world around us changes we too change (albeit it slowly). The key to coping with it all is to remember one thing: God never changes. He is the same yesterday and today and forever. How comforting is that? Think of a tree with roots, dep in the ground; when you are firmly rooted with God you have the power to grow stronger and thrive. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 tell us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

This is how to begin a new year, don’t give up on at least trying to improve yourself. Go ahead; make a New Year’s resolution or two. Have a happy and Blessed New Year.

Remember your Chaplains are here for you, and please contact us if we can be of service to you.

Your Chaplains are:

Contact the Legion Chaplain – Neil Rand at (262) 646-3126 nrand@wi.rr.com

Contact the SAL Chaplain – Tom Kerwin at (262) 370-7450 tkerwin@wi.rr.com

Contact the Auxiliary Chaplain – Barbara Doerfer at (414) 333-4891 jbedoerfer@gmail.com

We have scheduled fund raisers, musical entertainment and other events for your enjoyment. Take a look at the events coming up !!

**Events Coming Up!**

**Saturday Jan. 7th – Comedy Club**

**Saturday Jan. 28th – 96th annual Coon Feed**

**Saturday Feb. 4th – S.A.L. Fisheree**

Watch the weekly emails for activities at the post every week!!!

**PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANY EVENTS!!**

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME!!! (That’s Legion terms for Open to the Public)

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 4PM

 FOOD, BEVERAGES AND COMARADERIE !!!!

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**EDITOR’S NOTES:**

Once again, I’d like to thank Dennis Flancher for his generous donation of 2 high end bottles of Clase Azul Tequila that will be raffled off to help with the expenses of the new hall. If you see Dennis around the post, pass along your thanks to him for this and all he’s done to help out our Legion.

If you are looking to rent the legion hall, pavilion, or baseball field, please contact me or call the post and leave a message.

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Thank you,Keith “Buff” Roeber - 2nd Vice Commander - DELAFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 196