



Walter T. Roach American Legion Post 182
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Dues for Legion members will be raised to \$30 as of January 1, 2007. This was a decision reached at the September meeting. **All members wishing to save themselves \$5 can make sure that they pay their dues for the current year before December 31, 2006.**

Also if any of you members are considering a PUFL (paid up for life) option, do so BEFORE January 1, 2007 and save yourself a 'boatload' of money. The info you need can be accessed from Dan Heckman, your Post 182 adjutant. Reasons? See p. 42 –Legion Magazine-8/06 & p. 64- Legion Magazine-9/06

After a very rough landing, the flight attendant announced, "That was quite a bump, and I know what ya'll are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airlines fault; it wasn't the pilots fault; it wasn't the flight attendants fault; it was the asphalt."

Faces of Freedom

The old veteran's face lights up with pride,
 Though a tear courses down his weathered cheek,
 As with effort he stands to salute his flag.
 As the parade marches down his street.
 The young wife touches the soldier's face
 In the frame she clutches to her heart,
 She cries for their unborn child
 And the daddy she'll never know.

He watches the sunrise,
 It is dawn, he's coming home.
 His face is anguished with the memories,
 His body no longer whole.
 He left home a youth full of spirit,
 His daddy's pride, his mother's shining star-
 Will they still know him now,
 A boy made man by war?

God bless these men and women's courage.
 Help us to be mindful of the debt we owe.
 No greater love hath man,
 No greater love hath man,
 Than he give his life for another, another.

We are American heroes.
 We made the sacrifice.
 We paid the greatest price.
 We are the faces of freedom.
 Freedom! Freedom! (Jennifer Lewis, author)

Veteran's Service Information Sources

For all of you veterans or families of veterans of WW II who are attempting to trace their military history you may call 1-314-801-0800 to contact the military archives for the years 1912-1955. Or you may go to their website at www.vetrecs.archives.gov Thanks to Clare Cunningham, Jack Billings and Dan Fenn for the helpful info. We have had 'out of state' requests from families wishing to place their family member's World War Two record in the Ionia Genealogical Society's new history book. You may pick up a registration form at the HAHS at St. John's Parish Hall any Tuesday or Wednesday from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. or call Bud at 989-584-3803. Post 182 Service Officer Murdo Wood also advises checking for info from the Veteran's

Affairs Bonus Application internet site www.va.org or www.vba.va.gov or simply call the Veteran's Affairs of Michigan-1-800-827-1000. Thanks, guys. The toughest part always, is knowing where to start in our search.

Calendar of Coming Events

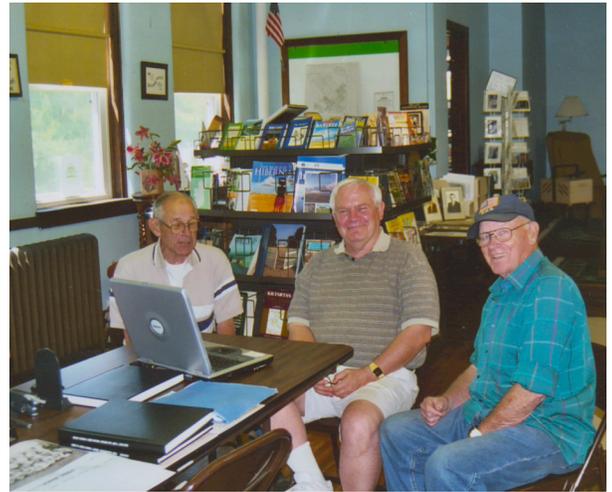
November 11-	Veteran's Day-Hunter's Ball-"Starmaker"	
	Post 182-Open to the Public!	9:00 p.m.
November 16-	HAHS Holiday Celebration-	3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Craft Show! Come and get into the holiday spirit!	
	Everyone welcome! Location- Parish Hall.	
December 17	Kids Christmas Party- Post-182	2:00-4:00 p.m.
December 31-	New Years Party-Post 182-	9:00-1:00 a.m.
January	Euchre Tournaments	to be announced.
February 10	Valentines Dance-	9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
February 24 -	First Fish Fry Dinner	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 3,10,17,24,31	Fish Fry Dinners	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 11	St. Patrick's Day Party-Post 182	
	Irish Stew and Trimmings	12:00-3:00 p.m
	Dancing Music Provided	4:00-8:00 p.m.
March	Annual "One Hole" Golf Tournament-	date?
April 7	Good Friday Fish Fry Dinner	5:00-7:00 p.m.
May 13	Mother's Day Breakfast	8:30-11:30 a.m.
May 26	HAHS Annual "Beef Stew" & Raffle-	11:30 a.m.
May 27	Salute Veteran's Graves	10:00 a.m.
May 28	Annual Memorial Day Celebration	all day
	Chicken Dinner at Tuscan Lodge	11:00-1:00p.m.
	Hubbardston Irish Dancers	Noon
	Garden Club Plant Sale-Celtic Path	-all day
	Hamburgers Post 182	Noon t ill sold out
	Memorial Day Parade	1:30 p.m.
	Tractor Pull at Post 182 following parade	

John and Shirley Burns, Kate and R.J. Kussmaul and Bud and Joan McKenna enjoy an 'afterglow' party at Post 182 in June, 2005.



Sheila Thurston has the information on Girl's State for June, 2007. The young lady has to be a junior this year, (graduating in 2008). Let Sheila know if you have an eligible person who would like to participate in Girl's State as soon as possible. Call Sheila or write: Box 182, Hubbardston, 48845.

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight."



Post 182 Service Officer Murdo Wood, Dan Lovejoy (Blainesville, Ga.) and Post Historian Jack Stoddard share their expertise.

Post 182 Reverse Drawing a Huge Success

Leo McMillan and Tim Chartrand had a brilliant idea. They found some collaborators, put together a sound project and made a great day for all of us who attended the dinner and drawing at Post 182 on August 27, 2006. Friends gathered and filled the club at noon and an absolutely delicious roast beef dinner prepared by Delores Schmitt, Carol Fitzpatrick and crew was enjoyed by all. Two-hundred tickets at \$50 each were sold. Only ticket holders were admitted to the club and the whole process was meticulously planned with tally board, monitors, special prizes, etc. so no ticket was left unaccounted. The LAST five names called were the big winners!

The lucky winners were:

Amy McMillan Stoudt-Stiel Chain Saw

\$300 in cash-Denny Boomer

\$500 in gasoline-Barney Dailey

\$500 in cash- John Gooding (proprietor, Shiels Tavern)

John Deere 4x4 Quad and Trailer-Jim Flick

And the parking lot got another boost in funds! Thanks to Leo, Tim and all of their crew for a great idea and an enjoyable afternoon.. For two weeks prior to the event, you couldn't beg or borrow a ticket. They were sold out! It takes many to accomplish these goals and to all involved; your efforts are truly appreciated.

If you can't be a good example—then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. (Catherine)

Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members and friends of Post 182 who responded to Auxiliary Treasurer Tonya Mills invitation and marched in the Walkathon on September 23, 2006 to defeat Lou Gehrig's Disease, Alzheimers and the other ravages of our elder citizens. The Post 182 goal was \$1000 and they surpassed it. Across the state \$82,000 was raised on that day to research for cures and to supply needed assistance to those battling these disabling traumas. When the call goes out, the citizens respond. Thank God for all of you and courage to the families afflicted.

My wife is such a bad cook, it we leave the dental floss in the kitchen the roaches hang themselves. (R. Dangerfield)

Speaking of Heroes? Meet a Few of the Gentle Giants from the Hubbardston Area!

Elmer Esch, a member of the Jedburgh's, an underground agent of the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) which evolved into the CIA, rode a donkey from Kunming to Manchuria in World War II. He was captured by the Japanese, then the Chinese. He was held 105 days and released to the Americans. His Jedburgh activities were held 'top secret' until 1985. Martin and Jerry Hogan were prisoners of war, missing in action, held hostage, etc. during World War II. Jack Billings literally crawled his way across North Africa and Europe, was severely wounded on January 11, 1945, spent years in army hospitals and eventually lost a leg. Roman Esch was on Wake Island and in the 'death march' on Corregidor. Dick Fenn served in Germany and was wounded and highly decorated. Jerry Burns served from 1941-1944 in Algiers, North Africa and England. Clare Cunningham landed in the first wave on the Salerno Beachhead and Casino battles and was severely wounded. He served under Generals Patton and Mark Clark. Jim Herald was in the Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes, and landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June, 1944. Dr. John Lattimer, Chief Army Urologist for the European Theatre of War, was sent to Normandy to treat D-Day invasion casualties. Later he was assigned as Gen. Goering's doctor at the Nuremberg Trials. John O'Connell was so severely wounded at the Anzio Beachhead battle, he never fully recovered. William John O'Connor was severely wounded by shrapnel in the battles under Gen Patton on the Tunisian Front. This was after six months of vivid combat in North Africa. Bud Randall served on the USS Randolph and USS Saratoga. Jack Spencer served in Casablanca, Morocco, and Saul El Serba, Algeria. Alton, Lester, Harold, Eugene and Allen Stoddard served in World War Two. Jack and Don served during the Korean War in Europe. All seven McKenna brothers served in WWII and Korea. Six were/are members of Post 182. Bud Rodgers served in Alaska.

Murdo Wood served as a navigator on a C-124 Globemaster in the Navy in Operation Deepfreeze in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. Bill Gallagher served under Adm. Nimitz in the submarine service in Tokyo Bay in World War Two. Ed Bradbury and Albert Cunningham served in the Seabees in Asia. Elmer served in the Pacific. Manuel Cusack trained in California and served overseas. Virgil Tait served in New Guinea and Luzon from 1943-1946. Knight Kruger served throughout North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Bob Herald was at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Japan and China. Capt. Bud Tabor flew 30 bombing missions over Germany. Irwin Skinner, Cliff O'Grady served in Korea. Cliff was wounded and highly decorated as a medic. The five Schafer brothers served and Francis Schafer lost a leg serving in Korea. Michael Billings a PUFL member of Post 182 has 3300 hours of flying in refueling planes, the Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star and Kosovo Campaign Medal. These are only a few of the heroes whose stories we were able to gather. We want yours!

These heroes and others are all featured in Hubbardston Genealogy, 1780-1930, History and Blarney. Copies are available through the holidays at \$15 each. Makes a great gift! Call 989-584-3803.

Now we have the veterans of Vietnam, Granada, Desert Storm, and the Iraqi War which we need to document. See Bud or call 989-584-3803. Stop by the Community Center-HAHS Museum. Your grandchildren will thank you!

Oddball World War Two Facts-

Col. D.G. Swinford, USMC, Ret.

The first German serviceman killed in WWII was killed by the Japanese (China, 1837), the first American killed was killed by the Russians (Finland, 1940), the highest ranking American killed was Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps...so much for allies.

The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. (His benefits were later restored by an act of Congress.)

At the time of Pearl Harbor the top US navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced "sink-us"). The shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named "Amerika." (All three were soon changed for PR purposes.)

More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, your chance of being killed was 71%. Generally speaking there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance Japanese ace Hiro Yoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes and he died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

It was common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. Tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target; 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet, tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of your belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell your enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.

When allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing they did was pee in it. Thus was pretty universal from lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act), found the photo and had it hand tinted black and white. Remember: Dr. John Lattimer showed us that picture in his first annual presentation at Post 182 on the German War Crimes Trials in Nuremberg in August, 2002.

German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City but it wasn't worth the effort.

German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.

Among the first "Germans" captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for

the German Army until they were captured by the US Army.

Following a massive naval bombardment 35,000 US and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands. 21 troops were killed in the firefight. It would have been worse if there had been any Japanese on the island. (B. Burns, Michigan City, Indiana)

An airline pilot had hammered his ship onto the runway really hard and in light of that fact was having a hard time looking his passengers in the eye as they exited the plane, thinking that someone would make a comment. Finally everyone was off except for an old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Why, no, ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"



World War One Veterans sent to us by Elaine Garlock. W. Hill, Henry Bozung,---, Lou Bignall, Ed. Ambrustmaker, Albert Jeffries, Clarence Warner, Don Fletcher, Charlie Anna, --- Lawrence Daniels,--- Harold Smith, Bill Welch, Jess First, Frank Tabor, Ed Cole at the Catholic Cemetery Memorial Day, 1938. Can you name the rest?

Never Retire

One day while walking to the store, I passed by a nursing home. On the front lawn were six old ladies lying naked on the grass. I thought this was a bit unusual, but continued on my way to the store. On my return trip, I passed the same nursing home and the ladies were still lying on the grass in the 'altogether.' My courage got the best of me and I went inside to talk to the manager. "Do you know there are six ladies lying naked on your front lawn?"

"Yes," he said. "They're retired prostitutes, and they're having a yard sale."

The Promised Land

Over 5000 years ago Moses said, "Pack up your camel, pick up your shovel, move your (jack)ass and I will lead you to the promised land. Over 5000 years later, FDR said, "Lay down your shovel, sit on your ass and light up a camel. This is the promised land!

This year George Bush will take your shovel, sell your camel, kick your ass and tell you he gave away the promised land. I'm glad that I'm an American. I'm glad that I'm free. I wish I was a dog and George Bush was a tree. (Bud McKenna, Okemos, Mi.)

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. Whoa!" (T.Burns)

Did you know?

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven is \$6, 400.

If a stature in a park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

At least 75% of the people who read this will try to lick their elbow! (D. Burns)

Miss Beatrice, the church organist was in her eighties and had never married. One afternoon, the pastor came to call and as she went to the kitchen to prepare tea, the young minister noticed a cut-glass bowl sitting atop her old Hammond organ. The bowl was filled with water and in the water floated, of all things, a condom! When Miss Beatrice returned with tea, the pastor could not stifle his curiosity. Finally he said, "Miss Beatrice, I wonder if you could tell me about this?" pointing to the bowl.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the greenbelt a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know; I haven't had the flu all winter?" (J. Burns, Dimondale, Mi.)

Coffee: A New Health Drink

Are you ready for this? Coffee is now being hailed for wide-ranging health benefits.

Heart Saver: Women who drink 1-3 cups a day were 24% less likely to die of heart disease than non-coffee drinkers.

Liver Protector: Four or more cups of coffee a day will cut the risk of cirrhosis of the liver by 80%.(Kaiser Permanente Ins.)

Diabetes Foe: Men drinking 6 or more cups of caffeinated coffee every day had half the risk of type 2 diabetes as non-coffee drinkers. (Harvard Med. School)

Parkinson's Fighter: Italian researchers found coffee drinkers were 80% less likely to develop Parkinson's disease. However, researchers caution that heavy coffee drinking may promote headaches, insomnia, anxiety, and heart attacks to those susceptible to caffeine. (Jena Carper-www.stopagingnow.com)

Harvey and Gladys are getting ready for bed and Gladys, looking at herself in the mirror is despairing of her body. "You know Harvey," she comments, "My face is all wrinkled, my boobs sag, my arms are flabby, my butt looks like a deflated version of the Hindenburg. Dear, please tell me one positive thing about my body so I can feel better about myself."

Harvey studies Gladys critically for a moment and then says, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."
He never heard the shot!

I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once. (Jennifer Unlimited)

Dear Safety Harbor Middle School:

God bless you for the beautiful radio I won at your recent senior citizens luncheon. I am 84 years old and live at Safety Harbor Assisted Home for the Aged. All of my family has passed away. I am all alone now and it's nice to know that someone is thinking of me. God bless you for your kindness to an old forgotten lady. My roommate is 95 and has always had her own radio, but before I received one, she would never let me listen to hers, even when she was napping. The other day her radio fell off the nightstand and broke into a lot of pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I told her to 'kiss my ass!' Thank you for the opportunity.

For your information:

Just prior to Jack Stoudt's funeral and following Joe Riley's, a member of each family asked me if there was any way they could continue to receive the Post 182 newsletter even though their Legionnaire father and husband were gone. I assured them that the news of Post 182 would continue to be mailed to them from me as long as 'my mind functions and my fingers move.'



PUFL 60-year-member Jack Billings gets a special award at the January 8, 2006, Eighth District Meeting held at Post 182 from Post Comdr. Bill Kruger. 17 Posts were represented.

Jack Stoudt died in September 19, 2006. He was a long time member of Post 182. He was married to Eileen Fitzpatrick Stoudt and she preceded him in death. They had two daughters; Jackie (Richard) VanDyne and Jan (Bill) Rogers, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. They lived throughout their lives in the Lyons-Muir area. Eileen was the love of his life and he converted to "Irish" for her, so the story goes. She was the postmistress in Muir for a record breaking length of time. A beautiful woman and a handsome couple, they attended many of the social activities at Post 182. It was a rare year when Jack didn't slip a "C" note to Mark Schmitt, our prestigious dinner cashier, as the holidays approached. "For the kids Christmas gifts, if you need it," he would smile. When Eileen was suddenly stricken with a lung problem she left us much too soon. Jack missed her so much and soon after was ailing himself. His funeral was September 22 at St. Peter and Paul in Ionia with Fr. Fox giving a poignant homily about his friends, Jack and Eileen. The military ceremony at his burial in Muir-Lyons Oakwood Cemetery was by Post 182 with about a dozen of his Legionnaire friends present. Jack Stoddard, Chaplain and Pat Klein intoned the graveside ceremony and presented the flag to his daughters. It was a rainy cold day, and the Color Guard barely had time to finish one Salute on Tuttle Road before they had to assemble at the cemetery adjacent to M 21 in Muir in reverence to Jack. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

Memorial contributions made be made to Post 182 or Ionia Area Hospice in Jack's name.

Heard on a Southwest Airlines flight: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section is on the wing, and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

Joe Riley, 82 died on July 15, 2006 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Joe was the son of John and Louise Rocky Riley. He served his country during WWII and married Ruth Parks on November 20, 1948 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hubbardston. Only three days before he died, I stopped by and we had a great conversation about everything in general. He seemed very bright and alert. His wife, Ruth Parks Riley was attentive to him in the very warm weather as he complained of the cold. A credit to Joe is the beautifully landscaped back yard. Not a blade of grass out of place. And it stayed that way through his illness thanks to his children. He was a long time member of Post 182 American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter Carol (Dan) Schrauben and sons Mike and Sam; three grandchildren and one great-grandson. Brothers and sisters are: Betty (Carl) Geller, Lorene (Elmer) Barker, Helen Tait, Leonard Riley, Gene (Audrey) Riley, Rita (Neil) Snyder, Janet (Pat) Burns and brother-in-law Stanley Schafer. Burial was July 18 at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Hubbardston with Fr. Mason officiating at the funeral Mass. Donations in his name are welcomed at the American Cancer Society and Mid-Michigan Hospice.

Install a Wireless Security System

Go to a second hand store and buy a really big pair of men's used work boots.

Put them outside your front door on top of a copy of Guns & Ammo magazine.

Place the largest dog dish you can find beside those shoes.

Leave a note on your front door that says: Bubba, use you key. Big Mike and me went to get more ammo and pick up Cletus. Don't disturb the Pit Bulls, they just been wormed.

Older People's Sense of Humor

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode you stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fats are disastrous and long term harm by germs in our drinking water is terrible. But there is one food that is most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone tell me the food that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it? After several seconds of quiet, a 75- year-old man in the front row raised his hand and softly said, "Wedding Cake."

A plane took off from Kennedy Airport and after reaching cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to flight 293, non-stop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Sit back, relax...Oh, My God!"

Silence followed. After a few minutes the captain came back on the intercom. "Ladies and gentlemen, I am sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

A passenger in coach yelled, "You should see the back of mine!"



When push comes to shove, the regulars are there. A sunny summer day at Post 182! Leo McMillan, Charlie Cunningham and Bob Gallagher.

There are no Atheists in Foxholes

So the old saying goes. And as the U.S. military wages war today, it should come as no surprise that the predominant faith in America – Christianity - is influencing the troops, exposing internal divisions and triggering external challenges...In today's military, Christianity-especially its more evangelical strain-appears to be blossoming. A 2001 study found that 68 percent of U.S. troops identify themselves as "Christian."According to a 2005 analysis by National Public Radio, the Pentagon estimates that 40 percent of active-duty troops are evangelicals as compared with perhaps 15 percent in the general population... One likely cause of the increased demand for evangelical chaplains is that **68 percent of all new recruits come from the South or Midwest, America's Bible Belt.**

Moreover, serving in wartime has a way of focusing the heart. "You are dealing with life and death," says Scott Taylor, who piloted F-15E fighter bombers over Serbia, Iraq, Manhattan and Washington before leaving the service in 2005. "When people realize they are not in control of what comes next, it affects how they live and what they believe." Those beliefs affect the military. (Allan Dowd, Legion Magazine, September, 2006)

I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people. (Maya Angelou)

Last year we had 28 gourmet Chili Makers at Post 182 for the Chili Cook-off! Season up your taste buds and be prepared to enter the contest this year (which is usually held mid to late January). There is no better time than when the winter winds howl and we can be inside with good friends, to enjoy a great tasting bowl of 'Champion Chili.'

Ionia County Genealogical Society is producing a book about the **Veterans of World War II** who **at any time** lived in Ionia County.. You may write to Bud Howard, 6851 East Carson City Rd., Sheridan, Mi. 48884 or e-mail mjh655@pathwaynet.com for a form requesting your service information to make the whole process very simple for you. **Please do this as soon as possible**, so your name can be included in the Ionia County and HAHS World War II veteran's roster.

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