

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

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WEEKLY NEWS

Emergency Number at Rehearsals - (651) 246-7257

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Significant Dates

NOTE: The 2009 Calendar is located on our website under EVENTS it is frequently updated

Fri - Sun	Oct 23-25, 2009	LOL District Convention in Rochester, MN
Tuesday	Nov 3, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunday	Nov 8, 2009	Veterans Day Service @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday	Nov 14, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Monday	Nov 30, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Friday	Dec 4, 2009	Xmas Show Dress Rehearsal @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday	Dec 5, 2009	Xmas Show @ Trinity Lutheran & Guardian Angels Catholic
Tuesday	Dec 8, 2009	Officer Installation Party @ Grand Banquet Hall, Stillwater, MN
Tuesday	Dec 15, 2009	SCV Bowling Party @ Woodys-Bayport
Tuesday	Dec 22, 2009	No Meeting
Tuesday	Dec 29, 2009	No Meeting

*******We meet every Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran, Stillwater*******

REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - Risers

7:00 Old Songs/warm-up
7:10 Warm-up
7:15 Walk through contest set - risers
7:30 Great Day #39
7:50 Shenandoah & Loch Lomond
8:00 Business Meeting
8:10 Contest Set - risers
8:30 Christmas songs
9:00 Keep The Whole World Singing

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - Risers

7:00 Old Songs
7:10 Warm-up
7:20 Pole Cats
7:30 Christmas
8:00 Business Meeting – Bosmoe
8:10 Contest
8:45 Great Day #39
9:00 Keep The Whole World Singing

President's Report

Karen and I are headed for the New England states and hope to enjoy some nice scenery and country that we haven't seen before. I will miss being with you but I know things will go very well. Like Mark Bergland said last week, "I need to go to a boring church meeting and miss the enjoyment of singing with the chorus". One of the reasons our chorus is enjoyable is because we sing well and we like to have fun. I think Ruwal Freese said it best when he said, "I joined the chorus because of the way I was treated as a new member but don't forget about me!" Good advice for all of us.

ROGER BOSMOE

AUTUMN SERENADE

Sings for Merrill's Marauders



l to r: Roger Bosmoe, Curt Larson, Mark Bergland, Duane Hall

The occasion was the 63rd anniversary of the Merrill's Marauders get-together since World War II. This might be their final meeting since there are only about 30 of them left and they are all in their mid 80's or in their 90's. They were a special force that fought in Burma who fought off the Japanese.

"Merrill's Marauders" is the popular name given to the U.S. Army's 5307th Composite Unit (provisional) (also known by its code name Galahad), a regiment-sized unit organized and trained for long-range penetration behind enemy lines in Japanese-held Burma in World War II. The 5307th had a short history. Recruitment for the unit began on 1 September 1943, and it was disbanded on 10 August 1944. The unit did not reach India until 31 October 1943 and was only in combat in Burma from the end of February 1944 to the first days of August. But during that period, the 5307th established an impressive record. In fighting against Japanese forces and in its constant struggle against disease, leeches, insects, harsh terrain, and the weather, the "Marauders" earned the following Distinguished Unit Citation:

The 5307th Composite Unit (Prov) was the first United States ground combat force to meet the enemy in World War II on the continent of Asia. After a series of successful engagements in the Hukawng and Mogaung Valleys of North Burma, in March and April 1944, the unit was called on to lead a march over jungle trails through extremely mountainous terrain against stubborn resistance in an attack on Myitkyina. The unit proved equal its task, overcame all the obstacles put in its way by the enemy, and the weather and, after a brilliant operation 17 May 1944, seized the airfield at Myitkyina, an objective of great tactical importance in the campaign, and assisted in the capture of Myitkyina on 3 August 1944. The successful accomplishment of this mission marks the 5307th Composite Unit (Prov) as an outstanding combat force and reflects great credit on Allied Arms.