**Post 38 Membership report**

10/3/2022

Meeting called to order @ 1900 hrs

Roll Call of Officers and Committee Members: Ed Domek (Cmdr), Jan Hoffman (1st Vice), Dennis Craddock (2nd Vice), Mike Utech (3rd Vice), Wade Van Ryzin (FO), Dave Baumann (PC), Bill Burton (SaA), Bob Johnson (Asst Chp), Jarrod Coulter (Asst Adj) Excused – Don Traynor (Chp)

Post Everlasting Ceremony held by Asst Chaplain Bob Johnson during this post meeting.

Guests, new members, and dignitaries recognized – Allen Watry, Mark Toll, Linda Breitzman, Rose Heinz

New members – James Casper

Executive meeting Minutes/Report for the 9/26/2022 Executive meeting. Minutes held for general membership.

Post meeting Minutes for the 9/7/2022 Post meeting: The minutes will be filed, with corrections as noted.

**Service Officer’s Reports:**

**Veteran referrals**: no requests for assistance.

**Funeral Honor Guard**: September 2022 – 2 funerals, 32 personnel and 48 manhours. 2 Special Events. Need new members. See Rick Eisenach.

**Camp American Legion**: Wishlist for CAL is included and has been updated as of last year. Go to <https://www.campamericanlegion.org/how-to-apply> or call camp to make a reservation.

**1st Vice Commander’s Report**:

**Membership**: 323/580 – 55.7% If you have sent in your renewal there is a lag time between renewal and

processing.

**2nd Vice Commander’s Report**:

**Policies and Procedures Committee**: No report.

**Fox Valley Veterans Council**: Update from Rose Heinz: Fox Valley Memory Project located in Menasha spoke about memory problems related to PTSD and alcoholism. For further information call 920-225-1711. Veterans emergency fund issued $12,220.80 in the month of August to assist 16 veterans with their needs. Area churches have been unable to support Boy Scout groups and are hoping veterans groups can help sponsor them. The Council will be expanding coverage to include Calumet Waupaca, and Brown Counties. A vote will be held at the October meeting. Next meeting will be Oct 19, 2022 @ 630p at Grand Meridian. Applications for veteran of the year are available. If you want to nominate someone, see Commander. If you are a Veteran in need, you can apply for assistance using this link <https://www.foxvalleyveterans.org/vef> or by calling the Council at 920.358.0662

**Badger Boys**: No new updates.

**Baseball**: Fall ball running through the end of October. Looking for the Post to donate and support softball teams next year. Registration begins in the fall.

**Boy Scouts**: Mike Utech has the schedule for the Troop meetings. Each year the charter must be renewed.

**Oratorical**: Migeal Babino will take up the Oratorical again this year. Jan 2nd with be the Post Contest, Jan 11th County.

**Scarlet Guard**: See the Addendum below submitted by Eric Stadler

**3rd Vice Commander’s Report**: Club continues to host events. Many things already planned for 2022. We will have a

live performance of It’s a Wonderful Life on December 3rd and 4th.

**Events Committee**: **Still seeking out members for committee. All Legion Family is welcome to serve.**

**Adjutant’s Report**:

**Bills**: None

**Correspondence**: Letter from Tim Bleck family regarding donations for the Army 10 miler race in Washington DC. The race supports the TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) Charity. Thank you letter from the Trace Stewart family regarding Chaplain and funeral service for Lyle. Thank you card from James Jochman family and a donation. Letter and request for donation from Lutheran Community Services.

**Finance Officer’s Report**:

As of 8/31/2022-Starting balance $91,507.79, 29 withdrawals totaling $75,746.94, 8 deposits totaling $19,038.98.

Ending balance of $34,799.83. The membership deposit account had transfers in of $5,000 reflected in the

withdrawals above. National withdrawals add to $4,980.00. The account started with $2,664.78 and the ending

balance is $2,684.78. Interest added $0.00. Savings Account #1 has a balance of $72,069.45. A dividend of

$0.00 was paid and a transfer of $60,000 from checking for a balance of $132,069.45.

This gives us a balance sheet value of $169,554.06.

Check received from Department for PUFL members $657.00.

Received a $250 donation from Appleton Downtown.

**Finance and Budgeting:** Mike Utech put forth a motion that the Post take $25,000 from the Woldt estate donations into the scholarship fund to secure that funding for five years. Seconded by Don Traynor. The motion carried and will be brought up to the Post. Should it be approved, the family will be notified. Motion put forth by Karl Heinz seconded by John Stafford. Motion carried by the Post membership. This will be in next month’s Finance Report.

**Audit:**

**Long Range and Strategic Planning**: not at this time

**Education Fund/Scholarship**: Beginning account balance $9,918.82. Income distribution $00.07, Change in

Securities value $-431.11, Portfolio Net Change $-431.04, ending balance $9,487.78. Investments-Fixed Income

- Muni $8,899.55, Money Market Cash $588.23, Account total $9,487.78. There is also $19,962.30 within the

Fox Valley Community Foundation. Deductions of $5,182.00 has been subtracted for an ending balance of $19,962.30.

Total Scholarship Account balance $29,450.08.

**Post Chaplain’s Report**: Post has plots available at Riverside. Forms need to be completed and approved by Commander or Adjutant/Service Officer along with a $250.00 fee. Those interested, contact Deb Debruin

at Riverside or Chaplain Don Traynor.

**Visiting and Volunteer**: Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

**Deceased:** None

**Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility/Hospital**:

Don Traynor (Chp)

*Please keep any our sick/ill members in your thoughts and notify Don Traynor if anyone is recovering from surgery or any other illnesses so we can get them in the newsletter, thank you*.

Don Traynor-Post 38 Chaplain’s Office   E-mail: [djttray72@gmail.com](mailto:djttray72@gmail.com)  Phone # 920-246-9841

**Quartermaster**: No Update

**Historian**: Rene’s picture is framed and will be posted soon. Still need a frame for Laurel’s picture.

**Buildings and Grounds**: Parking lot is all restriped and 2nd coated by Frank. The shelving is up and the cooler is in place. We will need to verify the electrical phase to order the garbage disposal. A new breaker will be needed to support the disposal.

**House Committee**: Meetings are normally on the 2nd Monday @ 5:30pm (1730 hours) unless a holiday or event.

The next meeting will be Oct 10 @ 1730 hrs.

**Additional Standing Committees**:

**Communications:** Trifold is finalized and will be printed. Visit [www.LegionMenu.com](http://www.LegionMenu.com) for updated menu.

**Fundraising**: $960 raised through the raffle. See Jan if you can sell some tickets.

**Constitution and Bylaws**: We have 5 members with Jan Hoffman coordinating meetings. A meeting will be scheduled based on member availability to start discussion on terms etc. Meeting this Thursday, October 6th, at 4:30 to discuss bylaws.

**Nomination Committee**: Inactive at this time.

**Ballot Committee:** Inactive at this time.

**Activities and Announcements**:

**Bowling**: March 4th 2023 at Riviera Lanes Green Bay

**Blood Donor Program**: Red Cross Blood Drive dates - Oct 27th 11am-4pm and Dec 29 10am- 4:45pm. Book is at all meetings, please update your information. If you are a member and donate please add to the donor book. Visit the Red Cross website to sign up. 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767).

**Conferences**:

**9th District Fall Conference**: Held in Algoma for 2023

**Mid-Winter Conference**: January 12-14 at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay

**9th District Spring Conference**: April 1st, 2023 and will be at Appleton Post 38. Will need a lot of help.

**County Council**: Next is October 12th, 2022 @ 7:00p. Jan Hoffman will be in attendance. Meeting will be at Post 38 for the next year.

**Golf**:

**State Convention**: 2023 in Wausau

**The American Legion Family**:

**SAL: See addendum below.** Flying Flags for Heroes project. Placing flags at gravesites. National SAL

Campaign. <https://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com/>

**The American Legion Auxiliary**: JC Penney made a $500 donation to the scholarship fund. Request for condiment packets from the Blue Start Mothers for care packages that will be sent to troops in November. Should you receive any extra packets from a restaurant consider bringing the packets to the Post and mark them for the Auxiliary. They are specifically requesting Hot Sauce, mayo, ketchup, mustard, duck sauce and soy sauce.

**The American Legion Riders**: No new updates

**Unfinished Business**: The menu will be set at a later time for the meal before meeting, prepared by the Club. Plaques for contractors that donated time and money for the kitchen renovation will be presented at the October membership meeting, as well our Post Continuous Service Awards.

**New Business**: Sargento Cheese will put a tent up during the brat fry. They would donate the cheese slices. Exec committee thought it would be great for visibility and Mike Utech will follow-up.

From the Commander: Regarding the House Committee notes from the August meeting referencing Marian. Only the highlights were recorded and after reading them as published, I can see how they could easily be misconstrued. To clarify: Some customers and staff have come to the club since Marian has been out asking about how she is doing and when she will return. If/when Marian returns to work, the manager should be careful not to schedule her for too many hours so she does not have adverse effects on her health.

**Good of The American Legion**: The Post provided 26 volunteers and 145 hours for Octoberfest in Appleton. Thank you to all the volunteers. Club has a Banquet Hall menu. Big Brothers/Big Sisters has several programs that require mentors and children to meet in person. BB/BS is seeking Veterans to drive their buses to get the children to

their destinations. The American Legion College is online. Go online to register at <https://wilegion.org/legion-college/> October 29th there will be a Dept. Past Commander Dinner. District Membership Rally at Green Bay Post 11, 9am November 2nd. Niagara Post 136 celebrating 100 years. Suggested to go through your County Veteran Service Officer rather than any lawyer in regards to help for the Camp Lejeune settlements.

**Member Attendance** there were 24 members and guests/dignitaries in attendance.

**Member drawing** $200.00

287 James Kapinski

122 Lloyd Dumki

376 Maria Notich

$25 Drawing – Ron Hurm

**Meeting adjourned**@ 1958 hrs

Next Executive meeting is October 31st

Respectfully Submitted by: Jarrod Coulter

**SAL addendum** submitted by Al Watry:

Notes/report from the squadron:

* Membership
  + Annual Membership mailing has been sent out.  Two returned so far.  One resolved and one pending.
  + It has generated a great start to our 2023 membership Campaign
    - Goal is 103 (up 1 from last time due to someone doing a catch-up membership)
    - Processed 46 Memberships as of this morning.
    - Just picked up 6 more which will be processed next week (will be out of town starting this afternoon until Tuesday pm)
    - Results in 43 memberships turned in, or 55%
    - We are ahead of Membership goals set by Nationals
      * 10% by Set 14th – met
      * 25% by Oct 13th – met
      * 35% by 11/9 – met
      * 45% by 12/14 – working on
* Activities
  + Multiple people continue to be involved in Legion Baseball, currently Fall Ball as well as general grounds upkeep and planning for 2023 seasons
  + Several people continue to help with Building/Grounds as well as the Post/Club
  + Several people ongoing interaction and part of the 9th District Legion Riders
  + I continue to work on my duties as the Squadron Adjutant, Detachment Vice Commander, and member of the S.A.L. National Convention Committee
  + I also need to recognize we have multiple Dual Members who engage in Post as well as Squadron efforts.
* Upcoming meetings
  + I will not make the Exec Committee meeting on Monday
  + I will be at the General Membership Meeting on Oct 3rd
  + I would like to request 5 minutes at the Oct Exec Committee to share some data around our Squadron.  Help “frame” who we are to provide a little more visibility on our engagement and support

Do not hesitate with any questions/responses.

**Scarlet Guard addendum** submitted by Eric Stadler

• The Scarlet Guard’s schedule is busy presenting the colors at many different local high school football games. Local military recruiters are participating with us. The high schools we are making appearances at this season include Appleton West, Appleton East, Appleton North, Kimberly, and Xavier. Fox Valley Lutheran never replies when we reach out.

• We will be presenting the colors for the Rocky Bleier Golf Classic at Ridgeway Country Club on 22 September, and for the WI Towns Assoc.’s annual convention on 10 October.

• We will march in the Wisconsin Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee on Saturday 05 November, the Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade on Tuesday 22 November, and in the Kaukauna Christmas Parade on Tuesday 06 December.

• We are awaiting details for the Outagamie County Veterans Day Ceremony that is organized by the Fox Valley Veterans Council.

• Please patronize our sponsors: Boyle Auto Sales (131 S. Badger Ave., in Appleton), Kampo Electric, Sola Salons – Fox Valley, and the Maritime Bar. These sponsors supported the Scarlet Guard in 2022 and have agreed to renew their support for 2023.

• Because the Scarlet Guard is a unit that welcomes members of any American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, and/or Sons of the American Legion Squadron, we decided to replace the previous patches on the uniform shirts with a prominently placed American Legion patch, and underneath that patch we now have a newly designed Scarlet Guard Color Guard patch, which will help better brand the Scarlet Guard at appearances.

• Sola Salons – Fox Valley went above and beyond their annual sponsorship amount and paid $2,000.00+ to buy new short-sleeve and new long-sleeve uniform shirts for us. Part of that purchase includes a surplus of shirts for future new members.

• A local, talented, selfless seamstress Kathy Ashauer recently shared her time by sewing all the patches on our new uniform shirts. This was a major cost savings for us. As a thank you to her we are providing her with a Festival Foods gift card.

• The Scarlet Guard members will be paying out of their own pockets for new jackets to wear at cold weather events. Those will have the same patches that our new uniform shirts have.

• Follow the Scarlet Guard Color Guard on Facebook to see photos and videos we post from various appearances and news about upcoming events.

• Next Scarlet Guard meeting is Tuesday 18 October at 6:00 PM at the Appleton American Legion Post 38. All are welcome.

• We are always recruiting people that are passionate about promoting patriotism in our community. We do not have stringent participation mandates. People of various abilities are welcome. Uniform is provided. Call Eric Stadler at 920.450.6907 for more information.

• The Scarlet Guard Color Guard will be celebrating 40 years in 2023!