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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello all,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Just wanted you to know, that as Commander of Post 38, I started the year with goals in mind.

- Have all of my Officers graduate WI American Legion College or at least go through ALEI, Basic and Intermediate courses. (I am excited to say that we had 11 graduate, including myself, all courses and receive their Graduation Certificates at our Dept. Convention in July!)
- Increase meeting attendance
- Increase # of volunteers during the year. (We've started a Fundraising Committee, and have a number of new volunteers helping in various areas)
- Have more an educational feel to Post meetings (We've started to add more educational aspects at the beginning of our meetings)
- Reinstitute "New Member" bags or folders
- Have a better flow of communication internally and externally. (Still a work in progress, but making improvements as we go with e-mail blasts, Facebook and our website.)
- Have a better handle on the Club aspect..... Management, bartenders, cooks, wait staff
 - More volunteer bartenders (Now have a number of members who are now licensed bartenders)
 - Move volunteer cooks (licensed) (We now have our very own Chef Al in the kitchen working wonders!)
 - Menu updates - healthier options....change things up (Our House Committee and new Chef are cookin' up idea's and new dishes. Look for new great updates at the Club!)
- Get fundraising efforts to a point we can easily make the payments to the bank and new POS system, while still keeping with our American Legion Programs. (Our new Committee is taking a look at all aspects of the American Legion and Club and planning new ways to fundraise)

As the current Commander of this Post, and working on a quarter of the way through the year, I see a lot of great progress. We have a tremendous amount of talent, and drive to help others and keep the legacy and mission of this great organization moving forward. We also have a top notch group of elected officers who make what we have work. They go above and beyond and I consider myself a very fortunate Commander to work with along with them.

More volunteers, more fundraising income, means we can continue and build more on our pillars. Helping our fellow Veterans' provide for their families, get the help and encouragement they may need, help provide a Veteran gas money or a ride to get to a VA appt. in Milwaukee, help a fellow Veteran move, provide \$ for groceries, help them
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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 1 AL District Fall Conference
- 2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Events Committee 6:30PM
Auxiliary Exec. Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 12 Bingo 7:00PM
- 13 Department Fall Conference
- 16 House Committee 6:30PM
Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
Old Glory Honor Flight . . . 7:00PM
- 21 Children's Halloween Party
12:00PM - 2:00PM
- 26 Bingo 7:00PM
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

NOVEMBER

- 4 Legion/VFW Veteran's Dinner/
Dance AL Post 38
Veteran's Day Parade . . Milwaukee
- 6 Post meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Bingo 7:00PM
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony Outagamie
County Courthouse
Veteran's Day Open House at the
Post
- 13 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 20 House Committe Meeting . 6:30PM
- 21 Christmas Parade 7:00PM
Auxiliary County Council . 6:30PM
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving! No Bingo
- 27 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

DECEMBER

- 2 Craft Fair & Post Bake Sale
- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 11 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 14 Bingo 7:00PM
- 16 Children's Christmas Party
- 18 House Committe 6:30PM
- NO AXILIARY MEETING**
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 27 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

find resources to get their benefits (either medical or educational) and so much more.

If you would like to volunteer and see what we're all about, please stop by and just ask. We have a passionate group of members who will be glad to speak with you, answer any questions you may have, or put you in the right direction of other resources. If we can't help you, I'm pretty sure one of us can put you in the right direction to get where you need to go.

I look forward to serving you all and working with you the rest of the year!

God Speed,
Renee Kasuboski
Commander
Appleton American Legion
Post 38

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone that supported me in the run for Department Commander. It is truly an honor to serve my fellow Veterans in the State of Wisconsin. We are still fighting for the homeless veteran program in Wisconsin and the improvement and accountability of the VA System. VETERANS DESERVE BETTER.

As you know, we have started our collection for the 2018 membership year. As promised, we will be having a drawing for the Early Birds and PUFs of the post. If you renew for 2018 by November 11, 2017, you will be in the drawing for \$300.00. Please renew as soon as possible – this saves money for printing and mailing additional renewal notices. This money could be used for our Legion and Veteran Programs.

As Department of Wisconsin Commander, we also have an early bird drawing for the State which will be two \$500.00 drawings. Renew before November 11 and you could be a winner. Please spread the word about the American Legion and help us carry the legacy forward.

Laurel Clewell
Adjutant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays are vastly approaching, and soon the winter weather will follow. But don't forget we have many activities happening at the Post, and always looking for volunteers in a wide range of activities.

I want to "Thank" all the Auxiliary Ladies and Legion Family who helped in some shape or form for the State Convention held in Appleton this past July. Your hard work and effort was greatly appreciated. For the Corn Roast as well, "Thank You". These events help raise financial support for projects such as the needed items for the Post/Club along with the many programs that the Legion Family does all year long.

The Auxiliary would also like to congratulate the new 2017-2018 Department Commander Laurel Clewell.

The Auxiliary has a new membership goal of 170 for the 2018 year, so please send in your renewals to Marian Brown, Membership Chairman.

This fall the Auxiliary will be doing the "In The Know" workshops again throughout the state instead of the Department and District Fall Conferences. We have about 5 ladies planning on attending one of the "In The Know" workshops.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 28 No Bingo
- 31 New Year's Eve Party at the Club

*Every Tuesday
check out the
specials at the
Club*

America Legion Brat Fry!

Every Weds.

ending on October 25

11am - 2pm

*Come to the
Club for Friday
Fish Fry –
Every Friday*

**Remember to support your post
at the Friday fish fry!**



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APPLETON AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38**



**Find us on
Facebook**

Our Unit is collecting school supplies again this year to be distributed to local schools in late January, early February when their supplies have been depleted. Questions on this can be directed to Jennifer Klemp at 450-3860. We collect notebooks, pencils, markers, glue, crayons and many more items, a full list is available from the Auxiliary.

We also collect Moo Caps from Kwik Trip milk, box tops, tabs from can tops, and ink cartridges. Just ask and we can help you figure out what to save for the Auxiliary to distribute throughout the community.

We have had several of the Badger Girls, that Unit 38 sponsored, attend our meetings to tell us of their experiences.

Please notify us of any Auxiliary member who has surgery or illness, contact Lori Hansel at 788-9696, Rose Heinz 734-7570, or myself at 739-4283. Also, any Auxiliary member in a Nursing Home.

Don't forget our unit meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. Also, mark that we have no meeting in December, due to the holiday, along with no meeting in January 2018.

Outagamie County Council meetings are held throughout the county. The next County Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 21st at Appleton, ask at the unit meeting for more information.

In October the National President will visit Wisconsin in Green Lake. Diane Duschek from Wisconsin is the new 2017-2018 National President.

Since the last reporter we have lost 1 of our unit members, June Olson, a 57 year member.

Monday October 9th we will have an Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:30pm at the Post.

Happy and Safe Holidays, with many of God's blessings.

God Bless,

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am now collecting for the 2018 Auxiliary membership year of Unit 38, the cost is still only \$25.00. There is a Department and National increase of dues starting the 2019 year, so you may want to consider becoming a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) before the increase goes into effect. You can do this by going online or contact me. You can pay your 2018 dues by sending it to the address below, dropping it off at the Post, mailing it to the Post and mark it Auxiliary Membership, giving it to me directly, or any other means that gets it to me to activate or renew your membership.

National has set the goal of 170 members for our Unit this year, and with everyone's help we can make this goal. Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership.

Once again this year the Auxiliary will offer a first time Lady Veteran member, their 2018 membership year fully paid.

So far I received several ladies membership for the 2018 year, Trinity Froehlich, Lilly Froehlich, Michelle Froehlich, Judy Johnson, Arlene Rasmussen, Alison Rath, and Sharon Schulz.

Thank You ladies.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283.

B I N G O **AT POST 38:**

Bingo is going strong at the Post. As always we are looking for some more volunteers to help out. We want to "Thank" the volunteers who come faithfully and the volunteers who come and help when they can. It's not hard and you will have fun, so please come out and give us a little of your time or just come and play some BINGO.

In the past few months we have donated Raffle Baskets to the Post and Auxiliary for the convention in Appleton, and for the Corn Roast. Paid \$1,600 towards the kitchen cooler compressor repair, helped with the purchase of a new microphone, and some building upkeep and supplies.

We just had a jackpot of \$3,389.00 shared by two winners on September 14th. Next time it could be you -stop by on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and check it out. The jackpot is always on the rise!!!

There will be no Bingo on Thursday November 23rd, due to Thanksgiving. NO BINGO on December 28th.

Enjoy the Holidays!!!

See you at Bingo!!

BADGER GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 sent 11 girls from 5 High Schools in Appleton and one home schooled student to Oshkosh. The contributors and delegates are:

American Legion Post 38..... Joanna Carman –Appleton East High School
 TAL-Post 38 Bingo Acct.....Kathryn Hulce, Appleton East High School
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38... .Catherine Dombrowski-Xavier High School
 FVL Alumni Association.....Jaliana Griesbach-Fox Valley Lutheran
 Herbert H. Kohl Charities.....Sophia Hartley-Fox Valley Lutheran
 VFW Auxiliary Post 2778..... Elizabeth Ceranski-Xavier High School
 Grand Chute Lions..... Andi Salm-Appleton North High School
 Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club..... Cecelia McDermott-Appleton North
 Kiwanis Club-Golden K..... Julianna Kellenberger-Appleton
 West
 Kiwanis Club-Golden K..... Lauren Lietzke-Appleton West

And our own Junior Member and home schooled student, Rachel Ulrich was sponsored by Brettschneider-Trettin.

CONGRATULATIONS to the delegates as they represented their schools and a very special Thank You goes to all our contributors for their support in this outstanding program of Americanism, Youth, and Government.

Rose Heinz, Badger Girls State Chairman, Unit 38 and Hoard County Counselor

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

September 12, 2017

LOST MEMBERS:

Bernard Harrington 07.18.17
 Stanton Pederson 07.19.17
 Arnold VanHandel 08.01.17
 Les Behm 09.02.17
 Alfred Neveau 09.02.17
 James C Wolter 09.08.17

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

- Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home
- Jerry Miller is at home recuperating
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility, Address is 850 W. Elsner Rd. Appleton WI.
- Ken Kemps is at Touchmark and is battling Alzheimer Disease. His phone # is 733-1192 and address is 805 S. Summit St. Appleton, WI. 54914
- (James) Jim Smith is at Brewster Village in the Rosewood branch.
- Rick Eisenach is back home and is recuperating each day.
- Bob Weyenberg is at home recouping and is having some minor issues with light headedness.
- Duanna Diedrick had sugery and I have had no contact since then.
- Bob Lichfuss is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home. Doing ok.

PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.

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2016-2017

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