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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

I would like to start out by saying, thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as the American Legion Post 38 Commander. The American Legion just celebrated 100 years of service in the American Legion Family. Helping other Veterans, other Veterans organizations, serving the community and helping the youth with healthy competition, good citizenship, Sportsmanship and learn how government and democracy works. Supporting the troops as they come and go serving our nation.

Now starts a new Millennium with a new hopes and visons for the American Legion Post 38. We will continue to serve the community, help other organizations and continue helping Veterans. We need to take the time to communicate and talk amongst each other to continue the comradeship within our post. I believe that we as an organization, can pull together and make our post look better and get our returning patrons to say good things about our post and get more patrons to come and enjoy our Friday Fish Frys and Club 38.

I joined the American Legion, to help give back to the other Veterans and fellow Service members and stand alongside other veterans that have served for their country.

Thank You,

"Hooah"

Migeal Babino

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- 2 Post Meeting 7PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 9 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 9 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 12 NO Bingo
- 13-15 The American Legion
Department Convention
in Oshkosh
- 16 NO Auxiliary Meeting
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 26 Bingo 7:00PM
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 31 Communications Committee 6:00PM

AUGUST

- 4 VW Car Show . . . 9:00AM-2:00PM
- 6 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Bingo 7:00PM
- 13 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 13 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 15 ANNUAL CORN ROAST. . 4-9:00PM
- 20 House Committee 6:30PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 23 NO Bingo
- 23-29 The American Legion National
Convention in Minneapolis, MN

SEPTEMBER

- 3 LABOR DAY
- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 5 Communications Committee 6:00PM
- 10 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 13 Bingo 7:00PM
- 17 House Committee 6:30PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 Polka Jam and Dance . . . 7-9:00PM
- 24 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 27 Bingo 7:00PM

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone that has supported me throughout the years but with a heavy heart I am resigning as the adjutant of the post. I have received some very bad news this week and I need to take some time to deal with my life. If you have not heard, Gordy has lied about his military service and many other things. He was an Army veteran that served in Germany not in Vietnam. His deceit and lies have affected my whole family. I am praying that he gets help. I am dealing with many new problems at home and with my health so I am stepping down. I promise that I will help and train the new adjutant if needed.

May God Bless You,

Laurel Clewell

Adjutant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to our past officers and committee chairmen, along with the new ones being installed this month. Without everyone's support we would not be able to help the many veterans out there.

May was a time to remember the veterans who gave their all for our rights and freedoms as a US Citizen. We thank them. I hope you took a moment in your own way to remember and thank them this past month.

I want to thank *Linda Breitzman, Debra Ragen*, along with *Lynn Puffer* with the distribution of poppies in May. Thanks to all of the Legion Family members that helped us distribute poppies at this yearly fundraiser. This money allows us to help fund activities and purchase items needed for our veterans, veteran facilities and veteran's families.

In May we ask the Americanism Essay winners to attend our unit meeting and read their essays. These young students did a great job. We encourage all students to participate in next year's Americanism Essay Contest. Information comes out in the schools in late January.

Keep in mind Legion Baseball has started and we ask that you support our teams. Remember that they are our future and we need to invest in them. A great way to show your Americanism spirit is to attend a Legion ball game.

Ladies, please consider if you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, or maybe not at all, coming to the meetings the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. We would like to see and get to know you. We give away \$5 door prizes each month to 3 lucky attendees!! It could be you!! You may even want to invite a friend to tag along.

Remember that we will start collecting school supplies again, so when you are out pick up an item or so to donate and bring them to the meetings.

Please remember in July we will not be holding a meeting. In July and August we will start our membership renewals, we invite you to renew your membership and sign up new members at that time.

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.

God Bless America,

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

ORATORICAL

We will be contacting the High Schools and is available for Grades 9 through 12.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Scholarship winners include:

FVL	Eric Wenzel
Appleton West	Katherine Hammerton
Appleton East	Hannah Driessen
Appleton North	Bryton Goymerac
Legion Family	Cherie Mandel

SAVE THE DATE

CORN ROAST
AUGUST 15, 2018
4-8 PM

LIVE BAND:
FBI & THE UNTOUCHABLE HORNS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBERFEST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

WE WILL NEED WORKERS
FOR THE
LEGION WRISTBAND BOOTH.

BINGO

every 2nd & 4th
Thursday each month

Come to the Club
for Friday Fish Fry
- Every Friday

Remember to support your post
at the Friday fish fry!



American Legion
BRAT FRY! - Every Weds.
11am - 2pm

**Post 38 Proposed BYLAWS Amendment
6-25-2018**

To complete the Bylaws passed March 5, 2018

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT

- 2.4 The use and protection of The American Legion Name and Emblem (trademarks and service marks) shall conform to applicable Trademark law and shall conform to purposes determined by The American Legion. This applies to this American Legion Post, including all programs, committees and activities, as well as the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Riders in accordance with the National American Legion policies and guidelines.

ARTICLE 4 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS & APPOINTEES

4.6 **Finance Officer**

- (a) Funds from all fundraising events (**excluding**: Scarlet Guard, Honor Guard, Sons of the American Legion, Convention Committee and American Legion Baseball- which has a separate 501 (c) (3) status) are to be deposited the next business day into a fund-raising line item in the general fund. These funds will be distributed as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee Post Membership.
- (1) The individuals running these fund raisers will submit a yearly start-up request to the Finance Committee for placement in the yearly budget.
- (b) The Finance Officer will not allow any Post 38 expenditures for work done by a member without first receiving an invoice or estimate detailing item(s) cost. Such invoice must come from the company from which the items come from, not an invoice from the individual member.

ARTICLE 11- PROGRAMS and ACTIVITES

11.1 The current Programs (P) identified here and future Programs (FP) were taken from the Four Pillars and are deemed worthy of our attention, the Activities (A) are listed so they are included in the designated officers report to the Executive Committee.

(b) Baseball (P)

The American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a World War, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair. The program still stands behind the traditional values upon which it was founded in 1925. American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to serve their country or community, raise families or play the sport at the highest level. (Refer to Article 12 of the Bylaw for further understanding of the Post 38 Legion Baseball program)

ARTICLE 12 - AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

12.1 The American Legion Post 38 Baseball program is run by the Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc., d/b/a/ Appleton Legion Baseball. It was formed in 1962, received its Tax Exempted Status on June 29, 1962 and incorporated on March 27, 1964. Its 501(c)(3) status was received on July 28, 2009. Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. is a not for profit corporation. It is set up to assume the financial burden of running The American Legion Post 38 Baseball program, as well as removing all liability from Post 38 in the event of a lawsuit due to a baseball related incident.

12.2 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. is responsible for funding of its program with no burden to Post 38. They will do their own fundraising and are responsible for paying their bills. They will maintain their own water and power meters and pay their utilities out of the Baseball budget with no cost to Post 38. Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. has their own bank account and 100% of all monies are accounted for in that account.

12.3 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. is responsible for submitting an end of the year Financial report to the Post 38 Executive Board no later than February 15 of each year. American Legion Post 38's Financial Officer shall be able to meet with Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc.'s Treasurer to review Appleton American Legion Baseball, Inc books upon request.

- 12.4 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. is responsible for day to day operations of the Baseball Programs. This includes fielding teams, scheduling of games and umpires, fundraising, field maintenance, upkeep and operating the concession stand. They are also responsible for maintaining all buildings and equipment related to Baseball and the Baseball facilities and grounds.
- 12.5 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. is a separate corporation from that of the Appleton American Legion Post 38. Therefore, anything purchased by, donated to, or given in the name of the Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc., a 501(c) (3) corporation belongs to Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. Non-removeable assets, structure and property improvements shall be considered property of The American Legion Post 38 upon dissolution or sale.
- 12.6 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. has its own bylaws, and its own Board of Directors which meet on a regular basis. The Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. will work closely with Post 38 through a designated liaison appointed by Post 38. The designated liaison is expected to meet with the liaison of Appleton American Legion Baseball, Inc to assist in providing operational and financial updates at the Post 38 Executive Committee and the membership meeting of American Legion Post 38
- 12.7 Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. will work closely through the Post 38 appointed liaison to make the Baseball facility available for Post 38 events and activities. Keys for access to baseball facilities for agreed upon events will be provided to the event coordinator for a time around the event. The recipient of the keys will sign a form that identifies the event, the time of the keys possession and liability of re-keying cost if the keys are not returned. For emergency purposes a key will be provided in a lock box location in a secure location at the Post 38 facilities.
- 12.8 The baseball field, surrounding facilities and equipment may be leased out only with the prior approval of Appleton American Legion Baseball Board of Directors and the Post Executive Committee. Proceeds of leases or fees will be directed to Baseball for baseball facility maintenance for those leases or fees paid for the playing of baseball. Proceeds of leases or fees will be directed to Post 38 for those leases or fees paid for Post fundraising activities.
- 12.9 In the event of real estate sale of Appleton American Legion Post 38:
- (a) All property and equipment belonging to Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc., d/b/a Appleton Legion Baseball, will remain that of the Appleton American Legion Baseball Inc. and will be their responsibility to move from the premises at their cost.
 - (b) When considering a sale of the real estate, negotiations should include Appleton American Legion Baseball, Inc. Sale must be agreed upon by both parties to ensure that the new baseball facility will meet or exceed the existing Baseball Field, Buildings and Properties.

- (c) The provisions of the sale agreement must be submitted to Post 38 Executive Committee in writing. Any sale agreement which includes the sale of the Post's baseball facilities will also have attached to it a provision for new baseball facilities, that meet or exceed the standards of the existing baseball facilities to ensure the ability of American Legion Baseball to continue as it is being played. The new baseball facility will be purchased by proceeds of the sale as noted in Article 12.9(d).
- (d) The sales agreement must reflect the proposed budgeted amounts to be used for operation of the Post, the completion of the Post facility including buildings, parking space and equipment and a new baseball facility that will replace the existing Baseball Field, Buildings and Properties.

(the remaining Article after the addition of Article 12 Baseball shall be renumbered)

ARTICLE 16 – LEASING OF LEGION PROPERTY

The Post will be required to follow the provisions of Article 17 of the Bylaws for the approval of any proposed lease of Post property.

ARTICLE 17 – SALE OF REAL ESTATE

- 17.1 The sale of real estate owned by the Post may only take place if the following conditions have been complied with:
- (a) The provisions of a sale/lease agreement shall have been submitted to the Executive Committee in writing and be in the best interest of The American Legion and The American Legion Post 38.
 - (b) Provisions concerning the sale/lease agreement as listed in Article 12 shall be implemented during the discussion of and sale/lease of the real estate owned by the Post.

(remaining items in Article 17.1 will be adjusted to reflect the added section above, c, d, e & f)

ARTICLE 18 – DISSOLUTION

- 18.2 Except for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 and the Legion Riders all subsidiaries and programs assets and equipment remain as the possession of Post 38. The sale of equipment/property or the disbursement of any assets must first have the approval of the Executive Committee and ratified at a regular Post meeting by the membership.
- 18.3 Appleton American Legion Baseball assets and equipment are covered by Article 12.5 and Article 12.9 (a).

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am still collecting for the 2018 Auxiliary membership year until December. In August we start collecting the 2019 dues! The cost is only \$28.00 for a Senior and \$5.25 for a Junior. You will get a renewal from National and if you can pay them at your earliest convenience, that would be greatly appreciated. You can pay this by sending it to the address below, dropping it off at the Post, mailing it to the Post and mark it Auxiliary Membership, or giving it to me directly, and any other means that gets it to me to activate or renew your membership.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters and this year the Auxiliary also recognizes your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership.

Your dues allow us to continue supporting and enriching the lives of our veterans, their families and our community.

Our condolences go to the family of *Carala Spangler* who passed away on June 17th. She was a past unit president and a member for 57 years.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m at the Post. Please join us for the meeting and social following. Guests are welcomed. *The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JULY this year, so please mark your calendars.*

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

WHAT CAN I PERSONALLY DO TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM IN MY SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY?

Have you ever given that question any thought?

Promoting Americanism was the topic of the 2018 Americanism Essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Several area students thought about that question and explained what they would do in their essays.

This year Appleton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38's essay contest had seven entries from students ranging from fourth grade to eighth grade. The top winners in their respective categories were eighth grader Lydia Drake from Immanuel Lutheran School, fifth grader Hannah Mulroy from McKinley Elementary School, and fourth grader Maria Ganser from Classical School. Each of these winners received \$35 and the essays were sent on to department for further competition. Several of the students read their essays for the assembled Auxiliary members along with teachers and family members at the May 21, 2018 unit meeting. A huge thank you goes out to all the participating students and teachers!

Each year the Appleton's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 hosts the Americanism Essay contest. Information comes out in December or January and entries are due in March. If you have children or students who would be interested in participating in the essay contest, please email *Jennifer Klemp* at jklemp31@gmail.com to be sure to receive the information. All students in area schools from grades 3-12 are able to participate.

Jennifer Klemp
Auxiliary Americanism Chair

POPPY MESSAGE

I would like to thank our volunteers who help distribute poppies and help at the club. Special thanks to *Ray Gass* who worked more than 16 hours and who collected almost half the money we collected. Also, I would like to thank *John Breitzman* who volunteered 8 hours of his time.

Beside Ray and John we had 10.25 hours from other post members. Our Auxiliary volunteered 46 hours. Also, we were fortunate to have a Girl Scout troop that distributed four hours on Saturday.

Thanks again for your support,
Linda Breitzman
Poppy Treasurer

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

June, 2018

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

- Clifford Broehm* 03.11.18
- Clifford Radtke* 03.26.18
- Norman Burton* 04.14.18
- Peter Tracanna* 05.20.18
- Clyde Jenkins* 05.30.18
- Robert Schroeder* 06.04.18

Bill Trombley
Service Officer Post 38

B I N G O

AT POST 38:

The Bingo Fund paid \$250, or 1/2 of the cost, of a new water heater for the cabin at Camp American Legion. The other half will be paid by the American Legion Post 106 - Seymour.

Bingo is going strong at the Post. Bingo was audited by the State and all was found good and in order.

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.

Stop by on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and check it out. The Jackpot is always on the rise!!! And as Don says, we offer free popcorn. See you at Bingo!!

Check on the dates, by calling the Club, there maybe some changes.

Next Bingo Dates in 2018

- Thursday, July 12th. 7pm
- Thursday, July 26th. 7pm
- Thursday, August 9th. 7pm
- Thursday, August 23th. NO Bingo
- Thursday, September 13th. 7pm
- Thursday, September 27th. 7pm

We need volunteers each night to help with bingo and clean up.

All guests receive
FREE POPCORN!

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