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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello fellow legionnaires,

I would like to give a big thank you to the Recruiting Station and to all the members that volunteered to set up and take down fencing and help at the Post 38 Annual Corn Roast in August. It was another good year. A special Thanks goes out to *Frank Billings and his wife Robin*, for all their hard work and time involved to get every thing set up, and the corn picked up and delivered to Cedar Creek so it could be steamed.

I would like to also say thank you to all the members that stepped up and helped out in filling positions of the Officers. And, a thank you to all of the American Legion family members that have assisted me in this endeavor that I have chosen to take on.

The American Legion Post 38 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 see Post 38 moving in the right direction and everyone working together as The American Legion Family.

Thank You,

“Hooah”

*Migeal Babino*

*Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

- 1 Post Meeting – Post Everlasting 7:00PM
- 6 9th District Fall Conference @ Elcho  
Registration . . . . . 7:00AM
- 9 Events Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 8 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY
- 10 ALA Outagamie County Council Mtg  
at Romy's Nightengale . . . . . 6:30PM
- 13 “In The Know” for Auxiliary at King's  
Veteran's Home
- 15 House Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 29 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 31 HALLOWEEN

### NOVEMBER

- 3 **Veterans Day Dinner & Dance**
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 Post Meeting–Awards Night . . 7:00PM
- 6 ELECTION DAY
- 8 FVTC Veterans Appreciation Lunch . . .  
. . . . . 11:30AM–100PM
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony  
Outagamie Cty Courthouse . . 11:00AM
- 12 Events Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 14 ALA Outagamie County Council Mtg  
at Romy's Nightengale . . . . . 6:30PM
- 19 House Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 20 Appleton Christmas Parade
- 22 THANKSGIVING
- 26 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM

### DECEMBER

- 3 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 8 Toys For Tots - Bring a New Unwrapped  
Toy
- 8 Army/Navy Game . . . . . NOON
- 10 Events Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 12 ALA Outagamie County Council Mtg  
at Romy's Nightengale . . . . . 6:30PM
- ?? Adopt A Family - Present Wrapping
- 15 Wreaths Across America
- 17 House Committee . . . . . 6:30PM
- 17 “NO” Auxiliary Meeting
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 31 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 31 **New Year's Eve -  
Dinner & Dance at Club 38**

## 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 way this past year. With volunteers like you the Legion Family is able to support many projects for our Military, Veterans, their families along with community programs. Your hard work and effort was greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary has a new membership goal of 148 for the 2019 year, so please send in your renewals to **Marian Brown**, Membership Chairman. Since the last reporter we have lost 1 of our unit members, **Carala Spengler**, a 57 year member.

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 the "In The Know" workshop being held October 13, at the King Veteran's Home.

**Char Kiesling**, Department President's project for 2019 is "Wreaths Across America", this is on the third Saturday of December, her goal is to have a wreath laid on every Veteran's grave at King, Union Grove and Spooner Cemeteries. Let no Veteran be forgotten, there are wreaths to purchase (\$15 per wreath) at Club 38 for King's Cemetery. Any questions on how to donate, please contact myself, the Club or any rider from 8th District.

At our Unit we are collecting the school supplies again along with items for a "Blessing" box to be distributed to Wilson Middle School. Questions on this can be directed to **Jennifer Klemp** at 450-3860. We collect notebooks, pencils, markers, glue, crayons, material, yarn 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, plastic bags 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. Encourage your young people to find out how they can participate in Badger Girl/Badger Boy State their Junior year of High School.

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 2019.

Outagamie County Council meetings are held throughout the county. The next County Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 20 at Kimberly, ask at the unit meeting for more information. In May 2019 **Rose Heinz**, from Unit 38, will be installed at Seymour as Outagamie County President for the term of 2019-2021. Next Spring Outagamie County will host the "9th District Spring Conference" watch for more details, everyone in District 9 is welcomed to attend, ask at the meetings.

In August I had the pleasure to attend the Legion National Convention in Minneapolis, it was an experience, I encourage all members to try and attend one in their lifetime. There was so much information and activities, the 7 days flew by. I learned many new things and participated in, over the days in Minneapolis. The parade was a highlight of the activities. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to go.

Monday October 8th we will have an Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:30pm at the Post.

Don't forget to checkout the activities happening at the Club, especially over the Holidays! Great Dinner menu and band for "New Year's Eve".

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

God Bless,

**Marian Brown**  
President, Unit 38

**SAVE THE DATE**

**POLKA DANCE NIGHT**  
*Every 3rd Thursday*

**OCTOBER 18**  
**NOVEMBER 15**  
**DECEMBER 20**

**6:30-9:00PM**  
**WITH FOOD SERVED**  
**UNTIL 8:00PM**

**NOV 1 - DEC 8**  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
**DONATIONS**  
**COLLECTED**

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

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



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

 **Veterans**  
**Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

# ***ATTENTION***

## ***MEMBER BENEFITS AT NO COST!***

Through a partnership with American Income Life Insurance Company, servicing working families for over 60 years, additional benefits are being provided to all members of The American Legion Post 38. No obligation to purchase any other benefits offered through AIL. Rebecca will be at the November 5, 2018 Post 38 meeting if you have any other questions.

### ***BENEFITS AT NO COST TO YOU INCLUDE:***

**\$2,000 Group  
Health Services Discount Card  
Child Safe Kit**

A letter regarding these benefits will be mailed to you soon.

Make sure to return the reply card.

Or reply online at: [www.aillifeucom/benefits/SGPDL](http://www.aillifeucom/benefits/SGPDL)

An AIL representative will contact members who return the reply card to arrange a convenient time to deliver their benefits and review other supplemental insurance benefits that may be available.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:***

***REBECCA KLEBSCH @ 262-224-1524***

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**BADGER GIRLS STATE: JUNE 17-22, 2018**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 sent 11 girls from 5 High Schools in Appleton to Oshkosh.

The contributors and delegates are:

- American Legion Post 38. . . . . Zoe Plzak  
Appleton North High School
- TAL-Post 38 Bingo Acct. . . . . Elizabeth Santos  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38. . . . . Breanna Vander Wielen  
Xavier High School
- Big Apple Bagels. . . . . Anna Murphy-Pociask  
Appleton East High School
- FVL Alumni Association. . . . . Emily Lillo  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- Herbert H. Kohl Charities. . . . . Sophia Hartley  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- VFW Auxiliary Post 2778. . . . . Sydney Olmsted  
Xavier High School
- Grand Chute Lions. . . . . Camille Bonneville  
Xavier High School
- Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club. . . . . Olivia Gruenwald  
Appleton North
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K. . . . . Jamie Winsted  
Appleton West
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K. . . . . Naomi McClenahan  
Appleton West
- Wisconsin Safety. . . . . Marion Mc Kinney  
Appleton East  
(Thank you Louie Younguist)
- Greenbush Unit 421. . . . . Olivia Reichardt  
Appleton East

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*  
Girls State Chairman, Unit 38 and Hoard County Counselor

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin, **Char Kiesling** from Neenah WI has chosen “Wreaths Across America” as her special project for the year. This is a program originally organized by the 8th District Legion Riders.

Char’s theme is “Kindle The Flame” for our Veterans, Military, and their Families! The American Legion Post 38, Auxiliary, Legion Riders, and the Sons of the American Legion are urging us all to donate \$15 towards the purchase of a wreath. These wreaths will be placed on the graves of our veterans at King Cemetery.

Wreath laying ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2018. Funds received after November 15, 2018 will be used to purchase wreaths in 2019. Wreaths are \$15 each, but for every two wreaths purchased, Wreaths Across America will send another one free. *To make your donation simply stop in to the Legion Post at 3220 W. College Ave., Appleton, or you could send your donation to the Post, checks should be made out to the American Legion.*

*Rose Heinz*

**November 3  
Veterans Day  
Dinner & Dance**

Social 5:30PM  
Dinner 6:00PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Fox Valley Technical Center  
Veteran Appreciation  
Lunch**

**NOVEMBER 8  
11:30–1:00PM  
FREE FOR ALL  
VETERANS**

**RSVP BY NOV. 2  
TO BILL TROMBLEY  
(920) 735-4853**

**DECEMBER 8  
Army/Navy Game  
@ NOON**

- Games
- 50/50 proceeds to support Veterans families for Christmas
- Wing Specials
- Drink Specials

**AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am now collecting for the 2019 Auxiliary membership year of Unit 38, the cost is **only \$28.00 for a Senior and \$5.25 for a Junior**. There is a Department and National increase of dues for the 2019 year. You may want to consider becoming a PUFL (Paid Up For Life). You can do this by going online or contact me. You can pay your 2019 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 148 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 members, their 2018 membership year paid for them.

So far I received several ladies' membership for the 2019 year, **Clara Baumann, Jessica and Savannah Behrendt, Marian Brown**, and "Welcome" new member **Sharon Bascombe**.

Thank You ladies.

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

**CHILDREN & YOUTH / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Part of the focus of the American Legion Auxiliary is community service. For many years Appleton's Auxiliary Unit 38 has collected school supplies for local schools. The auxiliary will continue to collect supplies throughout the 2018-2019 school year as students need supplies all year long. The supplies have also been given to the Homeless Education Coordinator to distribute to those with the most need within the Appleton Area School District. Supplies needed include folders, pencils, dry erase markers, backpacks, notebooks, binders, and ear buds.

This year Appleton's Auxiliary Unit will also start collecting items for a new "Blessing Box" located at Wilson Middle School in Appleton. This box is similar to the "Little Free Library" boxes around town, except that the "Blessing Box" houses every day essential items for families in need. Families, students, and community members in need can visit the box at any time of day and obtain what they need. The box has been in place since May and has been used frequently. Donations needed for the box include toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, laundry detergent, ramen noodles, boxed food items, hats, mittens and tube socks.

Any donations for either project can be brought to the auxiliary unit meeting. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you have any questions or would like more information and complete lists of items, please contact Jennifer Klemp at [jklemp31@gmail.com](mailto:jklemp31@gmail.com) or 920-450-3860. Thank you for making a difference!

*Jennifer Klemp*  
 Auxiliary Americanism Chair



**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

September, 2018

**DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:**

- Clyde Jenkins . . . . . 05.30.18
- Robert D. Schroeder . . . . . 06.04.18
- Carala Spengler . . . . . 06.17.18
- Percy A. Blount Jr. . . . . 07.04.18
- Dean W. Einspahr . . . . . 07.06.18
- DeWayne G. Sorges . . . . . 07.14.18
- Donald D. Bauer . . . . . 07.25.18
- Werner H. Lasch . . . . . 07.29.18
- Harry C. Kimball . . . . . 08.20.18
- Garry A, Thiede . . . . . 09.09.18

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

- Bob Smaxwill is recovering from Knee surgery at Peabody Manor, 2600 S. Heritage Woods Dr. Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 738-3000
- Harry Muench Jr, 2600 S. Heritage Woods Dr., Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 734-5817
- Elaine Hall, wife of 1st Vice Commander Bob Hall, passed away 08.25.18
- 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
- Bob Lichfuss is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home. Doing Ok
- 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
- Vern Wichman is at Brewster Village, 2nd floor

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

**Garrick L. Eppinger**, Chaplain Post 38  
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2018-2020

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