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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Fellow Legionnaires
First, I would like to say:

“Happy 100th Anniversary to The American Legion”

I would like to say thank you to the Post 38 members for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Commander for Post 38 and it has been a struggle at first to get things organized and get the committees filled. This isn't something you do on your own but, with help from other Veterans we have succeeded in doing so. Thank you to my Executive Committee for working with each other to keep this Post running. Thank you to the members who step up and help fill the Executive committee vacancies and the other committees that needed to be filled.

I would like to also say thank you, to all the volunteers that help out these past few months in the Club 38 with repairs to the bar area, the help cleaning all of the chairs and tables, general cleaning within the building, the help with setting up the tables and chairs for post functions and especially on the Friday night for Fish Fry since we have been short staffed.

It has been a long year to get to where we are now at Post 38. The membership is up but, still need to get 17.42% to reach our goal of 100% with 798 Members. However we have had transfers out of the Post 38 but, with the Membership Revitalization we have had transfers in from other Posts and from the holding Post 2930, also new members that have moved into the area.

I am very proud to see our The American Legion Post 38 Family working together and getting things done within the Post and in the Club. We will continue to move forward and succeed. There are always road blocks and obstacles in the way, but with the right training, support, and knowledge from The American Legion Organization, The American Legion, Post 38 will continue to support other Veterans to get the help that they may need through all of the Veteran organizations.

Hooah

Migeal Babino
Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 1 Post Meeting 7:00PM
\$10 fee for each table of sale items
- 13 9th District Legion and Auxiliary
Spring Conference in Shiocton 8 PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 Kids Easter Breakfast at Club
Easter Egg Hunt for Kids 10AM to 12
- 21 Easter
- 27 VFW WI State Loyalty Day Parade
in Freedom, WI.

MAY

- 4 Craft Sale at Club 8AM-5PM
- 4 Derby Day – Kentucky Derby Party
and Hat Contest
- 6 “The Navy the Nation Needs”
Rear Admiral Erik Ross will be
presenting. RSVP Rick Stark at
stark.r@sbcglobal.net or 740.9723
. 11:30AM-1:00PM
- 6 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Poppy Day
- 11 Poppy Day
- 18 POW/MIA Silent March
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 21 Auxiliary County Council
in Seymour 6:30PM
- 20-24 Put out flags at Riverside Cemetery
- 27 Memorial Day Parade – Air Force
Band Quartet

JUNE

- 3 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 8 Flag Day Parade and Post Activities
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30PM

**REMEMBER POST 38
BASEBALL STARTS IN JUNE!**

ADJUTANT’S MESSAGE

Along with celebrating the American Legion’s 100th birthday this month; we are also encouraging any members who haven’t renewed their membership to please do that by the end of March. I’d like to thank all the members that have already renewed and again, encourage those that haven’t, to do so by going to: www.legion.org ; during the renew process there is also an opportunity to select an auto renewal option. Renewing online is the most efficient and secure way to renew however, you can also come to the Legion to either sign-up or renew. Currently our membership is at 667; our goal is 798 leaving us with another 131 new members to go before reaching this year’s goal.

Also, I’d like to take this opportunity to express a huge THANK YOU TO OUR ALL VOLUNTEERS who have donated their time and/or talents. Volunteers are the backbone of any organization and it holds true also for the American Legion. As always, we need volunteers to help at several events throughout the year as well as an ongoing basis for the Friday Night Fish Fry.

Christine Harder
Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

April 2019

The Service Officer furnishes direct referral assistance to Veterans and their dependents and survivors in claims for any federal or state benefit or service to which they may be entitled.

The Post service officer serves as direct liaison with the Department and National Service Officer and works closely with the County Service Officer and other know organizations that provide services to Veterans.

There is not a need to be a member of The American Legion to receive assistance from The American Legion Service Officer.

Assistance Request Forms can be obtained from any Officer of The Post as well as from the Club 38 staff.

Bill Trombley, Service Officer Post 38

E-mail: windy1200@gmail.com

Phone # (920) 309-2057

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy Easter and green grass,

Finally, the snow is leaving, the flowers will be blooming soon and everything will start to turn green again. I know we can’t wait to get outside and get in the fresh air. But, as we do that maybe consider doing one kind act for a friend, veteran, neighbor or a stranger, to help brighten their spring. They will appreciate it and you will feel better, and hopefully they will pass on the kindness of a new spring .

At the Post March meeting the Auxiliary wished the “American Legion Happy Birthday” with a gift.

Several Auxiliary members along with some Post members took some blankets to King to be distributed. We had a tour, and some chit chat with Nicholas from King. It was a nice day and King was very grateful for the donation.

The Ninth District Spring Conference will be with the Legion, on April 13th at The River Rail in Shiocton, please try to attend. If interested contact Rose or myself by April 5th .

Our unit still hasn’t hit 100%, and we need everyone’s help to reach our 2019 goal of 148 members. Those who still haven’t renewed please do so. Ladies and Legionnaires don’t forget to sign up your daughters, granddaughters, and friends. Those members who decided not to renew, thanks so much for your past support.

At the May Auxiliary meeting we will invite the Americanism essay winners along with their family and teachers, to come and read their essays.

Please give a little time on Friday May 10th and Saturday morning **Cont. on page 3**

CHAPLAINS REPORT

December, 2018

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

Martin V. Porto 01.23.19
James A. Smith, 02.16.19
Ralph G. Ulman 02.19.19
Anita Kapp 02.23.19

Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson, Wayne Dorn

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

- **Bob Smaxwill** (wife Marian) recovering from Knee surgery at Meridian Senior Living Rm 319 793 Tarragan Dr. Kaukauna, WI (920) 462-4018 [North side of Hwy KK just East of Haen’s Meats]
- **Harry Muench Jr** 2600 S. Heritage Woods Dr. Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 734-5817 Rm C 108
- **Eugene LaPlante** is recovering at home (920) 734-7318
- **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.
- **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
- **Dee Detrick** is at home recuperating (920) 739-7986
- **Leo Hoppe** has been moved to The Appleton Retirement Community 200 W. Packard St. Appleton, WI (1-920-954-9990) 2nd floor Rm 229, he is wheelchair bound and late afternoon visits are preferred.
- **Garrick Eppinger** (Post Chaplain) is at home recuperating (920) 221-3551

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

E-mail: Kahlesstaj@aol.com

Phone # 1-920-221-3551

May 11th for our annual "Poppy Day" fundraiser. Please be generous in supporting our Veterans and their families. Remember the funds raised from the poppy distribution help our Veterans and their families. Without these funds we can't give the scholarships out at Fox Valley Technical College, help Camp American Legion's wish list all year, treats for the VA hospitals, Wreaths Across America and the list goes on. And if you can give just one hour of your time to distribute poppies on that day, call Jessica Garza (920) 687-9958 or Marian (920)810-0737 to sign up. We will be at the April and May Post meetings with the sign-up notebook and more information.



Lastly, Memorial Day is drawing near and I ask that you take time during the month of May to "Thank" our Veterans and military families for their sacrifices they have made for our freedom. And all the veterans who served to keep us free. Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery. This is one way to show our appreciation to our veterans and their sacrifices they have made. These military service men and women don't get "thanked" enough for all the good we have living free in the USA! Thank You Veterans and Happy Memorial Day.

If you don't have email and would like a copy of the meeting minutes sent to you, please contact me and we will try to help you get the information.

Please notify us if an Auxiliary member 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.

Happy Easter and let's bloom this spring in helping our veterans and the community.

God Bless America,

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38, we have less than 10 members are needed to reach our goal of 148. Currently we are at 94%. If you have not paid your 2019 dues please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank You to the ladies that have already paid.

This last quarter we lost 1 member, Anita Kapp 2-23-2019. Anita was Past Department President (1982-1983), Past Ninth District President (1970-1972), and Past Unit President (1952-1953), and a 73 (Life) member.

Join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m at the Post for our meeting. Guests are welcomed. Next meeting is Monday April 15, 2019.

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38I

COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY MARCH 6, 2018

The American Legion Outagamie County Council along with the Auxiliary Units from Outagamie County annually host this special day for freshman in High School. It was held at the County Administration Building.

There were a total of 25 students from Hortonville, Seymour, Shiocton, and Freedom, and they all learned so much on the process and structure of County Government. They discussed, debated and made 4 resolutions. Unfortunately the other schools from Outagamie County had conflicts and were unable to attend.

Also in attendance were Outagamie County Commander Tom Theroux, Outagamie County President Linda Coppock, and 2nd Vice President for Outagamie County-Lynn Ziegert. Outagamie County Adjutant, Ray Gass, and other legionnaires from the Posts in Outagamie County.

I had an opportunity to attend a mock board meeting with the Seymour students and County Supervisors Mike Thomas and Kathy Thompson. The mock resolution discussed was "Support any proposal exempting off-duty and qualified former law enforcement officers from current state law prohibiting a licensee from carrying a firearm on school grounds and certain posted private properties."

During lunch the guest speaker was state representative, Amanda Stuck. She thanked Bill Clinton for her involvement in politics and state government. Thanks to all our County Government Supervisors for sharing their knowledge of different topics. All the students received a certificate of completion for their attendance at the "44th Annual County Youth Government Day"

I personally want to thank Linda Breitzman, Appleton Unit 38 Auxiliary member for helping in preparing and serving the lunch for the students, facility, Legionnaires, and County Supervisors in attendance. Thanks also goes to Sara Hickey for arranging the event.

Rose Heinz
1st Vice President-Auxiliary Outagamie County Council

Take Time

~Take time to think
it is the source of power.
~Take time to read
it is the foundation of wisdom.
~Take time to play
it is the secret of staying young.
~Take time to be quiet
it is the moment to seek God.
~Take time to be aware
it is the opportunity to help others.
~Take time to love and be loved
it is God's greatest gift.
~Take time to laugh
it is the music of the soul.
~Take time to be friendly
it is the road to happiness.
~Take time to dream
it is what the future is made of.
~Take time to pray
-it is the greatest power on earth.
~Unknown~
Submitted by Lori Bishop
Auxiliary Chaplain Unit 38

GOLDEN MOMENTS TO TREASURE

This was Anita Kapp's Department President's theme 1982-1983.

Anita was a very active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38, which included Unit 38 President 1952-1953, to follow with 9th District President and then in 1982-1983 Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary President.

Some knew Anita as the name Sarge, she knew what needed to be done, an agenda to follow, and directions how to get it done. She was a very dedicated lady to her family, Veterans and our organization, the community, and strangers. She knew the right way to do it and let us all know so. Many had the opportunity to work with Anita at one time or another. Ride to conventions and conferences, make raffle baskets, help with Auxiliary projects, make bars or hot dishes, and the list goes on. If you went to Convention, you attended the very early morning session on time! Anita missed very few meetings, and sometimes the lunch was the best part of the day, she would report back to the Unit. Always took notes and informed us of the facts at the next Auxiliary meeting.

I was privileged to have Anita along with other Auxiliary members, mentor me as I worked up the chairs at the Unit and District levels. When I had a protocol question, Anita had the answer for me. I talked many times on the phone, or at lunch to get her guidance about how to do, or how to address dignitaries and other items with the Department Convention. Anita encouraged me to go up the chairs on the District level, and helped me put together my strategy. Due to other commitments, Anita was unable to be at the District meeting to read what we had put together.

Anita at one point took a year and at every monthly meetings, talked us thru the history of Unit 38 Appleton, from the start of our Unit38 to the present. She was full of knowledge and history.

Anita was a HUGE asset to our Organization and The American Legion Auxiliary Family. She will be missed, but certainly remembered!

In memory of Anita Kapp

September 16, 1920 - February 23, 2019

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9

We are looking forward to Spring and riding again!

In 2018 we displayed our Nation's Colors in 23+ parades throughout District 9 and rode or participated in 14+ other large events.

We presented over 350 "Thank You for your Service" challenge coins to vets we met along the way.

Cash donations to Camp American Legion, the Veterans Home at King, Old Glory Honor Flight, DAV Transportation and others from last year has totaled over \$5800.

Besides our 3 fundraisers, we helped others with theirs. Little Hearts for Life (Oconto Falls) and VetsRoll (Krakow) were noteworthy.

All the Riders Districts are very active and support each other.

The Statewide Fall Ride to Camp American Legion last year raised \$36,819, which will be put towards the Main Lodge Kitchen Remodeling and Equipment upgrade project.

On December 15th 2018 we joined District 8 Riders and over 500 people at the cemetery at King for the Wreath Across America ceremony and wreath laying.

All 7200+ graves got a wreath!

We will begin the 2019 riding season with a visit to the King Veterans Home Open House and four Memorial Day weekend parades: Mountain, De Pere, Appleton and Oconto Falls.

Membership in the American Legion Riders is open to anyone in the Legion Family with a motorcycle of 500cc and larger.

Check us out at www.alrawis.org and on Facebook. Come and join us!

Paul Heit

American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 9 President



American Legion Post 38
Voting Procedures
2019-2020
Article 7 – Elections

Article 7.8 (a) Election:

The voting for officers and members at large of the Executive Committee shall take place at the May Post Meeting one hour prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of the time allotted for voting the Ballot Committee shall take into its custody all ballots cast and tally the results.

Article 7.8 (b) Voting by mail:

A copy of the ballot shall be published in the Post Reporter and on the Post web site and will be distributed to all members in good standing by April 15 with instructions for balloting by mail.

All Post members who desire to vote by mail shall return the ballot sent to them, either by mail or personal delivery to the ballot box at:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 38
ATTN: BALLOT COMMITTEE
3220 W. COLLEGE AVENUE
APPLETON, WI 54914

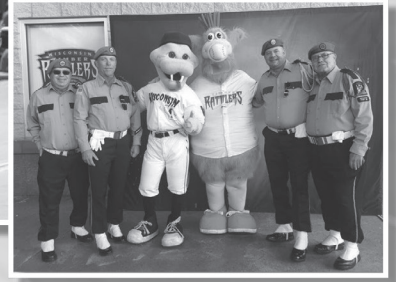
The ballot shall be contained in a sealed envelope with the voter's name written legibly on the outside of the envelope. All ballots received by mail or personally delivered shall remain in the ballot box sealed and be turned over to the ballot committee at the beginning of the voting process. Ballots are to remain sealed until the close of the voting process. The ballot committee shall destroy any ballots received by mail or personally delivered from a member who attends the meeting to vote in person.

Article 7.8 (c) Voting in Person:

All members of the Post in good standing who attend the May Post meeting shall be entitled to vote in person on a ballot provided to them by the Ballot Committee at the meeting.

Ballot Enclosed

Color & Honor Guard Members Needed



Scarlet Guard Color Guard duties:
Marching in parades & presenting the colors for various events



Honor Guard duties:
Performing military honors for local veterans' funerals or burials

Join Us to Honor the Colors & Comrades

Who Is Eligible?

Members of ANY American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit or Sons of the American Legion Squadron

For More Info:

Eric Stadler at 450.6907 or Rick Eisenach at 574.8833



POPPY MESSAGE

Please join us for 2019 Poppy Day May 10th & 11th. Fleet Farm, Woodman's and Festival Foods Northland Ave have agreed to allow us to distribute Poppies at their location. Please consider volunteering an hour of your day, or making a donation to the Poppy Fund. It is greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Jessica Garza 920-687-9958.

If you are unable to help distribute consider a donation with the attached coupon. All donations are used to help our veterans and their families.

Respectfully,
Jessica Garza
Poppy Chair



If you want to contribute and are unable to volunteer. Please cut and mail your Poppy donation to:

Poppy Fund, ALA Unit #38
3220 W. College Ave.
Appleton WI 54914

POPPY DONATION:
\$ _____

Thank you for your donation to help our veterans and their families.

SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBERFEST
ON
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

**WE WILL NEED WORKERS
FOR THE
LEGION WRISTBAND BOOTH.**


American Legion
\$5 SPECIALS!
*Every Wednesday and
Thursday*

*Come to the
Club for Friday
Fish Fry –
Every Friday
11am-8pm*

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



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APPLETON AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38**

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3rd Vice Commander
 VACANT

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 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**American Legion Johnston-Blessman Post 38
Appleton, Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 Election Ballot**

Commander
Migeal Babino

Sergeant - at - Arms
Bill Burton

1st Vice Commander
Mike Howell

Member at Large (3 yr. term)
Don Hawkins

2nd Vice Commander
Mike Utech

3rd Vice Commander

****Place an X next to your choice or write in a candidate of your choice****

“DO NOT WRITE OR SIGN YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT”

All mailed must have to be to the Post by May 6, 2019.