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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

I would like to thank all the Post 38 Members to give me another opportunity to serve as the American Legion Post 38 Commander. The American Legion Post 38 will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary of service in the American Legion Family.

Would like to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped at the Appleton Flag Day After Party at Post 38 and to the American Legion Baseball for letting us use the field. Without you, we would not have been able to make this happen. Also, "Thank You" to Eric Stadler for helping and getting the 2d Marine Division Band from Camp Lejeune, NC for the entertainment at the Post 38.

We will continue to serve the community, help other organizations and continue helping Veterans. Helping other Veterans, other Veterans organizations, serving the community by helping the youth with healthy competition, good citizenship, sportsmanship and learning how government and democracy works. Supporting the troops while serving our nation.

As we move forward this next year, there are going to be struggles and obstacles. But I believe that we as an organization, can pull together and figure out ways to help get our current members to our Monthly Membership meetings and recruit new members for Post 38. We need to take the time to communicate and talk amongst each other to continue the comradeship within our post. We need to figure out ways to advertise and promote our Post to the general public and to get more patrons to come and enjoy our Friday Fish Fry's and The Club 38.

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

Thank You,
Hooah

Migeal Babino
Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- 1 Post Meeting 7PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 8 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 10 NO Outagamie County Council Meeting
- 13 Oldsmobile Car Show 8am-2:00PM
- 17 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:00PM
- 17-21 The American Legion
Department Convention in Madison
- 29 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

AUGUST

- 3 VW Car Show 8:00AM-2:00PM
- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Outagamie Cnty Executive Meeting
at Post 38. 10:00AM
- 12 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting 6:30PM
- 12 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 14 Outagamie Cnty Council Meeting
at Colonial House 6:00PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 21 ANNUAL CORN ROAST 4-9:00PM
- 22-29 The American Legion National
Convention in Indianapolis, IN
- 26 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 29 100th Anniversary of the
American Legion Post 38

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LABOR DAY
- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 7 Craft Fair 9:00AM-3:00PM
- 9 Events Committee 6:30PM
- 11 Outagamie Cnty Council Meeting
at Colonial House 6:00PM
- 12 Honor Guard Dinner
5:00PM Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner
- 14 An Evening with Frank Sinatra and Friends
Dinner 5:00PM Show 7:00PM
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Outagamie Cnty Meeting
at River Rail Shiocton
- 19 Polka Jam and Dance 7-9:00PM
- 21 100th Ann. of The American Legion Post 38
Recognition Dinner hors d'oeuvres 4PM
Pot Luck 6:30 Music After
- 28 Octoberfest Downtown Appleton
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

We have many activities and events planned for the upcoming summer months; including our 100th Anniversary. What better way to spend time with your family but, by attending and supporting our American Legion family. So I encourage you to visit our website calendar for the different events and times. Also, please remember that our Brat Fry have started and are scheduled for every Wednesday serving 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM now through September.

Volunteers are what keep this Post open. I know our Legionnaires have already done their duty; but, without your continuing help this Post won't be able to succeed. Please support Post 38 and all of the events and programs that take place within our American Legion family. Again, we need your involvement to be successful. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders and our volunteer Legionnaires. If you have time, always keep in mind that we continually seek volunteers for various maintenance projects and event support.

Thank you and I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Christine Harder

Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

July 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

I would like to give a big **"THANK YOU"** to our Auxiliary members for getting Unit 38 to 100%. Hopefully we can all work together again to get 100% next year.

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 ways to remember and thank them this past month.

I want to thank Ruth Eiden and Jessica Garza for their hard work with the distribution of poppies in May. Thanks to all 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 asked 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.

June 8th was the Appleton Flag Day parade. What a day! I want to thank the people that drove the cars for us, let us use their vehicles, and any way they represented our Appleton Legion Family. The many volunteers and support shown at the After Concert at the Post. This takes a lot of time, preparation and follow thru on everyone who helps, thank you, a job well done. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars for 2020's parade and activities.

Don't forget that the Post has a brat fry every Wednesday at the Post, and always looking for volunteers. If you have little or a lot of time to give, just check in on Wednesday. They would love the extra help.

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.

Also, at the Sunday, June 9th game, baseball invited myself, Auxiliary President and Migeal Babino, Post Commander to throw out the first pitch for the Varsity game. Thank you baseball for that opportunity. They also handed out door prizes and a sandwich to the Legion Family members in attendance.

On August 21, 2019, the biggest fund raiser for the Post to support their programs all year is the

CHAPLAINS REPORT

May, 2019

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

Francis (Frank) J. Lynch	3.24.19
John (Jack) Pankratz	4.26.19
Elmer J. St. Cyr	4.29.19
Kenneth Appleton Kemps	4.30.19
David W. Rimmel	5.08.19
Leo M. Hoppe	6.11.19

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 793 Tarragan Dr. Kaukauna, WI (920) 462-4021 [North side of Hwy KK just East of Haen's Meats] Preferred visitation: (Tues & Wed afternoons)
- **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 Care Partners Assisted Living & Memory Care 425 Moasis Dr. Little Chute, WI (920) 788-7033
- **Bob Lichfuss** has moved pursuing update
- **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

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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Phone # 1-920-221-3551

Thank You Veterans!



annual Corn Roast. This takes a lot of man power, and every Legion Family member pitching in one way or another. If you would like to help with this years corn roast, please contact "Dancing" Ed at 920-707-3286, myself at 920-739-4283, or call the club 920-733-9840 and leave your name and number for us. We will contact you and find how you would like to help.

There are many things to do such as: work the gates, concession stand, soda and beer stand, flag sales, 50/50 raffle, raffle and silent auction, just to name a few. If you can donate something for the silent auction or bucket raffles, please bring them to the club anytime before 4pm on Aug. 21st. You may bring them at your convenience during business hours. Any questions contact Marian at 920-739-4283. You may leave a message and I will get back to you. We need donations for this. Last year the basket raffle made almost \$1000. Let's try to beat that this year.

Rose Heinz is our new Outagamie County American Legion Auxiliary President. She was sworn in at the May meeting in Seymour. Many of our Unit ladies attended to show our support for Rose.

Don't forget that the American Legion Department of Wisconsin convention will be in Middleton on July 18-21. National Convention August 23-29 in Indianapolis. IN.

Ladies, please consider if you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, or maybe not at all, come 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.

Auxiliary will hold an Executive meeting for officers and chairman's on Monday, August 12 at the club starting at 6:30pm. If you are an officer or chairman and cannot make it, contact Rose or Marian prior to the meeting.

Please remember in July we will not be holding a meeting. In August we will start our membership renewals. We invite you to renew your membership and sign up new members at that time. The August meeting is on August 19. See you there.

The Legion will be "100" and are planning a birthday party at the Post on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Please watch for more information. Also, don't forget that the club and bar is open for Friday fish fry, Tuesday specials, and are willing to book your next event at the hall. Stop by and visit with others. Bar hours are 11am to close with a happy hour everyday till 6pm, except Fridays. Call the club if you need more information.

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

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38, we are at 100%!! Thank you to the ladies of our Unit for working together and making this happen. This last quarter we lost 1 member, Marian Hooyman 6-13-2019. Marian was a 21 year member.

Join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post for our meeting. 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. Next meeting is Monday, August 19, 2019.*

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

Together We Grow Together We Are Strong

One Seed

*One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream,
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald Spring.*

*One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.*

*One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room,
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.*

*One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer,
One hope will rise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!*

~Unknown~

*Submitted by Lori Bishop
Auxiliary Chaplain Unit 38*

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

On August 29, 1919 The American Legion Post 38 Supplemental Charter was issued under

Oney Johnston. On February 26, 1940

It was changed to a permanent Charter as
One Johnston – Edward Blessman

On September 21st, 2019 we will be having the 100th Anniversary Party at Post 38

With hors d' oeuvres at 3pm and a Potluck dinner at 6pm

RSVP by calling (920) 733-9840



BADGER GIRLS STATE: June 16- 21, 2019

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 sent 10 young ladies from 5 High Schools in Appleton & one from Kimberly High School. The contributors and delegates are:

- American Legion Post 38.....Bryanna Spietz-Kimberly High School
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38.....Adithi Reddy-Appleton East High School
- FVL Alumni Association.....Elizabeth Black-Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- FVL-Anonymous Donor.....Neaveh Burleton-Fox Valley Lutheran School
- Grand Chute Lions.....Victoria Ylizaliturri-Xavier High School
- Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club.....Emma Erickson-Appleton North High School
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K.....Addison Pauling-Appleton West High School
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K.....Makayla Strohmeyer-Appleton West High School
- VFW Auxiliary Post 2778.....Yasmin-Mirhashemi-Xavier High School
- Wisconsin Safety.....Lily Wendland-Appleton East (Thank you Louie Jungbluth)
- Herb Kohl Philanthropies.....Paid \$150 of shorted costs the Unit

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-Appleton*

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9

We are looking forward to Spring and riding again!

In 2019 we will display our Nation's Colors in 23+ parades throughout District 9 and ride or participate in 14+ other large events throughout the year.

We did 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 and also the Appleton Flag Day Parade.

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*



AN EVENING WITH FRANK SINATRA AND FRIENDS

Featuring Rosettii & Wigley

With Special Guests Jeannie Holliday, Elvis John, and Gerry Rahn

September 14th, 2019

Buffet and Show – All Buffet/Show Tickets Reserved - \$29.00 Dollars

Buffet Served @ 5:00pm – 6:30pm – Doors Open @ 4:30pm

Broasted Chicken and Tenderloin Tips

Show Only

General Admission - \$18.00 – Doors Open @ 6:30pm

Show Starts at 7:00pm

Order tickets at Club38Stage.com or Contact Mike Utech @ (920) 268-8005 or Post 38 at (920) 733-9840

Coming October 12th, 2019 Country Music Legends Remembered

More info at Club38Stage.org

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!



BECOME A FAN OF
APPLETON AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38

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Facebook

AMERICAN LEGION POST 38 ANNUAL CORN ROAST

Wednesday, August 21st, 2019, 4pm - ?

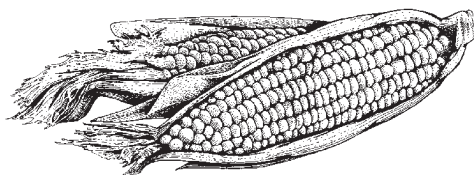
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Suggested Donation: Adults: \$10.00 – Kids 5 -12 Years: \$5.00 and Kids 3 & Under Free

Includes All-You-Can-Eat Corn on the cob, Beer and soda
Many Valuable Raffle Prizes

Other food & Refreshments Available for sale

Live Music Graciously Donated by
The FBI and The Untouchable Horns



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Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38

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3rd Vice Commander
VACANT

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15 June 2019

Hello to my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL Detachment. I am sending out this letter to inform all American Legion Post 38 Members, that starting 1 July 2019 that all Quarterly Reporters and Post 38 Membership Meeting Minutes will be going out via E-Mail.

“PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!”
“PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS IF NEEDED”

Please respond and let us know if you would like your Quarterly Reporter by Mail or Email.

Please update your personal info and email when you renew your membership online at MyLegion.org or by contacting Migeal Babino at commander@appleton.org or Dave Baumann at davconbaum@new.rr.com or

We are trying to cut back on the cost of the Quarterly Reporters being printed and mailed through the current printing company we are using. They will be still designing the Reporter, mailing them out and 100 copies will be printed and at the post for you to pick up if you desire to do so.

For those who currently receive the Quarterly Reporter through the mail, the Quarterly Reporters and the Membership Meeting Minutes will be available at The American Legion Post 38 building in Appleton or available on the post web site: www.appletonpost38.org

Regards

Hooah

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