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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

I would like to give a big thank you to all the members that helped with the wristbands, serving food, helping with the Corn at the Post 38 Annual Corn Roast in August. A big thanks to all that volunteered from setting up and take down fencing. The American Legion Post 38 Members, the Auxiliary, the SAL Detachment and The Legion Riders coming together as one as The American Legion Family.

A special thanks to Ed Domek taking over as the Chairman for the Corn Roast and the time involved to get everything set up, from the advertising, donations and the corn picked up and delivered to Cedar Creek so it could be steamed. We had another successful year.

As we move forward this year, the Past Post Commander pictures will be going back up. We have implemented new kitchen hours and a new menu with some new items. Baseball will have a place back in the building. Still could use volunteers on Friday Night Fish Fry. To help bus tables and or help with serving customers.

I see The American Legion Post 38 and American Legion Family moving in the right direction as everyone continues working together as one as The American Legion Family. Will continue working together as a whole to serve the community help other organizations and continue helping other Veterans in need.

“This country has not seen and probably will never know the true level of sacrifice of our veterans”. As a civilian, I owe an unpayable debt to all our military. Going forward let’s not send our servicemen and women off to war or conflict zones unless it is overwhelmingly justifiable and on moral high ground.”- Thomas M Smith

Thank You,
Hooah

Migeal Babino

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 5 “In The Know” in Crivitz
- 5 Craft Fair
- 5 District Fall Conference In Algoma
- 7 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Outagamie County Council Meeting 7PM
- 12 Country Legends
- 12 “In The Know” in Cambria
- 14 House Meeting
- 14 Columbus Day
- 17 Polka
- 21 Unit 38 Auxiliary Meeting at Post . . 7PM
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1- Dec 14 Toys for Tots
- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veteran’s Day - House Committe Mtg.
- 13 Legion County Council Dinner 7PM
- 18 Unit 38 Auxiliary Meeting at Post . . 7PM
- 19 Outagamie County Council Meeting 7PM
- 21 Polka
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 Appleton Christmas Parade
- 28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 2 Post Meeting (Oratorical Contest) . 7PM
- 7 Elvis Event
- 14 Wreaths Across America
- 14 Army/Navy Game 2:00PM
- 16 NO Unit 38 Auxiliary Meeting
- 19 Polka
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 30 Executive Committee Meeting
- 31 New Year’s Eve Celebration

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year 2020!
- 6 Post Meeting 7:00pm

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

As the summer winds down and we head into fall, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers that have given their time and shared their skills. It is because of the many volunteers that we stay afloat. There are still many projects that need to be completed, so if you can lend us a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, a shout out to our hard working staff. Due to being shorthanded, they are working to fill all the gaps. Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication!

Please check out our website for upcoming events. Also, the Sunday Packer potlucks held (if no other events are being held in the hall)...hope to see you there for a fun filled afternoon of comradeship and raffles held during the games.

Stay safe and God Bless,
Christine Harder
Adjutant

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am now collecting for the 2020 Auxiliary membership year of Unit 38, the cost is **only \$30.00 for a Senior and \$6.00 for a Junior**. There was a Department and National increase of dues in 2019. 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 2020 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 149 members for our Unit this year, and with everyone's help we can make this goal. Last year we hit our goal 100%. Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. New this year, a lady Veteran belonging to a Post may sign up her spouse to the Auxiliary.

Once again this year the Auxiliary will offer a first time Lady Veteran members, their 2020 membership year paid for them.

This last quarter we lost 1 member, Lucille "Lucy" Vandertie 7-3-2019. Lucy was a PUFL, 38 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. So far I received several ladies membership for the 2020 year.

We also want to welcome a new member, Stephanie Barker to the Auxiliary. Thank You ladies.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive
Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283.
Next meeting is Monday October 21, 2019.

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

CHAPLAINS REPORT

September, 2019

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

Edgar Bartelt	03.24.19
Edward D. Koleske	06.22.19
Donald J. Massonette	06.22.19
Robert F. Lichtfuss	07.12.19
Wayne O. Nunenkamp	08.05.19
Ronald D. Weber	08.14.19
Robert "Bob" Weyenberg	08.29.19

Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson, Wayne Dorn and Diane Seabrook

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 prefers morning visits
- **Jerry Miller** is at Care Partners Assisted Living & Memory Care 425 Moasis Dr. Little Chute, WI (920) 788-7033
- **Chuck Chariton** is recovering from a brain injury, he currently at Theta Clark Hospital Rm 269, and will later be at home [1230 S. Mason St., Appleton, WI 54914) best way to reach him is through his wife Jane (cell - 1-920-427-3002)

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
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Thank You Veterans!

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT October 2019

We have had several requests come in and we were able to help most of them to get the assistance they needed to help them get back on their feet.

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 known 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



DECEMBER 14
Army/Navy Game
@ 2:00PM

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays will soon be upon us, 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; such as for the Veteran's Day ceremonies and social to follow at the Club, help with Friday Fish, (helping in the kitchen, washing dishes, cashier, hostess, bussing just to name a few) along with visiting members that can't get around to well anymore, or sick.

I want to "Thank" all the Auxiliary Ladies and Legion Family who helped in some shape or form for the Corn Roast held at the Post in August. Your hard work and effort was greatly appreciated. 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 has a new membership goal of 149 for the 2020 year, so please send in your renewals to Marian Brown, Membership Chairman.

This fall the Auxiliary will be attending the "In The Know" workshops throughout the state instead of the Department and District Fall Conferences. We have about 3 ladies planning on attending one of the "In The Know" workshops. This year's focus will be the Legion's 4 pillars, and how each project fits to which pillar, or more than one.

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 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 2020.

Outagamie County Council meetings are held throughout the county. The next County Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 19th at Appleton, ask at the unit meeting for more information. In May 2019 Rose Heinz, from Unit 38, became the Outagamie County President for the term of 2019-2021.

Next Spring the 9th District Spring Conference" will be on Saturday April 25th, 2020 mark your calendars and watch for more details, everyone in District 9 is welcomed to attend. It will be hosted by Brown County and it will be joint again with the Legion of Ninth District.

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

God Bless America,

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

**BECOME A FAN OF
APPLETON AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38**



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SAVE THE DATE

**Fox Valley Technical Center
Veteran Appreciation
Lunch**

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

RSVP BY NOV. 4
TO BILL TROMBLEY
(920) 735-4853

**NOV 1 – DEC 14
TOYS FOR TOTS
DONATIONS
COLLECTED**

**SAVE THE DATE
POLKA DANCE NIGHT
Every 3rd Thursday**

**OCTOBER 17
NOVEMBER 21
DECEMBER 19**

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

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

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



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

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hi Ladies:

As the Auxiliary president for Outagamie County, I am asking for your assistance during the next two years. If you can or cannot attend the Auxiliary meetings could you donate some needed items for the residents of King Veterans Home. The following items are needed: Kleenex (any size); Body Wash (large preferred), deodorant (large size), Large size clothing (2x and larger), sweat pants(all sizes, non-skid slippers, sympathy cards, and regular tubs of coffee. Also Aromatherapy Diffusers, paint by number kits.

If you can help out, just bring the items to the Legion Post and tell them give to Rose Heinz or Marian Brown. Any questions, please call me at 920-734-7570. Thanks for your help.

Rose Heinz
Outagamie County Council President (2019-2021)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The American Legion Riders from the 8th District is again sponsoring “Wreaths Across America” for the 2019 – 2020 year.

Therefore 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 on Saturday, December 14, 2019 with a formal ceremony starting at 11 AM. You can also participate be sure to be there by 9:00 - 9:30 AM.



Funds received after November 14, 2019 will be used to purchase wreaths in 2020. Wreaths are \$15 each, but for every two wreaths purchased, Wreaths Across America will send another one free. To make your donation send to **ALRA Wreaths, 1130 13th South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.**

Thanks for your support as we honor those who have served.
Rose Heinz

POPPY DAY

Dear Post 38 Family:

I know it has been a few months since Poppy Day, but I felt it is important to thank everyone for their donations and time. Your support makes our Poppy Day a success and gives the Auxiliary the ability to help many different veteran organizations.

With great thanks,
Poppy Chairs-Ruth and Jessica



From the American Legion Post 38

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 4, 2019 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.aillifeu.com/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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