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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Again I would like to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped out on this past year with the Brat Fries, with American Legion Auxiliary County Council Dinner, all who help put together the Army - Navy Charity Fundraiser and helped to support "Toys For Tots", and also to those who helped out for the Friday Night Fish Fries. Without you, we are not able to succeed and keep things running within the Post.

Recruitment for new members and transfers are up this year for Post 38 but still need to pursue our current Members. We need to work together and figure out ways to help get our current members to renew their membership and to attend more of our monthly Membership meetings.

As we move forward into 2020, we need to figure out ways to reach out to Families who have loved ones on deployment and let them now that we are there to support them and maybe have a luncheon at the post. We need to continue to take the time to communicate and talk amongst each other to continue the comradeship within our post and need to have opinions from our post members on how 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 our new Menus at Club 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. Continue supporting the troops while serving our nation away from their loved ones.

I joined the National American Legion, to help give back to the other Veterans and fellow Service members that have served for their country and support the ones who are currently serving our nation.

Thank You for Your Service
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Migeal Babino

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 6 Post 38 Membership Meeting and New Membership Initiation . . . 7 PM
- 8 Outagamie County Council Meeting and Oratorical Contest 5:30 PM
- 12 American Legion 9th District Oratorical Contest - Post 11 Green Bay 10 AM
- 13 House Committee and Events Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 Polka Dance 6:30 PM
- 16 19th Mid-Winter Conference Ho-Chunk Casino - Baraboo, WI
- 20 NO Auxiliary Meeting
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting . 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

- 3 Four Chaplain Service and Dept Commander Visit - Potluck Luncheon 6-7 PM
- 10 House Committee and Events Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Auxiliary Executive Meeting . . . 6:30 PM
- 12 Outagamie County Council Meeting. 6:30 PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM
- 20 Polka Dance 6:30 PM
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting . 6:30 PM
- 29 9th District Bowling Event at Rivera Lanes Green Bay - Post 11 Host

MARCH

- 1 9th District Bowling Event at Rivera Lanes Green Bay - Post 11 Host - 2nd weekend
- 2 Post Membership Meeting 7 PM
- 7-8 Alternate weekend 9th District Bowling Event at Rivera Lanes Green Bay - Post 11 Host
- 2 House Committee and Events Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Reporter Articles Due
- 11 Outagamie County Council Meeting. 6:30 PM
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade - New London
- 19 Polka Dance 6:30 PM
- 23 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM
- 30 Executive Committee Meeting . 6:30 PM

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT January 2020

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

52-week Sportsman Raffle benefitting Military Veterans Museum, Inc. Each raffle ticket is \$50 (covers 52 weeks of 2020). Drawings will be held every Thursday night in 2020 at 6:00 PM. All prizes are in the form of a Scheels Gift Certificate. Winners will be announced weekly at www.facebook.com/MVMC. Maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. All prizes will be in the form of a Scheels Gift Certificate.

Camp American Legion: Projects for next summer include porch repairs/painting and enclosing the outdoor water heater. Volunteers with various skills (carpentry, plumbing, electrical) are needed in order to accomplish repairs and updates at minimal costs.

Bill Trombley, Service Officer Post 38

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am 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 member, their 2020 membership year paid for them.

This last quarter we lost 1 member, Karen Kranzusch 9-22-2019. Karen was a 33 year member and a long time Chaplain for Unit 38.

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.

We also want to welcome 2 new members, Wendy Weir and Gretchen Winsor to the Auxiliary.

Thank You ladies.

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

The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JANUARY this year, so please mark your calendars. Next meeting is Monday February 17, 2020.

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

CHAPLAINS REPORT

September, 2019

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:
Harry T. Muench Jr. 09.27.19
Eugene LaPlante 12.04.19

Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson 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)
- **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)
- **Ralph Chamberlain** is now living with his spouse at an apartment in Primrose Assisted Living 5715 N. Meade St. #218, Appleton, WI 54913 (1-920-733-1894) and is excited to have a visit from the Post.
- **William Van Eeckhout** is at home recovering from a broken hip, 1715 Lakeshore Dr. Menasha, WI 54952 (1-920-419-0699) would be happy to hear from other Post members.
- **Norman Bodway** is at home recovering from a broken femur, 160 Royal Oak Ct Menasha, WI 54952 (1-920-729-6447).

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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NEW POST 38 MEMBER BENEFIT

Post 38 family members can save 10% every Friday night in January and February. Bring your family and friend to the Legion's Club 38 Friday night (4pm-8pm) Fish Fry and receive a 10% discount on you total food guest check. Members of the American Legion Post 38 family including the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders are eligible. You must show your current membership card to receive the discount.



SAVE THE DATE

May 4, 2020
 5-7 PM
100 Year
Anniversary
Celebration

**Thank You
 Veterans!**

Remember to support your post
 at the Friday fish fry!



American Legion
Tuesday Night
Specials
Serving 4-8 PM

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Season Greetings fellow Legionnaires. This is the time to reflect on the past and start looking toward the future. Thank you to all the volunteers; we couldn't get what we've gotten accomplished without you. My hope is that each and everyone of you have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. Merry Christmas and Blessings to and your family.

Sincerely,
Christine Harder
 Adjutant Post 38

Come to the
Club for Friday
Fish Fry –
Every Friday
 11am-9pm
 New Menus

POST 38 OFFICER ELECTION NOTICE FOR 2020

Hello fellow Legionnaires, it is that time of year when the Nomination Committee is looking for members to fulfill the positions of Post 38 Officers and other elected positions. If you are interested in running for office, please contact the Nomination Committee.

Please contact the 2020 Nomination Committee Steve Conto as Chairman and members include Wayne Senneke, Don Hawkins, Christine Harder and Bob Johnson.

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 LEGION POST 38**

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 Facebook**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season. I want to thank the Auxiliary ladies who put up the decorations at the Post and decorated the trees. They did a great job and everyone should try to stop out at the Post to check it out. I also want to thank all the Legionnaires who helped serve dinner at the Outagamie County Council Meeting, hosted by Unit 38 on November 19, 2019, your assistance made the evening a success.

Remember there is "NO" Meeting in January. Next meeting will be Monday February 17th at 7pm.

There is an Executive Meeting on Monday February 10th at 6:30 pm at the Post, officers if you are unable to attend you need to contact myself or Rose prior to the meeting.

Auxiliary will be collecting for Department Membership to PPP, any Past Unit Presidents wanting to join, please pay Debra Ragen the \$5.00 by the February 17th meeting, so it may get forwarded to Department.

We are searching for 100% Membership, so please submit your renewals, we have a ways to go yet.

The next Auxiliary Outagamie County Council Meeting will be in Black Creek.

On March 4th we have the Outagamie County Youth Government Day, this is a day the local high school students learn about the County Government, listen to speakers, do mock trials and such. This is sponsored by the County Legion and Auxiliary. They end the day by going to the Post 38 for lunch, some introductions, a speaker or two. If interested in helping or coming and having lunch with our future representatives, contact Ray Gass, the Outagamie County Legion Adjutant.

Remember the Auxiliary meets once a month on the 3rd Monday at 7pm in the hall at the Post. Come see what projects we have going on.

Poppy Day for "2020" will be on Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th, so please mark your calendars. These funds are to 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. Please try to help on Poppy Day.

Make your New Years Resolution, "Support our Veterans, Community and those in need in your daily living."

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. May God Bless you with love, joy and peace.

God Bless America,

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

What Does Christmas Bring to Mind?

*Brightly wrapped packages.
Throwing snowballs and sledding.
Caroling. Icicles and snowflakes.
Shoveling snow and scattering of
salt. Slipping and sliding while
trying not to fall. Reading a book
or playing a board game in front
of the fireplace. Sharing a cup of
cheer. Bright lights twinkling. A
Coco and marshmallows. Mittens
and warm sweaters. A time to set
aside to reflect on Luke 2:1-20.*

May the peace of God be with you.

*Submitted by Lori J. Bishop
Auxiliary Chaplain Unit 38*

*Feel free to contact me
with prayer requests.*

SAVE THE DATE
POLKA DANCE NIGHT
Every 3rd Thursday

JANUARY 16

FEBRUARY 20

MARCH 19

6:30-9:00PM

**WITH FOOD SERVED
UNTIL 8:00PM**

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