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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

30 years ago, my father was installed as Commander of Post 38. If he were with us today, he would tell me to just do the best job as Commander as I can. But I can't do it alone. To do a good job requires the support of the entire Legion Family. With the current challenges we face as a country right now I don't know if we will ever get back to a "normal" way of life. All we can do is be prepared for a "new" normal. And to do that we will need the support and understanding from our Family. We can get through this together.

We are hoping to get back to having in house Post meetings soon, depending on the states stay-at-home orders, and getting the club back to normal working hours. We will keep you posted as best we can. We are still trying to see what events that have been cancelled or postponed can be re-scheduled.

Please consider getting more involved in the Post, attend post meetings and functions, renew early, and if you have any questions feel free to call someone on the Executive Committee. We are always here to help.

My hope is that in the next 2 years I can say that I was half the Commander that my Dad was.

Thank You

*Dave Baumann*

*Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JULY

- 6 Post 38 Membership Meeting . . . . 7PM  
Attentively at Post - Call ahead or will  
be held on Zoom
- 13 House & Events Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 13 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting . . 6:30PM

### AUGUST

- 3 Post 38 Membership Meeting . . . . 7PM  
Attentively at Post - Call ahead or will  
be held on Zoom
- 10 House & Events Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 12 Outagamie Cnty Council Meeting . . . . .  
Location TBD . . . . . 6:30PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 19 ANNUAL CORN ROAST  
(Tentatively Set) . . . . . 4-9:00PM
- 31 Executive Committee Meeting . . 6:30PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 Post Membership Meeting . . . . 7:00PM
- 9 Outagamie Cnty Council Meeting . . . . .  
Location TBD . . . . . 6:30PM
- 10 Reporter Articles Due
- 14 House & Events Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 15 Polka Dance . . . . . 6:30PM
- 19 Essentially Elvis - Dinner and Show  
Reservations only call 920-268-8005
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting . . 6:30PM

## OUTAGAMIE COUNTY AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Great news for Outagamie County. Congratulations goes to our own Marian Brown. She was elected to the position of 9th District President for the Department of Wisconsin. She will be overseeing all the Units in the following counties: Brown, Door-Kewaunee, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Outagamie-with a total of 41 Units. Also congratulations to Bonnie Blink from Hortonville, she was elected to the position of 1st Vice President of the 9th District and her responsibilities are Auxiliary membership. Sue Keyzers of Seymour Unit has also been elected to the position of 2nd Vice President of the Noble 9th District.

Linda Coppock from the Shiocton Unit will continue her position as 1st Vice President for the Department of Wisconsin. Becky Mueller from the Seymour Unit will also maintain her position for the Department as Chaplain for another year. Congratulations to all and please pray for their health and give them all our support.

*Rose Heinz*

*Outagamie County President*



## APPLETON LEGION BASEBALL

As you may have noticed when visiting the Post, the baseball field and grounds look great and lots of maintenance and improvement work is getting accomplished. We got new blue uniform pants, ordered baseballs, and had major work done to our outfield mower and infield groomer. We recently provided a secured fenced in storage area under the bleachers for the Wednesday Brat Fry crew. Looking good!

But no baseball...

Due to the concerns of Covid-19, organized National Legion Baseball was canceled for 2020. Following the lead of National and State, and in the interest of protecting our players, their families and our program, we decided that Appleton Legion Baseball and Don Hawkins Field would not be supporting a baseball program in 2020.

We did not send out the annual April fundraising letter to our Post 38 family. You didn't lose or forget it! We'll be looking for your support in 2021.

Make sure you check out our website at [www.appletonlegionbaseball.org](http://www.appletonlegionbaseball.org), where you'll find recently posted team photos, rosters and more, and like us on Facebook at Appleton Legion Baseball.

We hope to see you at the Ballpark in 2021!

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is almost half over and we find ourselves making different kind of plans than other summers. With the pandemic going on, the last few months have had daily changes for us individually, our family and social gatherings, our work, our health and well being along with many unseen changes. We ask you do what is right for you to stay safe and healthy during this time. If there is something we may help with please contact us.

During this time we have had to alter our practices and was unable to distribute poppies, participate in Memorial Day and Flag Day activities, cancel conventions, with many other events planned. As we move forward please remember that many rely on these events to help fund other Legion Family projects. If you find yourself with a little extra change, please donate to our organizations, so they have the resources to keep helping others.

We did have the Americanism Essay Contest so many thanks to Jennifer Klemp for taking care of that for us. The winners are:

Class III (7th-8th grade)

1st place: Jack Breiland; St. Peter Lutheran,

2nd place: Emma Cowles; Wilson Middle School,

3rd place: Cal Hayes; St. Peter Lutheran

Class VI (Students with Special Needs)

1st place: Cameron McCool; Wilson Middle School,

2nd place: Alex Xiong; Wilson Middle School,

3rd place: Liam Ryan; Wilson Middle School

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.

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## CHAPLAINS REPORT

June, 2020

### DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

Richard J. Kohl	05.05.20
Kenneth G. Felton	05.13.20
Norman R. Bodway	05.18.20
Walter C. Braun	05.30.20

### Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson, Diane Seabrook

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

- **William Van Eeckhout** is at home with stage 4 cancer, his broken hip is about 90% healed. 1715 Lakeshore Dr. Menasha, WI 54952 (1-920-419-0699) would be happy to hear from other Post members.
- **Michael Everson** is recovering from a stroke; is home, 1441 Kenwood Dr. Apt 4, Menasha, WI 54952 1-920-944-4596.

### Parting thoughts:

My term as Post Chaplain has come to an end, I will be working in a reduced capacity until another fills the void. Looking back over the past two years I would humbly say that the driving force of my job could be summed up in **Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."**

And so, I leave you with the additional words of the late Maya Angelou:

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

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!



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

**Next meeting is Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:30pm.**

**NOTE: Meeting time and date is changed due to a Department scheduled DEC meeting via phone on July 20, 2020.**

August meeting will be back to regular night and time. Monday August 17, 2020.

Stay Safe,

God Bless each of you and your families

God Bless America

**Marian Brown**  
President, Unit 38

### UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38, we have several members that have not renewed yet. The 2020 year goal set by National is 149 members and we have a ways to go. Currently we are only at 77%, so we need everyone's help to get to our goal. We collect 2020 dues until December 31, 2020.

Also, in mid July I will get the 2021 membership information from Department and we will start collecting 2021 dues. Remember that you must pay your 2020 dues prior to paying the 2021 dues. Questions can be addressed to me, just contact me at the information below.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. If you have not paid your 2020 dues please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283. Or you can pay directly to Dept.

Thank You to the ladies that have already paid.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday evening of every month at 7:00 P.M at the Post. Please join us for the meeting and social following. Guests are welcomed.

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Since March we have lost 3 members; April 8, 2020 Irmgard Deffert, a 53 year member. May 23, 2020 Grace Burmeister-Frei, also a 53 year member. On May 27, 2020 Betty Puffer a PUFL, 42 year member, Past Outagamie County President and Past Unit President.

On a brighter note our newest member is Clara Elizabeth Timm, who was born on May 8, 2020. Welcome Clara to our Legion Family.

**Marian Brown**  
Membership Chairman

**A Bible Quiz to Inspire**  
**Chaplin's Corner**  
**June 2020**  
**Unit 38 Chaplin**  
**Lori J. Bishop**

1. \_\_ What is the date of the official signing of the Declarations of Independence?
2. \_\_ What is your great heritage?
3. \_\_ July 2, 1776 is when Congress officially declared?
4. The flag of the United States of America has three colors:
  - a. Red represents \_\_\_\_
  - b. Blue represents \_\_\_\_
  - c. White represents \_\_\_\_
5. \_\_ Be still and know?
6. \_\_ What happened on July 4th, 1776
7. \_\_ Through it all, whom is with you?
  - A. Freedom from Great Britain
  - B. Valor and Hardiness
  - C. Vigilance, Perseverance, and Justice
  - D. God's Word
  - E. Purity and Innocence
  - F. Ps. 46:10
  - G. Continental Congress Formally Adopted the Declaration of Independence.
  - H. Deuteronomy 31:8
  - I. August 2, 1776

***God is in control. You are not alone. You and God create a majority. Who has more power, compassion, understanding that He is at your side at all times?***

Answers: 1.I 2.D 3.A 4a,b 4b,c 4c.E 5.F 6.G 7.H

**ESSENTIALLY ELVIS**

Featuring Three Elvis Artist

Dan Sanchez, Ron Van Den Busch, and Elvis John Backed by the "Silhouettes"

September 19, 2020

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 30, 2020 War of The Worlds**

*More info at Club38Stage.org*

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 38  
ANNUAL CORN ROAST**

**Tentatively on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 4pm - ?**

American Legion Post 38

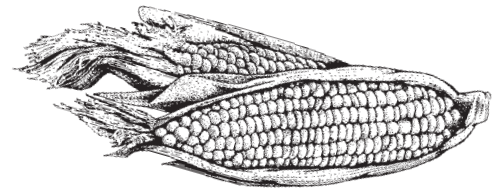
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Suggested Donation: Adults: \$10.00 – Kids 5 -12 Years: \$5.00 and  
Kids 3 & Under Free

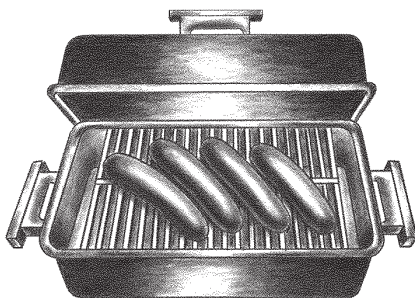
Includes All-You-Can-Eat Corn on the cob, Beer and soda

Many Valuable Raffle Prizes                      Other food & Refreshments  
Available for sale

Live Music Graciously Donated by  
**The FBI and The Untouchable Horns**



**THE WEDNESDAY BRAT FRY 11AM - 2PM IS UNDERWAY!**



Great turnouts! Great sales! So we need your help!

The layout and protection is in place to include safe distancing.  
Want to get out of the house? Many opportunities! - short or full -  
Come for the day or a few hours... Wednesday we start at 8:30, finish 3 ish

Prepack condiments: Could be Wednesday morning or Tuesday

About 1-2 hour. Pickles, Onion and Sauerkraut into 1oz cups

Set up: Wednesday morning 8:30. Done before 11am

Grilling:: 8:30 Back-up / Break

Brat Fry staff: 11am - 2pm

Wrapping food, Taking orders, Bagging orders, Restocking / Runner, All around relief/break

reakdown and cleanup: Inside or outside, grills, kitchen 1:30 pm, done by 3:00

Prebuy/shop: Wade would be happy to have someone who can lift lbs. go with him to shop for the soda and food.

Excellent start... excellent volunteers...Thank you all so much! P.S. We do have fun!

Contact Ed 920-707-3286 or Wade 920-540-0924

### POPPY MESSAGE

Fellow Legal Family,

Due to the COVID Pandemic, the Unit was unable to distribute poppies this year. We are asking you to consider making a donation to The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38, Appleton Poppy Fund. This fund helps the Unit to support the Active Military, Veterans and their families. These funds help us donate to the Veteran Homes, Veterans in need, a Fox Valley Technical College Scholarship for a Veteran, and much more.

Please consider a donation, use the coupon above to do so.

Thank You to all the members that have already made a donation to the Poppy Fund.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Veteran's that are helped "Thank You".

*Jessica Garza and Ruth Eiden*  
*Poppy Chairmans*



If you want to contribute to the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Fund, you can fill out the coupon and return it to The Auxiliary by mail or in person:

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.

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

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

 Find us on  
**Facebook**

*America Legion Brat Fry!*  
*Every Weds.*  
*11am - 2pm*

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

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



**POST LEADERSHIP**  
**Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38**

<b>Commander</b> Dave Baumann (920) 809-8126	<b>Finance Officer</b> Wade Van Ryzin (920) 734-9638
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14 June 2020

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 2020 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](mailto:commander@appleton.org) or Dave Baumann at [davconbaum@new.rr.com](mailto: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](http://www.appletonpost38.org)

Regards

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