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FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Legionnaires,

Hope everyone is staying warm in our cold Wisconsin winter.

There are so many things I could say about why I think membership is important, but more times than not, it is better to show you. Below are just a few of the items representatives and members of the American Legion brought before our new Presidential Transition Team.

- The delivery of high quality, accessible, comprehensive and veteran-centric health care
- A properly funded 21st century Department of Veterans Affairs
- Sustainment and strengthening of specialized and integrative services for veterans seeking spinal cord injury/disease care, treatment for blindness and poly-trauma care
- Timely and accurate delivery of all earned benefits to veterans and their eligible dependents and survivors, including disability compensation, pensions, education, housing assistance and other necessary support.

Although the 114th Congress focused a great deal of attention on reforming key elements of the delivery of veterans health care and benefits, VSOs urged the Trump administration and the 115th Congress to consider recommendations outlined in their three-point letter to:

- Take the necessary steps to end sequestration;
- Sufficiently appropriate funds to increase physician and nurse staffing within the VA, especially for amputee care, mental health care and other specialized services; and
- Provide adequate resources to adequately expand VA infrastructure.

Our numbers are so vitally important in fighting for the rights of ME, YOU, your fellow veterans to your left and right, our current Service Members in all branches today, tomorrow and for years to come. The importance of keeping the Legacy alive has a domino effect like no other Veterans Service Organization in the world, that effects everything from your short and long term health care, to education, benefits, helping families of those deployed, combating PTSD and so much more. So please, renew your membership today, invite others to join us and be informed enough or carry the right tools to let others know about the impact each of us can make.

Thank you all for your service, membership and dedication,

Renee Kasuboski
1st Vice Commander

DONOR APPRECIATION DAY
FEBRUARY 11
3:00PM - 6:00PM

with JENIR-ATORS band playing 6:00PM - 9:00PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC

- 22 Bingo 7:00PM
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 28 Executive Meeting 7:00PM
- 31 New Year's Eve Party - Brink Band 9:00PM-1:00AM

JAN

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Oratorical Concert 6:00PM
- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Convention Committee Meeting 6:00PM
- 12 Bingo 7:00PM
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting 7:00PM
- 20-22 Midwinter at HoChunk
- 23 House Committee Meeting 6:00PM
- 26 Bingo 7:00PM
- 29 Legion Luau
- 30 Executive Meeting 7:00PM

FEB

- 6 Post Meeting with State Commander 7:00PM and potluck to follow 7:00PM
- 9 Bingo 7:00PM
- 11 Donor Appreciation Day with music by Jenir-ators 3:00PM-9:00PM
- 13 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7:00PM
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 House Committee Meeting 6:00PM
- 23 Bingo 7:00PM
- 29 Executive Meeting 7:00PM

MAR

- 6 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Bingo 7:00PM
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 House Committee Meeting 6:00PM
- 21 ALA County Council in Little Chute
- 23 Bingo 7:00PM
- 27 Executive Meeting 7:00PM

Poppy Day is set for May 19, 2017

Department Convention in
Appleton - July 13-16

JANUARY 29 - LEGION LUAU
Everyone is Invited - Drink Specials
Contests - Music - no admission charge

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and May God Bless You in 2017. Please remember to renew for 2017 if you have not already.

Post 38 has had a very eventful year with some hurdles but we are overcoming the tough ones and the community has been so generous. The road fund is close to \$110,000.00 which is so amazing. Thank you to everyone that helped us with this goal to save the Legion. We will be having an Appreciation Day on February 11 from 3pm -? So please join us.

I want to remind all legionnaires that you have a free accidental life insurance (up to \$5,000) with your paid membership - membership for the next year needs to be paid by December 31st of the prior year to be current. Activate at www.theLIT.com/ Legion Care or call at 1-800-235-6943.

God Bless All of You and Post 38 in 2017

Laurel Clewell
Your Adjutant

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.

The November \$5 attendance winners were: Jennifer Klemp, Debra Ragen, and Cindy Kuba. Congratulations.

The Fox Valley Technical College scholarship winner in December was Tanner Byholm, who is pursuing an Associate Degree-Aeronautics-Pilot Training. Tanner is a reservist in the United State Marine Corps.

We are searching for 100%, so please submit your renewals. 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.

Darlene Giles will be collecting school supplies until after the January meeting. Then in February she will distribute the supplies to local schools. Thanks to all who contributed and start collecting for next year! Any questions contact Darlene Gile or myself.

We have lost an Auxiliary member, Claire Marx on October 28, 2016. Claire was a 30 year Auxiliary member. I ask that we remember her and her family as the holidays end and the new year begins.

As you plan your summer, please remember that the Wisconsin Department Convention will be held in Appleton July 12-16th, we will be looking for volunteers to help. Watch for more information or contact us, there are items we have started already. Next Convention meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10th at 6pm.

Make your New Years Resolution, "Helping our Veterans and Community a priority in your daily living" for 2017.

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

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

B I N G O

Bingo Future Dates

October 13th and 27th

November 10th

December 8th and 22nd

Bingo at Post-open to the public 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursday starts at 7pm

BINGO AT POST 38:

Bingo is going strong at the Post. As always we are looking for some more volunteers to help out.

Some of the things the Bingo funds are helping with are some unexpected bills at the Club for stove/oven heating units, and refrigeration repairs, some gift cards for the Casino night, to mention a few.

Stop by on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and check it out, the Jackpot is over \$2700!!!

Come to the Club for Friday Fish Fry – Every Friday

Every Tuesday check out the specials at the Club

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Ladies,

We are searching for 100%! So please send in your renewals and Legionnaires sign up your wife, daughters, or granddaughters. You may leave them at the Post, mail them to me, or make other arrangements.

Remember that the dues are still just \$25 for the year. We are about half way only with our renewals, so please help us get to our goal of 214 members.

“Thanks” to you ladies that have already paid.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

*Marian Brown
Membership Chairman
Unit 38 Appleton
739-4283*

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

The 9th District President Becky Mueller’s special project for the term of 2016-2018 is the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. This is a special program that assists Auxiliary women who have exhausted all possible avenue of financial assistance and who may have lost everything.

Such examples are our sisters of the Auxiliary in Louisiana who have experienced the ravages of the hurricane Hermine.

Your donation will make an enormous impact in more ways than one. If you want to help, just send your donation to ALA-Unit 38-Appleton, 3220 W. College Avenue, Appleton WI 54914.

Of if you find yourself in this type of situation, please visit the website: www.ALAforveterans.org

Thanks so much!

Rose Heinz, ALA-Unit 38 Secretary

BADGER BOYS STATE:

All the paper work has been sent to the sponsors for the 2017 Badger Boys. Now it is up to the schools to submit the boys names, 2 primary and 2 alternate boys and I need to get the checks to me by

January 25th so I can get them to Portage by the 31st to lock in our students . If anyone has not received a letter from me please e-mail or call me at djeiden@new.rr.com or 920-733-2957. Price is still \$250.00 per boy.

*Don J Eiden BBS Chairman
Fox Valley Schools*

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

December 15, 2016

LOST MEMBERS:

Russell Luckow 10.15.16
Robert E. Altizer 11.12.16
Horold H. Bauss 11.27.16
Joseph Griesbach 11.27.16

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

- Eugene LaPlante: Recovering at home
- Jerry Miller is at home recuperating
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility, Address is 850 W Elsner Rd. Appleton WI.
- Earl Breitenfelt is at Rennes, 325 East Florida, Appleton, WI. Doing okay.
- Archie Mauk is at Willow Lane rehab center on Elsner Rd, Appleton
- Bob Lichfuss is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home.
- Mylan Sinclair is at Herritage.
- John Derks is in Outagamie nursing home in Brewster Village, Rosewood Room #3, 3300 W. Brewster St., Appleton, WI
- Ken Berner has stage 4 lung cancer. 1100 E. Northwood Drive. 920-419-3568
- Arnie Van Handle is at Brewster Village after a stroke. Arnie was at the club last Fri. for fish. His son was helping him around.
- 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 ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.

Don J Eiden Service Officer Post 38

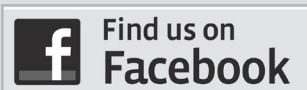
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Remember to support your post at the Friday fish fry!



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