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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

Fall is here already. We have much to look forward to. Post 38 has had an eventful summer...

In July, we hosted the State Convention at the Radisson and Post 38. We had a great turn-out at numerous events. Post 38 enjoyed meeting legion representatives from all across the state, and serving great meals throughout the convention. Rhino's Run was a great success, concluding at Post 38. We had fantastic participation of friends and family of Post members, as well as the National Commander, Dan Dellinger. What an honor to have our National Commander present several times during the convention!

In August, we hosted another successful Corn Roast. Attendees enjoyed great corn, burgers, brats and beverages, superb entertainment, and of course, great conversation with friends, old and new. A special thank-you goes out to our new 3rd Vice Commander, John Breitzman, for planning and coordinating this event, and to many others who went above and beyond to volunteer their time and talents. Thanks also to the Scarlet Guard for handling the concessions.

Legion baseball concluded another successful year. Post 38 fielded 3 teams. I hope you were able to come out to enjoy some great entertainment from our young athletes.

Membership will be our main focus for this year. With your help, I know we can reach 100%. The Department Commander has issued a challenge

to all members, similar to that of last year, with a drawing of \$1000 at the Mid-Winter Conference for those who sign up new members. In conjunction with Department, your commanders challenge you with the same task. For every new member you sign up, your name will be placed in a drawing for two \$50 gift cards, one to be drawn at our January membership meeting, and one in June.

Starting with our January Reporter, we will be adding advertising space for local businesses. If you are interested, this is a one year commitment. Please contact Vice-Commander Bill Falck for more information. What a great way to show off your business. This publication reaches over 1,100 legion family members!

A few fun things to note... Please join us for our first Chili Cook Off on October 11th! A few of your officers will be the contenders of this delectable contest! We hope you all participate to see which one of your fearless leaders can actually cook up a batch of truly edible chili.

Again, Veteran's Day will be held on November 11th at the Outagamie County Courthouse. Please come and participate. All are welcome. If interested, contact one of your commanders.

This year, the Veteran's Day dinner and dance will be held at the VFW in Appleton. Please support them as they support us. Watch for upcoming details.

Please take note of the "Dates to Remember". Mark these events on your

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 6 Post Meeting. 7:00PM
- 14 House Committee Meeting .6:00PM
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting6:30PM
- 20 Auxiliary Potluck. 6:00PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 27 Executive Meeting. 6:30PM

NOVEMBER

- 3 Post Meeting. 7:00PM
- 11 House Committee Meeting .6:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard Meeting6:30PM
- 24 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

DECEMBER

- 1 Post Meeting. 7:00PM
- 19 House Committee Meeting .7:00PM
- 13 Army-Navy Game 11:00PM
- 17 Scarlet Guard Meeting6:30PM
- 20 Children's Christmas Party 1:00-3:00PM
- 29 Executive Meeting. 6:30PM

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calendar. We thrive on seeing old and new faces at our meetings and other events.

Advice from my Mom... Always treat others as you would want to be treated. And... If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

Jeff Zwiers

Post 38 Commander

THE SCARLET GUARD

The Scarlet Guard is the Color Guard for the Post, we are always looking for new members. If you were in a Color Guard or Honor Guard or wanted to be; we are the organization for you. If you are able to make a commitment and keep that commitment; we are the organization for you. If you are able to complete the Annual Memorial Day and Flag Day Parade; we are the organization for you. If you are looking for camaraderie and fellowship with a group of like-minded Legion Family members; we are the organization for you. Basic eligibility requirements are to be a member in good standing of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion.

We meet at 6:30 PM at the post on every third Wednesday of the month, except for December. If you have any questions please attend one of our meetings or e-mail or phone me.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bill Burton

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FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Membership is coming slower than molasses in winter time. Dues is due your lack of support to your post takes away from our agenda to help those vets that are worse off than we are. Some day you may need the help. It may just suck when the individual you seek help from tells you we are sorry, we cannot assist you at this time.

We are sitting currently at 484 paid members out of 699 leaving us at 69.24%.

The TV raffle was a success. The club manager sold the winning ticket to Tom Keon. We made approx. \$535. The executive committee had agreed to do a second TV utilizing the old tickets. We have started in the profit zone and the new TV has been purchased. The container is on display at the post. The TV will be given away at half time December 13, 2014 of the Army

Navy Game. Go Air Force. After the purchase of the new TV we are still in the profit zone. So let's raise some money for the cause. \$100. Has been slated for the winning bartender who sells the most tickets.

The corn roast was a success, kudos to our 3rd Vice Commander, and the Scarlet Guard for another profitable adventure.

We are still seeking adventurous persons to sell advertising spots for our placemats. Anyone interested please contact me.

Thanks,

Bill Falck

1st Vice Commander, Post 38

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP: MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

New members: Welcome to our new members Leigh Splitt, Murphy Kranski and Tammy Kerry. Join us as we induct new members at the October 20th meeting. We will have a potluck dinner at 6:00 followed by the meeting at 7:00.

Deceased Members:
Audrey Schulz 6/22/14
Agatha Davis 7/04/14
Florence Brinkman 9/17/14

Members Recognition:
Congratulation to our continuous members for their years of membership & support:
65 years : Christy Amour, Mary Hamlin
60 years: Betty Burhans
55 years: Mary Kay Krause, Virginia Shimek,
50 years: Julie Hass, Pearl Hetherington
45 years: Gwen Schwandt , Gladys Prael
35 years: Linda Breitzman, Grace Gebhart, Margery Holmes, Mabel Olson, Mary Weyenberg
30 years: Virginia Pozolinski
25 years: June Endres, Janice Larson,

Robyn Ragen

You should have received your notice from National. Please pay your dues or contact me if any questions at 731-3707. Thank you for your support,

Linda Breitzman

Membership Chair

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

We will be presenting membership stars for 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of membership in the American Legion at the November meeting.

Karl Heinz

Adjutant - Post 38

2ND VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is coming to a close and so is the brat fry. Ray will keep it going until the weather dictates otherwise. So far, we have sold over 1600 sandwiches over the summer. A lot of thanks to Ray Gass, Bill Burton, Donny Eiden, and Paul Heit for all their help.

Don't forget to come to the Legion Club on Saturday, October 11 from noon to 3 to vote for your favorite chili. Contestants are Commander Jeff Zwiers, 1st Vice Commander Bill Falck, Finance Officer Steve Greeley, and myself. \$5.00 all-you-can-eat! There will also be a bake sale and raffle prizes. I have a few raffle prizes but am in need of more so any and all help would be appreciated. More bakers would be great, too!

Many of you asked for my German

Potato Salad recipe so here it is:

- Boil 3 pounds of little red potatoes. Meanwhile, fry 1 pound of cut-up bacon with 1 large diced onion. Drain most, but not all, of the bacon grease. In small bowl, combine ½ cup sugar and 2 tablespoons flour. Add to bacon and onion. Add ½ cup vinegar, 1-1/2 cups water, and 1 small jar of pimento and warm up over medium heat. Layer sliced potatoes and "goop" into a large dish. Serve warm.

*Michele A. Preston, US Army, Retired
2nd Vice Commander, Post 38*

3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

August 20th we held the Annual Corn Roast. The weather was wonderful and attendance was great. There were 382 people (adults) who paid their admission at the gate. Now for the hard part, I need to thank a lot of people for their assistance in every facet of the event. I do not want to miss anybody so I'm not going to name any individuals in the fear of missing someone. The Scarlet Guard handled the concessions, Michele Preston headed up the raffle and Sherriff Brad Gehring purchased the corn. There were so many people that helped by: handing out the corn, setting up in the early afternoon, cleaning up at the end of the evening, keeping the butter cans

full, handing out beer and soda, taking admission at the gate, doing the 50/50 raffle, our club manager, Greg and to all of the people who attended. We raised about \$ 1500.00.

The next function that is coming up is the Children's Christmas Party. We will be holding this gala event on December 20, 2014, at the American Legion Clubhouse. The party will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

*John Breitzman
Third Vice Commander*

FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES:

Summer is leaving us and fall is around the corner. It's time to start serving some comfort food and soups for the colder months ahead. The Friday Chicken and Seafood Buffet is going strong and the Sunday Family-Style Chicken is still growing. What a way to feed your family on Sundays when no one wants to cook! CHECK US OUT!!! We start serving at 4:00.

Friday and Saturday karaoke is very

popular and seems to keep customers coming back.

Tuesday specials are getting busier every week, along with our \$1.50 burgers every Monday starting at 4:00.

Remember us for weddings, parties, funerals and special events.

Thanks,

Gregg Cornell

Manager

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

September 15, 2014

LOST MEMBERS:

Richard Faltynski 08.09.14
William Brinkman 08.14.14
Joseph Spitz 08.15.14
William Nack 08.25.14
Thomas Schmidt 09.09.14

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

- Eugene LaPlante: Recovering at home
- Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating
- Don Huth is at Brewster Village recuperating
- John Erdmann is at Appleton Health Care on Meade St. It is the old Franciscan Care facility north of OO.
- William Hoffman who is at Brewster Village.
- Don Harris is recuperating at home also.
- Earl Grelson is back at Carolina Manor
- Jerry Miller is at Manor Care.
- Joe Murray is back home recuperateing.
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility and he has Dementia. Address is 850 W Elsner Rd. Appleton Wi.

PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Fall is quickly approaching us and soon the holidays will be here.

We had a busy last couple of months with the State Convention in town. It was a big success and I can't thank everyone for helping out.

Ladies it's time to renew, rejoin or sign up to join so please get your membership in. The 2015 goal from Department for our Unit 38 is 170. Let's get to 100% by January! We can do it if we work together. Send your renewals to Linda Breitzman. Any questions call Linda at 731-3703.

We still will be taking school supplies until the January meeting. (Please no pens.) These items get distributed to several local schools

at the end of January. By this time the supplies from the beginning of school have been used so this helps the students to have needed supplies to get to the end of the school year. If you have supplies to donate or need more information on this please bring them to the Unit's monthly meetings or contact Darlene Giles or myself.

At our October meeting we will initiate our new members, and have a pot luck supper to be served at 6pm with the meeting to follow at 7 pm.

In 2015, (April 11-12 and April 18-19) the Auxiliary, Unit 38 will be hosting the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling at Sabre Lanes in Menasha.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event, as well as participate there will be more information coming.

Ladies remember the Auxiliary holds their meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm, with the exception of December there is no meeting held. Please try to come to a meeting to check us out, or if you haven't been for awhile to revisit. We'd like to meet and see you.

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

God Bless America

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

I have been working hard to get a handle on all of the responsibilities associated with being your Finance Officer for the Post. It is certainly a huge undertaking but with the great cooperation from everyone when it comes to recording financial activity, it has made my job much easier.

Our funds are low so I am asking all our Legion Family for your help organizing and/or participating in fundraisers for the Post. If you would like to get involved please contact your 1st or 2nd Vice Commander. If you have not renewed your membership please do that as soon as you can. The American Legion Department of Wisconsin has some good incentive programs for recruiting new members. Go to www.wilegion.org and go on a

recruiting mission. There are many veteran programs that need our support and in order to reach out to them we need to be more financially stable.

Again, thank you for your trust in me to be the caretaker of the finances of the Post. I will do my very best to exceed your expectations!

Steve Greely

Post 38 Finance Officer

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9

The Riders of District 9 had a busy summer.

Over the 4th of July we had 3 parades and a brat fry in just a couple of days.

During the summer we participated in over 16 events and over 21 parades, promoting the American Legion and patriotism.

We enjoyed Rhino's Run and the pig

roast at Post 38 in conjunction with the State Convention in July.

The Riders were a big part of the WI \$70,000 donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, which raised over \$1 million for the first time.

We are looking forward to our 3rd Annual Ride for the Veterans at King to be held September 20th in concert with POW / MIA Remembrance Day. Check it out at www.alrawis.org/ridetoking

We are supporting the Joan Jett concert in Green Bay, securing a donation to Camp American Legion.

We've donated \$1200 to Camp American Legion, \$500 to Rhino's Run and hope to exceed \$3000 for the Veterans Home at King from the proceeds of the ride.

There are two parades to go yet - Peshtigo Historical Day and the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade.

Veterans Day could be a cold one this year!

Membership in the American Legion Riders is open to anyone in the Legion

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Family with a motorcycle of 500cc and larger.

Check us out at www.alawis.org and on Facebook. Come and join us!

Paul Heit

American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 9 President

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ATTENTION PAST PRESIDENTS OF UNIT 38 APPLETON

At the last meeting held in May 2014 the members decided to discontinue the Past Presidents Parley of Appleton. The main reason was the cost and also the fact that it was harder to arrange a time that all the presidents could get together for a social function. If you would like to still pay your \$5 a year dues to the Department of Wisconsin Past Presidents Parley you would be assuring that your funds will be able to award three scholarships to veterans' daughters, sons or members who are in need of assistance in complete their education in the nursing or healthcare field.

Please consider sending your \$5 (check payable to ALA-Unit 38) to Debra Ragen, 1324 W. Spring St., Appleton WI 54911, If you have any questions, please give Marian Brown or Rose Heinz a call.

*Marian Brown and Rose Heinz
Past Presidents of Unit 38*

POST 38 HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our loyal and faithful staff led by our Manager Greg prepares and serves great food here at our Club, from our Monday hamburgers and Friday fish fry to our Sunday chicken and every day in between those. Come out and join us for a few drinks a great meal and some good camaraderie. We are now open at 11:00 am on Saturday so we can enjoy the Badger football game and Sunday so we can root for our Packers.

We are serving free wings and nachos on Sundays. Remember us for your special occasions, we will do our best to accommodate your event. Thank you my fellow Veterans for your service and the Legion family for your support.

House Committee Chairman

Ray Gass

POST 38 8TH ANNUAL: CASH RAFFLE

We are again holding our cash raffle, tickets are \$20.00 a piece and the drawing will be held on Dec. 14, 2014 at 3:30 pm at Post 38. The prizes are, Grand Prize \$5,000, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd and 4th Prizes \$500, 5th thru 9th Prizes \$200 and 10th thru 24th Prizes \$100, need not be present to win. To purchase tickets contact Ray Gass at 920-687-6152 Or e-mail at tarheel485@aol.com. Your support of this program will be greatly appreciated.

*Raffle Chairman
Ray Gass*

UNIT 38 CHALLENGE 2014-2015

Our Appleton Unit 38 is once again involved in a challenge to count things we do for our Children and Youth in our communities. So now until March 2015 we are counting our Box Tops, Labels for Education, Moo Caps and ink cartridges that need to be recycled. We also count the number of Shurfine/Shurfresh UPC's. Why not purchase Kohl's Cares or JC Penney items and include them in your report for a cost of \$5 each.

If you could report these items for Unit 38, give me a call and I can get mail the form to you for you to keep track of your progress. If you just usually throw away your Box tops, Labels for Education why not mail your items to me at 333 Parkview Ln, Kimberly, WI 54136 and I will distribute to one of the area schools. If you discard your ink cartridges or moo caps, when not drop them off at the Legion Post and I will pick them up. Or if you donate them to a particular school, all you have to do is to report the number of items to me.

If you have any questions about the Challenge and how you might be able to help, just give me a call. We really would appreciate your participation. We also are collecting pop tabs from soda, beer, and other cans.

Rose Heinz

*Unit 38 Community Service
Chairman & Secretary*

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