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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

Happy 2015! I hope you have survived the hectic holidays, and have a positive outlook for a healthy and prosperous year. Here are some of the highlights...

Our raffle was a success again this year. Thanks to the hard work of Ray Gass and all who sold or bought tickets, we made a profit of approximately \$1000. Thanks a million Ray! Please help us build on this for next year.

The Department Commander will be attending our February 2nd general membership meeting at 7:00pm. Our meeting will include the four chaplains' service and new member initiation. If you are on the list that follows this message, or are a new member but do not see your name on the list, please plan to attend. It is a great honor to be sworn in as a new member of the American Legion and receive your Legion pin from the Department Commander. A light lunch will follow. If you are willing to donate something for the luncheon, please contact 2nd Vice Commander, Michele Preston.

In February and March, the Nomination Committee will be recruiting members to fill positions in our organization. Please consider serving your Legion in these positions.

The Past Commander's Dinner will be held March 18th. This is open to all legion members and their spouses/significant others. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with many people who have helped to grow and build your legion over the years.

In January, we will hold a drawing for any member who has signed up a new legion member in this membership year. For each new member, your name will be entered into the drawing for a \$50 gift card. As of this writing, we are at 82.6%. We need 125 members to reach 100%. We can do this!

The American Legion Oratorical Contest will be held at Post level on January 5th at 6:30. Please attend to hear our youth speak. They will make you proud.

Promote your Post! Show enthusiasm with a smile and a welcome...

Daniel Schafer, Jeremy Miller, Stanley Chandler, Michael Dercks, Jeffrey Murphy, Gary Kieper, Harold Krishner, Dennis Craddock, Randall Servin, Darren Woods, William Bartell, Steven Laes, Gerald Germain, Chadwick Shaw, Harold Bauss, Richard Finch, Joseph Vanevenhoven, Robin Brown, Ken Berner, Marvin Hassenfeldt, Richard Ciske, Larry Derusha, Herb Neeck, Adam Pulda, Matthew Diedrich, Lenard Kachinsky, Billy Garcia, Paul Vander Heiden, Lee Vils, Gary Gilker, James Schimmelpenning, Robert Aldi, William Connery, James Marohn, and Vincent Berg.

Jeff Zwiers

Post 38 Commander

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 13 House Committee Meeting .6:00PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 21 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 26 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

- 2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 10 House Committee Meeting .6:00PM
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 23 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

MARCH

- 2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 House Committee Meeting .6:30PM
- 10 County Youth Government Day
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

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3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

By the time you read this the Children's Christmas Party will be history. I'm hoping everyone who attended has a good time. The next event I am responsible for is the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The date of the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Legion Club and will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. I hope all the children and grandchildren of the Legion Family will be able to attend.

John Breitzman

Third Vice Commander

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP: MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We welcome our new member Celeste DeShasier to our Unit. We are happy to report that 132 members have paid their dues. If you have not paid please support Unit 38. You will receive a notice from National if you are unpaid with a request to send dues to Department of Wisconsin. Please forward your dues to me at 1718 Carriage Lane Appleton 54914 for processing.

Remember our meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Guests are welcome.

Linda Breitzman

Membership Chairman

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES:

If and when you receive a renewal notice from National, please check to see if you might have already paid your 2015 Legion dues. Check your current membership card, check your cancelled checks, or call me to see if you had already paid your dues.

Call me at **920-460-1766**

Karl Heinz

Adjutant - Post 38

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2015,

Now that the holidays are over we start a new year that will bring us to set new goals and dreams. The Auxiliary will be hosting the 2015 Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling. This will be held on Saturday and Sunday April 11th and 12th, April 18th and 19th at Sabre Lanes in Menasha. There are many ways you can help. If interested please contact Rose Heinz at 734-7570 or Debra Ragen at 734-7107. These ladies are chairing the event. We will have some vendors there and a raffle, so try to get involved.

Another big event for 2015 will be helping the Post again host the State Convention in July at Appleton. With this we will need all the Legion's families' help. Anyone that can help out please contact one of the corporation members, Ray Gass or myself.

This past year we had help with many Auxiliary and Legion activities and we want to say "Thank You" to the Legion Family for all their help with these functions, and look forward to working with you in 2015!

We are searching for 100%!! So please send in your renewals and Legionnaires sign up your wife, daughters, or granddaughters. Any questions feel free to contact myself or Membership Chairman, Linda Breitzman. Remember the Auxiliary meets at 7pm, the 3rd Monday of the month at the Post.

We will hold an Auxiliary Executive Meeting on Monday, February 9th at 6:30pm at the Post. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Post, please come join us and you may win one of three \$5.00 door prizes given out. November \$5 attendance winners were: Anita Kapp, Ruth Eiden, and Beth Griesser. Congratulations.

Don't forget "Poppy Day" will be in

May. There will be more information to follow, with signing up to help distribute poppies. Remember these funds are used for the programs for our veterans.

The Auxiliary awarded a \$500 FVTC Scholarship to Forrest Angell in December, who has 6 years in the Army National Guard and 5 years active drilling status, one year deployed overseas. Forrest, who attends the Appleton campus, drives from Coleman each day. He is studying for a Technical Diploma in Outdoor Power Equipment Technician.

March is the official birth month for the American Legion. So Commander Jeff, Post Officers and members, The Auxiliary wishes you a Happy 94th Birthday!!

Wishing you all a "Happy New Year" and all the best for 2015.

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

Bob Johnson

Remember God's Second Commandment

The following essay was written by Kelly Springstroh, a grade school student at St. Peter Lutheran School. The uncle she refers to is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric VanDeHey, currently deployed in Kuwait.

Why I Appreciate America's Veterans

I am very thankful for everything the veterans have done. Here is why...

Every day you wake up and do your normal routine, never thinking about what's happening in other places. But, when you think that some mom somewhere is crying because she had to let her son or daughter go fight or when someone comes and tells their family that they have died fighting for our country. When you hear on the news that they died, you probably don't start crying but inside it hurts knowing that he died for you and others that have put his or her life at risk but he went and fought anyway, never giving up and having hope that they did something to help this country. You don't know everyone who is in the war but, you know what they are doing for you.

When some mom sees her son or daughter finally come back, they are happy to see they are okay and they know you are finally done and get to stay home. Then

they become veterans and get to tell all of the stories about their experiences.

I am so very thankful for them, they did something they were not forced to do it but, they did it anyway. They risked everything, their lives, not seeing their loved ones again, or even knowing if they will see anybody again. But they did it with their heads held up high and proud because they know they did something brave.

They should be so proud of themselves for giving up everything for me and everyone in America. I am so appreciative of them and all they have done. They are amazing and are such a good example of love and leadership. My uncle is also one of those people who I look up to. My uncle and aunt don't see each other for 9 months and we don't either but, when we do we have some of the most amazing moments with him. That is why I am so appreciative of America's veterans!

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

December 21, 2014

LOST MEMBERS:

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| Harry Rozelle | 10.09.14 |
| Gilbert Henke. | 10.23.14 |
| Don Du Chateau | 10.26.14 |
| Emery "Skip" Waters. | 11.09.14 |
| Daniel O'Leary. | 12.04.14 |
| Gerald J Wyhoski. | 12.19.14 |
| Earl Grelson | 1.5.15 |

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.
- Don Harris is recuperating at home also.
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility. Address is 850 W Elsner Rd. Appleton Wi.
- Duanna Diedrick is recovering at home.

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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