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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,
It has been a long journey to get to where us members are today. Timeless efforts of a few, who put their personal lives after the post, because they believe in the rewards that come with that dedication. To you few my hats off and thanks.

There is no doubt that the legion is saved. The money raised all summer will insure that the continuing of programs to assist veterans and this community shall go on without a hitch.

The record breaking corn roast this year took in \$18,000 plus. 400 dozen ears of corn, 25 kegs of beer, dozens of parking tickets, and Vic Ferrari rocked the block. The band said we do it again next year.

Car shows, hall rentals, community support, Legionnaires your neighbors want you to stay.

When you are out there in your neighborhood represent your post well. Several more exciting thing coming up.

St. Judes hospital recycle drive in October, veterans dinner dance held at Harvey Pierre VFW post 2778 in November, and the once again joint Legion and VFW children's Christmas party in December. There are things happening all the time with your post, come on down and review the new information monitor and see the photos, the upcoming events, hell just come down and have a beer.

We would like everyone's email address so that in the near future we can get the Reporter transmitted electronically, and use the money we spend to have printed copies reduced so we can put those dollars to better use for our vets. Please contact your First Vice Commander with your email address or energizer bunny Adjutant.

I promised to keep this short, but there are lots more I need to say. My Thanks, and God bless you all,

Bill Falck
Commander, Post 38
AppletonCmdrPost38@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT

- 1 ALA "In the Know" Stevens Point
- 2 9th District Meeting 8:00AM
- 3 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Auxiliary Executive Meeting . . 6:30PM
- 13 Bingo 7:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 22 Y100/St. Jude Recycle Event 8:00AM-NOON
- 22-23 Bake Sale at the Post All Day
- 24 House Committee Meeting 7:00PM
- 26 Meet the National Commander 9:00AM-11:00AM
- 27 Bingo 7:00PM
- 29 Halloween Youth Safety Party 3:00PM-5:00PM
- 31 Executive Meeting 7:00PM

NOV

- 3 Casino Night 7:00PM-9:30PM
- 5 VFW hosts Veteran Day Dinner/Dance
- 7 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 8 Meet the National Vice Commander 9:00AM-11:00AM
- 10 Bingo 7:00PM
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony 11:00AM
- 12 Band Jam 12:00PM-12:00AM
- 15 Auxiliary City County, Kimberly 6:30PM
- 16 Scarlet Guard Meeting
- 21 House Committee Meeting. . . . 7:00PM
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 28 Executive Meeting 7:00PM

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- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 8 Bingo 7:00PM
- 10 Army/Navy Game with Toys for Tots (bring an upwrapped toy) Game 2:00PM
- 11 Packer Game/Sweepstakes Drawing 3:25PM
- No Auxiliary Meeting due to Holiday
- 17 Children's Christmas Party. 9:00PM-11:30PM
- 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

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 12 Bingo 7:00PM

HELP SAVE YOUR LEGION!

Road assessment funds needed - donate time, money or items for the upcoming raffles.

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FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

My fellow Legionnaires,

Just a quick reminder about annual membership dues. If you've already paid for the year, thanks! As of today, 9/12/16 we are at 63.18%, out of 785 members we have 478 renewals and 10 new members and 8 transfers for a total of 496, which makes 289 renewals left to reach 100%!

Membership in the American Legion is our life blood, and your membership matters. All a part of keeping us going in being not only a well-represented organization in Congress, fighting for our rights, but also a local organization that is instrumental in helping our local service members, veterans, their families and our community. Without you and your support we wouldn't be able to do the things we do. Help us to continue to be the Largest Veterans Organization in the US.

You can either bring your membership dues to our monthly meeting, mail or pay online at <http://www.legion.org/membership> under Members and Renew Online.

Our new National Commander, Charlie Schmidt will also be honoring the Post October 26th for a revitalization. Come meet him and feel free to ask him any questions you like. Further details about his arrival will be posted at the Legion, as well as on our Facebook page as the time draws closer.

Thank you for your continued support and all you do!

*Renee Kasuboski
1st Vice Commander
Appleton Post 38*

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

The most important thing to write about is the Road Assessment. If you haven't been to the post, the road work has started and their plan is to have it completed by the middle of October. What does that mean for us? We have about 60 days after we receive the bill to pay the bill or pick a payment plan.

Post 38 has a few more fund raising events to help us with the road fund. We will be working a wristband/ticket booth at Oktoberfest on September 24th, we will have a bake sale at the Post on October 22-23 (so please stop in to buy something or drop off your goodies by October 21st), and we are planning a Casino Night at the Post on November 3rd. WE NEED HELP to make the fund raising a success - if you can give an hour to help with the events that would be greatly appreciated.

Post 38 has been blessed with many wonderful donations and some hard working members that are determined to save the Post. Please join us!

God Bless You and the United States of America

*Laurel Clewell
Your Adjutant*

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

Come to the Club for Friday Fish Fry - Every Friday

Every Tuesday check out the specials at the Club

Halloween Youth Safety Party

When: Saturday October 29th

Where: Appleton Post 38

Time: 3PM-5PM

Halloween safety, The Great

Pumpkin Charlie Brown,

Games and Candy!

Come joining us for a

great time!

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am now collecting for the 2017 Auxiliary membership year of Unit 38, the cost is still only \$25.00. You can pay this by sending it to the address below, dropping it off at the Post, mailing it to the Post and mark it Auxiliary Membership, or giving it to me directly, and any other means that gets it to me to activate or renew your membership. National has set the goal of 214 members for our Unit this year, and with everyone's help we can make this goal. Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters and this year also recognizes your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. Once again this year the Auxiliary will offer a first time Lady Veteran member, their membership paid for them.

So far I received two unit ladies renewals, Clara Bauman and Lori Hansel along with several new membership applications.

Thank You ladies.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive
Appleton, WI 54914

*Linda Breitzman
Auxiliary Membership Chairman*

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

Remember to support your post at the Friday fish fry!



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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

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LOST MEMBERS:

- Raymond Cechal 07.16.16
- Albert Ebben 07.28.16
- Donald Strutz 08.13.16
- Ronald Weiss 08.26.16

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
- Len Kachinsky will be confined to Froedoert for about 2 months and his transplant surgery went well. Will keep you posted. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia (ALL) in September of 2015. Keep him in your prayers.
- 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
- Jeffery Wierich's brother passed on Sept 5th from pancreatic cancer at 55 years old

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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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays are vastly approaching, and soon the winter weather will follow. But don't forget we have many activities happening at the Post, and always looking for volunteers in a wide range of activities.

The Auxiliary has a new membership goal of 214 for the 2017 year, so please send in your renewals to Marian Brown, Membership Chairman. This fall the Auxiliary is trying something, instead of the Department and District Fall Conferences, there are mini workshops planned for the members to attend throughout the State. We have about 7 ladies planning on attending one of the "In The Know" workshops.

Department has sent out a survey for the members to fill out on how they can make the convention an exciting venue that members would choose to attend.

At our Unit we are collecting the school supplies again to be distributed to local schools in late January, early February when their supplies have been depleted. Questions on this can be directed to Darlene Giles at 739-1523. We collect notebooks, pencils, markers, glue, crayons and many more items.

We also collect Moo Caps from Kwik Trip milk, box tops, tabs from can tops, newspaper plastic bags, vegetable/fruit bags (from grocery store) and ink cartridges. Just ask and we can help you figure out what to save for the Auxiliary to distribute throughout the community.

We have had several of the Badger Girls, that Unit 38 sponsored, attend our meetings to tell us of their experiences.

Linda Breitzman has volunteered to take care of the flower bed under the flag pole in the front of the Post. If you have any perennial flowers that you would be willing to donate please contact Linda at 731-3703. Watch for notices of help needed to work on this project.

Please notify us of any Auxiliary member who has surgery or illness, contact Lori Hansel at 788-9696, Rose Heinz 734-7570, or myself at 739-4283.

Don't forget our unit meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. Also, mark that we have no meeting in December, due to the holiday. Outagamie County Council meetings are held throughout the county. The next County Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 15th in Kimberly, ask at the unit meeting for more information.

In October the National President will visit Wisconsin in Oak Creek. There is a Cut and Tie Blanket Workshop during the day and in the evening a social with dinner.

Since the last reporter we have lost 3 of our unit members. They were Ruby Abendroth, Mary Weyenberg, and Verda Maynard. August \$5 door prize winners were Marian Brown, Ruth Eiden, and Rose Heinz. July winners were Lori Hansel, Debra Ragen, and Wendy Yingling. June winners were Phyllis DuQuette, Cindy Theabo, and Jean Dolan.

Monday October 10th we will have an Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:30pm at the Post.

I want to "Thank" the members that are helping with the many projects and programs at the Post, such as the road fund, corn roast, bingo, and many more. It takes us all working together to have success!!

Ladies, the Department Convention will be in Appleton July of 2017, and we will need your help again. So please mark your calendars to give us a hand at the convention.

Many of the activities at the Post need "Raffle Baskets" or "Donations" if you can help with these please contact Laurel or Rene.

Happy and Safe Holidays, with many of God's blessings.

God Bless

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

CASINO NIGHT

November 3

7:00PM - 9:30PM

\$35 per ticket

Includes food, two drinks (soda, domestic beer, or rail drink)
plus \$5000 fun money!

Buy tickets in advance at the post.