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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

This year the Post has been through a lot. We just finished paying off one road assessment and were hammered with another one on the frontage road, which was a considerable amount more than the first. (\$115,000 to be exact) Regardless of the how much we tried to fight, it was a debt we were going to be stuck with. Instead of this situation weighing us down, and thoughts of closing were on some Legionnaires minds, we came together, brainstormed and in the end came out victorious! A huge thank you to those of you who worked tirelessly in assuring we met our goal, both Legionnaires, other Veterans Organizations and those in the community. I truly believe with all my heart, that a situation with could have destroyed a Post, was used instead as a platform to educate the community and spread a bit of our message on multiple media platforms. (TV, Print, Digital, Social Media and Radio). One for the books.

Thank you American Legion Family for your determination, and drive when the challenge presented itself.

With that being said, we've also been busy with our regular Post/Veterans functions. We have a newly formed American Legion Family Events Committee (AL, SAL, Riders & Aux), chaired by our 3rd Vice Commander, Bill Trombley. Our IT Committee is now the Communications Committee, which now encompasses Communications, IT, Marketing & Advertising. Chris Petersen and Eric Stadler have been instrumental in getting requests fulfilled in a timely manner. Excited to announce, we also now have a Post Historian! Chris Petersen has been going through and starting to catalog, preserve and showcase our historical documents and preparing for our Centennial in 2019! Amazing that we're coming up on 100 years. Stay tuned for details surrounding that great event. This year's Department Convention will be our kick off. I will also be running for Commander for 2017 and greatly appreciate your support. We have a number of committees and opportunities, listed on our website, so please reach out if you're interested in being on one of the committees or just want to help our here and there. Our website and Facebook page will keep you informed on what's going on. Our Department Convention will be in Appleton in July, and the Committee has been hard at work these past few months in preparation.

Our club is also under new management by a fellow soldier who is rockin' it! If you haven't been around for a while, come on by, we'd love to see you. Check out all of your Post 38 functions on Facebook and our website at [www.Appletonpost38.org](http://www.Appletonpost38.org).

So excited to see what else we can accomplish together as an American Legion Family in 2017. For our Veterans, Service Members, their families and our Community!

In your service,  
*Renee Kasuboski*  
Commander  
American Legion Post 38  
Appleton, WI

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

- 25 American Legion College - Basic  
7:30AM-5:00PM
- 26 American Legion College -  
Intermediate . . . . .7:30AM-5:00PM
- 27 Executive Committee . . . . .7:00PM
- 28 Connect To Courage all day at the  
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center  
1:30PM-8:45PM

### APRIL

- 3 Post Meeting . . . . .7:00PM
- 5 Communications Committee  
6:00PM
- 8 Children's Easter Party/Bunny Brunch  
10:00AM-1:00PM
- 9 Spring Conference - Wrightstown  
Post 436 . . . . . Starts 8:00AM
- 10 Auxiliary Exec Meeting . . .6:30PM
- 12 Events Committee . . . . .6:00PM
- 12 Old Glory Honor Flight . . .7:00PM
- 13 NO BINGO
- 17 House Committee . . . . .6:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . .7:00PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard . . . . .6:00PM
- 24 Convention Corporation Meeting . .  
6:00PM
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting . . . .  
7:00PM
- 27 Bingo . . . . .7:00PM
- 29 9th District Auxiliary Spring  
Conference - Crivitz
- 30 70's Party at Club 38 – watch for  
details at the Post and  
on our Website

### MAY

- 1 Post Meeting - Election . . .7:00PM
- 3 Communications Committee . . . . .  
6:00PM
- 4 Casino Night . . . .7:00PM-9:30PM

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### ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

The Post has approved Renee Kasuboski as Commander for the remainder of this year due to the resignation of Bill Falck. Bill resigned for personal reasons. Thank you Renee for stepping up and taking on the extra responsibilities.

The road assessment bill has arrived and the amount is \$103,299.68 so we will be paying it in full on the due date of April 17th. Thank you to everyone that helped us reach this goal to save the Legion.

We only need about 40 members to reach 100% - please check your card and if it does not say 2017, you need to renew. The 2016 card expired on December 31, 2016.

God Bless All of You and God Bless the American Legion

*Laurel Clewell*  
Adjutant

### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is on its way...

Soon flowers will be blooming and everything will start to turn green again. I know we all can't wait to get outside and get in the fresh air. But, as we do that maybe consider doing one kind act for a friend, veteran, neighbor or a stranger, to help brighten their spring. They will appreciate it and you will feel better, and hopefully they will pass on the kindness of a new spring .

At the Post March meeting the Auxiliary wished the "American Legion Happy Birthday" with a gift of money for repairs and up keep at the Post, along with a new small nesco.

Our unit still hasn't hit 100%, and we need everyone's help to reach our 2017 goal of 214 members. Those who still haven't renewed please do so. Ladies and Legionnaires don't forget to sign up your daughters, granddaughters, and friends. Those members who decided not to renew, thanks so much for your past support.

The Auxiliary Executive Meeting is set for Monday April 10, at 6:30pm at the Post.

At the May Auxiliary meeting we will invite the Americanism essay winners along with their family and teachers, to come and read their essays.

Please give a little time on Friday May 19th and May 20th for our annual "Poppy Day" fundraiser. Please be generous in supporting our Veterans and their families. Remember the funds raised from the poppy distribution is used to help our Veterans, be it locally, at the many VA facilities or through the Creative Arts projects, and many other areas. Please help us better service our Veterans needs. And if you can give just one hour of your time to distribute poppies on that day call Linda Breitzman (920) 731-3703 or Marian (920)810-0737 to sign up. We will be at the April and May Post meetings with the sign-up notebook and more information.

Lastly, Memorial Day is drawing near and I ask that you take time during the month of May to "Thank" our Veterans and military families for their sacrifices they have made for our freedom. And all the veterans who served to keep us free. Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery. This is one way to show our appreciation to our veterans and their sacrifices they have made. These military service men and women don't get "thanked" enough for all the good we have living free in the USA! Thank You Veterans and Happy Memorial Day.

Happy Easter and let's bloom this spring in helping our veterans and the community.

*God Bless America,*  
*Marian Brown*  
*President, Unit 38*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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#### MAY

- 10 Events Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 11 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 17 Scarlet Color Guard Meeting . . . . . 6:00PM
- 19 Poppy Day
- 20 Poppy Day
- 22 House Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 25 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 29 Memorial Day Parade - Post Open
- 31 Executive Committee Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM

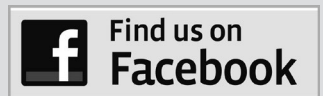
#### JUNE

- 5 Post Meeting - New Officer Install 7:00PM
- 7 Communications Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 8 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 10 Flag Day - Parade and Post Activities
- 15 Events Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 19 House Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 22 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM

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



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



## ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Just a reminder, if you have a change of address, phone number, name change, or have a new email address or change, could you please let me or Marian Brown know about these changes as soon as possible.

You can notify me via phone, letter or email. My email is rozkar@new.rr.com. My address is 333 Parkview Ln, Kimberly WI 54136.

Marian's information is listed on the Reporter and you can send correspondence in care of the Legion Club.

*Rose Heinz*

*Secretary, Auxiliary Unit 38*

My name is Larry McArthur and I am running for 1st Vice Commander.

My goal is to make sure we all work together for the good of the American Legion and maintain 100% membership!

Larry McArthur,  
1st Vice Commander  
American Legion Post 38  
Appleton, WI

*Every Tuesday  
check out the  
specials at the Club*

*America Legion Brat Fry!  
Every Weds. starting April 5  
11am - 2pm*

*Come to the  
Club for Friday  
Fish Fry –  
Every Friday*

**B I N G O**

### 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 have helped with was the Road Fund Appreciation/Open House that was held in February, and sponsored a Badger Boy and a Badger Girl for 2017.

Stop by on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and check it out. The Jackpot is always on the rise!!!

There will be no Bingo on Thursday April 13th.  
See you at Bingo!!

### BINGO DATES AT POST 38

3220 West College Avenue  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54914  
920-733-9840

### 2017

Thursday . . . . . April 27th at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . May 11th at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . May 25th at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . June 8th at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . June 22nd at 7pm

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am still collecting for the 2017 Auxiliary membership year, and 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, so far we are at 160 paid members and that makes us at 75%. Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters and this year the Auxiliary 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.

For the ladies that already renewed, The American Legion Auxiliary would like to say a special "Thank You"! We appreciate your continuous membership in the world's largest patriotic service organization. Auxiliary members are a unique group of women, joined in fellowship of volunteerism, patriotism and dedication to veterans, young people and communities. Your dues allow us to continue supporting and enriching the lives of our veterans, their families and our community.

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. ***The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JULY this year, so please mark your calendars.***

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 5491

## 2017 POPPY DAY

Poppy Day is scheduled for May 19th from 8 am to 6 pm and May 20th from 8 am to 12 pm. Please consider volunteering time to distribute poppies in our community. The donations collected fund our veteran's programs.

If you are unable to sign up at the April or May meetings call me at 731-3703 or email me at [lsbmop@aol.com](mailto:lsbmop@aol.com). If you find you are free either day and have not signed up stop by the club and we can assign you a location.

You can contribute if you are unable to volunteer, look for the coupon in the reporter. You can make a donation.

Linda Breitzman  
Unit 38 Poppy Treasurer

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| <p><b>If you want to contribute and are unable to volunteer. Please cut and mail your Poppy donation to:</b></p> <p>Poppy Fund, ALA Unit #38<br/>3220 W. College Ave.<br/>Appleton WI 54914</p> <p>POPPY DONATION:</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p><b>Thank you for your donation to help our veterans and their families.</b></p> |
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## SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

March 17, 2017

LOST MEMBERS:

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Walter Shefka . . . . .    | 01.03.17 |
| Harold Deprez . . . . .    | 01.12.17 |
| Thomas Walker . . . . .    | 02.26.17 |
| Richard Thompson . . . . . | 02.28.17 |
| Donald Schwandt . . . . .  | 03.04.17 |
| Lon R. Bartsch . . . . .   | 03.14.17 |

### 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. Doing okay.
- Mylan Sinclair is at Herritage.
- John Derks is at Outagamie nursing home in Brewster Village, Rosewood Room #3, 3300 W. Brewster St., Appleton, WI
- Ken Berner has stage 4 cancer. 1110 E. Northwood Drive. 920-419-3568
- Arnie Van Handle is at Brewster Village after a stroke.
- 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
- Lon Bartsch was killed on a motorcycle in Florida.

**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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**OFFICERS 2016-2017**  
**Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38**

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| <b>Commander</b><br>Renee Kasuboski<br>(920) 450-8209            | <b>Finance Officer</b><br>Gordy Clewell<br>(920) 284-0506           |
| <b>1st Vice Commander</b><br>Larry McArthur<br>(920) 810-9891    | <b>Asst. Finance Officer</b><br>Jeff Zwiars                         |
| <b>2nd Vice Commander</b>  | <b>Service Officer</b><br>Don Eiden<br>(920) 733-2957               |
| <b>3rd Vice Commander</b><br>Bill Trombley<br>(920) 309-2057     | <b>Chaplain</b><br>Robert Johnson<br>(920) 731-1844                 |
| <b>Adjutant</b><br>Laurel Clewell<br>(920) 427-4234              | <b>Sgt.-At-Arms</b><br>Frank Billings<br>(920) 730-2954             |
| <b>House Comm. Chairman</b><br>Gordy Clewell<br>(920) 284-0506   | <b>SAL Commander</b><br>Bob Seide<br>(715) 853-5901                 |
| <b>Scarlet Guard</b><br>John Bourassa<br>(920) 858-6367          | <b>Military Funeral Chairman</b><br>Rick Eisenach<br>(920) 574-8833 |
| <b>Informational Technologies</b><br>Mark Toll<br>(920) 422-2771 |   |

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**  
**2016-2017**

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| <b>President</b><br>Marian Brown<br>(920) 739-4283           | <b>Sgt-At-Arms</b><br>Darlene Giles<br>(920) 739-1523           |
| <b>1st Vice President</b><br>Beth Griesser<br>(920) 832-0639 | <b>Asst Sgt-At-Arms</b><br>Jessica Garza<br>(920) 687-9958      |
| <b>2nd Vice President</b><br>Ruth Eiden<br>(920) 733-2957    | <b>Illness &amp; Sick Call</b><br>Lori Hansel<br>(920) 788-9696 |
| <b>Secretary</b><br>Rose Heinz<br>(920) 734-7570             | <b>Membership</b><br>Marian Brown<br>(920) 739-4283             |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Debra Ragen<br>(920) 734-7107            |   |
| <b>Poppy Treasurer</b><br>Linda Breitzman<br>(920) 731-3703  |   |
| <b>Chaplain</b><br>Beth Griesser<br>(920) 832-0639           |   |



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