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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with the Brat Fries all summer. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped out these past few months in the Club 38 and at the post functions and on the Friday Fish Fry's, since we have been short staffed.

It has been a long couple of months to get to where we are now at the Post, with filling vacancies and members stepping up and helping to complete the tasks that needed to be done, like in membership and getting help for those veterans that have called who needed help, and getting the right resource information out to them on who to contact, and following up with them to make sure that they are getting the help they need.

I am very proud to see our Post 38 Members and The American legion Family pulling together as a whole and getting things done within the Post and in the Club. Working with one another to make sure everything is running as smooth as it can. As we move forward, we will continue to work together as a Family and keep our heads up and keep the communication support within the Post Officers and Members to keep things moving along. We as individuals can't do this on our own and we cannot be making decisions on our own but, with the right guidance and support from other Post Officers and Post members this Post will succeed.

Thank You,

"Hooah"

Migeal Babino
Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38



DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 31 New Year's Eve Party at Club 38
Dinner 4:00-8:00PM
Sam Brown & The BRINK 9:00PM

JANUARY

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 2 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 7 Post Meeting – Oratorical Contest . . 7:00PM
- 7 New Member Initiation 7:00PM
- 9 Outagamie County Council Meeting
Host Post 512 Shiocton
at Romy's Nightengale 6:30PM
- 11 Events Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 11 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 17-20 **Midwinter Conference: Ho Chunk Casino**
- 21 **NO** Auxiliary Meeting
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

- 4 Post Meeting - 4 Chaplains Svc &
Dept Cmdr 7:00PM
- 11 Events Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- House Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 13 Outagamie County Council Meeting
Host Post 38 Appleton
at Romy's Nightengale 6:30PM
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM

MARCH

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 6 County Youth Government Day @ the
Outagamie County Admin Bldg 8:30AM
(Lunch to follow at Post 38 Appleton)
- 11 Events Committee Mtg 6:30PM
- House Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 13 Outagamie County Council Meeting
Host Post 332 Black Creek at Romy's . 6:30PM
- 13 Connect to Courage - PAC . 11AM – 7:30PM
- 15 Reporter Articles Due
- 15 **American Legion's 100th Anniversary**
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 19 Auxiliary County Council -Shiocton
- 23 St. Patrick's Day - Parade in New London
Busses leave at 9AM
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- 30 Elvis Gold Tribute @ Post38 4:30PM

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.

Remember there is "NO" Meeting in January. Next meeting will be Monday February 18th at 7pm.

There is an Executive Meeting on Monday March 11th at 6:30 pm at the Post, officers if you are unable to attend you need to contact myself or Rose prior to the meeting.

Auxiliary will be collecting for Department Membership to PPP, any Past Unit Presidents wanting to join, please pay Debra Ragen the \$5.00 by the February 18th meeting, so it may get forwarded to Department.

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

At the March 19th Auxiliary Outagamie County Council Meeting in Seymour, Rose Heinz will be installed as the new County President for the next 2 years. Rose has been working up the chairs at County level for a couple of years, and is very involved with the Auxiliary programs on all levels. Let's congratulate Rose.

On March 6th we have the Outagamie County Youth Government Day, this is a day the local high school students learn about the County Government, listen to speakers, do mock trials and such. This is sponsored by the County Legion and Auxiliary. They end the day by going to the Post 38 for lunch, some introductions, a speaker or two. If interested in helping or coming and having lunch with our future representatives, contact Ray Gass, the Outagamie County Legion Adjutant.

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.

Poppy Day for "2019" will be on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th, so please mark your calendars. These funds are to help our Veterans and their families. Without these funds we can't give the scholarships out at Fox Valley Technical College, help Camp American Legion's wish list all year, treats for the VA hospitals, Wreaths Across America and the list goes on. Please try to help on Poppy Day.

Make your New Years Resolution, "Helping our Veterans and Community a priority in your daily living" for 2019.

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

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Ladies of Unit 38, we only have a few more members needed to reach our goal of 148. Currently we are at 86%. If you have not paid your 2019 dues please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank You to the ladies that have already paid.

This last quarter we lost 3 members, Mary Keen 10-16-2018, Mary was a 3 year member. Two PUFL members, Carala Spengler 6-17-2018, a 56 year member. And Gladys Prah 12-11-2018, a 52 year member.

Join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m at the Post for our meeting. Guests are welcomed.

The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JANUARY this year, so please mark your calendars. Next meeting is Monday February 18, 2019.

God Bless,
Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

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SAVE THE DATE

POLKA DANCE NIGHT

Every 3rd Thursday

JANUARY 17

FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 21

6:30-9:00PM

WITH FOOD SERVED

UNTIL 8:00PM

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

ELVIS GOLD TRIBUTE

MARCH 30 @ 4:30PM

American Legion

\$5 SPECIALS!

Every Wednesday and Thursday

Remember to support your post at the Friday fish fry!



Come to the Club for Friday Fish Fry - Every Friday



CHAPLAINS REPORT

December, 2018

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

Hugh Nelson 08.11.18
 Karsten Vollstedt 10.05.18
 Clarence Krull 10.12.18
 Merlin Gill 10.15.18
 Vern Wichman..... 10.28.18
 David Deyo..... 10.30.18
 Robert C. Follett..... 11.06.18
 Martin E. Much 11.12.18
 Lyle M. Pehlke 11.15.18
 Lawrence E. Witthuhn 11.22.18
 Howard B. Hanlon..... 12.02.18

Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson, Wayne Dorn

Recuperating at home or in a Nursing Care Facility/Hospital:

- **Bob Smaxwill** (wife Marian) recovering from Knee surgery at Meridian Senior Living Rm 319 793 Tarragan Dr. Kaukauna, WI (920) 462-4018 [North side of Hwy KK just East of Haen's Meats]
- **Harry Muench Jr** 2600 S. Heritage Woods Dr. Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 734-5817 Rm C 108
- **Eugene LaPlante** is recovering at home (920) 734-7318
- **Jerry Miller** is at home recuperating
- **Arden Peterson** is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility Address is 850 W. Elsner Rd. Appleton, WI
- **Bob Lichfuss** is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home.
- **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
- **(James) Jim Smith** is at Brewster Village in the Rosewood branch
- **Dee Detrick** is at home recuperating (920) 739-7986
- **Marty Porto** stage 4 prostate cancer, 888 Shady Ln Neenah, (920)-637-1332
- **Leo Hoppe** has been moved to The Appleton Retirement Community 200 W. Packard St. Appleton, WI (1-920-954-9990) 2nd floor Rm 229, he is wheelchair bound and late afternoon visits are preferred.

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

Garrick L. Eppinger, Chaplain Post 38
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 Phone # 1-920-221-3551

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

December, 2018

The Service Officer furnishes direct referral assistance to Veterans and their dependents and survivors in claims for any federal or state benefit or service to which they may be entitled.

The Post service officer serves as direct liaison with the Department and National Service Officer and works closely with the County Service Officer and other know organizations that provide services to Veterans.

There is not a need to be a member of The American Legion to receive assistance from The American Legion Service Officer.

Assistance Request Forms can be obtained from any Officer of The Post as well as from the Club 38 staff.

Bill Trombley, Service Officer Post 38
 E-mail: windy1200@gmail.com
 Phone # (920) 309-2057



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 APPLETON AMERICAN
 LEGION POST 38



JANUARY 17-20, 2019

**Midwinter
 Conference
 at
 Ho Chunk Casino,
 Baraboo**

Contact: Angie
 608-745-1090 Ext. 217

MARCH 30, 2019

9 Elvis Tribute Artists

Dinner @ 4:30pm
 Show @ 6:00pm

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**CALL MIKE UTTECH
 (920) 268-8005**

SAVE THE DATE

**Fox Valley Performing Arts
 Center ~ Appleton**

**Connect to
 Courage**

**MARCH 13
 1:00PM – 7:00PM**

POST LEADERSHIP
Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38

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 Migeal Babino
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 Robert Hall
 (920) 427-4252

2nd Vice Commander
 Mike Utech
 (920) 268-8005

3rd Vice Commander
 Michael Howell
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 Christine Harder
 (608) 239-9213

House Comm. Chairman
 Wade Van Ryzin
 (920) 734-9638

Scarlet Guard
 Eric Stadler
 (920) 450-6907

Communications Committee
 VACANT

Finance Officer
 Wade Van Ryzin
 (920) 734-9638

Asst. Finance Officer
 VACANT

Service Officer
 Bill Trombley
 (920) 309-2057

Chaplain
 Garrick Eppinger
 (920) 751-8981

Sgt.-At-Arms
 Bill Burton
 (920) 475-9528

SAL Commander
 Bob Seide
 (715) 853-5901

Military Funeral Chairman
 Rick Eisenach
 (920) 574-8833

AUXILIARY OFFICERS
2018–2020

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 Ruth Eiden
 (920) 733-2957

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 VACANT

Secretary
 Rose Heinz
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 Debra Ragen
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