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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

As we navigate towards a “New Normal” in our daily lives, I would like to assure you all that we are doing everything in our power to fulfill our commitments to serving you and all Veterans. We are having in-house meetings, and Club 38 is open for business. We welcome and encourage your attendance at meetings, and your patronage of the club. Social distancing is being maintained.

I would like to thank Jan Hoffman for taking charge of our raffle, and to thank everyone that bought a ticket. It was such a success that we are considering making it a yearly fundraiser.

One of things we will be working on in this quarter is looking into partnering with the Community Fund of the Fox Cities to administer our Scholarship funds. We would transfer most of our available funds to an account segregated for award winners, making it easier for our Scholarship Committee to vet the applicants, and help us in any way they can. Donations to the fund would also be easier to do. If you have questions about it please feel free to contact one of us.

If you haven't already renewed for 2021 please do so.

Thank You for your service.

Dave Baumann

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

POST MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

From the Adjutant and Membership Committee

Membership renewals and the renewal processes.....

Membership renewals are generated at the National level, not at Post level. These renewals are addressed to your Post of record, which will be Post 38. When you get these renewal notices (you will begin to receive these in early July), you can renew online through the mylegion.org site or you can submit

your renewal form in the envelope provided. I would discourage just dropping into Club 38 to renew. If you attend a Post meeting and wish to renew, that can be done at that time. Please be certain to have your renewal notice or membership card with you. AGAIN, I would discourage dropping off your membership payment for renewal at Club 38. The Club and Post are separate entities. If you renew online, you can print out your membership card at that time as well.

As to your membership renewal and renewal notices....

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st. When a member pays their dues, they are paid up for that upcoming membership year. They will also receive twelve monthly subscriptions to The American Legion Magazine.

The renewal process begins in July for the upcoming membership year. Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March and May. When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year. There are times when a member pays their dues, but they still receive a renewal notice. If dues are paid to the local post, it takes a little longer for national to be notified about the renewal and the member may receive another renewal notice. If this occurs, please check with your local post to ensure they have received your dues.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

4	Easter	
5	Post Membership Meeting	7:00PM
12	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
14	Outagamie County Council Meeting	7:00PM
	Location TBD	
17	Spring Conference, Post 11 Green Bay	
	Registration	8:00AM
19	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
26	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

MAY

3	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
	(Post Elections, 6 PM)	
6-9	Mid-Winter (Rescheduled from Jan)	
10	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
12	Outagamie County Council Meeting	
	Location TBD	
14-15	Poppy Day	
17	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
31	Memorial Day	

JUNE

2	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM
7	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
	Installation of Officers	
9	Outagamie County Council Meeting	
	Location TBD	
12	Flag Day Parade (Tentative)	
10	Reporter Articles Due	
14	Flag Day	
14	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
21	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
28	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

When you send in your renewal, there is a process and also a lag time from when we, at the Post level, receive your payment and get this processed to when National receives the data and processes your renewal. We tend to see many resubmissions of payments and this requires more research and to confirm you have already paid. PLEASE make note of when you submitted your payment as most likely you will receive another renewal notice from National in the meantime. Please do not duplicate your payments.

If you have an active email address, we would appreciate if you make note of this as we are trying to save costs and email you the newsletter and meeting minutes. Also please note any changes to your contact information, especially your address. If you are a PUFL, National and Department will list you as inactive if they receive undeliverable mail sent to you. This is NOT the Post doing this!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter and green grass,

Finally, the sun will shine bright, the flowers will be blooming soon and everything will start to turn green again. I know we all can't wait to get outside and get in the fresh air, and continue our lives from last year. As people get vaccinated, we see progress and our daily routines getting back to before Covid.

The Ninth District Spring Conference will be in Luxemburg at The Rendezvous on Saturday May 1st. If interested in attending contact Rose or myself by April 10th. We want to encourage all Auxiliary members of Ninth District to attend.

Please give a little time on Friday May 14th and Saturday morning May 15th for our annual "Poppy Day" fundraiser. Please be generous in supporting our Veterans and their families. Remember the funds raised from the poppy distribution 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, and the list goes on. And if you can give just one hour of your time to distribute poppies on that day call Jessica Garza (920) 687-9958, Ruth Eiden (920) 733-2957 or Marian (920) 810-0737 to sign up. If you are unable to help distribute poppies for the Auxiliary, but still want to make a donation, you can do so by dropping off a check or money in an envelope addressed to the Poppy Fund at the post any time. We will be at the April and May Post meetings with the sign-up notebook and more information.

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. Memorial Day will be virtual again this year.

Remember to "Thank" our Veterans. The 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.

The Annual Appleton Flag Day Parade, Saturday June 12th, is being planned to take place at this time, along with activities being planned for at the Post after the parade. More information to come as it gets closer. And there will be a need for volunteers to help with the event.

The Annual Corn Roast is starting it's planning, to be held Wednesday August 18th, also consider to volunteer some time to this Post fund raiser.

The Post's Wednesday Brat Fry will be starting in April and is going to need volunteers. If interested and have some extra time try to help out, it will be greatly appreciated.

We are re-evaluating the meeting time, any suggestions or comments please let Marian or Rose know.

Next meeting is Monday April 19, 2021 Please check the time of the meeting as we are looking into changing it to an earlier in the evening.

Lastly, things are changing daily with the COVID 19, so please keep checking the websites, emails and call the Legion with updates on events and we will do our best to keep you informed on the latest changes.

Please notify us if an Auxiliary member has surgery or illness, contact Lori Bishop 920-419-0235, Rose Heinz 734-7570, or myself at 739-4283. Also, any Auxiliary member in a Nursing Home.

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

May God Bless each of you and your families.

God Bless America,

Marian Brown

President, Unit 38

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Members of Unit 38, we have several members that have not renewed yet. The 2021 year goal set by National is 116 members and we have a ways to go yet. Currently we are only at 88%, so we need everyone's help to get to our goal.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. If you have not paid your 2021 dues please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You to the members that have already paid.

This last quarter we lost 3 members, Donalda Kassube 9-24-2020. Donalda was a 41 year member of the Auxiliary. Donna Gloede 10-22-2020. Donna was a Past Unit President and a 49 year member. Maria Jaloszynski 12-23-2020. Maria was a Paid Up For Life member, she had 60 years as an Auxiliary member.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Post. Please join us for the meeting and social following. Guests are welcomed.

We are re-evaluating the meeting time, any suggestions or comments please let Marian or Rose know.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283. Or you can pay directly to Department.

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Marian Brown

Membership Chairman

Unit 38 Appleton

UNIT 38 HISTORY

As I was doing a history project, I came across some interesting highlights of Auxiliary Unit 38.

Our Auxiliary Unit was chartered on 9-29-1921. The actual process started on April 1, 1921 but took till later that year to have the process complete. It went from Post Commander to Department Commander to National Commander for signatures to be finally chartered. The Unit had to have at least 10 members to form a Unit. One of the charter members was Mrs. A.B. Fischer, who then became Appleton's first 9th District President in 1923-1924. Appleton has the proud distinction to have had 10 District presidents from the Appleton Unit.

The members met at the Armory in the club room from 1924-1927. The Spanish Auxiliary Committee who also met at the armory offered to help redecorate the room by paying ½ of the Auxiliary's expenses. In 1927 the Auxiliary had its first "Armistice Day" banquet for the veterans. They served 421 people with a profit of \$168.

Our Unit is proud to have had 4 Department Presidents from Appleton. They were Gertrude Miller (1938-1939); Catherine Staidl (1958-1959); Sylvia Lokken (1966-1967) and Anita Kapp (1982-1983).

In 1930 the Unit began meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall and they had their first Christmas Party for Legion Auxiliary and their families. The kids were given an apple and a bag of nuts and candy for a Christmas present. In 1933 the first junior membership was organized. In 1939 the Past President's Parley was established.

During the 1940s the Unit had between 382-426 members and dues in 1944 were only \$2 per year. The Unit sent Christmas Baskets to needy families, shut ins and also to Legionnaires that were at Wood-which is now Zablocki Veterans Medical Center. Cigarettes were sent to veterans at Wood and Tomah (imagine that) for "Armistice Day Treats". They had a National Program called Pan American in which they would study various countries such as Argentina, Columbia, and Panama. The Unit hosted an annual Mother-Daughter Banquet in May of each year and would invite the Gold Star Mothers. They sponsored a "Mobile Chest Clinic" that took X-ray for TB testing. With the help of 23 members, they assisted in making 200 appointments for people. In July 1947 The Appleton Post & Auxiliary hosted its first Department Convention. The Auxiliary had 960 delegates in attendance-highest number in history at that time.

Stay tuned for more highlights!

Rose Heinz, Unit Secretary

POPPY MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

Poppy Day is fast approaching. We have selected Friday May 14th and Saturday May 15th as our Poppy Days for 2021. We are hopeful that you will consider helping us by volunteering some of your time to distribute Poppies and collecting donations. If your unable to volunteer in person you are welcome to make a monetary donation. Remember all donations go towards our Veteran Programs.

Thank you
Poppy Chairmen
Ruth Eiden and Jessica Garza

If you want to contribute and are unable to volunteer, please cut and mail your Poppy donation to:

Poppy Fund, ALA Unit #38
3220 W. College Ave.
Appleton WI 54914
POPPY DONATION:

\$ _____

Thank you for your donation to help our veterans and their families.

APPLETON LEGION BASEBALL



Opening day is just around the corner. We hope to see you at the Ballpark in 2021, our 95th year! Appleton Legion's baseball program began in 1926 and is one of the oldest continuing programs in the nation.

We've packed a lot of games into our shortened season, which includes two weekend tournaments and the State AAA Regional. The Legion season begins at home Friday June 18th vs. Fond du Lac. Come on out for Friday Fish at the Post and enjoy a ballgame. You can find our recently published schedule on our website.

This April we will be mailing our annual fundraising letter to our Post 38 family. Please consider making a donation to our program. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Make sure you check out our website at www.appletonlegionbaseball.org, where you'll find our [schedule](#) and more, and follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#).

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9



Spring is here!

We are looking forward to a busy 2021 riding season. Our 2020 activity was limited due to many canceled parades and events, but we still got out there. We displayed our Nation's Colors in only 7 parades yet participated in nearly 20 events.

Cash donations to Camp American Legion, the Veterans Home at King, Old Glory Honor Flight, Team Rubicon and others totaled over \$3,100.

A highlight of 2020 was being recognized by the National American Legion coverage of Memorial Day events. We joined the Oconto Falls Memorial Day Drive-By Parade and were in the Legion's [video](#), [pictures](#) and [article](#) of that event.

Membership in the American Legion Riders is open to anyone in the Legion Family with a motorcycle of 500cc and larger. Check us out at www.alrawis.org and on [Facebook](#). Come and join us!

Paul Heit
American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 9 President

Chaplain's Corner



WELCOME TO SPRING! Birds are singing. Trees are budding. A carpet of green will soon be seen.

God is all around us. Reminders of His love for us can be found everywhere. When the clover is in bloom, see the heart shaped leaves held together on one stem?

Christ has a cup before Him to drink from. A cup He asked His Father to remove from Him. It was filled with the bitterness of our sins. Christ accepted His Father's will and drank the cup empty for our eternal benefit. We have been offered a cup to drink from. One that is filled with nourishment for the body and soul today and with investments in the everlasting of tomorrow in heaven. Will you drink from His cup for you? The taste will not always be sweet. However, the cup will always overflow to strengthen, sustain, and bless you.

There are two lengths of wood and three nails, what have we done with them? We made a cross and nailed Christ to it in payment for our sins. A bitter, bitter act of selfishness. Yet to fulfil God's will, Christ willing allowed this. He died and rose for our eternal well-being.

Have you noticed how many times the number three is in the Bible? No, I do not mean when used in identify a chapter and verse. I mean Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Balthasar of Arabia, Melchior of Persia, and Gaspar of India; Jonah and a large fish; James, Peter, and John. Reminders of the Trinity?

May the Lord bless and keep you; may you feel His arms around you, and be filled with His peace.

Go with joy in your heart and share God's love.

Unit 38

Chaplain Lori

References: Matthew 17:1-2, Luke 24:7, Daniel 3:19, Matthew 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Ephesians 4:4-6, 1 Peter 1:2, and Revelation 1:4-5

Luke 22:39-46, Mark 16, Psalms 23:5, Matthew 26:36-56, Mark 14:32-52, Luke 22:39-53, John 18:1-11, Luke 24

Lori J. Bishop

Unit 38 Chaplain

Cemetery Plots

Some of you may not know that we have dedicated plots for American Legion Post 38 members at Riverside Cemetery (41 plots) and St. Joe's Cemetery (39 plots). It is next to a much larger GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) section that is for all veterans. Cost for the plot is \$250, and that goes back to the post.

For a couple years Riverside has been asking us to return some of the plots back so they can use them for the GAR. They are running out, and nobody has used one of our plots since 1992, although a few of them have been reserved.

It was discussed that maybe we needed to reach out to our members and inform them that we have these, and if you want one maybe start thinking about preplanning and reserving a spot. You can call Debbie Debruin at Riverside (920-733-5629) or Frank Groh at St. Joe's (920-733-1631).

POST 38 CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

POST EVERLASTING

12-08-20	Richard Bousley
01-06-21	John Gilbert
01-13-21	Duane Prentice
01-23-21	Thomas Vaughan
02-07-21	Patrick McCormick
03-03-21	Robert Stephenson

Visiting and Volunteers:

Need Volunteers

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

None to report at this time

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

Don Traynor, Chaplain Post 38

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Thank You Veterans!

If you want more information you can also email me (davebaumann80@outlook.com) and I can give you some more particulars. We are trying to see if we have any interest in these or if we should return some of them for use by any Veteran.

Club 38 Manager's Message

Currently we are open for food and drink on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 11am. The kitchen will be serving food until 7 and the bar will be open until at least 8 pm. On Friday night we will have a few hours of live entertainment in the bar. Saturdays the bar will be open 11 am to 6 pm. We will also be serving hot sandwiches on Saturday. On Sunday we'll feature our Broaster Chicken from 11am to 3pm, the bar will stay open until 5. Plan to join us soon. We will continue to provide To-Go service as well as dine-in opportunities.

We are planning to add an all you can eat Spaghetti Supper on Wednesdays after the Brat Fry starts. Spaghetti will be available starting at 3pm. We also plan to move our daily Specials back to Tuesdays as soon as we have the staff to do it. In April we'll also have a new menu.

We now have gift cards available for purchase. You can help Club 38 by purchasing gift cards for gifts or for

yourself. **Another way you can help us is as a volunteer in the kitchen on Friday nights or perhaps you know someone looking for work in the hospitality industry.** Send them in to see me. To get the Club back up to full service we need more employees and/or volunteers.

Here is the mission statement for Club 38 Bar & Grill; We are honored to have our guests dining with us and hope to create a dining experience so enjoyable our guests cannot wait to come back. Club 38 Bar & Grill, a business owned and operated by The American Legion Post 38, uses income derived from Club 38 to support the business, The American Legion Post 38 and its programs: We ARE Veterans helping Veterans and their families through the Club's activities and service.

We will be discontinuing the drink chips soon, so if you have any please use them up by June 30th.

Please call or email me your questions, concerns, and suggestion so we can better serve the membership of Post 38.

Mike Utech, Manager
Club 38 Bar and Grill
club38@AppletonPost38.org
920-733-9840



THE WEDNESDAY BRAT FRY 11AM - 2PM IS STARTING APRIL 7th.

Great turnouts! Great sales! So we need your help!
The layout and protection is in place to include safe distancing.
Come for the day or a few hours. Wednesday we start at 8:30, finish 3 ish
About 1-2 hour. Pickles, Onion and Sauerkraut into 1oz cups
Set up: Wednesday morning 8:30. Done before 11am
Grilling: 8:30 Back-up / Break
Brat Fry staff: 11am - 2pm

Wrapping food, taking orders, Bagging orders, Restocking / Runner, All around relief/break

Breakdown and cleanup: Inside or outside, grills, kitchen 1:30 pm, done by 3:00

Prebuy/shop: Wade would be happy to have someone who can lift 25 lbs. go with him to shop for the soda and food.

Excellent start... excellent volunteers... Thank you all so much! P.S. We do have fun!

Contact Ed 920-707-3286 or Wade 920-540-0924

SUNDAY

Featuring

BROASTER CHICKEN

Serving 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appetizers and other items

Also available

BAR OPEN 11:AM - 5:00 PM

Dine In or Order To-Go

Starting in 2021
SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
LegionMenu.com 920 733-9840



Gift Cards Available

SATURDAY

BAR OPEN

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Hot Sandwiches available

WEDNESDAY

Featuring New FULL MENU

Serving 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(3-7 PM after April 7th)

Daily Specials

BAR OPEN

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Dine-In and

Limited To-Go Menu

FRIDAY

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Featuring new Friday menu

Serving 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

BAR OPEN

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Dine-In and Limited To-Go Menu

BECOME A FAN
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Remember to support your post at the Friday fish fry!



We are Veterans helping Veterans and their families through the Club's activities and service.

PLEASE SUPPORT US!

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