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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Spring is coming and so is Brat Fry, starting April 5<sup>th</sup>. Serving rain or shine every Wednesday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, April through October. The bar is open during brat fry. Hope to see many of you there, either helping out or ordering brats and burgers.

We are also hosting the District Convention on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed Friday night after Fish Fry, starting at 8:00 pm, to help set up tables and chairs for the Saturday meeting. We also need volunteers on Saturday for registration, raffle tickets, and serving lunch. Contact me or Dave Baumann and let us know what you can help with.

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2023, PLEASE do so now. Still shooting for 100% membership for Post 38!

Don't forget the 72<sup>nd</sup> Flag Day Parade on June 10. Please march with us!

Hope to see you all at the next Post meeting, as always, the first Monday of the month; light supper served at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 pm. Member drawing is up to \$450, so attending the meeting can make you RICH!!!

Thank You for your service.

**Ed Domek**

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

## COMMUNICATION Check out our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/appletonpost38>) and our website ([Johnston-Blessman Post 38 \(appleton38.org\)](http://Johnston-Blessman Post 38 (appleton38.org))).

## AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGE NEWS:

Unit 38 has begun 2023 with a new Facebook page entitled American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38-Appleton WI ([American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38-Appleton WI Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38-Appleton WI Facebook)).

This platform will serve to create awareness and communicate our events and achievements to members and the general public. This page will share posts from other organizations that we follow such as WI Veterans Village, Blue Star Mothers, Legion Post 38, ALA Ninth District, and other Units throughout NE WI.

Here are a few ways you can help us with this page: Like the page and posts, Share the page & posts to help create awareness, Share your own post ideas at least 1 week in advance of an event. Email your post ideas or news/upcoming events to [AppletonALAUunit38@yahoo.com](mailto:AppletonALAUunit38@yahoo.com). \*Please include links, pictures, and specific message verbiage. Page administrators are Cathy Wilbur, Tammie Domek & Rose Heinz. Thank you for your support with this new project!

## POST MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

From the Adjutant and Membership Committee

If you have renewed already, you are paid in the system so you shouldn't get another notice. The new website is a little slow to process the memberships, **so if you get a renewal in the mail please check to make sure you haven't already paid before sending in another check.** You can call or email the commander if you aren't sure.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

|    |   |        |
|----|---|--------|
| 1  | 9 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference (Reg) Appleton               | 8:00AM |
| 3  | Post Membership Meeting   | 7:00PM |
| 8  | Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast (Breakfast starts @ 9AM, Hunt @ 11) |        |
| 9  | Easter  |        |
| 10 | House & Events Committee Meeting  | 5:30PM |
| 12 | Outagamie County Council Meeting Location Post 38 (Post 38 Host)        | 7:00PM |
| 17 | Auxiliary Meeting   | 4:30PM |
| 18 | Scarlet Guard Quarterly Meeting   | 6:00PM |
| 24 | Executive Committee Meeting   | 6:30PM |

### May

|       |   |         |
|-------|---|---------|
| 1     | Post 38 Membership Meeting (Elections)                  | 7:00PM  |
| 8     | House & Events Committee Meeting                        | 5:30PM  |
| 10    | Outagamie County Council Meeting Location Post 38       | 7:00PM  |
| 12-13 | Poppy Day   |         |
| 15    | Auxiliary Meeting                                       | 4:30PM  |
| 28    | 4th Annual Cemetery Walk (Start at Riverside @ 11:30AM) |         |
| 29    | Memorial Day  |         |
| 29    | Chili Lunch 11-1, Bar open 11-3                         | 11:00AM |
| 31    | Executive Committee Meeting                             | 6:30PM  |

### June

|    |   |          |
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| 5  | Post 38 Membership Meeting Installation of Officers | 7:00PM   |
| 8  | Legion Baseball Opening Day                         | 5:30 & 8 |
| 10 | Reporter Articles Due                               |          |
| 10 | Flag Day Parade                                     | 2:00PM   |
| 12 | House & Events Committee Meeting                    | 5:30PM   |
| 14 | Outagamie County Council Meeting Location Post 38   | 7:00PM   |
| 14 | Flag Day (Flag Retirement)                          |          |
| 19 | Auxiliary Meeting                                   | 4:30PM   |
| 26 | Executive Committee Meeting                         | 6:30PM   |

### **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. We will have the membership cards at all Post 38 meetings. 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.

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 made 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**

Spring is on its way and we have some projects that need your assistance.

Starting in April we will have a cookie / bar sale at the brat sale every Wednesday throughout the summer. Please add to the sale with your favorite creations. Contact Debra Ragen, Rose Heinz or myself if you can help out. Our phone numbers are on the last page of this reporter.

We also need help at the district conference held at the post on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact me if you can help out.

This spring our Poppy Day is scheduled for May 12 and 13. Contact Marian Brown if you have an hour or two to squeeze into your schedule. All money collected is used for our Veterans' programs.

Please participate in the activities on Memorial Day weekend. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Appleton Cemetery Salute is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>. Look at the information in this reporter and join us for the day.

**Linda Breitzman**

President, Unit 38

## **Auxiliary Membership**

Ladies of Unit 38, we have several members that have not renewed yet. The 2023 year goal set by National is 112 members and we just need 3 more to be at 100%. Currently we are at 97%, so we need everyone's help to get to our goal.

Thank You to the ladies that have already paid. We had a great response to get members paid early last fall.

At the National Convention 2022 it was passed to raise the National portion of our dues \$6.00, starting with the membership year 2024. Remember that you can sign up for "PAID UP FOR LIFE" (PUFL) Membership. You can get the information on the Department website or questions can be addressed to me and I can help you, just contact me at the information below. You might want to consider this before the increase goes in effect.

With this National increase, the Unit has voted on to increase the Unit dues for the 2024 year to \$36.00 for a Senior and \$7.00 for a Junior.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. If you have not paid your 2023 dues please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday afternoon of every month at 4:30 P.M at the Post. Please join us for the meeting. Guests are always welcomed.

I'd like to "Welcome" our new members this quarter: Kristie Jackson and Barbara Mottl.

We also lost a member, Lynn Maas, passed away on February 1, 2023.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283 or 920-810-0737. Next meeting is Monday April 17, 2023.

**Marian Brown**

Membership Chairman, Unit 38 Appleton

### POPPY MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

Poppy Day is fast approaching. We have selected **Friday May 12th and Saturday May 13th** as our Poppy Days for 2023. We are hopeful that you consider helping us by volunteering some of your time to distribute Poppies and collect donations. If you are unable to volunteer in person, you are welcome to make a monetary donation. Remember all donations go towards our Veteran Programs .. Without these funds we don't have the resources to continue to help our Veterans.

Some of the places the poppy money contributed to over the last year are: Fox Valley Technical College scholarship, King, Tomah, Madison and Zablocki Veteran Homes, Camp American Legion, Vets and Friends, Old Glory Honor Flight, Veterans Village, Homeless Female Veterans, Christmas Gift Shop, (for Veterans at VA facilities to buy family members gifts without a cost), Children and Youth programs, Fischer House (a facility for veteran family to stay at no charge, while the veteran is at Zablocki), and the list goes on. By looking at this list, you can see how important it is to generate funds from Poppy Day to support our Veterans, Military and their families. Please find time to help us.



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.

#### **Marian Brown**

Poppy Chairman, Unit 38 Appleton  
920-810-0737 cell, 920-739-4283 home

### COMMUNITY SERVICE/EDUCATION

Auxiliary members have been donating items for the Appleton School District grades 4-12. We have donated composition books, wide and narrow ruled notebooks, markers, pencil sets, colored pencils and pointed scissors. This will be an ongoing project for the Auxiliary

If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Legion Post during regular business hours. You don't need to be a member, so mention to your friends and maybe they can also donate. We are also collecting empty printer cartridges for Holy Spirit School in Darboy. Other items would be backpacks, calculators, and narrow ruled notebooks for Wilson Middle School.

#### **Rose Heinz**

### BLUE STAR BANNER FOR THOSE DEPLOYED IN THE ARMED FORCES:

The Auxiliary has purchased Blue Star Banners for distribution through our Poppy Fund. The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service.

These Blue Star Banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments. The banner is usually displayed in the front window of a home to show the family's pride in their loved one serving in the military and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

If anyone know of someone who would be eligible for a banner, please contact Rose Heinz @ 920-734-7570. Thanks to your loved ones for sacrificing their time and energy to protect and serve thru their military service. If anyone has more than one loved in the military at the same time, they might need a 2 star or more, which is available at Emblem Sales.

Rose Heinz - Secretary

**THANK YOU AUXILIARY & LEGION FAMILY**



### ALA CENTENNIAL POPPY

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#### WORD LIST

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| ARMISTICE | MEMORIAL    |
| AUXILIARY | MOINA       |
| BELGIUM   | POPPY       |
| FLANDERS  | POSTER      |
| FLOWER    | REMEMBRANCE |
| FRANCE    | SACRIFICE   |
| HONOR     | SYMBOL      |
| MCCRAE    | VETERANS    |

**CAN YOU FIND ALL POPPY-RELATED WORDS IN 5 MINUTES?**

## Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy

### Please consider helping with this project.

This is a quasi military school for youth at risk. Many kids that attend come from difficult home situations and are in trouble with the law, etc. They can earn their HSED and college credits while attending.

The academy runs for 22 weeks. The cadets give up their phones; have no computers, T.V. or access to social media. The first 2 weeks are considered a pre-challenge. It is the hardest part. After the pre-challenge the cadets are earning the ability to speak to each other without having to ask permission. They were not even allowed to talk at meal times.

The only way to communicate with these kids is through mail. Some of these kids are not getting any mail. This was one of the things they stressed the most - send letters or cards, even just a few sentences. To find out some kids have gotten nothing is heartbreaking! If there is any way that you would be able to write a few letters or some cards, I'm sure the kids not getting mail would be appreciative. Their only request is that they be encouraging and uplifting. Anyone that writes could share personal stories of their military experience if they have any.

The envelopes can be addressed to:

Any Cadet (you can make it to Any Male or Female Cadet)  
WI Challenge Academy  
749 W 12th Avenue  
Fort McCoy, WI 54656 -5248.

You can list a return address if you would like in case they would like to write back or the Legion Address.

If you would like any more information you can go to <https://challengeacademy.org/> or contact Rose Heinz

Thank you  
Linda Breitzman  
Unit 38 President

### Blessing Box

Community service is part of the focus of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our auxiliary continues to collect items for the "Blessing Box" located at Wilson Middle School in Appleton. This box is similar to the "Little Free Library" boxes around town, except that the "Blessing Box" houses every day essential items for families in need. Families, students, and community members in need can visit the box at any time of day and obtain what they need. The box has been in place since 2018 and has been used frequently.

Hygiene items are most needed at this point and include shampoo/conditioner, deodorants (male and female), Q-tips, band aids, men's 3-n-1 (shampoo, conditioner and body wash), bars of soap, laundry detergent, baby shampoo, body wash, lotion, dish soap and paper products. All of these items can be found at local dollar stores.

Any donations for the Blessing Box can be brought to the auxiliary unit meeting. If you prefer, I would be happy to pick up donations as well. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to Wilson Middle School. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Klemp at [jklemp31@gmail.com](mailto:jklemp31@gmail.com) or 920-450-3860.

Thank you for making a difference for our local families!

*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

### APPLETON LEGION BASEBALL

Opening day is just around the corner. We hope to see you at the Ballpark in 2023!

The first game of 2023 is on the schedule with Xavier playing Fox Valley Lutheran on March 28<sup>th</sup>. That's the earliest scheduled opening that we remember. Normally the field isn't ready until the second week of April. All these March snow storms aren't going to make it any easier to get ready.

We've packed a lot of games into our Legion season, which includes four weekend tournaments, with two at home here at Don Hawkins Field. The Senior Varsity will be playing in a tournament in Wheaton, IL and taking in a Cub's game too.

Our Legion season begins with the home opener versus Little Chute on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

You can find our recently published [schedule](#) on our website.



We will be hosting a Statewide Legion Player Showcase on June 27<sup>th</sup> with scrimmages and drills for college recruiters to watch.

Donations to our program are welcomed! Solicitation information can be found on our [Sponsors webpage](#). You don't need to be "Major League"; donations of any size are appreciated.

We thank you for your continuous support of Appleton Legion Baseball.

We've been busy updating our long history with updates to our [Rosters webpage](#), now going back as far as 1943. Soon we will be releasing updates to our [Alumni webpage](#), which lists our alumni who have signed a Pro contract.

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

We hope to see you at the Ballpark!

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9

Spring is here!

We are looking forward to our 2023 riding season.

In addition to our parade activities, we support others fundraising activities both by riding and by attending picnics, raffles, etc. We also have a few dedicated guys who support the Patriot Guard Riders at funeral missions.

New this year are some Children & Youth events. We plan on being at the National Guard's Military Family Day at Lambeau Field this Spring. We are also investigating helping the [BetheOne4OurYouth](#) program in visits to schools.



Again the Riders are having a Statewide fundraising motorcycle ride. "Back to Basics Tour" will begin in Juneau on July 17<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Wausau for the Department Convention on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit Camp American Legion and are targeted at the renovation of the Recreation building.

The ride is open to the public and donations will be accepted at stops along the way, online, and by mail. Look for the Tour announcement on Facebook and at our website coming soon!

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](http://www.alrawis.org) and on [Facebook](#). Come and join us!

Paul Heit  
American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 9 President  
[paul.heit@att.net](mailto:paul.heit@att.net)

## SCARLET GUARD and HONOR GUARD

Both the Scarlet Guard and the Honor Guard are looking for new members. For the Scarlet Guard contact Eric Stadler at [estadler@trustwf.com](mailto:estadler@trustwf.com), and for the Honor Guard contact Rick Eisenach at [rickeisenach@gmail.com](mailto:rickeisenach@gmail.com).

2023 marks 40 years of service by the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard. Membership in this showcase unit of the American Legion family is open to members of any American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Appleton American Legion Post 38. This meeting will also include practice

in the parking lot if weather permits. Interested members are welcomed to attend and learn more.

Roles of the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard include presenting the colors for high school, semi-pro, and professional sporting events, posting and retrieving the colors at various veteran service organization and civilian meetings,



AMERICAN LEGION Reporter conventions/conferences, municipal events, and marching in parades. We understand that not everyone can march long distances. Members of varying abilities are welcomed to join.

The **4th Annual Appleton Cemetery Veteran Salute Tour** will be Sunday, May 28, 2023, and is open-to-the-public. Local veteran service organizations and military personnel will assemble to perform a somber salute for veterans laid to rest at each cemetery in the City of Appleton. The salutes will include the placing of a memorial wreath, the recital of a short prayer or tribute, a rifle volley, and the playing of Taps.

12:00 Noon @ Riverside Cemetery (714 N. Owaissa St.)  
 12:15 PM @ The American Legion Plot (located at the entrance of St. Joseph Cemetery that borders Riverside Cemetery)  
 12:45 PM @ Moses Montefiore Cemetery (E. Woodland Ave.)  
 1:15 PM @ Highland Memorial Park (3131 N. Richmond St.)  
 2:00 PM @ St. Mary Cemetery (2121 W. Prospect Ave.)

This mission is organized by the Scarlet Guard Color Guard with the support of various local veteran service organizations and military personnel.

The 2023 Appleton Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29, 2023. All American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members are welcomed to join us marching in the lead unit with other local veteran service organizations. The rally point is the corner of College Ave. and Appleton St. in downtown Appleton by no later than 8:30 a.m. We will participate in two ceremonies following the parade inside Riverside Cemetery and at the American Legion plot near the inside entrance to St. Joseph Cemetery. If interested in participating contact Eric Stadler at 920.450.6907 or [estadler@trustwf.com](mailto:estadler@trustwf.com).

The 72nd Appleton Flag Day Parade is on Saturday, June 10th, 2023. All American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members are welcomed to join us marching in the parade as a large American Legion family contingent. The rally time will be by 1:15 p.m. and the rally point is to be announced as the date draws nearer. If interested in participating contact Eric Stadler at 920.450.6907 or [estadler@trustwf.com](mailto:estadler@trustwf.com).

Thank you to our generous 2023 sponsors: Boyle Auto Sales, Kampo Electric, Maritime Bar, and Sola Salons-Fox Valley.

Stay connected with the Scarlet Guard Color Guard on Facebook. [Scarlet Guard Color Guard | Facebook](#).

## Chaplain's Corner

### The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest. Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you did not spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning, upon awakening, then bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over." It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.



## 4th Annual Appleton Cemetery Veteran Salute Tour

Sun., May 28th, 2023

Local veteran service organizations and military personnel will assemble to perform a somber salute for veterans laid to rest at each cemetery in the City of Appleton.

12:00 NOON @ Riverside Cemetery (714 N. Owaissa St.)

12:15 PM @ The American Legion plot  
(located at the entrance of St. Joseph Cemetery that borders Riverside Cemetery)

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Organized by the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard.  
Follow the Scarlet Guard Color Guard on Facebook for more information and updates.

### POST 38 CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

#### POST EVERLASTING

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|----------|------------------|
| 01-19-23 | Robert Mulheron  |
| 01-28-23 | Dale Rice        |
| 02-26-23 | Daniel Schultz   |
| 03-07-23 | John Knostenberg |

#### Visiting and Volunteers:

Need Volunteers

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

Don Hawkins

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

E-mail: [dtray72@gmail.com](mailto:dtray72@gmail.com)

Phone # 1-920-246-9841

**Thank You  
Veterans!**

### What Would You Do:

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you do not know, because you could not possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

This Game Is Real:

Each of us is already a winner of this "PRIZE." We just can not seem to see it. The Prize is Time.



1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. When we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we have not spent that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning, the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING.

What will you do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so quickly. Take care of yourself, be happy, have joy, love deeply, and enjoy life. It is a gift from God.

**Lori 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 (36 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.

At the last Post meeting it was voted on returning some of the plots back to Riverside. We met with Debbie and finalized the paperwork to return 24 plots back to them. We still have 12 plots, and they may be adding a tower with 96 slots for cremated remains in the future.

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).

If you want more information, you can also email me ([davebaumann80@outlook.com](mailto:davebaumann80@outlook.com)) and I can give you some more particulars.

### Squadron 38 News & Notes

Just a couple notes this month regarding the Squadron and upcoming activities:

#### Membership:

- We have hit the 100% Mark. Thank you to all of you for being a valued member of the Squadron. And thank you to all who are new members and their recruiters!!!
- We have 106 Paid Members vs a goal of 102
- We do still have a couple people who have not renewed, please contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

#### Information Request:

- Our CSR needs to be filled out and submitted in May. This is a summary of all the hours and \$ which our members have donated to help veterans, active military, their families, and our communities in general. A couple comments on this:
  - This is NOT limited to Legion specific activities only. If you helped out with Scouting because a child/grandchild is a part of scouting, that counts. If you were at a school to talk about anything related to the Legion 4 Pillars (Americanism, Children&Youth, Veteran Affairs, and National Defense) this will count. If you went to an assisted living home and helped with Bingo and there was a veteran in the crowd that time counts. Do you help out at a Shooting Club that has youth shooting activities/teams, that would count even if it is not an official Legion Youth Shooting event.
  - Do not worry if you do not have detailed information or receipts or records, just do your best to provide a good estimate.
  - There are many things which count that do not have a specific callout on this form. That is where the "Other xxxx" can be used for each section. So do not limit your summary to just the items on this form.
  - If you have questions on what may (or may not count) please reach out to me.
- The goal is to start to compile the information and have it submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you in advance for your responses.

Continue to check the Post Web Site and Newsletter for all the upcoming activities. And check out the other two attachments for additional information and areas where volunteers are desperately needed.

**AMERICAN LEGION Reporter**

Thank you for all you are doing for our veterans, our active military, their families, and our country.  
For God and Country,

**Allen J Watry**

Wisconsin Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 38 Appleton Adjutant  
[awatry@mindspring.com](mailto:awatry@mindspring.com)  
920-997-4629

**Club 38 Manager's Message**

**FREE FOOD FOR A YEAR.** Help me find a Kitchen Manager/Cook. If you send in an applicant and they get hired, after their first month, you'll receive a free meal every week for a year as long as your applicant continues working for us. Volunteers who work get a free meal. Contact Mike @ 920-733-9840 if you are interested in helping out.

We are now open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We have events Thursday evening but are not open for public dining. On Tuesday and Wednesday the bar opens at 2 with HAPPY HOUR till 5. We have expanded our Tuesday special served 4-7. The first Tuesday we now have Country Style Pork Ribs, the second Tuesday is still Liver and Onion, the third is our Broaster Pork Chops served with our made from scratch potato pancakes, and the fourth Tuesday we serve Baked Ham. Prime Rib continues to be the special on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. On Wednesday we continue to serve all the Spaghetti you can eat served with salad, sauce, meatballs, and garlic bread. We have added BBQ Ribs to the menu with our very popular Broaster Chicken served 11-3 on Sundays. Some Happy Hour pricing is also available on Saturday and Sunday.

Our hall is available for events like Celebrations of Life, Weddings, Birthday and Retirement parties, etc. We offer free consultation to assist you with all your needs to make your occasion special. Our Banquet Hall menu can be found at <http://www.club38stage.com/other-menus.html> then click Our Banquet Hall Menu.

We 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. To get the Club back up to full service we need more employees and/or volunteers.

Please call or email me your questions, concerns, and suggestions so we can better serve the members of Post 38 as well as the entire community. Club 38 Bar and Grill is a member of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, the Wisconsin Tavern League, and the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce. Our talent and special events line up can be found at <http://www.club38stage.com/club-38.html>

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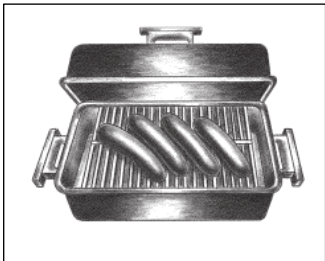
**Memorial Day Chili Lunch (May 29<sup>th</sup>)**  
Sponsored by The American Legion, Post 38 Appleton.  
Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chili served 11-1. Bar open 11-3.  
Donations appreciated



American Legion Post 38, Appleton, will be hosting the Easter Bunny on April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Come and join us for some Easter fun.  
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9:00am-11:00am  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am-12:00pm

Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny

We are Veterans helping Veterans and their families through the Club's activities and service.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**



**THE WEDNESDAY BRAT FRY 11AM - 2PM IS STARTING APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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



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American Legion Johnston-Blessman Post 38 Appleton,  
Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 Election Ballot

Chaplain (3 year term)

Adjutant (3 year term)

Bob Johnson

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Dave Baumann

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Service Officer (3 year term)

Member at Large (2 needed, 3 yr. term & 2 Yr. term)

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Lee Schumacher

Vernon Noel

Eric Jones

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**\*\*Place an X next to your choice or write in a candidate of your choice\*\***

**“DO NOT WRITE OR SIGN YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT”**

**All mailed ballots have to be to the Post by May 1, 2023.**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 38  
ATTN: BALLOT COMMITTEE  
3220 W. COLLEGE AVENUE  
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**The ballot shall be contained in a sealed envelope with the voter’s name written legibly on the outside of the envelope. All ballots received by mail or personally delivered shall remain in the ballot box sealed and be turned over to the ballot committee at the beginning of the voting process. Ballots are to remain sealed until the close of the voting process. The ballot committee shall destroy any ballots received by mail or personally delivered from a member who attends the meeting to vote in person.**

**Article 7.8 (c) Voting in Person:**

**All members of the Post in good standing who attend the May Post meeting shall be entitled to vote in person on a ballot provided to them by the Ballot Committee at the meeting.**

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