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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

In the dawn of a new year I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year. I think we can all agree that the trials and tribulations of 2020 will NOT be missed. Hopefully 2021 won't be as challenging.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the Brat Fries this year, considering the limitations that we had to work around I would say it was a big success.

If you haven't renewed yet now would be a good time. And with most people being confined at home it would be nice to reach out to some buddies and see how they are doing. I know my Mom is getting cabin fever. And if you can, still try to support the club with ordering take-out, or just stopping in for a drink. We do have it set up for social distancing and new cleaning procedures. We are trying to stay afloat until we get back to normal business as usual.

We are still looking for a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Service Officer, and a couple more for the House Committee & Buildings and Grounds (hoping someone from the Auxiliary or SAL would be interested). If interested, PLEASE contact me.

One of my favorite quotes is "An optimist is one who makes opportunities of their difficulties, a pessimist is one who makes difficulties of their opportunities". I am the eternal optimist and I know that 2021 will a better year. You just need faith.

Thank You

**Dave Baumann**

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season. It has been a trying year, but the Auxiliary programs have still been going strong. Thanks to all who help to keep our organization going for our Veterans, Active Military, and their families.

Things are changing daily on planned events and meetings, so please watch your emails for updates and changes.

I want to "Thank Rose" for keeping our members informed. Also, Lori Bishop, our Chaplain, for sending the Auxiliary cards and little messages. These small gestures are very much appreciated.

If there is something the Auxiliary can do for you, as a member of Unit 38, address changes or if someone is in the hospital/nursing home, sick; please let the Unit know by contacting one of the officers.

Remember there is "NO" Meeting in January. Next meeting will be Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

We are searching for 100% Membership, so please submit your renewals, we have a ways to go yet. Remember the Auxiliary meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm in the hall at the Post. Come see what projects we have going on.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

1	Happy New Year	
4	Post Membership Meeting Oratorical (or Post Ever Lasting)	7:00PM
11	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
13	Outagamie County Council Meeting Oratorical (Post 38)	7:00PM
15	Mid-Winter Conference	
-17	Ho-Chunk Casino	
19	Auxiliary Meeting (No Meeting)	
23	9 <sup>th</sup> District Oratorical (Post 11 GB)	10:00AM
25	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

### FEBRUARY

1	Post 38 Membership Meeting (4 Chaplain's Service)	7:00PM
8	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
10	Outagamie County Council Meeting Location TBD	
13	State Oratorical-Ripon College	
15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
22	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

### MARCH

1	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
8	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
10	Outagamie County Council Meeting Location TBD	
10	Reporter Articles Due	
15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
29	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

Poppy Day for "2021" will be on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, and the list goes on. Please try to help on Poppy Day.

Make your New Years Resolution, "Support our Veterans, Community, and those in need in your daily living."

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. May God Bless you with Love, Joy, and Peace.

**Marian Brown**  
**President, Unit 38**

## OUTAGAMIE COUNTY AUXILIARY REPORT

The County joined the Fox Valley Veterans' Council in October 2020. I have attended two meetings and had the opportunity to meet some very dedicated Veterans and Auxiliary members. We voted on the new bylaws and the Council is having their election of officers on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We received information on the ongoing progress of the new Veterans Village on Glenpark Drive. Kim, from the Hortonville Post, is collecting money for pizzas for the National Guard who are here delivering Covid tests.

We also had our first Zoom meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> with quite a few of the members participating. Thanks to the Kimberly Unit for giving us an overview of the Poppy Program and how some units were able to collect some poppy money this past year. Diane Zwiers also talked about the Badger Girls State program, and on the changes, they will be implementing for the 2021 session. We plan on having another Zoom meeting in March. As of right now the King Veteran's Home is **NOT** taking any donations, although the Veteran's Village has been taking those items. Let us pray for an end to this pandemic and continue our prayers for all involved with our safety.

**Rose Heinz**  
President



## APPLETON LEGION BASEBALL

The Fall maintenance of the ball field and Post grounds was completed in early November and we are ready for the snow to hit!

We were busy all season with repairs and upgrades. The facility has never looked better.

Our last big job of the season was a re-skinning of all the clay surfaces of the ball field.

Five long days and 40 cubic yards of clay mix later...

Our volunteer team has spent lots of hours on the field and facility as well as maintaining the Post grounds.

It was nice to see the picnic area get well used for the Post Wednesday brat fry and as a take-out eating area for our West College Ave neighbors.

Registration for the 2021 Legion Baseball season is open; you can find information on our website.

Appleton Legion Baseball currently runs two teams during the summer:

- Junior Varsity Team (17 & under)
- Senior Varsity Team (19 & under)

Appleton Legion Baseball is open to all athletes between the ages of 13 and 19, who currently attend, or will be attending Appleton North, Appleton West or Appleton Xavier High School.

Make sure you check out our website at [www.appletonlegionbaseball.org](http://www.appletonlegionbaseball.org), where you'll find registration information, photos, rosters and more, and like / follow us on Facebook & Twitter at Appleton Legion Baseball. There are lots of photos on Facebook of all the work done this season.

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.

Stay tuned for news of special celebration events in 2021.

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am now collecting for the 2021 Auxiliary membership year of Unit 38, the cost is **only \$30.00 for a Senior and \$6.00 for a Junior**. You may want to consider becoming a PUFL (Paid Up For Life). You can do this by going online or contact me. You can pay your 2021 dues by sending it to the address below, dropping it off at the Post, mailing it

to the Post and mark it Auxiliary Membership, giving it to me directly, or any other means that gets it to me to activate or renew your membership.

National has set the goal of 116 members for our Unit this year, and with everyone's help we can make this goal. Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership. New this year, a lady Veteran belonging to the Auxiliary may sign up her spouse to the Auxiliary.

Join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Post for our meeting. Please join us for the meeting and social following. Guests are welcomed.

Remember there is **NO MEETING** in January 2021! Hopefully in February we can get back to in person meetings.

Thank You ladies.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914 Phone 920-739-4283.

**The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JANUARY this year, so please mark your calendars. Next meeting is Monday February 15, 2021. Marian Brown**

Membership Chairman  
Unit 38 Appleton



### Chaplin's Corner

Before time, you were known to the Lord. In His hands are held your days. Not a moment passes that He is not aware of you, and what you experience. Praise Him, from Whom all blessing flow! What are some of those blessing?

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| 1. TLEREHS _____     | 7. ELVO _____         |
| 2. DFOO _____        | 8. FLMYAI _____       |
| 3. LGIONHTC _____    | 9. OEFMEDR _____      |
| 4. NIKDR _____       | 10. DNFERIS _____     |
| 5. TALHEH _____      | 11. NISHUENS _____    |
| 6. YCERTICEILT _____ | 12. FISOSEREGNV _____ |

For now, and forever more:

May the Lord bless and keep you, May His grace be upon you,  
May His Peace dwell within you, and shine forth.

If you would like to send me a list of blessings that came to you while unscrambling the words above, I would enjoy reading them. [lorbis@msn.com](mailto:lorbis@msn.com) Or you may leave your list at the hall in an envelope with my name on. Chaplin Lori (Answers on Page 5)

Lori J. Bishop  
Unit 38 Chaplin

### **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 CHAPLINS REPORT **POST EVERLASTING**

- |          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 7-11-20  | Jerry L. Kroehler       |
| 09-26-20 | Boyd Q. Radcliffe       |
| 09-30-20 | David. W. Plank         |
| 10-12-20 | William M. Van Eeckhout |
| 10-16-20 | Edward J. Flynn         |
| 10-18-20 | Grant A Krause          |
| 10-21-20 | Laramie A. Waldhart     |
| 11-01-20 | Cody Splitt             |
| 11-01-20 | Duane L. Maves          |

#### **Visiting and Volunteers:**

Bob Johnson, Diane Seabrook

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

- Michael Everson is recovering from a stroke; is home, 1441 Kenwood Dr. Apt 4, Menasha, WI 54952 1-920-944-4596.

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

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## **Thank You Veterans!**

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. 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.

## Son of the American Legion

Happy Holidays from S.A.L Squadron 38

As I reflect on 2020, I am happy to report Squadron 38 has had a productive 2020. While many of the larger events we support and participate in may not have occurred this year, Squadron members were still very busy supporting the Legion. A lot of work has been completed around the Post; Squadron members were definitely involved in a lot of this work. We also still have members who are participating at all levels of the Legion Family Organization and hold positions at the National, State, District, and Local Levels. The big activities may not have happened, but there was still work to be done at all levels.

We are all dedicated to supporting Veterans, Active Military, and their Families. We are also proud to carry out the mission of the Legion by participating in all the programs of The American Legion. I would like to thank the Post for their ongoing support of Squadron 38, we are looking forward to working with the Legion (at all levels) in 2021.

I hope everyone has a safe Holiday Season, bring on 2021!!!!

## *Allen J. Watry*

Wisconsin Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 38 Appleton Adjutant

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## Club 38 Managers Message

As the new manager of Club 38 Bar and Grill I want to invite you all to stop by and see what's new at Club 38. As we try to get back to pre-pandemic level of business we are trying to be open more hours to serve you. Starting in January we will be open for food and drink on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 11am. The kitchen will be serving food until 8 and the bar will be open until at least 9pm. 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 Broasted Chicken from 11am to 3pm the bar will stay open until 6. Plan to join us soon. We will continue to provide To-Go service as well as dine-in opportunities.

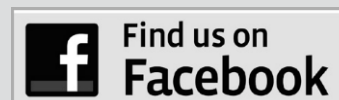
We now have gift cards available for purchase. You can help Club 38 by purchasing gift cards for gifts or for yourself. Another way you can help us is as a volunteer in the kitchen on Friday nights or perhaps you know someone looking for work in the hospitality industry. Send them in to see me.

**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.

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  
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920-733-9840

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OF APPLETON  
AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 38



## Starting in 2021

**SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**  
LegionMenu.com 920 733-9840

### **SUNDAY**

**Featuring  
BROASTED 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



### **SATURDAY**

**BAR OPEN**

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Hot Sandwiches available

# Gift Cards Available

### **WEDNESDAY**

Featuring New FULL MENU

Serving 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Daily Specials

**BAR OPEN**

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Dine-In and

Limited To-GoMenu

### **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-GoMenu

**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!**

Ans. 1. Shelter 2. Food 3. Clothing 4. Drink 5. Health 6. Electricity  
7. Love 8. Family 9. Freedom 10. Friends 11. Sunshine 12.  
Forgiveness

**POST LEADERSHIP**

Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38

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VACANT

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2020-2022**

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Ruth Eiden  
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VACANT

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