

# The American LEGION REPORTER



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Happy New Year!*

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. As we start a new year, we reflect back through 2011 and what a great year we had at Post 38. We hosted the State convention and it was a huge success. The Scarlet Guard is growing and making appearances in parades and other events. The Honor Guard is too busy but do an excellent job honoring our fallen comrades. The Legion Riders had a good year with the Legacy Ride. The Baseball teams had a great year. The Legion members had dinners and other events like the corn roast which are helping the Post with our many Veteran Programs. We also had the amazing Support our Troops collection for the 395th Soldiers. A year that we should be Proud to be Members of this great organization.

I want to remind everyone to stop and have a drink or a sandwich at Post 38. We have a wonderful club and a new manager, please stop in and introduce yourself. Curt is doing a fantastic job and continues to bring in new ideas and menu items. We have some very hard working members that are cleaning and organizing our Post. I want to thank all the people that have helped with the day to day operations - Gordon Clewell, House Committee Chairman, and Tony and Nancy Mysliwski have been cleaning every day. Mark, John, Dick, Denny, Paul, Carl, Ray, and others have spent time fixing and cleaning.

But now I am asking for more helpers. If you can give an hour or two to help with cleaning or if you have a special talent like electrical, computers, carpentry, plumbing, or any other skill, please contact Gordon or myself. We would like to get a list of people that we can call if needed.

I know that we never say thank you enough, so I would like to say Thank you to **ALL** the committee members and workers. I am VERY PROUD to say that I am a member of Post 38.

God Bless All of You  
**Laurel Weyenberg**  
*Commander, Post 38*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE

### COMMANDER MESSAGE

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

As of December 8th, the membership count is 681, which is 79.28% of our goal. Currently, there are 119 who have not renewed. If you are one of them, please consider renewing in the next few weeks. In late January, the individuals who have not renewed will be contacted. The less we have to contact, the better.

If all 119 renew, that will bring our membership total to 800. Our goal is 859. Based on these figures, we need to recruit! It sure would be nice to be a 100% Post again. We did reach 75% by Veteran's Day. Philip Matson won a gift certificate to Post 38.

**Mark Toll**

*1st Vice Commander, Post 38*

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Auxiliary members:

I hope your Christmas was memorable, spending time with family, friends, and even strangers. As we embrace a new year, let us ever be vigilant with our duties to our Veterans, Children, and our Communities.

In December we helped the Family

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

1 Club Open (Packer-Lions Game) .....	10:30AM
4 Post Meeting .....	7:00PM
11 Auxiliary Executive Meeting .....	7:00PM
18 Scarlet Guard Meeting .....	6:30PM
21 Auxiliary Meeting .....	7:00PM
21 House Committee Meeting .....	5:30PM
30 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM

### FEBRUARY

6 Post Meeting .....	7:00PM
19 House Committee Meeting .....	5:30PM
20 Auxiliary Meeting .....	7:00PM
27 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM

*Season's Greetings  
from the  
American Legion  
Post 38  
Family*



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Readiness Group of the 395th with their Christmas Party. We served subs from Pizza King (a great big thanks goes out to Dean-for the wonderful discount). The Military Honor Guard paid for the subs. Legionnaires and Auxiliary helped the children with their Christmas games. Thanks so much to all who helped. Julie Neujhar the coordinator said how all the stress of serving the food and monitoring the games was taken out of her duties, so that she had more time to spend talking with family members of those soldiers who were deployed. She was truly happy with what were able to do.

Marian Brown and I presented a \$500 FVTC Scholarship to Mason Miller, an Iraq Marine Veteran on December 7th. Mason is completing his DNR studies and will graduate next year.

We need to increase our membership-so please Legionnaires could you please pay for your wife, daughter or grand daughter's membership! Ladies, even if you can't attend all the meetings, your membership in the Auxiliary means so much to our veterans. Numbers do count when talking to congress.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able to forward \$100 to the Camo Quilt Project.

The Spaghetti dinner profits were distributed. Most of the funds when to St. Joes Food Pantry, some to Harbor House and also to Old Glory Honor Flight. Thanks so much to Darlene Giles for spearheading this fund raiser for our community. A certificate of Appreciation was given to Larry's Piggly Wiggly in Little Chute for all they do for our Unit. They reduced their costs or donated food items for the Spaghetti Dinner over the years and they helped out with food items for the 395th Family Readiness Group at their Harvest Moon Festival.

Anita Kapp was instrumental in funding a flag, pole and standard for the Appleton Medical Center Auxiliary. It is located in the coffee shop of the new tower building. This was done on

Veterans Day when the Hospital Auxiliary honored many folks from the Fox Valley who have been on the Honor Flight to Washington DC.

If you can help out with donation of school supplies for a few of our schools, please call Darlene Giles or myself, we can give you a list if needed items.

We have a very meaningful Auxiliary Visitation for Jean Erdmann who passed away Thanks to all the Auxiliary and VFW members who could attend her visitation on December 5th.

Laurie Hensel has assumed the duties of Illness & Sick Call Chairman. We want to thank Aggie Davis for her many years of dedicated service in that position for our unit.

October \$5 door prize winners were: June Endres, Betty Puffer and Anita Kapp.

November \$5 door prize winners were: Rose Heinz, June Endres, and Ruth Eiden.

Thought: "Laughter is the medicine of life." Laugh and enjoy life as long as you can. God bless you all and my God Bless the USA.

**Rose Heinz**  
*President, Unit 38*

### AUXILIARY LADIES IN NURSING HOMES

**Mary Brehm** . . . . . Brewster Village  
**Ermgard Deffert** . . . . . Carolina Manor  
**Verona Hamilton** . . . . . Rennes  
**Joan Klitzke** . . . . . Heartwood

### MEMBERSHIP

**THANKS** Ladies for renewing your membership. We are at 82.63% of goal. We still need 33 members to renew. So far we have a total of 157 paid, as of November 28th.

National will be sending renewals notices out the week of January 16th. So, if you have already paid, please disregard this notice.

If you are having financial problems, and cannot pay, please call me or Rose Heinz, we will try to work something

out.

Unit 38 is very pleased to congratulate Verona Hamilton on her 103rd birthday, Dec. 13, 2011. I hope all of you saw her picture in the Badger Legionaire last month. Many good wishes to Verona!

**Gwen Schwandt**  
*Membership Chair*

### COMMANDER'S WISHLIST TO UPGRADE THE POST

- Bathroom sinks and Faucets
- Toilets
- Bathroom Light Fixtures
- Curtains in the Hall
- Kitchen tile
- Carpeting in the Bar
- 32 inch Televisions for the Bar
- Legion Information Holder

**Mark F. Toll**  
*1st Vice Commander*

### MANAGER'S MINUTES

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for welcoming me into the American Legion family. My first 3 months have been a very pleasant experience because of your support.

A reminder our hours of operation are: Every day we are open at 10:30 am. Serving food 11:00 to 9:00 every day.

New Years Eve is quickly approaching! We will have entertainment by Ron VanGroll from 6-9 with a New Year's celebration at 8:00. We'll also have the Haze brothers from 10-1. With another New Year's countdown at midnight!



In the hall we will be serving Prime Rib and/or Lobster! Dinner for 2 will cost \$120.00. This includes a bottle of champagne for your table,

And drinks all night! Make your reservations by Monday, Dec 26.

The hall is being rented out! If you'd like to book your special event, Please let me know.

**Curtis Mader**  
Club Manager

**AMERICAN LEGION  
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

*Lost Members:*

- Keith Keane ..... 10.13.11
- James Smith ..... 10.24.11
- John Van Lieshout ..... 11.12.11
- Alvin Lietz ..... 11.27.11
- Cyril Christensen ..... 11.28.11
- Thomas Staedt ..... 12.09.11

*Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:*

Phyliss Duquette had double knee surgery and is recuperating at home.

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.

Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating.

Richard Green is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute.

Jeff Zwiers had knee surgery at AMC.

Don Bauer is back at home and is doing fine.

Please wish them the best and say a prayer for each of them.

**Don J. Eiden**  
Service Officer, Post 38

**ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE**

We will be presenting membership stars for 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of membership in the American Legion at the February meeting.

**Karl Heinz**  
Adjutant - Post 38



**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
The Reporter is now on the Post Web Page. If you wish to read it on line rather than have it mailed to contact Karl Heinz 920-734-7570 or rozkar@new.rr.com to have your name removed from the mail list. Copies will remain on the Web site for One Year.

New Years dinner (Prime Rib &/or Lobster), and drinks all night for \$60 per person  
Just drinks all night \$35 per person  
Just dinner \$35 per person

Entertainment by Jack Nettekoven (accordion) 6-9 & Brothers Haze 10-1 (60's-80's rock)

Party Favors and a champagne toasts at 8:00 & Midnight!

celebrate a  
new year



**OFFICERS 2011-2012**  
**Johnston-Blessman Post No. 38**

<b>Commander</b> Laurel Weyenberg 427-4234	<b>Finance Officer</b> John Bourassa 778-0104
<b>1st Vice Commander</b> Mark Toll 738-9632	<b>Service Officer</b> Don Eiden 733-2957
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<b>Adjutant</b> Karl Heinz 734-7570	<b>House Comm. Chairman</b> Gordon Clewell 284-0506
<b>Asst. Adjutant/Sal Adj.</b> Ray Gass 687-6152	<b>Military Funeral Chariman</b> Dick Staedt 734-9495
<b>Scarlet Guard</b> Eric Stadler 450-6907	Dick Shimek 733-6038
<b>SAL Commander</b> Jeff Sherwood 720-0127	Art Hopfensperger 788-5172

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**  
**2011-2012**

<b>President</b> Rose Heinz 734-7570 Cell: 850-1941	<b>Illness &amp; Sick Call</b> Laurie Hensel 788-9696
<b>1st Vice President</b> Marian Brown 739-4283	<b>Secretary</b> Wendy Yingling 850-0533
<b>2nd Vice President</b> Gwen Schwandt 733-5716	<b>Treasurer</b> Debra Ragen 734-7107
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	<b>Asst. Sgt.-At-Arms</b> Darlene Giles 739-1523

