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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Trials and Tribulations, pretty much sums up my first year in office. It has been difficult this past 16 months for everyone. But we are slowly getting back to normal. Brat Fry is in full swing, meetings are being held, and community events are going as planned. We will also be having our Corn Roast this year, so plan on attending (and volunteering if able).

The new membership will kicking in soon and if you haven't been on the "new and improved" MyLegion.org | The American Legion please do. Make sure you can get on, and your information is up to date. Lots of emails get kicked back as undeliverable. If you don't have account on there yet it's easy to set up and makes things a lot easier for everyone.

Annual Corn Roast – August 18th 4-7pm. Many volunteers needed.

Octoberfest – September 25th downtown Appleton. Need 12-15 volunteers.

With our new budget being approved in June we have raised our drawing at the meetings to \$50. So come to the meetings and see who gets the lucky draw.

I would also like to thank all the helpers that we had work on the landscaping out by the flags. Looks great.

I look forward to serving you over the next year.

Thank You for your service.

Dave Baumann

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

Scholarship Winners

Katie Cashman Fox Valley Lutheran
Jade Worden Appleton West
Rosie Cobb Valley New School (Family Legacy winner)

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

4	Independence Day	
7	Post Membership Meeting (Wed)	7:00PM
12	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
15-18	State Department Convention	7:00PM
	Location Madison	
26	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

August

2	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
9	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
11	Outagamie County Council Meeting	7:00PM
	Location Post 38	
16	Auxiliary Meeting	4:30PM
18	Annual Corn Roast	4-9PM
30	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

September

6	Labor Day	
8	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
8	Outagamie County Council Meeting	
	Location TBD	
10	Reporter Articles Due	
13	House & Events Committee Meeting	5:30PM
20	Auxiliary Meeting	4:30PM
25	Octoberfest	TBD
27	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

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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

May was a time to remember the veterans who gave their all for our rights and freedoms as a US Citizen. We thank them. I hope you took a moment in your own way to remember and thank them this past month.

I want to thank Ruth Eiden and Jessica Garza for their hard work with the distribution of poppies in May. Thanks to all of the Legion Family members that helped us distribute poppies at this yearly fundraiser. This money allows us to help fund activities and purchase items needed for our veterans, veteran facilities and veteran's families.

June 12th was the Appleton Flag Day parade, what a day! I want to "Thank" the people that drove the cars for us, let us use their vehicles, and any way they represented our Appleton Legion Family. The many volunteers and support shown at the After Concert at the Post. This takes a lot of time, preparation and follow thru on everyone who helps, Thank You, a job well done. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars for 2022's parade and activities.

Don't forget that the Post has a Brat Fry every Wednesday at the Post, and always looking for volunteers. If you have little or a lot of time to give, just check in on Wednesday, they would love the extra help.

Keep in mind Legion Baseball has started and we ask that you support our teams. Remember that they are our future and we need to invest in them. A great way to show your Americanism spirit is to attend a Legion ball game.

On August 18, 2021 the biggest fund raiser for the Post to support their programs all year is the annual Corn Roast. This takes a lot of manpower, and every Legion Family member pitching in in one way or another. If you would like to help with this years Corn Roast, please contact "Dancing" Ed at 920-707-3286, Jan Hoffman at 920-450-9545, or call the Club 920-733-9840 and leave your name and number for us. Someone will contact you and find how you would like to help. There are many things to do such as: work at the gates, concession stand, soda and beer stand, flag sales, 50/50 raffle, raffle and silent auction, just to name a few. If you can donate something for the silent auction or the bucket raffles please bring them to the Club any time before 4pm on Aug. 14th. You may bring them at your convenience during business hours. Any questions contact Marian at 920-739-4283, you may leave a message and I will get back to you. We need donations.

Don't forget that the American Legion Department of Wisconsin convention will be in Middleton on July 15-18. National Convention is in August.

Summer is almost half over, and we find ourselves making different kind of plans than last year. With things opening up and travel is a little easier, more picnics and activities being held, we find ourselves busy making plans to attend the events. While enjoying these events, we ask you do what is right for you to stay safe and healthy during this time and remember to check on your neighbors and friends to make sure they are safe they don't need a little help or fellowship. If there is something we may help with, please contact us.

Ladies, please consider if you haven't attended a meeting for a while, or maybe not at all, coming to the meetings the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30pm at the Post. We would like to see and get to know you. We give away \$5 door prizes each month to 3 lucky attendees!! It could be you!! You may even want to invite a friend to tag along.

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Please remember in July we will not be holding a meeting. In August we will start our membership renewals, we invite you to renew your membership and sign-up new members at that time. The August meeting is on August 16th at 4:30pm, see you there.

Also, don't forget that the Club and Bar is open for Friday Fish Fry, Tuesday Specials, and are willing to book your next event in the hall. Stop by and visit with others. Call the Club if you need more information.

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

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. Currently we are only at 91%, so we need everyone's help to get to our goal. We collect 2021 dues until December 31, 2021.

Also, in mid-July I will get the 2022 membership information from Department, and we will start collecting 2022 dues. Remember that you must pay your 2021 dues prior to paying the 2022 dues. Questions can be addressed to me, just contact me at the information below.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your stepdaughters, and step granddaughter's 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.

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

Thank You to the ladies that have already paid.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 4:30 P.M. at the Post. We have temporarily changed the time to see if we can get more members to attend. Please join us for the meeting. Guests are welcomed.

No Meeting in July so the next meeting is Monday August 16, 2021 at 4:30pm.

Thankfully, we haven't lost any members this year. We are always looking for more new members and more participation from our existing members. Stay Healthy and Safe.

Marian Brown

Membership Chairman

Unit 38 Appleton

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY AUXILIARY REPORT

The Auxiliary participated in the Veterans Memorial Processional on Saturday, May 29th at the Outagamie County Court House. It was a silent homage to remember and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown American Soldier. The tomb guard takes 21 steps and then pauses 21 seconds after his about face to begin his return walk. We marched two by two and laid a carnation or a Gold Star at the Battle Cross located at the base of the steps to the Court House entrance. The names of those who died in battle from Outagamie County was read by Kenton Craddock. While this was in progress Anne Norman played a bagpipe and at the end she played "Amazing Grace." Various veterans' groups were in attendance, and it was so nice to see the Patriot Guard.

Appleton Unit 38 donated the funds to pay for the "Gold Star Cookies" given to each of the participants. Thank you to Lori Bishop, Linda Breitzman, Tammie Domeck, and Debra Ragen. Also participating were Bonnie Blink, Lynn Ziegert and Sue Wait from Unit 55 Hortonville and Carol King from Kaukauna who gave of their time to participate in the silent homage.

Congratulations to Lynn Ziegert from Hortonville as the 2021-2023 Outagamie County President.

Rose Heinz

Past Outagamie County Auxiliary President

POPPY MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

We would like to thank everyone who was able to contribute by donating or volunteering time from your schedule. With your support and the support of our community we were able to raise about \$5,000. After paying a percentage to Department, purchasing more Poppies for the upcoming year we will be able to use the extra funds throughout the year towards Veteran Programs. Some of the programs we donate to include the Fox Valley Tech Scholarship, Christmas Treats for the VA hospitals and many other programs that help our Veterans. Thank you again.

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

We are wrapping up the Xavier High School baseball season and getting ready for the opening of our Legion season. The field looks great with all the work done last year and some upgrades this Spring. You should check out our new trophy case in the Club 38 Bar – very nice!

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 [schedule](#) on our



website.

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](#).

SCARLET GUARD and HONOR GUARD

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

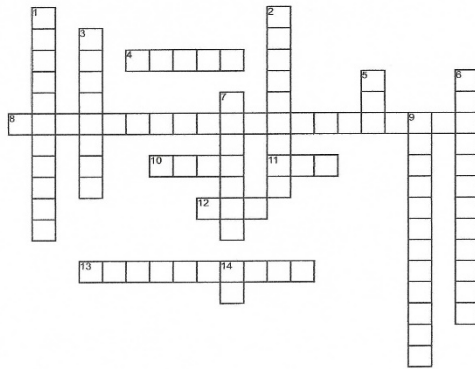
Both participated in the Memorial Day tribute at the 5 cemeteries in Appleton, and the ceremony at Wichman's Funeral Home. Very respectful and touching tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters.

The Scarlet Guard also marched in the Flag Day parade, and the Marine Corps Band concert at the Post after the parade went very well. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

The Scarlet Guard, Honor Guard, and Post leadership also did a formal flag retirement at the Post on Flag Day. Very respectful ceremony and it's something we would like to do every year.



INDEPENDANCE



Across

- 4. This color on the flag signifies purity and innocence?
- 8. What is the woman's name that was printed on the first copy of the Declaration of Independence in January 1777?
- 10. What color on the flag signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice?

Word Bank

- Independence
- August 2, 1776
- Fifty-six
- John Hancock
- July 2, 1776
- Six
- Happiness
- Red

Down

- 1. Who's signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence?
- 2. What is the last word in the declaration of independence?
- 3. How many men signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 5. This color on the flag hardiness and valor?
- 6. What day is July 4th known as?
- 7. We give thanks for our?
- 9. What date was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- 14. How many colonies were there when the independence was voted for?

- God
- Blue
- White
- 13
- Mary Katherine Goddard
- Freedom

Our Strength, Joy, and Peace come from God

Psalm 63:7 For You are my help; I will sing for joy in the shadow of Your wings. Because You are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings. Because You are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of Your wings. For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

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).

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. We haven't had an overwhelming response to we may have to revisit returning some plots.

Club 38 Manager's Message

Currently we are open for food and drink on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 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.

POST 38 CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

POST EVERLASTING

- 03-17-21 Philip Muth
- 04-25-21 Michael Borg
- 05-11-21 Earl Walker

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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Garrick L. Eppinger, Assistant Chaplain Post 38

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Thank You Veterans!

AMERICAN LEGION Reporter

We added an all you can eat Spaghetti Supper on Wednesdays, after the Brat Fry ends. Spaghetti will be available starting at 3pm. We also moved our daily Specials back to Tuesdays. A new menu is also in the works.

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 are 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

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 38
ANNUAL CORN ROAST
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 4pm-?**

American Legion Post 38
3220 W. College Ave.

Suggested Donation: Adults \$10.00 – Kids 5-12 years old \$5.00, Kids under 4 free

Includes All-You-Can-Eat Corn on the cob, Beer, Soda

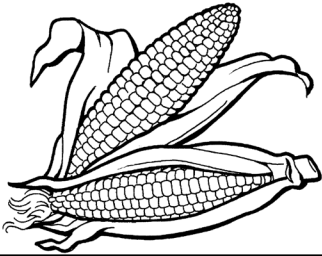
Many valuable Raffle Prizes

Other food & refreshments available for purchase.

Live music Graciously donated by

The FBI and The Untouchable Horns

We need many volunteers so please contact Ed Domek (eddomek@me.com)
or Jan Hoffman (hoffmanjand@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.



Starting in 2021

SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY

LegionMenu.com 920 733-9840

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

TUESDAY
 Featuring New FULL MENU
 Serving 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Daily Specials BAR OPEN
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Dine-In and
 Limited To-Go Menu



SATURDAY
BAR OPEN
 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Hot Sandwiches available

Gift Cards Available

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



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!

It's Spaghetti Night at Club 38!
All You Can Eat
Spaghetti Supper
\$8.95
 Includes Sauce, Meatballs, Garlic Bread
Complete Meal \$11.95
 Includes items above plus pick two of the items below
Garden Salad, Cup of Soup, 4 Meatballs, Glass of Wine
 These extra items are also available for \$2.00 each
Always on Wednesday
 Served 4:00PM until the Spaghetti is All Gone
REGULAR MENU ALSO AVAILABLE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Inside The American Legion Building

For Reservations Call 920-733-9840	3220 W College Avenue Appleton, WI 54914
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NOW HIRING ALL POSTIONS Part Time
 5 - 25 hours a week

In order to return to pre-pandemic staffing levels so we can be open six days a week, serving both lunch and supper, we need to increase our staff. We need short order and prep cooks, waitresses, bartenders, dish-washers, bussers and set up and cleaning crews.

Please consider joining our staff. Let me know how many hours you'd like to work a week and I'll find a spot for you. Give me a call and let me know you're interest. 920 733-9840

Mike Utech, Manager. Club 38 Bar & Grill, 3220 W College Avenue

Crossword Puzzle answers: (1) John Hancock, (2) Happiness, (3) FiftySix, (4) White, (5) Red, (6) Independence, (7) Freedom, (8) MaryKatherineGoddard, (9) August 2, 1776, (10) Blue, (11) Six, (12) God, (13) July2,1776, (14) 13

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