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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The days are winding down in my term as Commander. The year has been very interesting, to say the least, but I survived!

As always, the Post could not continue on without all the selfless acts of giving time and talents. I would like to identify just few of them:

- Bob Hall and gang for putting on a great Christmas party for the kids.
- The Honor Guard for rendering honors for our fallen comrades in such a professional manner.
- The Scarlet Guard for honoring the colors in parades, various events and via flag etiquette classes.
- All the individuals who have helped with the numerous flag retirements.
- Fellow officers, executive committee members and various committees for all that you do.

Last year, Wisconsin Legion Baseball instituted a Hall of Fame. A charter inductee was Post 38's own Don Hawkins. It was recently announced that Bob Weyenberg will be inducted with the class of 2013. Congratulations, Don and Bob!

At February's Post meeting, we had the pleasure of hosting the Department Commander Wayne Jensen. He gave a short speech and handed out Star Awards. The evening ended with a fine spread of food which was coordinated by 2nd Vice Commander Paul Kryszak. Good job, Paul.

On March 6th, the Past Commanders had their annual dinner. There were 18 PCs in attendance. Thank you to all the Past Commanders for your support of Post 38.

In this edition of *The Reporter*, you will find the ballot for selecting officers for the 2013-14 term. Please exercise your right to vote. Remember, your dues have to have been paid for your vote

to count. If you have not renewed your membership, do it soon.

Although the event has not taken place as of this writing, I would like to thank the Auxiliary for the wonderful party that they put on in honor of the Legion's birthday. Aloha!

If you are reading this before March 30th, remember to bring your kids, grandkids, etc. to the annual Easter party. I believe the time for this is 1-3 pm. Thanks to Bob Hall for organizing this event and all the volunteers in making this run so smoothly.

Here are some events that are coming up:

- **Car Show** – May 4th at Post 38
- **Memorial Day** – May 27th, parade at 9 am in downtown Appleton followed by programs at Riverside Cemetery and the Legion Plot
- **Flag Day Parade** – June 8th, parade at 2 pm followed by post parade concert at Post 38

In planning for the future, Post 38 will have the honor of hosting the annual Department convention in 2014 and 2015. Yes, you see it right. The convention will be held in Appleton two years in a row! To make these events successful, a lot of volunteers will be needed. So start planning to help at these events.

Please, continue to support the Club. Friday fish fry has continued to be very popular. The House Committee is working on some ideas to hold various events. Keep checking in at the Club for developments.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone who had to put up with me this year. Please give the next commander as much support as you have given to me. Thank you and as always – Take Care!

Mark Toll

Commander, American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 1 Post Meeting 7:00pm
- 3 Past Presidents
Parley Meeting 12:30pm
- 8 Auxiliary Executive
Meeting 6:30pm
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 Spaghetti Dinner
Fund Raiser 4:30-7pm
- 17 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30pm
- 22 House Committee Meeting . 5:30pm
- 29 Executive Meeting 6:30pm

MAY

- 6 Post Meeting 7:00pm
(Election of New Officers)
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30pm
- 17 Poppy Day 7am-6pm
- 20 House Committee
Meeting 5:30pm
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
- 29 Executive Meeting 6:30pm

JUNE

- 3 Post Meeting 7:00pm
(Installation of New Officers)
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 House Committee Meeting . 5:30pm
- 19 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30pm
- 24 Executive Meeting 6:30pm

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1ST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Our Membership continues to climb, but we still need your help!

We are currently at 702 members and that is 87.31%. If you have not renewed yet, a membership is good through the end of 2013. Also with elections coming up, you need to be in good standing for the membership year to vote! Let's all work together. We always need new members, so invite a friend to a meeting or one of our many upcoming events or activities. Talk to your neighbors—we really don't realize how many veterans are out there who don't belong to a veterans organization. Let's help them find ours!

Jeff Zwiers

1st Vice Commander, Post 38

3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

We are now in the planning phase for our Easter Party and egg hunt. The date is March 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Once again I will be looking for volunteers to color eggs and stuff plastic eggs with candy. I am planning to have the volunteers meet on March 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and again on March 30th from noon to 3:30 pm. I have contacted a volunteer to be the Easter Bunny.

The Post manager will order the eggs, and has confirmed the time and dates.

I will be passing a volunteer list for cleaning on Saturday mornings. If you can spare some time it will be greatly appreciated.

Robert E. Hall

3rd Vice Commander, Post 38

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Where: American Legion Post 38
When: April 7th at Noon
Entry Fee: \$20 for 2 person team
Payout: 100% (40% for 1st,
30% for 2nd, 20% for 3rd,
10% for 4th)

Food and Drink Specials

Sign up at the Post or call 733-9840
or contact Ray Gass at 687-6152 or
tarheel485@aol.com

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY...

Soon flowers will be blooming and everything will start to turn green again. I know we all can't wait to get rid of the snow for awhile, but remember: just like Frosty, it will be back next year.

At our March meeting we honored the "American Legion's Birthday" with a pot luck supper, a brief meeting and some dancing entertainment. Thanks to all who helped with the evening and to all who attended. We all had a good time.

Our unit still hasn't hit 100%, those who still haven't renewed please do so, and ladies also sign up your daughters, granddaughters, friends. Those members who decided not to renew, thanks so much for your past support.

The Auxiliary Executive Meeting is set for Monday, April 8, at 6:30 pm at the Post.

The Past Presidents Parley will meet at the Post on Wednesday, April 3rd at 12:30 pm.

Don't forget to come to the Post for the Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 17th. Bring your family, friends, and tell your neighbors to come enjoy the spaghetti, all you can eat with salad, dessert, milk or coffee from 4:30-7pm. These funds help us

serve more veterans and community projects. So come out and enjoy some good cooking! If you have any questions call Darlene Giles at 739-1523 or Marian at 739-4283.

On Saturday, May 11th Outagamie County will host the 9th District Spring Conference in Kimberly.

Please give a little time on Friday, May 17th for our annual "Poppy Day" fundraiser. Please be generous in support of our Veterans and their families. And if you can give just one hour of your time to distribute poppies on that day call Jessica Garza (920) 678-9958 to sign up.

Lastly, Memorial Day is drawing near and I ask that you take time during the month of May especially to "Thank" our Veterans and military families for the sacrifices they have made for us. Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery. This is one way to show your appreciation to our veterans and the sacrifices they have made.

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

*Marian Brown, Unit 38 Auxiliary
President*

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Members in Nursing Homes:

Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

Deceased Members:

Mary Brehm: 12/03/22 - 01/10/13

Membership News:

We are happy to report that over 85% of our members have paid their dues. If you have not paid please support Unit 38 by renewing your dues.

Remember our meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Guests are welcome so invite someone to attend.

Linda Breitzman

Membership Chairman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

POPPY DAY IS MAY 17, 2013

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your day to help distribute poppies. Sign up ahead of time or come to the Legion that day and I will find you a spot.

Poppy Chairman Jessica Garza



AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

March 13, 2013

Lost Members:

Norbert Debaene 01.05.13
Gene Schuldes 01.15.13
John Stotmeister. 01.21.13
William Bart. 02.06.13
Norman Andrews 02.10.13
Bob Woldt. 02.14.13
Siegfried Schoenian. 02.26.13

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.
Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks
recuperating.

Don Huth has moved to Brewster
Village. He is in the Heritage area,
Depot Room #11.

John Erdmann is at Appleton
Health Care on Meade St. It is the old
Franciscan Care facility north of OO.

Clyde Klemp had a stroke and is in
Rennes Nursing home.

Earl Breitenfelt had a fall and is back
at Rennes and could be there a while as
per Don Bauer.

Ed Koleske is a patient at Rennes
health center.

Charlie Haith has been ill several
months and is battling chronic heart
failure. Please pray for his recovery and
hope to see him back soon.

**Please notify me if anyone is
recovering from surgery or any other
illnesses so I can get them in the
newsletter. Thank you.**

Don J Eiden

Service Officer, Post 38

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Auxiliary Spring Spaghetti Dinner



Wednesday, April 17, 2013

4:30 to 7:00 pm

Adults: \$8.00 • Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

CANDIDATE FOR POST COMMANDER

Hi, my name is Jeff Zwiers. I am currently your 1st Vice Commander. I am running for the position of Post Commander in our May election for 2013-14. I would just like to take a few lines to introduce myself and give you a little background.

I am an army veteran of 22 years. I retired from the Army Reserve in 2002. My father, Roger Zwiers, persuaded me to join the American Legion in 2006. Since then, I have held the positions of: Sergeant at Arms for 2 years, 3rd Vice Commander, and currently 1st Vice Commander. I am also a member of the Scarlet Guard, Sons of the American Legion, and have assisted in many flag retirement ceremonies and various other Legion activities.

I have owned and operated my own

business for the past 13 years. I have been married to my wife Diane for almost 24 years, and together we have 6 children and 16 grandchildren.

If elected Commander, I will continue to monitor the rejuvenation of our House and Post. We have a lot of great people helping to put the Post back on its feet. I would also like to increase the involvement in our many projects and activities through promotions that bring together all of our members, experienced and not so experienced. I believe we can learn a lot from our longtime members and with ideas from newer members, we can't lose! Please vote in May.

Sincerely,
Jeff Zwiers

1st Vice Commander, Post 38

BADGER BOYS STATE CANDIDATES FOR 2013

Fox Valley Lutheran H.S William Penterman (P), Nathan Meitner (P)
Ryan Kudek (A)

Xavier H.S. Matthew Ferris (P), Stephen Varkoly (P)
Riley Chelsky (A)

Appleton West H.S Joshua Shelley (P), Austin Mullins (P), Jack Schneider (P)
Caleb Michiels (A), Joshua Gehring (A)

Appleton East H.S. Andrew Parsons (P), Philip Boldt (P)
Andrew Langenhahn (A)

Appleton North H.S. Brad Lovell (P), Alex Hoo (P)
Evan Polc (A), Luke Hickey (A)

Submitted by Don J Eiden BBS Coordinator 920-733-2957

(P) = Primary candidate, (A) = Alternate Candidate

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