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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By the end of August, almost a quarter of my term will be over. Time sure flies!

Since becoming your post commander I have been busy. A list of some of the things that I have done include:

- June 9th – Rode in the Appleton Flag Day parade and played host to the State Commander, Denise Rohan.
- June 23rd – Attended membership training in Clintonville.
- July 19–21 - I was a delegate at the annual department convention in Middleton. I filled in as Sgt-at-Arms for the 9th District. I served as assistant Sgt-at-Arms on the convention floor. As a member of the Scarlet Guard, I took part in posting and retrieving the Colors. Wayne "Swift" Jensen from Milwaukee Post 415 was elected as Department Commander. It was a very busy time, but fun and educational. Also, met Cardboard Ken.
- July 25th – Presided over a formal flag retirement here at Post 38. Thirteen post members took part, along with 7 Boy and Cub Scouts and their parents. Many favorable comments were received. Thanks to everyone that participated.
- August 1–5 – Participated in opening and closing ceremonies at the American Legion 'AAA' Baseball Tournament that was hosted by Post 38. Thank you to all the volunteers

who made this event run so smoothly. State Commander Jensen was on hand for these ceremonies, also.

- August 8th – Attended the end of the season baseball banquet. This is held to honor the young men that played for Post 38 this past season.

Besides the above mentioned events, there have been a lot of meetings to insure that the Post runs as smoothly as possible.

Renewals are coming in at a good rate. If you have not renewed yet, please do it soon. We appreciate your cooperation.

REMINDER

**September's monthly
Post meeting will be
held on Wednesday,
September 5th at 7 pm
due to Labor Day.**

You still have time to donate raffle/door prizes for the State Golf Outing on September 8th and the 9th District Fall Conference on October 14th. They can be brought to the September or

October Post meeting.

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Military Show on September 15th, 9 am–4 pm. Hope to see you there.

Before I forget, the Auxiliary is hosting a Spaghetti Feed on September 19th. Please come out and support the ladies.

Thanks to all the people behind the scenes for everything you do.

That's all folks.

Mark F. Toll
Commander, Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 17 House Committee Meeting . . 5:30PM
- 19 Spaghetti Dinner 4:30–7:00PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 24 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

OCTOBER

- 1 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 8 Auxiliary Executive Meeting . 6:30PM
- 14 9th District Fall Conference . 9:00AM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 17 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 22 House Committee Meeting . . 5:30PM
- 29 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings! It’s already August, time has sure gone fast. On Wednesday, September 19th we are planning a spaghetti dinner at the Post. Anyone with extra fresh vegetables to donate for the salads, please call Darlene Giles before September 17th. All proceeds will go to our local food pantry and our Auxiliary Unit. We invite everyone to come out and get spaghetti, salad, bread, bars, and coffee for a good price.

The July meeting \$5.00 winners were Marian Brown, Phyllis Duquette, and Gwen Schwandt.

On August 1st the Auxiliary sold slushies, cookies, and cool ties at the State Baseball Tournament Class AAA. The profits will be split with the baseball program and the Auxiliary. We want to thank Wichmann’s Funeral Home for donating the cookie dough, and the ladies who help came to the Post to bake them.

We want to thank all our ladies who helped with this project and at baseball tournament from making cool ties, baking cookies, selling our items at the game. We have a great bunch of volunteers, “THANK YOU”—it doesn’t go unnoticed!!

Our new Membership Chairman is Linda Breitzman. We have started our membership renewals, so we invite you to renew your membership and sign up new members. We will keep our unit dues at \$25.00, even with the increase of the dues paid the National. As a result we have discontinued paying for those Auxiliary members cost of the dinner at the Veterans Dinner Dance. Let’s see how fast our unit can meet our goal and be at 100%.

Good luck to all the golfers participating in the State Golf Outing on Saturday September 8th.

Just a reminder we will have an Executive Meeting on Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm at the Post.

On October 15th we will honor our new members and those who have 5 and 10 years of service. We will have a potluck starting at 6:00 pm with meeting to follow. Any questions call myself or Darlene Giles. I look forward to seeing you.

Again this year we are collecting school supplies for the local schools. We distribute these items in spring when the teachers and students supplies from the start of the year are scarce. Things that are being collected are spiral notebooks, pencils, rulers, bottled glue or glue sticks, wide lined paper, crayons colored markers, colored pencils, and small boxes of Kleenex.

Thank You

Marian Brown
Unit President 38

PROPOSED ADDITION TO POST 38 BY-LAWS

The following Addendum is being proposed:

ADDENDUM – A Dissolution Clause

Upon the dissolution of the Oney Johnston-Edward Blessman Post #38 of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin, its assets remaining after payment of provision for payment, or of all debts and liabilities of this post shall be distributed to the Department of Wisconsin and the National Headquarters of the American Legion within the meaning of Section 501 (c) 19 of the Internal Revenue Code. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of the state.

This Addendum is required by our insurance carrier. The wording is the standard format suggested by the American Legion Department of Wisconsin office.

The voting to accept this change into the By-Laws will take place at the October post meeting on October 1, 2012.

BADGER GIRLS STATE: JUNE 17–22, 2012

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 is sending 11 girls from five high schools in Appleton to Oshkosh this June. Contributors and Delegates are:

- American Legion Post 38Mc Kenna Rakestraw, Appleton North
- Herbert H. Kohl Charities IncEmily Schmidt, Xavier
- FVL Alumni Association.Megan Voss, Fox Valley Lutheran
- VFW Auxiliary Post 2778Naomi Roselaar, Appleton North
- Grand Chute Lions.Kathryn Sauter, Appleton East
- Kiwanis Club-Golden KMaggie Dickinson, Appleton West
- Kiwanis Club-Golden KHaley Feiler, Appleton West
- Kiwanis Club-Golden KKerry Huth, Appleton West
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 . .Jaffna Mathiapparanam, Appleton East
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 . .Grace Flaherty, Xavier High School
- Lee Gass Memorial.Ryan Kargus, Fox Valley Lutheran
- Brodhead Lions Club.Alt: Yunbing (Cherie) Liu, Appleton East

CONGRATULATIONS to the delegates as they represent their schools and a very special **Thank You** goes to all our contributors for their support in this outstanding program of Americanism, Youth, and Government.

Rose Heinz
Badger Girls State Chairman, Unit 38

CHAPLAIN CHATTER**TAPS**

We hear this familiar song made up of 24 notes played at all military funerals and it has probably brought many a tear to the eye and a lump in the throat. Being in the Funeral Honor Guard, I think I can speak for the members of the detail that this is often the case.

Taps has been described as being moving, mournful, and eloquent. This why it is very appropriate to be sounded at the funeral of a deceased comrade.

There are many versions on the history of *Taps*. The one most accepted was arranged in its present form in July of 1862 by Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield, an American Civil War general and a Medal of Honor recipient. Butterfield's bugler, Oliver W. Norton was the first to play *Taps*. It was used by both the Union and Confederate armies. *Taps* was officially recognized by the United States Army in 1874.

Captain J. Tidball a Union captain, ordered the playing of *Taps* for a fallen soldier in place of the customary three volley tribute. Because of the enemy being very close, it was unsafe to do the rifle salute. Thus started the custom of sounding *Taps* for the funeral ceremony.

There are several versions of lyrics put to the music. Here is one of the original.

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from
the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.
Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming
bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.
Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, neath the stars,
neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*

Again, we see and feel the presence of God and His Divine Providence in life and in death.

God bless America and remember His Second Commandment.

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP**Members in Nursing Homes:**

Mary Brehm, Brewster Village
Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

Membership News:

By the time you read this newsletter you should have received your 2013 dues notice. Contact me if you have any questions. Support our unit by renewing your dues.

Remember our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Breitzman
Membership Chair

**AMERICAN LEGION
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

August 19, 2012

Lost Members:

Charles Malmberg	07.20.12
Ron Van Groll	07.29.12
Floyd Cottrell	08.08.12
Henry Clausen	08.12.12
Jim Wisner	08.17.12

Jim is no longer a member of post 38 but he may have some friends here.

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.

Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating.

Don Huth is recuperating at Rennes Health Care, #118.

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

Richard Neubert had hip replacement at AMC and is recuperating at Recovering Inn north of Highway 41 on Ballard Rd.

Gene Schuldes is a resident at Appleton Health Care in Appleton.

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

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

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Reporter is now on the Post Web Page. If you wish to read it online rather than have it mailed to you, contact Karl Heinz 920-734-7570 or rozkar@new.rr.com to have your name removed from the mail list.

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