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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As I write this, snow has fallen and Christmas shopping has commenced, but my thoughts are taken back to Thanksgiving. With that in mind, I want to say "Thanks" to the following:

Dick Staedt and his committee for organizing this year's Veteran's Day ceremony which was held at Post 38. I received many favorable comments.

Members of the Scarlet Guard for their participation in the above mentioned ceremony and marching in the Appleton Christmas Parade. They received a very warm reception from the crowd.

Auxiliary members: Linda Breitzman, Darlene Giles, Rose Heinz, Eylamae and Diane Zwiers for decorating the hall and donating some of the decorations.

Darlene Giles for doing a wonderful job on the new curtains that hang in the hall.

The Legion members that hung the new curtains.

Jackie Ridderbusch, Steve Stefonik and some of the bartenders for decorating the bar area.

Ray Gass, Joe Murray and whoever else helped with organizing everything for the Army/Navy football game.

Fellow Post officers, Exec and House Committee members that help and keep me on the straight and narrow to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

To everyone else who has donated time in support of Post 38.

Here's something to put on your calendar. Department Commander Wayne Jensen will be our guest at the

Post meeting on February 4, 2013 at 7 pm. We will have an abbreviated agenda that evening followed by a luncheon. If you are willing to donate something for the luncheon, please contact 2nd Vice Commander Paul Kryszak.

The Oratorical Contest will be taking place prior to the Post meeting on January 7th, starting at 6:30 pm. Please beware that you will not be able to enter the hall while the competition is in session. The Sergeant-at-Arms will be set up in the bar area to facilitate signing in. The monthly meeting will start as close as possible to 7 pm.

In January and February, the Nomination Committee will be formulating the ballot for the elections to be held in May. If you are contacted by this committee, seriously consider serving as an officer.

The Past Commander's Dinner will be in March with the date to be determined. Watch your mail box for details.

Just a reminder, the Reporter will be put out quarterly starting with this issue.

In closing, I hope everyone had a safe and blessed Christmas and that the New Year brings you continued health and prosperity.

Mark F. Toll
Commander, Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 7 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 14 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting 6:30PM
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 19 House Committee Meeting . . . 5:30PM
- 16 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 28 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
(Department Commanders Visit)
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

MARCH

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 30 Children's
Easter Party 1:00 to 3:00PM

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season. In November we collected non-perishable items for The Salvation Army. I want to thank the Auxiliary members who contributed. Also, I want to thank the women who helped decorate the Post for the holidays on November 28th. You did a good job for everyone to enjoy.

Jessica Garza and myself presented a \$500 FVTC Scholarship to Justin Heimermann on December 6th, who is a United State Marine Corps veteran. Justin, who attends the Oshkosh campus, is completing his Aeronautics-Pilot Training. Justin is in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and attends drill once per month as a corporal in the Marines.

We had several women ring the bell at Festival Foods on Northland on Friday, December 14th. Thank you.

We are searching for 100%!! So please send in your renewals and, Legionnaires, sign up your wife, daughters, or granddaughters. Any questions, feel free to contact myself or Membership Chairman Linda Breitzman. Remember, the Auxiliary meets at 7 pm, the 3rd Monday of the month at the Post. Come see what projects the Auxiliary has going on.

Darlene Giles will be distributing the collected school supplies at the end of January to several Appleton schools. Thanks to all who contributed and start collecting for next year. This is a project

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

the Auxiliary has been doing for some time and the schools are so grateful for the supplies. By January, the beginning of the year supplies have diminished, so new resources are needed. Any questions, contact Darlene Giles or myself.

Also, all winter long, Darlene Giles will be collecting new or good used hats, mittens, and scarves to be distributed when the weather gets colder, to Foster and Columbus Elementary Schools. This allows children to go outside at recess who don't have these items.

March is the official birth month for the American Legion. So Commander Mark, Post Officers and Members, the Auxiliary wishes you a Happy 92nd Birthday!

Ladies, don't forget there is an executive meeting on Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Post. Our January Auxiliary meeting will be on the 21st at 7 p.m.

We have lost several Auxiliary members these last few months of 2012. I ask that we remember them and their families as the holidays and the new year begins.

Connie Baumann, November 7, 2012

Arlene Kline, November 13, 2012

Dorothy Pettis, November 28, 2012

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2013.

Marian Brown
President, Unit 38

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

December 13, 2012

Lost Members:

Robert Balliet 11.13.12
Robert Groves 11.14.12
Robert Brower 11.14.12
Joseph Murphy. 11.19.12
Willis Babb 12.04.12
Edward Deroche 12.04.12
Carl Techlin 12.06.12

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.

Leroy Meinhardt is recuperating at Colony Oaks.

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.

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

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

Bob Woldt's cancer has come back. It has gotten in his ribs and lungs; he is doing 10 days of chemo. We will keep in touch with me and when he is done we will talk. Please pray for our good friend.

Earl Breitenfelt had a fall and is back at Rennes Health Center, possibly for several months (according to Don Bauer).

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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UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Nursing Homes:

Mary Brehm, Brewster Village
Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

Deceased Members:

Connie Baumann: 06/14/62- 11/07/12
Arlene Kline: 09/06/23-11/13/12
Dorothy Pettis: 11/22/24-11/28/12

Membership News:

We are happy to report that we only have a few more members to pay their dues. If you have not paid please support Unit 38 by renewing your dues.

Members who have received their cards may notice their dates are incorrect. We have received information from National that they have a new computer system and that most dates are incorrect. I will submit the form with the correct dates after the holidays.

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

Linda Breitzman
Membership Chairman

CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

"Dear, I can't find my favorite brown sweater."

She replies, "It is right where you always hang it." She comes to the closet and separates the blue shirt and the gray sweater and there it is, the brown sweater. How could I have not seen it!

And she says with a little bit of sarcasm, "Sometimes you have to move and separate things to find what you are looking for."

Can this also be true in how we seek out our Lord? Maybe we should move some things aside and do some separating so that we can find the true meaning of God in our lives. So when we open up that closet door of our hearts and minds, our Lord and Savior is right there in plain sight.

Seek and ye shall find. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually, 1 Chronicles 16:11.

Wishing all a Happy and Blessed New Year! And remember the 2nd Commandment.

Bob Johnson

BADGER GIRLS STATE

As Auxiliary members, did you know that Badger Girls State is part of the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism program? This years' 70th session is scheduled for June 16 thru June 21, 2013 at the University of Oshkosh campus.

Our local Unit has been fortunate in sponsoring at least two high school junior girls from each of the Appleton's schools for the past few years. The girls learn about the principles of government, respect for our flag and

what it means to us as a Nation. The cost to sponsor a girl is \$240, which includes her room, meals, study materials, etc. Service, clubs, businesses, civic organizations, and school groups can help by assisting us in paying all or part of the delegates tuition. So if you can help us out or if you need further information, please call me.

Rose Heinz
BGS Chairman
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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.

Copies will remain on the website for one year.



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