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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

“HELP WANTED” NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY !

That's right! The American Legion needs your help. There are many opportunities, big and small to get involved in your American Legion.

Helping your American Legion has many benefits to you too. The camaraderie can be rewarding. Rekindling old friendships and making new ones... you can't go wrong.

Here are a few opportunities:

- **American Legion Baseball.** Help with grounds keeping or general maintenance, help in the concession stand, direct involvement with youth teams. And remember, you need NO experience. Training and assistance is provided with a smile.
- **Corn Roast, Aug. 21st.** Looking for all kinds of help. Share a few hours or stay for the day. Our new 3rd Vice Commander, Steve Greely, has great ideas, but still needs helpers. He will have signup sheets at the meetings, or contact him by using the information on the back page.
- **Wednesday Brat Fry.** Every Wednesday 11am to 2pm. Just a few hours of your time benefits the Post greatly. All proceeds go to the Post and other Post organizations.
- **Saturday Cleanup Crew, 8am to 10am.** Help would be greatly appreciated, even once or twice a month.
- **Honor Guard.** This fine organization provides firing squad and honors to our fallen comrades at funerals. They also provide services at many patriotic and military events. These are mostly weekday activities and are great for our retired members.
- **Scarlet Guard.** Always looking for new members, The Scarlet Guard provides units for parades and many other community events. They will teach you how to march like a professional.

And the list goes on... Contact the Post or any of your officers for more information.

Share A Ride: Do you miss us like we miss you? If you are unable to attend meetings or events due to transportation issues, please contact me. And if you are willing to provide a ride for a fellow Legion members also contact me. I will coordinate this. I can be contacted at (920) 460-0678 or email me at dzwiwers@live.com

Thank you to the following:

Joe Murray. Thank you for your many years of selfless service to the House Committee. Your dedication and experience will be missed.

Laurel Weyenberg. Thank you for your knowledge and skills in dealing with financial matters of the Post, and your hard work and extra hours in contribution to the House Committee.

To the Scarlet Guard members who will no longer march with us, but will continue to contribute: Clyde Jenkins, John Braunreiter, and Mark Toll, your presence will be missed.

A huge thank you to ALL members for your many hours of service in support of our American Legion!

The new membership year starts July 1st. Watch for your renewals and please return promptly, and always look for new members and transfers. We have a great Post—let's share!

State conference this year is in Oconomowoc July 18–21. If you are attending please make the most of it. For yourself and the Post. And remember, Post 38 is hosting State convention in 2014 and 2015!

I am looking forward to a great year serving as your commander. We will have all the usual activities, and have added a very important decision-making project to our agenda. Please be a part of it. Your ideas and energy are valuable.

Jeff Zwiwers
Post 38 Commander

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- 1 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 8 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 15 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 17 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 29 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

AUGUST

- 5 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 19 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 21 Corn Roast 4:00PM
- 21 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 26 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 16 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

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3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

We are now in the planning phase for our Corn Roast set for Wednesday, August 21 from 4:00 to ? I will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and concessions. I am also looking for help collecting donations for door prizes and raffle items. It would be great if someone could volunteer to run the raffle. Please contact me if you can help in either of these areas. I would be most appreciative, and thank you for your support.

*Steve Greely
3rd Vice Commander, Post 38*

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

June 8, 2012

LOST MEMBERS:

- Robert Hirnschall03.15.13
- E.C. Woods.03.16.13
- David Whitby03.22.13
- Kenneth Mahloch04.03.13

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 Brewster Village.

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.

Ed Koleske is a patient at Rennes health center.

William Hoffman, who is 90 years old, is at Brewster Village.

Earl Brietenfeldt is back at Rennes nursing home.

Don Harris is also at Rennes nursing home.

PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE 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 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's already June and wow, this past year has gone by so fast!

I'd like to start by thanking Commander Mark Toll and all 2012 Officers for their service to the Legion family this past year. We appreciate the service you gave to our country while serving, and also the service and hours you give to our Legion families. You did a great job and I had fun working with all of you.

Congratulations to our new Commander Jeff Zwiers and all the other new officers. I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

We had a busy May. May started with the 9th District Spring Conference, held Saturday, May 11th in Kimberly and hosted by Outagamie County. Thanks to Darlene Giles and Joan Hawkins our unit took care of the table decorations and the door prizes for the day. Thanks ladies for your hard work and help. This was my first Spring Conference and I collected some new ideas for our unit. We also had about 6 of us ladies do our Poppy Song for the group and they loved it so much we were asked to do it for Outagamie County Council meeting the following week. Joan Hawkins's Poppy Hat won 1st place in the District.

I wish to thank Jessica Garza for the success of Poppy Day this year. This was her first year and we thank her for all the work she put into making our Poppy Day a success. This money allows us to help fund activities and purchase items needed for our veterans facilities. Thanks to all people who helped us with this yearly fundraiser.

In May we asked the Americanism Essay winners to attend our unit meeting and read their winning essays. We had a good response and a lot of the students participated. First place winning essays went on to Department. Miriam Eubanks from the Classical Charter School in Appleton grade 4 placed 4th at Department level.

At our May meeting there was a memorial service conducted for the auxiliary members and Gold Star mothers we lost over the past year. Thanks to Chaplain Joan Hawkins and Gwen Schwandt for the nice service they conducted.

I also would like to recognize and thank Phyllis and Rose for carrying the flags at the memorial service at church. And all the ladies, that helped and took part in the many Memorial Day activities, including putting flags on the cemetery, the courthouse service, the church memorial

service, the parade, cemetery services and the many events the ladies participated in while represented our unit. A great big THANKS!

I'd also like to thank Commander Jeff Zwiers and the legionnaires for including me in the Flag Day festivities. I rode in the parade with commander Jeff, and Diane Zwiers as our driver. Once again had a SUPER time, thanks.

The 484th Army band at the Post after the parade was awesome. Thanks to all the legionnaires and their families who made these festivities possible.

On Sunday I was invited to attend the first Legion ball game. Commander Jeff and myself got to toss the first pitches for the season. The game didn't end in our favor, but it was a lot of fun and the rain held out.

On July 11-14 the Annual Varsity Round Robin Tournament will be held with teams from Appleton, Arlington Heights Illinois, Eau Claire, Kimberly, La Crosse, and Wisconsin Rapids. Then on July 24-27 Post 38 will be hosting the Regional Tournament involving several local teams to determine who earns the right to go on to state in Marinette July 31 to August 4th. Several auxiliary members will be helping with these tournament events. If interested contact Marian Brown 739-4283 or Joan Hawkins at 734-8919 to be added to the list of volunteers.

On July 8th we will hold our executive meeting at 6:30pm at the club. We will have several unit ladies attending the State Convention July 18-21 in Waukesha.

Keep in mind we will start collecting school supplies again, so when you are out, pick up an item or so to donate and bring them to the meetings.

Please remember in July we will start our membership renewals. We invite you to renew your membership and sign up new members at that time.

*Marian Brown
President, Unit 38*

UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Members in Nursing Homes

Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

Deceased Members

Vivian "Gladys" Loos: 1/22/25 - 6/06/13

Membership News:

Unit 38 only has 21 unpaid members. If you have not paid please support the auxiliary by renewing your membership. If you are not sure if you have paid feel free to call me at 731-3703.

Remember our meetings are the third Monday each month at 7:00 pm. Guests are welcome to attend.

Linda Breitzman

Membership Chairman

BURIAL PLOTS

Post 38 has several burial sites at Riverside and St. Joseph cemeteries available for members of Post 38. (St. Joseph cemetery sites are for Catholic members only.)

A one time \$250.00 nonrefundable maintenance fee is due to the Post at the time of your approval. This fee does not assign ownership to the veteran. The Post will retain all ownership rights.

The veteran is allowed one (1) and only one (1) burial site. You must be a member of Post 38 in good standing at the time of your passing. In addition to your interment, another person of your choosing may be buried in the same site. At least one of the interments must be a cremation. Head stones will be of the style authorized by the cemetery and paid for by the family.

Plot assignments are made by the cemetery. Plot location requests will not be accepted. The cost of opening and closing must be paid to the cemetery by the family prior to interment. Request forms can be picked up at the Post and should be returned to the Post commander, adjutant or the service office.

BADGER GIRLS STATE: JUNE 16–21, 2013

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 38Bridget Flaherty..... Xavier High School
 FVL Alumni Association.....Kati Guenterberg..... Fox Valley Lutheran
 VFW Auxiliary Post 2778Brittany Krause Fox Valley Lutheran
 Appleton Noon Lions.....Jenna Lewis Appleton East
 Grand Chute Lions.....Megan Larsen..... Appleton East
 Kiwanis Club-Fox Valley.....Mackenzie Greisch Appleton North
 Kiwanis Club-Fox Valley.....Gabrielle Kiefer Appleton North
 Kiwanis Club-Golden KAbigail Karls..... Appleton West
 Kiwanis Club-Golden KJennifer Miller Appleton West
 Kiwanis Club-Golden KChoua Xiong Appleton West
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38Iphigenia Kyriakakou Xavier High School

Kristin Cherrier of Xavier High School is also a delegate. Her sponsorship is through Manitowoc High School, as their delegate had to back out.

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

Post 38 Seventh Annual Raffle

Grand Prize – \$5,000

2nd Prize – \$1,000

3rd & 4th Prizes – \$500

5th – 24th Prizes – \$100

Drawing 2:30 pm

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Need Not Be Present To Win

Tickets \$20.00

**For tickets, contact Ray Gass
at 920-687-6152**

or tarheel485@aol.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This year, the Scholarship Committee awarded four \$1,000.000 scholarships to students at three Appleton high schools. Although there are five high schools in Appleton, there was no scholarship application submitted from Xavier High School and only one incomplete application from Fox Valley Lutheran High School. The winners were:

- Tyler A. Tumey, Appleton East High School
- Kyle M. Wayner, Appleton West High School
- Jacob A. Czarnik-Neimeyer and Drew D. Eastman (grandson of Don Hawkins).

I would like to thank the Legion and Auxiliary members Linda Breitzman, John Braunreiter, Gwen Schwandt, Bob Gresens, and Don Hawkins, who helped judge the scholarships and also helped to present the awards to the students.

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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