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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Legion Comrades,

It is *Reporter* time again. I always try to get a good jump on my commander's message by jotting down a few notes and ideas. But, alas, ideas change and things surface that need attention.

So let's start with the good news first... In July, we had 10 delegates attend the State Convention in Oconomowoc. A good time was had by all, and a few more lessons learned as we installed a new Department Commander, Mr. Kenneth Rynes. Our Department Commander has challenged us with many tasks and has offered incentives to encourage us to accomplish them. One task is our membership drive. DEC has authorized a drawing for \$1000! For every new member you sign up, or any member you renew who has been inactive for at least 2 years, your name will be placed in this drawing.

More good news... we have hired a new manager, Greg Cornell. He has brought with him a positive outlook and some great new additions to our menu. Greg promises to bring back the great Friday fish we all fell in love with. Greg's presence has also given a few members of our House Committee a well-deserved break. Thanks to those members for all your hard work these past months.

If you were unable to join us for our annual Corn Roast, plan to come next year. Attendees enjoyed great corn, burgers, brats and beverages, superb entertainment, and of course, great conversation with friends, old and new. Special thanks go out to Steve Greely and Bill Falck for planning and coordinating this event, which went

above and beyond expectations. Thanks also to the Scarlet Guard for handling the concessions, and everyone who volunteered or donated for this great success!

Now to the serious side ... finances. We have been through some difficult times over the past 2 years. Budget cuts have been made but with the declining membership and an increase in operating expenses, we seem to be losing the battle...but not the war. We will never give up! A few new fundraisers have been added. Remember, every dollar counts. Our annual Raffle, which is currently running, has the potential to raise \$5,000 or more. Please support this endeavor 100%. If you need raffle tickets, call Ray Gass, one of your officers, or pick them up at the post from bar staff. Any donations are greatly appreciated. All donations may be designated for a specific project or program.

Come out to dine at the Post. This is a great way to support Post 38 and get a great meal without having to do the dishes.

Please take note of the "Dates to Remember". Mark these events on your calendar. We thrive on seeing old and new faces at our meetings and other events.

A few things to remember:

- Promote our Post with a smile; show your enthusiasm when talking to perspective members.
- Team work: If we work as a true team of Legionnaires, we can get through anything.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 4 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 9 Veterans Day
Dinner 5:00-6:00PM
Dance 7:00-11:00PM
- 18 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 25 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

DECEMBER

- 2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
- 14 Army - Navy Game 2:00PM
- 15 Raffle 2:30PM
- 16 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 18 Scarlet Guard Meeting 6:30PM
- 21 Children's Christmas Party .1:00-3:00PM
- 30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

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- Get involved. There is no better way to meet people. The Legion has many opportunities. Just ask and we will find a place for you...and we will all benefit.
- Finally...Stay positive. A positive attitude sells, and we all need to sell the benefits that our American Legion has to offer.

*Jeff Zwiers
Post 38 Commander*

2ND VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

We are now in the planning phase for the annual Veterans Day Dinner and Dance scheduled for November 9th at the Legion Club. Dinner is from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and dance is from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The supper will be a buffet style (menu TBD) and the band has not been selected as of this publishing. If you are interested in volunteering to help for set up please let me know. Please plan to attend this event for a fun time of camaraderie and dance.

It is my honor to provide a light lunch for the legion members who attend the monthly membership meetings. If you have any new ideas for menu items please let me know. And as always, your generous donations are greatly appreciated and used towards the next meal!

Did You Know? US Army- 182, US Navy- 60, US Air Force- 59, US Marines- 48; these statistics are the frightening number of suicides among active duty members in 2012. I am in contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs to not only educate our Post members but to investigate what the American Legion can do as a whole to help prevent suicides of our most important resource; our men and women who so faithfully defend our liberties. Stay tuned!

*Steve Greely
2nd Vice Commander, Post 38*

3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT:

This year's Corn Roast set new records. Despite all of the difficulties that were encountered, as well as the uncooperative weather, we profited almost \$2,400. This was my first Corn Roast and I couldn't have done it without the support of the executive staff. Prizes were exceptional this year thanks to the individuals and businesses in the community, who donated many items. My thanks also go out to all of the volunteers involved, including the Scarlet Guard, all of whom made this event successful. We already have plans in the works for next year and it will be even better than this year.

My next tentative event is Thursday, October 31 starting at 7:00 p.m. to ?, where we will be hosting an adult Halloween party. Details to follow on the Legion bulletin boards. In the works is a Polka dinner dance for sometime in November—again further details will be posted.

Raffle tickets are currently available for a chance to win an LCD-TV. A drawing will be held prior to the Army vs. Navy football game in December. Our hope is that this raffle will be successful and there will be future TV raffles to follow.

For the annual Christmas party, which I have slated for December 21st starting at high noon, I will again be looking for volunteers to collect for donations and door prizes. I would like to form a Christmas party committee consisting of three persons. Please contact me if you can help with any of these events. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Bill Falck
3rd Vice Commander, Post 38*

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

September 9, 2013

LOST MEMBERS:

Kenneth Mahloch 04.03.13
Donald R Nymoen 06.15.13
Jay Parish. 07.27.13
Harold Mueller. 07.31.13
Anthony Czarnik. 08.01.13
Kenneth Haen 08.10.13
Marvin Braeger 08.13.13
Russell Beck Sr. 09.04.13

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 Erdman 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.
- William Hoffman, who is 90 years old, is at Brewster Village.
- Don Harris is recuperating at home also.

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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UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Members in Nursing Homes

Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

Membership News:

If you have not received the renewal notice from department you will shortly. Contact me if you have any questions. Please renew as your membership supports our Auxiliary programs.

Join us on the third Monday each month at 7:00 for our meeting.

*Linda Breitzman
Membership Chairman*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Fall is quickly approaching us and soon the holidays will be here.

We had a busy last couple of months with many informational meetings to attend and planning for spring activities.

Ladies, it's time to renew, rejoin, or sign up to join so please get your membership in. **The 2014 goal from Department for our Unit 38 is 177.** Let's get to 100% by January! We can do it if we work together. Send your renewal to Linda Breitzman. Any questions call Linda at 731-3703.

The Auxiliary is having another Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday,

September 25th from 4:30-7:00 pm. I would like to thank in advance all the help and support from the Auxiliary and the rest of our Legion family. A special "Thank You" to Darlene Giles for putting this together for us.

We are again this year collecting school supplies to be distributed to several local schools at the end of January. By that time, the supplies from the beginning of school have been used so this helps the students have needed supplies to get to the end of the school year. If you have supplies to donate or need more information on this, please bring them to the Unit's monthly

meetings or contact Darlene Giles or myself.

Ladies, remember the Auxiliary holds their meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, with the exception of December when there is no meeting held. Please try to come to a meeting to check us out, or if you haven't been for a while, to revisit. We'd like to meet and see you.

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday season. May God bless you with love, joy, and peace.

*Marian Brown
President, Unit 38*

AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP

As we enter the membership year 2013-2014, the Department President of the Auxiliary Joyce Endres's theme is "Share Your Life, Be Gems of Service." The 9th District, which Unit 38 is part of, represents the beautiful dark blue sapphire.

The National President, Nancy Brown Park, has asked us as auxiliary members to memorize and keep in our minds the mission statement of the Auxiliary. It is as follows:

"In the spirit of Service, Not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

The Department Leadership team's goal is to help you develop your skills to become more knowledgeable about the American Legion Auxiliary. We promote activities and resources that all members at all levels, be it Unit, County, District, or Department, can use. The planned workshops are open to not just the Auxiliary members, but to Legionnaires, SAL members, and the Legion Riders. If anyone needs information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Share Your Life and
be a Gem of Service to find the
leader inside yourself!**

*Rose Heinz
Department Leadership Committee Member
2013-2014*

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

There will be an installation of new members of Post 38 at the November meeting. If you have not been installed in the American Legion in the past, please attend this meeting.

*Karl Heinz
Post Adjutant*

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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