

# The American LEGION REPORTER



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Dear fellow Legionnaires,*

By the time of this publication, the holidays have passed once again, and I hope these times find you in good health and a little more relaxed.

I would like to take some time to catch you up on things that have been happening with Post 38 and our members. First a little news from neighboring posts. On October 27th Shiocton Post 512 dedicated their area veterans memorial. This small but resourceful community has constructed a magnificent memorial to honor their fallen comrades. This was attended by the Department Commander, Past Department Commanders, and many local dignitaries. Not to forget our own Scarlet Guard. Great job!

On Veterans Day, we were well represented by both the Scarlet Guard, Honor Guard, and many hardy members from Post 38 that braved the chilly and windy conditions. A lunch and fellowship followed at the Post. Great job everyone! A big thank you goes out to 2nd Vice Steve Greely for planning these activities, which included the Veterans' dinner and Dance. The Saturday evening activities were greatly enjoyed by VFW and Legion members.

Our raffle was a great success due to the hard work of Ray Gass and all who sold or bought tickets. A rough estimate is that we cleared \$2,000.00—awesome! Thank you Ray.

The Department Commander will be attending our February 3, 2014 general membership meeting at 7pm. We will have a short meeting followed by a luncheon. If you are willing to donate something for the luncheon please contact 2nd vice Commander Steve Greely at 920-858-2294.

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 (date to be determined). Watch your mailbox for details.

Remember, membership is a very important part of our legion. We are starting a sponsorship drive by ask local businesses to help out our new veterans. Please read the following letter and consider being a sponsor, or being a part of our sponsorship program.

American Legion Post 38 family has started an organ drive to support the Department Auxiliary in their efforts. We have hung a banner in the bar area at the Post. If you are already an organ donor, please sign this banner. If you are not, please contact officers from Post 38 to sign up to be a donor. This drive will continue through July 2014. At that time, we will present the banner and names to the Department Auxiliary President. Please donate and save lives.

Dear Area Business,

The number of returning veterans is increasing in the Fox Valley. With this comes the need for these veterans to understand their benefits and to network with other veterans. Therefore, it is important for them to join a veterans' organization that will assist and introduce them to benefits, and that will provide them with connections to other veterans.

However, given the current economy, the cost of an annual membership may not be in their budget or may be low on their list of necessities.

We can help our veterans! With a small donation of \$100, you can sponsor a two year membership to the American Legion for a veteran. A two year membership will give the veteran time to get acquainted, learn about the American Legion and see what it has to offer for all veterans. Once a veteran receives this membership, you will be presented with a certificate of appreciation with the name of the

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

- 6 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 14 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 15 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . . 6:30PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 21 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 27 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM  
Department Commander Visit
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 18 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . . 6:30PM
- 24 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM

### MARCH

- 3 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 18 House Committee Meeting .5:30PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . . 6:30PM
- 24 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM

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LEGION POST 38**



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veteran, branch of service and dates served. We hope you can help a vet!

Thank you for supporting our area veterans. Membership sponsor donations should be mailed to:

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Attn: Commander

Direct questions to:

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American Legion Post 38,  
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email: dzwiers@live.com

Jeff Zwiers  
Post 38 Commander

**3RD VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

First of all I like to personally thank all those who volunteer to help out our executive members at any given moment.

The Army Navy game was a big success. Plenty of patrons came to enjoy the thrashing of the United States Army via the hands of the United States Navy.

An LG 60" smart LCD TV was given away at half time as promised. Our Commander Jeff Zweirs pulled the lucky ticket at half time. The lucky individual who won the massive big screen was Vince Berg.

My next endeavor will be the Easter Party and possibly a Polka Dinner Dance in between. Stay tuned at your Post meetings for future information and developments.

Bill Falck  
3rd Vice Commander, Post 38

**UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP**

**Members in Nursing Homes**

Ermgard Deffert, Carolina Manor

**Membership News:**

Welcome to our new members Diane Hooper, Susan Lemke, Michele Preston, Jacqueline Ridderbush and Jill Zwiers.

We have 128 paid members. If you are not sure if you paid your dues feel free to contact me. 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

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

*Hello Legion Family Members:*

This is my first report to all of you. It's been quite a short journey since joining the team here and I do have to say that there has been a lot of comments and suggestions on how to improve and keep the American Legion in the forefront.

We have made some changes in the food quality as well as keeping in mind the old traditions. With the addition of broasted chicken with all the fixins' and with hiring a new bar manager, things are starting to improve. The House Committee is very sincere in trying to get the members to come back, and I do have to say that I am very impressed with their aggressiveness.

Soon we will be introducing "MEMBERSHIP PAYS;" this is where you, as a member of Legion Family, can come in on MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS, bring your family and friends, and take a 20% discount off your total bill.

TRADITIONAL TUESDAY will remain with the four-piece broasted chicken with all the fixins' for \$5.95, along

with other specials we will run that night.

WILD WING WEDNESDAY is becoming popular with 45-cent wings and \$5.00 pitchers of beer. We also make all four of the wing sauces in-house.

We are going to be introducing a new Friday fish fry menu for lunch time. This will include lowering the price and adding some new items.

Please stop in to say hello to our new bar manager, Tara Stevenson.

In closing, please check us out and let us know your comments. I take every suggestion or complaint very seriously and I will respond to you personally. My cell phone number is 920-621-7601. Call or email me at legionpost38@yahoo.com if you want to talk about your experience at the Club. Just so you know, we are committed to changing for the better.

I think our motto should be: "It's all about the members," because without you we are not going to survive.

Chef G.C.  
General Manager

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

**December 13, 2013**

*LOST MEMBERS:*

- Clarence Hagen . . . . . 10.09.13
- Harold Weiland . . . . . 10.12.13
- Donald Muenster. . . . . 10.15.13
- Robert Hebert . . . . . 10.24.13
- Roy Julius . . . . . 11.05.13
- Norman Van Heuklon . . . . . 12.09.13

**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.
- Michael Miller had a stroke and is in the hospital at Theda Care.
- Earl Grelson is at Carolina Manor.

**PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.**

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Service Officer Post 38

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Welcome 2014,*

Now that the holidays are over we start a new year and that will bring us to set new goals and dreams. The big task we will have for 2014 will be helping the Post host the State Convention in July at Appleton. With this we will need all the Legion's families help. Anyone that can help out please contact one of the corporation members, Ray Gass or myself.

This past year we had help with many Auxiliary activities, such as the spaghetti dinners, hosting the County Council, and others. We want to say "Thank You" to the Legion family for all their help with these functions, and look forward to working with you in 2014!

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 7pm, the 3rd Monday of the month at the Post. Don't forget the theme for 2014 is to get membership renewed, recruit and rejoin members who have a lapse in their membership.

We will hold an Auxiliary Executive

## \$9,000 SAPPHIRE CHALLENGE

Unit 38–Appleton is currently involved in a challenge to count things we do for our Children and Youth in our community. So until March 2014 we are counting our Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels, and ink cartridges that are recycled as well as buying Kohl's Cares Books and other items that can be donated to any of our schools.

If you want to start reporting this for Unit 38, give me a call and I can get mail the form for you to keep track of your progress. If you just usually throw away your box tops or labels for Education, why

Meeting on Tuesday January 14th at 6:30pm at the Post. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Post, please come join us and you may win one of the three \$5.00 door prizes given out. November \$5 attendance winners were: Jean Dolan, Joanne Klemp, and Beth Griesser. Congratulations!

**Mark your calendars: Poppy Day will be Friday May 2nd, 2014.** There will be more information to follow, with signing up to help distribute poppies. Remember these funds are used for the programs for our veterans.

I presented a \$500.00 FVTC Scholarship to Thomas Polishinski, on December 10th, who is a United States Marine Corps Veteran. Tom, who attends the Oshkosh Campus is working in the Electro Mechanical Technology program.

March is the official birth month for the American Legion. So Commander Jeff, Post Officers and members, the Auxiliary wishes you a Happy 93rd Birthday!!

Wishing you all a "Happy New Year" and all the best for 2014.

*Marian Brown*  
*President, Unit 38*

not mail your items to me at 333 Parkview Ln, Kimberly, WI 54136. Or if you donate them to a particular school, all you have to do is to report the number of items to me.

If you have any questions about the \$9000 Sapphire Challenge and how you might be able to help, just give me a call. We really would appreciate your participation. Thanks so much and have a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year.

*Rose Heinz*  
*Unit 38 Secretary*

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, DISTRICT 9

Winter is upon us and the motorcycle riding season is over. It is time for us to reflect on our accomplishments this past year.

We displayed our Nation's Colors in 14 parades throughout District 9 and rode or participated in over 25 other large events.

Four of us rode in the 50th Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade on November 9th!

We also honored our veterans by participating in countless funeral ceremonies and escorts.

Cash donations to Camp American Legion, the Veterans Home at King and others totaled \$4154.

Our primary fundraisers were brat fry events in Cecil and Lakewood and the 2nd Annual Ride for the Veterans at King.

All of the Riders Districts are very active and support each other. On December 14th we were at the cemetery at King for the Wreath Across America ceremony and wreath laying, an effort led by District 8. January 11th we'll be enjoying our annual Christmas lunch at Doc's HD.

Membership in the American Legion Riders is open to anyone in the Legion Family with a motorcycle of 500cc and larger.

Check us out at [www.alrawis.org](http://www.alrawis.org) and on Facebook. Come and join us!

*Paul Heit*  
*American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 9 President*  
*Paul.Heit@att.net*

### 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](mailto: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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