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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

American Legion members,  
Round two, it is not broke and I don't need to fix it.  
We will be dedicating this year to women veterans.  
The road assessment will be going through, please donate to keep the post where it is at. The bill for the road will gravely affect the programs that we are now able to finance. Please submit your checks to the American Legion Foundation Department of Wisconsin. Write in your memo column road assessment. If you present it this way you will be able to receive a tax break.

I welcome my new officers so buckle up the ride will be fast.

*Bill Falck*  
Commander, Post 38  
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## ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Legionnaires  
I am honored that you have elected me as your Post Adjutant for another year. Last year was a great learning experience and I hope to continue to learn and grow with Post 38.

Please respond to the 2017 Renewal Notice as soon as possible, they will start mailing renewals in a few weeks. If we pay our 2017 dues with the first notice, we will save the National American Legion a great deal of money by not sending additional notices and postage. Membership is our key to success and YOU are an important part of Post 38.

If you would like to get on the email list for Post and Legion information, please let me know and we will update the list. Thank you in advance.

God Bless You and the United States of America

*Laurel Clewell*  
Your Adjutant

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JULY

- 2 Scarlet Guard in Manawa Rodeo Parade . . . . . 10:00AM
- 6 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 14 NO BINGO TONIGHT
- 17 Nursing Home Visit at Brewster Village . . . . . 1:30-3:00PM
- 18 House Committee Meeting . 7:00PM
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 20 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 7:00PM
- 23 Car Show / Fundraiser . 10AM-3PM
- 25 Executive Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 28 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM

### AUGUST

- 1 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 11 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 17 Corn Roast . . . . . 4:00PM - ?
- 22 House Committee Meeting . 7:00PM
- 25 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 29 Executive Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 8 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 17 ALA Dept. "In The Know"- Seymour
- 19 House Committee Meeting . 7:00PM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 20 Auxiliary County Council - Kaukauna . . . . . 6:30PM
- 21 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 7:00PM
- 22 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 26 Executive Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM

### OCTOBER

- 10 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30PM
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM

**HELP  
SAVE  
YOUR LEGION!**

Road assessment funds needed - donate time,  
money or items for the upcoming raffles.

## FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

I find it an honor and privilege to have been elected 1st Vice Commander of Appleton Post 38.

I understand membership is of the utmost importance and necessary for the survival of the American Legion, however I believe that retention is of equal importance if not more. How do I plan on doing this you may ask, besides door to door or a phone call? First, I know that having an informed and educated post will help keep it healthy one. Scripture says that "My people perish for a lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6. I don't want one member to have to question what our mission is and what we do. One of my missions as well as the Commander's and the Executive Committee. We've updated our website, our Facebook posts are well maintained and soon we will have a monitor in the bar with our post announcements on it as well.

Our post is slowly integrating new members who have multiple interests and involved with other veteran related organizations of their own, like Bill Trombley and the Veterans Mentor Group. Bill is part of our team and a great wealth of information, and it will not stop there!

I would like to see us have quick and effective local references to help those in need. No matter what age or demographic, service member, veteran or any part of the American Legion Family. Whether it's yard work that a member needs help with, a visit in the nursing home from our Nursing Home Group, clothing for children of our younger parents, looking for counseling services, whatever the case may be we should be able to answer those questions and give direction within hour at the longest.

I am a very passionate person, and although it can be tiring at times, I absolutely love the American Legion, I love our Post and all that goes with it, the good the bad and the ugly at times. It's not all fun and games all the time, it is a lot of hard work, but I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Can't wait to see what the new year brings!

*Renee Kasuboski  
1st Vice Commander  
Appleton Post 38*

**B I N G O**

### **Bingo Future Dates**

July 28th

August 11th and 25th

September 8th and 22nd

*Bingo at Post-open to the public 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursday starts at 7pm*

***Come to the Club for Friday Fish Fry – Every Friday***

***Every Tuesday check out the specials at the Club***

***Every Wednesday Brat Fry 11am-2pm***



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

### UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Our condolences go to the family of Mary Jane Stumpf who passed away April 30, 2016. She was a member for 22 years.

We welcome new senior members Mary Keen, Sharon Schulz, Maria Struebing, Dawn Strenn and juniors Faith, Hope & Charity Kasuboski to our unit. Unit 38 has 163 paid members. If you have not paid your 2016 dues please forward them to me at 1718 Carriage Lane, Appleton, WI 54914 for processing.

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

*Linda Breitzman*  
*Auxiliary Membership Chairman*

### POPPY DAY REPORT

On behalf of ALA Unit #38, I am thanking everyone who helped in each and every way for the Poppy Day distribution. We raised over \$4000.00 to date with everyone's help. The club is providing \$10 gift cards to the top three money collectors of each the Post #38 and Unit #38, whose names will be announced and printed in the next reporter when the totals are finalized. Again thank you for your assistance in making this a successful fundraiser. I hope you will volunteer next year for this worthwhile event to directly help our Active Military, Veterans, and their families.

*Wendy Yingling*  
*Poppy Chairman*

**Remember to support your post  
at the Friday fish fry!**



### SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

**June 13, 2016**

#### LOST MEMBERS:

- Orrin Erickson . . . . . 04.04.16
- Jerome Kamphuis . . . . . 04.13.16
- Emmet H Erdmann. . . . . 05.16.16

#### Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

- Eugene LaPlante: Recovering at home
- Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating.
- Jerry Miller is at home recuperating
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility, Address is 850 W Elsner Rd. Appleton WI.
- Earl Breitenfelt is at Rennes, 325 East Florida, Appleton, WI
- Len Kachinsky will be confined to Froedoert for about 2 months and his transplant surgery went well. Will keep you posted. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia (ALL) in September of 2015. Keep him in your prayers.
- Archie Mauk is at Willow Lane rehab center on Elsner Rd, Appleton
- Bob Lichfuss is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home.
- Mylan Sinclair is at Herritage.

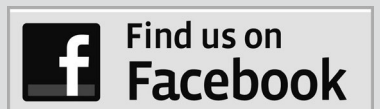
**PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.**

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APPLETON AMERICAN  
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## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is spring and summer is just around the corner.

With a new Legion year starting I'd like to Thank the Auxiliary past officers and welcome the new officers for the term 2016-2018. Officers this year elected are: President, Marian Brown; 1st Vice President, Elizabeth Griesser; 2nd Vice President, Ruth Eiden; Secretary, Rose Heinz; Treasurer, Debra Ragen; Poppy Treasurer, Linda Breitzman; Chaplain, is open; Sergeant at Arms, Darlene Giles; Asst. Sergeant At Arms, Jessica Garza; Membership, Marian Brown; and many committee chairman's. I'd like to give a big "THANK YOU" to our past officers and committee chairman's. Without everyone's support we would not be able to help the many veterans out there.

I'd like to Thank The Legion 2015-2016 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 the Legion family.

Congratulations to our new Legion officers for 2016-2017 year. The Auxiliary looks forward to working with you during the coming year.

I want to thank Wendy Yingling, Debra Ragen along with Lynn Puffer for the success of Poppy Day this year. This money allows us to help fund activities and purchase items needed for our veterans, veteran facilities and veteran's families. Thanks to all of the Legion Family members that helped us distribute poppies at this yearly fundraiser. We also were blessed with Kimberly Clark distributing poppies at the many facilities in the Fox Valley to collect some funds for us.

In May we ask the Americanism Essay winner Lily Sanderson, from McKinley Elementary School, to attend our unit meeting and read her essay that also placed 4th at Department.

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

I also would like to recognize the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members that took part in the many Memorial Day activities. That shows how strong our belief in our veterans, and country are. A great big THANKS!

Keep in mind Legion Baseball has started and we ask that you support our teams. Remember that they are our future and we need to invest in them. A great way to show your Americanism spirit is to attend a Legion ball game.

Bingo still is showing a profit, so if you have a chance to come and help out or just come to support us. We would greatly appreciate seeing you out at Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Interested in helping please contact myself, Don Eiden or any member of the Bingo committee.

Ladies, please consider if you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, or maybe not at all, coming to the meetings the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. We would like to see and get to know you. We give away \$5 door prizes each month to 3 lucky attendees!! Next month it could be you!! You may even want to invite a friend to tag along.

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.

Monday October 10th we will have an Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:30pm at the Post.

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

*Marian Brown*  
*President, Unit 38*

**BADGER GIRLS STATE:**

**June 19- 24, 2016**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 sent 10 girls from 5 High Schools in Appleton to Oshkosh. The contributors and delegates are:

- American Legion Post 38..... Nora Ptacek-Appleton North High School
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38.....Mary Blando-Xavier High School
- FVL Alumni Association..... Christina Henson-Fox Valley Lutheran
- Herbert H. Kohl Charities.....Keegan Sawin-Xavier High School
- VFW Auxiliary Post 2778..... Roseanne Nooren-Appleton East High School
- Grand Chute Lions..... Abigail Lienhard-Fox Valley Lutheran
- Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club.....Alexandra Wormley-Appleton North
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K..... Amanda Kellenberger-Appleton West
- Kiwanis Club-Golden K..... Lauren Meidl-Appleton West
- Valley Social Dance Club.....Morgan Steinfeldt-Appleton East High School

Ruqigy Guled, Appleton West is also a delegate. Her sponsorship is thru the Seymour Auxiliary Unit 106 and Claire Ferguson also Appleton West. Her sponsor is the Little Chute Auxiliary Unit 258, as their delegates was unable to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to the delegates as they represented 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 and Hoard County Counselor*

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship applications were distributed to all of the Appleton High Schools in late January. The scholarship applications were returned in late March. The scholarship committee met in early April and chose winners from the high schools. The winners are, Erin L. Wenzel from Fox Valley Lutheran High School; Carolyn A. Flood from Appleton East High School; Andrew H. Bailey from Xavier High School; Cory B. VanBeek from Appleton West High School; and Jennifer M. Eiden from Legion Family, Granddaughter of Donald Eiden. I would like to thank the Committee members who met to choose the winners Robert Gresens, Paul Vander Heiden and Karl Heinz.

*John Breitzman*  
*Scholarship Committee Chairman*

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