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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Here it is an abnormally warm Wisconsin Sunday afternoon in February. Football is finally finished on a high note as the Packers have won their fourth Super Bowl and all is good. The sun is shining and it is almost warm enough to golf. Well maybe that's a stretch. But spring will soon be here.

At our last Post Meeting we were privileged to have our Department Commander present to give us a brief State of the Legion overview of the past year. Wisconsin is currently 4th in the nation in membership and we have done a great job in helping veterans and those members of the Armed Forces who are currently serving on active duty. But we need to keep adding to our membership and retaining the members we already have. If you have not yet renewed your 2011 membership, now would be a great time to do so.

Please be sure to look over the rest of this newsletter for information on the many upcoming events here at the Post. Besides our regular Tuesday and Friday night dinners, we have some special events lined up. We need everyone to make an effort to stop by and enjoy your club.

Also please note our new start time for the Regular Post meeting on the first Monday of the month. Starting on March 7th, our meetings will begin at 7 P.M. instead of 7:30. This was approved at the last meeting when the revised by laws were accepted by the members present.

**John W. Bourassa**  
*Commander, Post 38*

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Thanks to all of you who attended our annual "Toys For Tots" fund raiser during the Army/Navy football game. Because of you we were able to collect 353 new toys and \$2,795.00. This monetary amount included a check for \$1,000.00 from the Outagamie County Tavern League that was presented to us by their President. Brad Schinke. The money and the toys helped to give a Merry Christmas to many children in the Fox Valley area who would not have had a very Merry Christmas. We would also like to thank the Army and Marine recruiters and their significant others and Hooters and the Hooters girls. Thank you again Post 38 "Toys for Tots" committee.

## MESSAGE FROM UNIT 38 PRESIDENT'S

I hope you all had a very memorable Valentines Day. Ruth Eiden and Ramona Wroblewski donated a few hours to distribute Valentine Day cards (that Nancy Mysliwski made) to the veterans who came into the John Bradley VA Outpatient Clinic on Valentine's Day.

March is the official birth month for the American Legion. So Commander John and Post 38 members, we want to wish the American Legion Post in Appleton a very Happy 90th Birthday. May you continue to prosper and continue to be an advocate for our veterans and our active military personnel?

The Auxiliary is now in the process of planning our part in the Department Convention to be held this July. Please if you can help that weekend or want to help in other ways-give me a call. The convention will be held at the Paper

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

3 Karaoke.....	8:30PM-12:30AM
8 Youth Government Day	
12 Auction... Everyone Welcome ....	1:00-5:00PM
7 Post Meeting .....	7:00PM
15 Corn Beef and Cabbage .....	4:30PM-9:00PM
15 County Council - Little Chute	
16 Convention Meeting at Clubhouse .....	6:30PM
16 Karaoke.....	8:30PM-12:30AM
16 Scarlet Guard Meeting .....	6:30PM
17 Corn Beef and Cabbage .....	4:30PM-9:00PM
21 Auxiliary Meeting .....	7:00PM
23 Past Commander's Dinner .....	6:30PM
28 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM
30 Chili Supper .....	4:30PM-7:30PM
30 Camo Quilt Trip	

### APRIL

4 Post Meeting .....	7:00PM
6 Karaoke.....	8:30PM-12:30AM
18 Auxiliary Meeting .....	7:00PM
20 Karaoke.....	8:30PM-12:30AM
20 Scarlet Guard Meeting .....	6:30PM
23 Children's Easter Party .....	12:00PM-2:00PM
25 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM
30 ALA 9th District Spring Conference-Wausaukee	
30 The Brink Band in the Bar Room .....	8:00PM

(No Cover Charge)

Valley Hotel on July 14-17th.

To attain 100% our Unit only needs 5 more members. Those who have not renewed, please do so ASAP. Ladies, please sign up your daughters, granddaughters, friends, talk up this great organization. We can do it. Your membership along with the American Legion's gives us more clout in asking for benefits for our veterans.

I want to express my thanks to Marian Brown for filling in as Unit President for the February meeting so I could take a great vacation in Mexico. Thank you to Linda Breitzman, who filled in as our secretary for the Executive Committee meeting and the Unit meeting in January. She did a great job taking those needed minutes.

Our day trip to Plymouth to help with making Camo Quilts has been changed to March 30th. So if you are interested in more information about this, give me or Wendy Yingling a call.

Please help your Unit and Post on May 20th to help distribute poppie we only need 1-2 hours of your precious time.

Thought of the month: "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."-Albert Einstein.

**Rose Heinz**  
*President, Unit 38*

### AUXILIARY LADIES IN NURSING HOMES

**Bernice Beyer** . . . . . Brewster Village  
**Mary Brehm** . . . . . Brewster Village  
**Ermgard Deffert** . . . . . Carolina Manor

**Verona Hamilton** . . . . . Rennes  
**Carala Spengler** . . . . . Rennes  
**Joan Klitzke** . . . . . Heartwood  
**Karen Kranzusch** . . . . . Peabody Manor

### MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We will be serving Corn Beef and Cabbage on Tuesday, March 15th and Thursday, March 17th. All you leprechauns and lassies come on out to YOUR American Legion and celebrate with us. We will also have a limited menu that includes steaks, seafood, and ribs. Come out and enjoy.



The Annual Post Commander's Dinner is Wednesday, March 23th. The dinner is \$14.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30. (Happy Hour is from 4-6 with reduced prices.) Sign up at the bar.

Anyone involved with planning a wedding, birthday, retirement, or anniversary party, please check us out. Call the club 733-9840 (in the morning) to see if we are available and how we can accommodate you to insure your event is a success. Just a reminder that we open at 11 am on Friday's and serve all day until until 9 pm. Noon hour specials available.

Mark your calendars...The Brink Band is returning April 30th. We had a nice turnout for their appearance in January. Stop on in. They play on west end of the bar room AND there is no cover charge.

We NEED your business. This is YOUR American Legion.

See you at the Club  
**Audrey Turowski**  
*Club Manager*

### AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

#### *Lost Members:*

**Ronald Moede** . . . . . 01.01.11  
**Dorothy Kruckeberg** . . . . . 01.04.11  
**Gerald E. All** . . . . . 01.14.11  
**Vincent St. Marie** . . . . . 01.21.11  
**Douglas B. George** . . . . . 01.31.11  
**Leland Skowen** . . . . . 02.08.11

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

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home. Glen Flunker is at Rennes Nursing Home. Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating. Richard Green is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute. Edward Weiss' is now at Westhaven Assisted Living Home in Brillion. Alvin Lietz is at Living Tree Estates N1916 Greenville Dr. Greenville. Bob Golden is at St. Paul's Nursing Home in Kaukauna. Cyril Christensen is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute. Bill Pulda is back at home. He now lives at 625 Bon Bon Street in Neenah. It is by Spring Rd

**Club Hours**  
*Monday-Thursday 4:00pm*  
*Friday 11:00am*  
  
*Serving All Day Until 9pm*

School. He needs a ride to Legion meetings.

**Don J. Eiden**

*Service Officer, Post 38*

All profits to benefit Appleton American Legion Programs. Please contact Don Eiden Event chairman at 920-733-2957

Take outs available on request. Small charge for containers.

I will be at the Club House at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20th. If you have not signed up for a spot, please stop in and I will help you find one, or call me at 720-3162.

**Nancy Mysliwski**

*Poppy Treasurer/Co-Chairperson*

**CHILI DINNER**

When: Wednesday March 30, 2011

Time: 4:30- 7:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 38

3220 West College Ave.

Corner of College Ave. and

Bluemound Drive Appleton

The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 12 and under, the chili is all you can eat.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE  
JOIN US FOR DINNER**

**POPPY DAY - MAY 20TH**

Please join us on May 20th to offer the Poppy to the public. One or two hours of your time will help our Veterans in many ways.

**American Legion Post #38** **Wednesday, Mar. 30th, 2011**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT** **4:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**CHILI DINNER** **ALL YOU CARE TO EAT**  
**American Legion Post #38** **\$7.00/Adult**  
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