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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Legionnaires

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commander.

This has been a very eventful year. Post 38 has taken a positive turn and has improved in many ways and will continue to grow and prosper because of our wonderful Legion Members.

Thanks to the Vice Commanders for working so well together. Mark Toll has been a great right-hand man. Tony Mysliwski had many good meals and Jeff Zwiers had a great year with the Corn Roast, Christmas Party, and Easter Egg Hunt.

The year started with the State Commander coming for the Flag Day Parade and thanks to Eric Stadler for the energy in coordinating all the parades and events for our Post. We continued the year with a huge success during the State Convention in July. Then we Supported our Troops with a collection in November and mailed over 600 boxes to the Soldiers of the 395th Ord Company. And we will continue to band together and be a very successful Post.

I want to thank the House Committee for taking us in a profitable direction.

Also, thanks for all the volunteers (too many to list but you know who you are). You helped with the cleaning, moving the bar stuff for the carpeting, and the many improvements.

Please continue to support the American Legion, Post Commander, and YOUR Post in all events.

God Bless All of You
Laurel Weyenberg
Commander, Post 38

1ST VICE

COMMANDER MESSAGE

Our membership total continues to climb. As of April 5th, we are at 758 for a percentage of 88.24% of our goal. There are approximately 50 members who have not renewed, yet. Please take note of this; the earlier, the better.

There are a lot of events coming up in the next two months including:

May 19 – Armed Forces Day Party (check for details on our website - www.appletonpost38.org or stop in at the Post)

May 26 – Outagamie County Memorial Ceremony – this is held in front of the Outagamie County Administration Building. Watch for time. Garrick Eppinger, Jr.'s name will be added to the memorial inside the lobby.

May 27 – Memorial Day Church Service – Grace Lutheran Church in Appleton at 9 am

May 28 – Memorial Day Parade 9 am – Followed by ceremony at Riverside Cemetery.

Emily Willson, sponsored by Post 38 in the recent oratorical competition (as of this writing, she will be representing Wisconsin at the national level, April 14-15), has accepted an invitation to speak at Riverside Cemetery.

June 9 – Flag Day Parade (2 pm) followed by concert at Post 38 (5 pm)

Post 38 has some events coming up in the future that donation of prizes are needed for. These events include the Corn Roast (tentatively Aug. 15), State Golf Outing (Sept. 8) and District Fall Meeting (date in October has not been finalized). If you have something to donate, bring it to a post meeting.

Also, many volunteers are needed to make these events run smoothly. So

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

7 Post Meeting.....	7:00PM
16 Scarlet Guard Meeting.....	6:30PM
18 Poppy Day	8:00AM-6:00PM
19 Armed Forces Day Party	7:00PM
21 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
21 House Committee Meeting	5:30PM
23 Scarlet Guard Practice.....	6:00PM
27 Memorial Day Service.....	9:00AM
30 Executive Meeting	6:30PM

JUNE

4 Post Meeting	7:00PM
6 Scarlet Guard Practice.....	6:00PM
9 Flag Day Party	5:00PM
11 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
18 House Committee Meeting	5:30PM
20 Scarlet Guard Meeting	6:30PM
25 Executive Meeting	6:30PM

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don't hesitate to sign up at the post meetings. It's a great way to meet fellow Legionnaires.

Another event that will need volunteers is the State baseball tournament that will be held at Post 38, August 1st - 5th.

Mark Toll

1st Vice Commander, Post 38

SCARLET GUARD

The Scarlet Guard Color Guard represents Post 38 at various events at the post, in Appleton and surrounding communities. We are always looking for new members. Monthly meetings are typically on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Come check us out.

You can see us in action at the following events:

May 26 – Outagamie Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27 - Memorial Day Church Service, Grace Lutheran in Appleton

May 28 – Memorial Day Parade and Riverside Cemetery

June 2 – Little Chute Cheese Fest Parade at 10:30 am

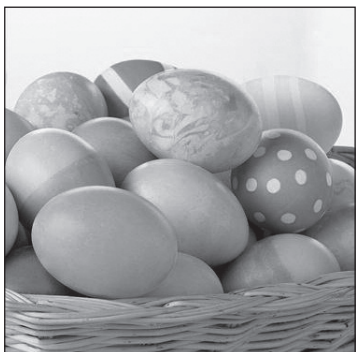
June 9 – Appleton Flag Day Parade

June 30 – Manawa Rodeo parade

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has definitely sprung and the tulips are a blooming. I even had an opportunity to golf with some Legionnaires on Sunday, April 1st (April Fools Day)—boy am I glad I had ear muffs, blanket, and winter golf gloves to keep me warm.

What a wonderful turn out for the Easter Party at the Club. The kids were



able to hunt for their eggs, play games outside, and meet the Easter Bunny.

Even the Legionnaires and Auxiliary helped out. Thanks for Jeff Zwiers and his wife Diane for a great time. Thanks to the Auxiliary who baked such wonderfully, delicious cookies and cup cakes.

Thank you so much for all your help during the past 3 years. Please give all your support to our new Auxiliary President, Marian Brown, who will assume the duties in June. The new officers will be installed-so come to the June meeting on the 11th.

April is Children and Youth Month, as well as Month of the Military Child. Our Unit has been instrumental in helping our youth thru our programs, such as Badger Girls State, Americanism and also our special projects to help children with school supplies and now with warm outer gear for the cold winter months. With the Americanism programs we have been helping instill patriotism in our youth, as well as knowing what democracy and freedom are. What can you do to help? If you are a wife or a daughter of a Legionnaire, why aren't you a member of the Auxiliary? Your membership means you are helping in our programs, even if you are unable to attend monthly meetings.

May is Poppy month-can you donate 1-2 hours to offer the Poppy? Please ladies, we need your help. The funds donated help our Veterans and their families.

Did you know that April 2nd was Reconciliation Day-I hope you tried to mend a broken relationship! If you missed it-please do it now-don't wait until next year.

On May 8th Marian Brown will present the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38, \$500 scholarship to Stacey Stone, a part time student. Stacy is an Air Force Veteran of 4 years. She will be using the funds to help defray the costs of the Pre-Associate Degree Program in Nursing.

Reminder: June Meeting is changed to June 11th, so I can be part of the installation ceremonies for our Unit.

February \$5 attendance winners were: Pearl Hetherington, Mary Hamlin, and Ramona Wroblewski. March winners: Georgia Altizer, Jessica Garza and Ramona Wroblewski—Congratulations.

“Till we meet again, let us ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom and democracy.”

Rose Heinz

President, Unit 38

AUXILIARY LADIES IN NURSING HOMES

Mary Brehm Brewster Village

Ermgard Deffert Carolina Manor

Joan Klitzke Heartwood

Gwen Schwandt

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Lost Members: As of April 11th

Donald Long 02.19.12

Richard Green 04.05.12

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.

Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating.

Don Huth is recuperating at his home in Grand Chute. Would appreciate some visitors, please call first.

John Erdmann is at Appleton Health Care on Meade St. It is the old Franciscan Care facility north of OO.

Lynn LaRock had surgery and is out and doing well.

Richard Neubert had hip replacement at AMC and is recouping at Recovering Inn north of Highway 41 on Ballard Rd.

Please notify me if any one is recovering from surgery or any other illness's so I can get them in the newsletter.

One other thing I want to mention is that we are no longer sending plants to anyone in the hospital or at home

because of the cost involved.

Don J. Eiden

Service Officer, Post 38

CHAPLAIN CHATTER

With Memorial Day approaching let's take a look at what is a "hero"

1. A person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities.
2. A person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal:

Unfortunately in today's world many of the people we consider heroes don't come close to fitting into these definitions.

In February, we honored the Four Chaplains of the troop ship USAT Dorchester who went down with their ship giving their life jackets to save the lives of others. Or the Marine who received the Medal of Honor for diving on a grenade to save the lives of his comrades. These and those like them are real heroes.



Our God has taught us that there is no greater love than that which gives itself for another. This had to be in the minds of these individuals as they did these heroic acts for others. How does this compare to a football player who wins the game due to some outstanding play and in the Monday morning paper is labeled a hero. Does this fit our definition of a hero? Well, maybe Aaron Rogers comes close.

How about this Biblical guy named Moses. He certainly did some heroic acts to save multitudes of others as described in the Book of Exodus. Then there is this man God sent us, Jesus Christ who gave his life on a cross to save mankind from eternal damnation. This is the ultimate in heroism. The Bible is full of great heroes and acts of heroism. Seek them out.

In closing let us pray; Dear God, this Memorial Day we will again remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest they came forward to defend the freedoms that we enjoy and to win the same for others. Let us never forget that freedom is not free. Amen

When we pass by the grave marker of a veteran let's remember to say a prayer of thanks.

God Bless America.

Bob Johnson

Chaplain

POPPY DAY – MAY 18TH

Pleas join us on May 18th to offer the Poppy to the public. One or two hours of your time will help our Veterans and their families in many ways.

I will be at the Club House at 7:30am on Friday, May 18th. If you have not signed up for a spot, please stop in and I will help you find one, or call me to schedule your spot at 920-574-2882 or 920-203-6113.

Nancy Mysliwski

Poppy Treasurer/Co-Chairman

What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Reporter is now on the Post Web Page. If you wish to read it on line rather than have it mailed to 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 Web site for One Year.



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