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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Legioners, Well here it is mid-April and my term as your Commander is coming to a close. It doesn't seem possible that it is only 11 months since you elected me to this position. There have been many highlights throughout the past year. From participating in the Appleton Flag Day parade to the many events at the Post. Being your representative at Mid-Winter and the Department conventions as well as representing the American Legion at Eagle Scout ceremonies. The time has just flown by. It has been a very enjoyable year.

Now it is time to look to the future. It is time for our annual elections for your new leaders. Included in this copy of the Reporter is your ballot for the upcoming slate of officers. Be sure to follow the instructions and submit your completed ballot or attend the May Post meeting to cast your vote.

The coming months will be very busy at Post 38. May brings the annual King ride with the pancake and porkie breakfast followed by Poppy Day and the Memorial Day activities. Please watch for the announcements and be a part of these events. We can always use your support or help. Summer brings another Flag Day parade and the Department Convention to town. We will be needing many volunteers as well as goodies to place in the gift bags for all of the delegates. If you have anything to donate or wish to volunteer your time, please contact Ray Gass at 920-687-6152 or email Tarheel485@aol.com

One last reminder that we still need as many renewals and new members as we can get before Convention. Please do whatever you can to find these members. We need the numbers.

It has been a pleasure to have served as your Commander for the past year and I am looking forward to continue serving Post 38 in the future.

John W. Bourassa

Commander, Post 38

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW, I am certainly looking forward to the tulips and spring flowers to start blooming. We look forward to May when we can donate our time on Poppy Day to help our veterans.

The Auxiliary is now in the process of planning our part in the Department Convention to be held this July. We need a few pages, people to carry our Unit Flag during the processional and other duties. The convention will be held at the Paper Valley Hotel on July 14-17th. Please-if you can help that weekend or want to help in other ways-give me a call.

Seven of the Unit members took an awesome road trip to Plymouth on March 30th to view and help make camouflage quilts for our military. Some of us pinned the quilts and some ironed, and some sewed the quilts. We also worked on the cool down ties. Did you see the front page article in the USA Weekend on April 10th? It featured Linda Wieck the person responsible for the project along with Darius Rucker. The project will be receiving at \$10,000 donation, thru the 20th annual "Make a Difference Day Awards"; although Linda said that would only last one month, with the amount of quilts going out to the military.

Please plan on spending a few hours on Memorial Day to honor our Veterans at one of the ceremonies or parades in the Valley.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

25 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
30 The Brink Band (In the Bar - No Cover)
..... 8:00-12:00AM

MAY

2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
4 Karaoke..... 8:30PM-12:30AM
9 Convention Meeting6:30PM
15 Pancake Breakfast/Bike Ride to King VA Home
.....8:30-12:30PM
16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
18 Karaoke..... 8:30PM-12:30AM
18 Scarlet Guard Meeting6:30PM
20 Poppy Day
23 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
26 Convention Meeting6:30PM
28-30 Club Closed for Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE

1 Karaoke..... 8:30PM-12:30AM
1 Auxiliary Executive Committee 6:30PM
6 Post Meeting 7:00PM
8 Honor Guard Steak Fry - Cocktails @ 56:00PM
11 Flag Day Parade5:00PM
13 Auxiliary Meeting (Changed from 20th).....7:00PM
15 Karaoke..... 8:30PM-12:30AM
27 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

JULY

2-4 Club Closed for 4th of July Weekend

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We did it again-we met our 100% membership goal with 186 paid members. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to Sara Yingling, Wendy Yingling's daughter, and new Auxiliary member. She completed the necessary paperwork to apply for a Department Scholarship and she won! She is the recipient of the Merit & Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to former Badger Boy State, Andrew Conley, from Xavier. He won the H.S. Angeline Lewis Scholarship of \$1000.

I will be presenting the ALA Unit 38, \$500 scholarship to veteran Alex Henninger on May 11th at Fox Valley Technical Institute. Alex served in Kosovo with the National Guard Unit; the 32nd Military Police Company. His long term goal is to become a Police Officer.

Remember we have changed the date of the June meeting to June 13th.

Till then: "Growing older is not upsetting; being perceived as old is." - Kenny Rogers.

Rose Heinz

President, Unit 38

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & HOG'S ANNUAL KING RIDE

Come join us at your American Legion Post 38 on Sunday May 15, 2011 and enjoy a Pancake and Porky breakfast before we send these Veterans

off on there annual pilgrimage to the Veterans Home at King. Last year there were 205 bikes on the ride, it was an incredible site when they all left. We will be serving buttermilk and potato pancakes, pork sausages, applesauce, milk, coffee and juice for the unbelievable price of \$7.00 from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Proceeds from this event will be used to help sponsor some of our many American Legion programs.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

A reminder on our hours of operation: Monday - Thursday open at 4:00 pm, Friday, open at 11:00 and serving until 9:00 PM, Saturdays, open at 4:00 PM, Closed Sundays and Holidays.

On Fridays we have reduced prices on some of your favorite seafood, including perch or haddock sandwiches. The lunch menu is served until 3 PM at which time our evening menu is in effect.

The Brink Band will again be playing in the Bar room, with no cover charge on Saturday, April 30th. Playing your favorites from the 60-80's...Great music for all ages.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the club and the camaraderie of our members and customers in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Please think of us for any of your special events. We need you to be successful. See you at the Club!

Audrey Turowski

Club Manager

AUXILIARY LADIES IN NURSING HOMES

- Bernice Beyer** Brewster Village
- Mary Brehm** Brewster Village
- Ermgard Deffert** Carolina Manor
- Verona Hamilton** Rennes
- Joan Klitzke** Heartwood

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks ladies for a great finish to our membership year. We reached our goal and are at 100%! Congratulations to all

who helped make it possible.

Gwen Schwandt

Membership Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Lost Members:

- Valerie Flanagan** 03.09.11
- Stanley Staranowicz** 03.10.11
- James Kositzke** 03.11.11
- James Heenan** 03.18.11
- Robert D. McQuiggin** 03.20.11
- Thomas J. Burke** 03.26.11
- Norman D. Gibson** 03.29.11
- John N. Marx Sr.** 04.01.11

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home. Glen Flunker is at Rennes Nursing Home. Earl reports he is doing ok. Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating. Richard Green is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute. Edward Weiss' is 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.

Don J. Eiden

Service Officer, Post 38

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Don J. Eiden

Badger Boys State Coordinator

**FLAG DAY
PARADE FESTIVITIES**

The Annual Post Flag Day Parade Party will be hosted by Appleton's American Legion #38 on Saturday, June 11 after the City of Appleton's Flag Day Parade. This event begins at 5PM, and will feature a performance by the U.S.

Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team of Washington, DC and a patriotic concert by a band..(to be announced). Food and refreshments will be available. The public is welcomed, so please tell your family and friends..

The event is held outside so bring your lawn chairs, if desired. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors.

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.

Color Guard is Recruiting Members!

The Scarlet Guard Color Guard of Appleton's American Legion Post NEEDS YOU!

Military Service is not required to join. A Passion for Patriotism is a Must!

Duties include:
• Marching In Parades • Presenting Colors at Special Events • Flag Etiquette Programs • Memorial Services

Meet every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Appleton's American Legion Post No. 38 3220 West College Avenue

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CALL: ERIC STADLER @ 920-450-6907

Support Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth by joining the Appleton American Legion Family.

The Appleton American Legion Post No. 38 meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Appleton American Legion at 3220 W. College Ave.

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