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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy Veteran's Day!

On November 11th, we will celebrate and honor our veterans and I want to say **THANK YOU FOR SERVING**. Please join us at the post for the Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, November 12th. Sign up for the dinner at the post.

It is that time of year when we get ready for the winter. Post 38 is also getting ready for the winter events.

Chili dinner on November 30th and Army-Navy game on December 10th. The Children's Christmas Party on December 17th is a great time for the family. Please join us.

This year is going fast. The next few months will be holidays and celebrating. We hope you celebrate with us at Post 38. It is a great place for family or company parties.

I also want to thank everyone for their hard work this past year. Gordy Clewell for keeping the bar running and giving us new ideas and hope. Tony, Nancy, Denny, Dick, Ray, Mark and anyone that I missed for cleaning the post. Eric for all the public relations and events. We have a wonderful Legion Family and they deserve a **BIG THANK YOU**.

The Members of the American Legion Family would also like to send their condolences to the Eppinger Family and we pray that God grants them peace.

Please send your membership dues in as soon as you can and plan to join us at Post 38 for an event or just to watch the Packer game.

God Bless All of You
Laurel Weyenberg
Commander, Post 38

1ST VICE

COMMANDER MESSAGE

Membership Update

Post 38 membership stands at 567 which is 66.01% of our goal of 859. We are slowly creeping to 75% by 11/11/11. Remember, if we reach 75% by that date, a drawing will be held.

I read the other day that reminder notices were sent by National to those who have not renewed. If you get a reminder, now is a good time to send in your renewal for 2012. If you got a reminder and have renewed (they passed in the mail). Thanks for renewing.

On another subject, since I joined Post 38 in April, 2006, I have noticed that the average attendance at Post meeting is between 30-40. I know that more members than that live in the Fox Cities area. May I suggest you set your birth month as a time to attend a post meeting. We would be glad to see you! You may even win an attendance prize.

Remember: If you know a veteran, invite them to join Post 38.

Enjoy the holidays that are coming up!

Mark Toll

1st Vice Commander, Post 38

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW-what wonderful weather we have had. I hope you all enjoyed the Indian summer. We have many activities planned during the next few months. I hope we can interest you in helping out in at least one thing. At the November meeting, please bring one item for Harbor House such as floor cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, sheets, pil-

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

7 Post Meeting.....	7:00PM
9-11 Support Our Troops Collection for the 395th	
11 Veteran's Day Open House	12:00-3:00PM
12 Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance at Post 38	
Dinner	6:00PM
Dance	7:00-11:00PM
<i>Music by The Brink Band, Reservations must be made by Nov. 7th.</i>	
16 Scarlet Guard Meeting	6:30PM
16 Auxiliary County Council	6:30PM
21 Auxiliary Meeting.....	7:00PM
21 House Committee Meeting	5:30PM
24 Thanksgiving	CLOSED
28 Executive Meeting	6:30PM
30 Chili Dinner	4:30-7:30PM

DECEMBER

5 Post Meeting.....	7:00PM
10 Toys for Tots - Army/Navy Game	1:30PM
11 Cash Raffle Drawing	4:00PM
17 Children's Christmas Party.....	11:00AM-1:00PM
19 House Committee Meeting.....	5:30PM
24 Christmas Eve.....	CLOSED
25 Christmas Day	Open at 5:00PM for Game
26 Executive Meeting	6:30PM
31 New Year's Eve Party	8:00PM-Close

AMERICAN LEGION POST 38 5TH ANNUAL CASH RAFFLE

The drawing will be December 11th, 2011 at 4:00pm. Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$50 a piece. Need not be present to win. Top cash prize is \$10,000 with 21 other prizes from \$2,500 to 100. Contact Ray Gass at 920-687-6152 or email at tarheel485@aol.com to get tickets. Please help your post so we may continue supporting our programs. Thank You.

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low cases, new bath towels, white copier paper, and coffee filters. We are also going to have someone from Harbor House speak at that meeting. We will also be collecting money for the Homeless Women Veterans project. In October the Legion family assisted the 395th Family Readiness Group with their Harvest Moon Festival on October 15th for the children. Special thanks goes out to Auxiliary members, Lori Hansel, and Jessica Garcia who were very instrumental in making the morning festivities a success for the children. We are also going to be helping them with their Christmas Party On December 9th.

Your Unit 38 has also donated various articles to the Homeless Veterans Program at King thru the Outagamie County Council. Please call me if you want to find out how you can help. Our Unit will also be hosting the Council dinner meeting on November 16th and our entertainment will be the Zion Lutheran Chime Choir. The cost is \$10; please call me if you are interested in attending.

For your information the National Auxiliary has passed a \$4 increase in dues to take effect for the 2013 membership year. It probably will not affect us as we anticipated an increase a few years ago. We will be discussing this topic at our next Executive Committee meeting in January.

Thanks to all the Auxiliary members who could pay their respects to the family of Garrick Eppinger Jr. at the visitation, along with the Legion Family and Scarlet Guard. It was so impressive.

Please try to attend the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Outagamie County Courthouse on the 11th of November at 11am. Some of our Auxiliary members will be at Franklin Grade School to present them with their new US Flag.

The August door prize winners were: Shirley Dunkel, Gwen Schwandt, Debra Ragen, September winners were June Endres, Karen Kranzusch, and Carala Spengler.

Have a great Halloween and a Happy Thanksgiving. God bless you all.

**REMEMBER:
WE WILL NOT HAVE
A MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

Thought for the day: *“The best thing to hold onto in life is each other.”*
- Audrey Hepburn.

Rose Heinz
President, Unit 38

**AUXILIARY LADIES
IN NURSING HOMES**

Mary Brehm Brewster Village
Ermgard Deffert Carolina Manor
Verona Hamilton Rennes
Joan Klitzke Heartwood

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks ladies for renewing your 2012 membership. We are at 67% paid up, as of 10-10-11. To those of you that have perhaps misplaced your notice, a reminder that you can send your \$25.00 check to Gwen Schwandt, 510 E. Marquette St., Appleton, WI 54911. Our Junior members do not receive a notice, therefore, if you generally pay for your grand daughter or niece, etc., please send in the \$4.00 membership also. Renewing membership in the Auxiliary is our way of supporting the American Legion and our Veterans. New members are welcome!

Gwen Schwandt
Membership Chair

**AMERICAN LEGION
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

Lost Members:
Willard Prahl 09.02.11
Ronald Coley 09.06.11
Fred Selig 09.07.11
Chester Zembrycki 09.13.11
Bob Golden 09.13.11
John D. Bogan 09.30.11

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

Phyliss Duquette had double knee surgery and is recouping at The

Recovery Inn, at 2105 E Enterprise Ave, in Appleton. She is in the Morgan Falls room and could be there for some time her daughter said.

James Smith and Eugene LaPlante are both recouping at home .

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, WI.

Alvin Lietz is at Living Tree Estates N1916 Greenville Dr., Greenville.

Cyril Christensen is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute.

Denny Giles is having knee replacement at AMC on October 10th. He will be there for 3-4 days.

Don Bauer will have heart surgery at AMC on October 11th.

Jeff Zwiers will have knee replacements soon.

Cmdr. Laurel Weyenberg will be having knee surgery also.

Please wish them the best and say a prayer for each of them.

Don J. Eiden
Service Officer, Post 38

**SUMMER BASEBALL
WAS A “HIT”!**

It was a great summer for Post 38 American Legion baseball. Forty young men participated in the program which fielded a junior varsity and a varsity team. Both teams made it to State. Mason Pingel, one of our senior players, was selected to play at the State All-Star game which was played at Miller Park in Milwaukee. Two other Post 38 players, Trent Whitcomb and Nolan Baker played in our league All-Star game, which was played at Fox Cities Stadium.

A highlight of the season was the presentation of “Casey”, a full size baseball statue, given by Past Department ALA President Anita Kapp and her family to our Post 38 baseball program. What a nice gesture! Thanks Anita! It will be put away for the winter, but will return next Spring.

Thanks to all who helped make the summer a great one--Players, parents, coaches, volunteers, Legionnaires. Remember we will be hosting the State Tourney in 2012. We can use your help.

Joan & Don Hawkins

TOYS FOR TOTS

Come watch the 112th Army/Navy football game on December 10th at 1:30 at the The American Legion Club 38 at 3220 W. College Ave, Appleton, WI. All who attend are requested to bring a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl, or a cash donation. It's a good way to have some fun and help the kids in the Area.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

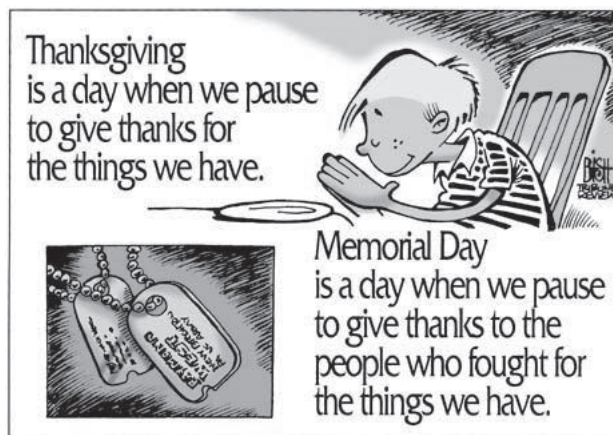
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On 11/9 - 11/11, the Appleton American Legion family along with WNCY-Y100 and WIXX will be hosting a Support Our Troops collection. Volunteers will be need on-site (at the Appleton American Legion) to help accept donations, package items, complete custom forms, etc... The shipment of collected items will go to the deployed members of the Appleton based 395th ORD Co of the U.S. Army Reserve. They will see that the items are distributed to their members and other units serving in their region. Please help pass the word to your friends and family that the following are items have been requested by the troops:

- Sausage(shrink wrapped), Cheese, Ritz Crackers, Snacks, Goldfish crackers, microwave soups, chewing gum, cookies (pre-packaged), baby wipes, DVD movies, Beef Jerky/sticks (pre-packaged), hard candy, chocolate covered pretzel, granola/cereal bars, power bars, puzzle books, tootsie rolls & men-

- tos, popcorn & popcorn seasoning, coffee, coffee creamers, salted peanuts in shell, energy drinks, pistachios, ibuprofen/Advil, flavored packets for water, macaroni & cheese, phone cards, Itunes cards, Ramen soup in a cup, instant oatmeal, chocolate, Zebra cakes, Oreos, Halls cough drops, sour patch candy, sunflower seeds, hair dye (brown), hair spray, Wisconsin decorations (i.e. Bucky Badger, etc...), holiday decorations, Green Bay Packers decorations, soap, toothpaste.



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