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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

As we move towards the last few months of 2020, I sincerely hope that everyone is healthy and safe. With all that is going on the country, Covid-19, the civil unrest, and the rioting I'm reminded of a quote I came across. "Adversity doesn't build character, it reveals it". If we stand together, we can get through anything.

We have a good start on our membership drive, but if you haven't renewed yet please try to get it done before the end of the year. And if your email address is not up to date please login to mylegion.org or contact me or Bill Trombley and we can fix that for you.

With no corn roast or Octoberfest our fundraising has taken a hit this year. We are having a 50/50 raffle going that will run through New Year's Eve, so please buy as many tickets (and sell them) as you can. Raffle tickets are available at the post or contact one of the Officers and we will try to get you some. Jan Hoffman has volunteered to Chair the raffle committee so you can contact him also. He could also use some help on the committee.

Our website has recently been updated so if you haven't checked it out please do. The address is <http://appletonpost38.org>.

We are still in need of a 1st Vice, Chaplain, and Service Officer. So, if you are interested in helping out please contact me.

Thank You

Dave Baumann

Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays will soon be upon us, and soon the winter weather will follow. Hopefully, we can start to gather again soon.

With all the cancellations from National, Department, District, and Units; there is not much to report on at this time.

The Department is trying to put together an "In The Know" learning session for the Auxiliary at Midwinter Saturday January 16 for the Auxiliary to attend. Please mark your calendars, there is so much to learn from these sessions.

The Auxiliary has a new membership goal of 116 for the 2021 year, so please send in your renewals to Marian Brown, Membership Chairman.

At our Unit we are collecting the school supplies again along with items for a "Blessing" box to be distributed to Wilson Middle School. Questions on this can be directed to Jennifer Klemp at 450-3860. We collect notebooks, pencils, markers, glue, crayons, material, yarn and many more items, a full list is available from the Auxiliary.

Please notify us of any Auxiliary member who has surgery or illness, Contact Lori Bishop at (920) 419-0235, Rose Heinz 734-7570, or myself at 739-4283. Also, any Auxiliary member in a Nursing Home.

Don't forget our unit meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday October 19, 2020**. Also, mark that we have NO meeting in December, due to the holiday, along with NO meeting in January 2020.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

2	GRAND REOPENING	
3	9 th District Conference	
	Oconto Falls, Registration	8:00AM
5	Post Membership Meeting	7:00PM
12	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
12	COLUMBUS DAY	
14	Outagamie County Council Meeting	6:30PM
	Location TBD	
19	Auxiliary Post 38 Meeting	7:00PM
26	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM
31	War of the Worlds Performance	TBD

NOVEMBER

2	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
3	ELECTION DAY	
9	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
11	VETRANS DAY Lunch at the Post after	
11	Outagamie County Council Meeting	
	Location TBD	
16	Auxiliary Post 38 Meeting	7:00PM
17	Auxiliary Outagamie County Council Meeting, Kimberly	6:30PM
26	THANKSGIVING	
30	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM

DECEMBER

5	BREAKFAST WITH SANTA	TBD
5	A Very Elvis Christmas	TBD
7	Post 38 Membership Meeting	7:00PM
9	Outagamie County Council Meeting	
	Location TBD	
10	Reporter Articles Due	
12	ARMY/NAVY GAME	
14	House & Events Committee Meeting	6:30PM
25	CHRISTMAS	
30	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30PM
31	NEW YEARS EVE (Dinner TBD)	

Outagamie County Council meetings are held throughout the county. The next County Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 17th at Kimberly, ask at the unit meeting for more information, or contact Rose or myself.

Happy and Safe Holidays, with many of God's blessings.

God Bless

Marian Brown

Auxiliary President, Unit 38



APPLETON LEGION BASEBALL

As you may have noticed when visiting the Post, the baseball field and grounds look great and lots of maintenance and improvement work is getting accomplished, with special recognition to Steve and Paul for all their hard work.

We did not send out the annual April fundraising letter to our Post 38 family. You didn't lose or forget it! We'll be looking for your support in 2021.

Make sure you check out our website at www.appletonlegionbaseball.org, where you'll find recently posted team photos, rosters and more, and like us on Facebook at Appleton Legion Baseball.

We hope to see you at the Ballpark in 2021!

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Ladies of Unit 38, we have several members that have not renewed yet for the 2020 membership year, if you have done so yet please do so or contact me. We collect 2020 dues until December 31, 2020.

The 2021 year goal set by National is 116 members and we have a good start so far. For the Unit to be eligible for Department awards this year, we must have all our officers 2021 membership paid. Currently we are at a good start, so we need everyone's help to get to our goal.

Remember that you must pay your 2020 dues prior to paying the 2021 dues. Questions can be addressed to me, just contact me at the information below.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters, your stepdaughters, and step granddaughter's membership. If you have not paid your dues, please renew as they support our Auxiliary Programs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914. Phone 920-739-4283. Or you can pay directly to Dept.

Thank You to the ladies that have already paid.

Remember Unit 38 meets on the 3rd Monday evening of every month at 7:00 P.M at the Post. Please join us for the meeting and social following. Guests are welcomed.

Next meeting is Monday October 19, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Since last reporter we have lost 3 members: March 21, 2020 Esther Burdette, a 6 year member. June 25, 2020 Edna Luckow, a 62 year member. On July 15, 2020 Iona Badtke, 39 year member.

Just to give some recognition to our long time members. Our Unit has 8 ladies over age 75 with 50+ years as a member. Carmen Birk with 58 continuous years, Mary Kay Bradle with 67 continuous years, Louise Ebert with 54 continuous years, Mary Hamlin with 71 continuous years, Pearl Hetherington with 56 continuous years, Carol Jahnke with 64 continuous years, Paula Smith with 52 continuous years, and Nancy West with 55 continuous years. Thanks for your support over the years to our organization.

We are always looking for new members welcome to our Legion Family.

Marian Brown

Membership Chairman

CHAPLINS REPORT

POST EVERLASTING

06-28-20	Dale Stabe
07-16-20	Michael Bourassa
07-20-20	Robert Jackan
07-23-20	Maynard Bevers
07-31-20	Robert Watry
09-01-20	Merle Brimmer
09-03-20	Robert Petsel
09-04-20	Gerald Miller
09-16-20	Thomas Schultz

Visiting and Volunteers:

Bob Johnson, Diane Seabrook

Recuperating at home or in a

Nursing Care Facility/Hospital:

- William Van Eeckhout is at home with stage 4 cancer, his broken hip is about 90% healed. 1715 Lakeshore Dr. Menasha, WI 54952 (1-920-419-0699) would be happy to hear from other Post members.
- Michael Everson is recovering from a stroke; is home, 1441 Kenwood Dr. Apt 4, Menasha, WI 54952 1-920-944-4596.

PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESS'S SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER THANK YOU

Garrick L. Eppinger, Assistant Chaplain
Post 38

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Phone # 1-920-221-3551

**Thank You
Veterans!**

POPPY MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family

I hope you are all doing well. This year we had to make the hard decision to not hold Poppy Day. With that said we would like to announce next year's dates. Poppy Days will be held Friday May 14th and Saturday May 15th 2021. So, mark your calendars as this is a huge part of our efforts to collect funds, so we can keep supporting our veterans, military personnel, their families and our veteran homes. Together we can make a difference.

Jessica Garza and Ruth Eiden
Poppy Chairmans



Chaplin's Corner
Unit 38 Chaplin
Lori J. Bishop

If you want to contribute to the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Fund, you can fill out and return it to the Auxiliary by mail or in person

Poppy Fund
ALA Unit #38
3220 W. College Ave
Appleton, WI 54914

POPPY DONATION

\$ _____
Thank You for your donation to help our Veterans and their families.



Blessing Box

Part of the focus of the American Legion Auxiliary is community service. For the past couple of years Appleton's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 has been collecting items for a "Blessing Box" located at Wilson Middle School in Appleton. This box is similar to the "Little Free Library" boxes around town, except that the "Blessing Box" houses every day essential items for families in need. Families, students, and community members in need can visit the box at any time of day and obtain what they need. The box has been in place since 2018 and has been used frequently. Donations needed for the box include toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, laundry detergent, ramen noodles, boxed food items, hats, mittens and tube socks. All of these items can be found at local dollar stores.

Any donations for the Blessing Box can be brought to the auxiliary unit meeting. If you are not venturing out, I would be happy to pick up donations as well. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to Wilson Middle School. If you have any questions or would like more information or complete lists of items, please contact Jennifer Klemp at jklemp31@gmail.com or 920-450-3860.

Thank you for making a difference for our local families

*For today, Tomorrow,
And the rest of life,
remember this:*

Push the frog.

*Pray until something
happens. Forever rely
on God.*

Americanism Essay Contest

Every year the American Legion Auxiliary hosts an Americanism Essay Contest. The topic for the 2021 essay is "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?" The contest is open to all students from 3rd to 12th grades. Last year we had over 70 entries in two different categories! Three students in each category earned rewards for their essays.

If you know any elementary, middle or high school students who would be interested in entering or any teachers who could share this contest with their students, please contact me(Jennifer Klemp) at jklemp31@gmail.com. The essays are due at the local level on March 15, 2021. Thank you for sharing!

EVENTS

Coming October 31, 2020 War of The Worlds

December 5, Christmas with Santa,

December 5; A Very Elvis Christmas

Order tickets at Club38Stage.com or Contact Mike Utech @ (920) 268-8005 or Post 38 at (920) 733-9840

More info at Club38Stage.org

THE WEDNESDAY BRAT FRY 11AM - 2PM IS UNDERWAY!



Great turnouts! Great sales! So we need your help!

The layout and protection is in place to include safe distancing.

Want to get out of the house? Many opportunities! - short or full -

Come for the day or a few hours. Wednesday we start at 8:30, finish 3 ish

Prepack condiments: Could be Wednesday morning or Tuesday

About 1-2 hour. Pickles, Onion and Sauerkraut into 1oz cups

Set up: Wednesday morning 8:30. Done before 11am

Grilling: 8:30 Back-up / Break

Brat Fry staff: 11am - 2pm

Wrapping food, taking orders, Bagging orders, Restocking / Runner, All around relief/break

Breakdown and cleanup: Inside or outside, grills, kitchen 1:30 pm, done by 3:00

Prebuy/shop: Wade would be happy to have someone who can lift lbs. go with him to shop for the soda and food.

Excellent start... excellent volunteers...Thank you all so much! P.S. We do have fun!

Contact Ed 920-707-3286 or Wade 920-540-0924

RE-OPENING October 2, 2020 **Dine IN** or **Take OUT**

FRIDAY

FISH FRY

3 pm - 7 pm

Bar Open

3 pm - 10 pm

TUESDAY thru THURSDAY

Full Menu Served 4 pm - 7 pm

**Nightly Specials including
WINGS on WEDNESDAY**

Bar Open:

Tuesday-Thursday 3 pm-8 pm

Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

Kitchen and Bar Closed Monday

SUNDAY



SERVING

11 am - 3 pm

Bar Open 11 am-5 pm

The American Legion - Post 38
VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

50/50 RAFFLE

\$5.00 each - 5 for \$20.00

SINGLE PRIZE - Equal to 50% of Ticket Sales

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM

American Legion Post 38 Members or
at the The American Legion Post 38 Building
3220 W College Avenue, Appleton WI 54914

Drawing held 7:00pm - December 31, 2020
You need not be present to win

Drawing at The American Legion Post 38 Building
License #R0004535A-89300

American Legion
\$5 SPECIALS!
Every Wednesday
and
Thursday

BECOME A
FAN OF
APPLETON
AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38



America Legion Brat Fry!

Every Weds.
11am - 2pm

Preamble of the American Legion Explained

(Every Quarter, room permitting, I am going to try and put some of these explanations for our Preamble in here)

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER.

This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors- and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms-went to wars-to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!

Come to the
Club for Friday
Fish Fry –
Every Friday
3pm-8pm

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



POST LEADERSHIP

Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38

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1st Vice Commander
VACANT

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3rd Vice Commander
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Asst. Finance Officer
VACANT

Service Officer
VACANT

Chaplain
VACANT

Asst. Chaplin

Garrick Eppinger
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Bill Burton
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Bob Seide
(715) 853-5901

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Rick Eisenach
(920) 574-8833

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Ruth Eiden
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VACANT

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