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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

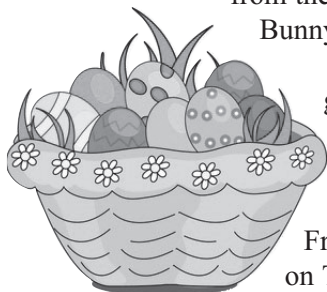
*Fellow Legion Members*

It is voting time again. You will be voting for the officers and executive committee members that will be representing you. Please take time to return your ballot or come to the meeting and vote. It is our duty as Americans to educate ourselves and vote for the candidate of your choice. This is true for all elections.

On another note, there is a need for clothing at the King Veteran's Home.

The Post is collecting and delivering new or gently used items. A big THANK YOU to Bob Smaxwill, Tony and Nancy Mysliwski for taking the time to deliver the goods to King. Bob also makes a regular trip to deliver magazines and books, if you would like to donate to these projects, please drop the items at Your Post 38.

Easter is coming and we will be having an Easter Egg hunt for the children on April 7th from 1-3 pm. Please bring your children or grandchildren and join the fun. There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny.



We have a great home in Post 38, please join us for fish on Friday, dinner on Tuesday, and delicious sandwiches

are served every day. We have a great menu and wonderful cooks.

God Bless All of You  
**Laurel Weyenberg**  
*Commander, Post 38*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE

### COMMANDER MESSAGE

At the February Post meeting, I had the pleasure of serving as host for the Department Commander Denise Rohan. She gave a very inspirational talk, after which she was presented a music box that plays the "ARMY" song. The meeting was well attended by Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members. Thanks to everyone who brought food. It was quite a feast. Also, thanks to the Scarlet Guard for their participation.

As of this writing, Post membership stands at 713 which is 83% of our goal, which is established by the Department of Wisconsin.

If you have not renewed, you probably received a reminder from National HQ in January. This reminder prompted 15-20 members to renew. By the time you read this, about 80 members will have received a letter from me reminding them to renew.

Due to our membership numbers dropping over the past few years, we need to recruit. If you know someone who has served, ask them to join our ranks.

**Mark Toll**

*1st Vice Commander, Post 38*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

5 Post Meeting.....	7:00PM
19 Auxiliary Executive Meeting .....	7:00PM
21 Scarlet Guard Meeting .....	6:30PM
21 Past Commanders Dinner .....	6:00PM
24 Auxiliary Women To Women Vets .....	10:00AM-2:00PM
26 House Committee Meeting .....	5:30PM
26 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM

### APRIL

2 Post Meeting .....	7:00PM
7 Easter Party.....	1:00PM-3:00PM
16 Auxiliary Meeting .....	7:00PM
18 Scarlet Guard Meeting .....	6:30PM
30 House Committee Meeting .....	5:30PM
30 Executive Meeting .....	6:30PM

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### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While you are reading this letter, I should be on my way back from warm sunny Mexico. Thanks so much to Marian Brown for filling in as President at the February meeting.

A few items I wanted to share with you. You will notice a new picture in the hall of a soldier. This was given to the Legion by the 395th Family Readiness Group. It was their way of expressing their thanks to the American Legion Family in Appleton for the things we have done.

Around Valentines Day, Maureen Vogt and Nancy Mysliwski distributed cards to the Veterans as they came or left the John Bradley Outpatient Clinic. Thanks to Nancy for making those cards.

Thanks goes out to Diane Zwiers from Jefferson School and Jamie Vander Heyden from Johnston School. They helped the Legion and Auxiliary with our Valentines Day Project for the 395th. The students created cards and we sent those cards with candy to the troops stationed in Afghanistan. A big thank you to Joan Hawkins, who also made cards from our American Legion Family of Post 38 to send in those boxes.

March is the official birth month for the American Legion. So Commander Laurel, Post Officers and members, The Auxiliary wishes you a very Happy 91st Birthday. May you continue to prosper and continue to be an advocate for our veterans, our active military, and their families!



The Auxiliary is in the process of planning another day trip to Plymouth, either in March or April. We will again assist in making with making of Camo Quilts. If you would like to come along give me a call.

Thanks to Nancy Mysliwski Unit 38 will be hosting the Women to Women Veterans meeting on March 24th. If interested in attending, please give us a call. Presenters will discuss how we can help those homeless women veterans in our community.

To attain 100% our Unit only needs 6 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 your veterans. For those members who decided not to renew, thank so much for your past support. We wish you well.

January \$5 attendance winners were: Carlene Schmidt, Lori Hansel, and Pearl Hetherington—Congratulations.

Thought of the month: "There is nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate"—Charles Dickens

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

### AUXILIARY LADIES IN NURSING HOMES

**Mary Brehm** . . . . . Brewster Village  
**Ermgard Deffert** . . . . . Carolina Manor  
**Joan Klitzke** . . . . . Heartwood

### OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

**Jean Erdmann** . . . . . 12/1/11  
**Louise Otis** . . . . . 12/19/11  
**Verona Hamilton** . . . . . 1/31/12

### UNIT 38 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you ladies for all your renewals, both our Jr. & Sr. members. We are at 97% of paid up members. There is still time to renew and reach our 100% goal. Remember, our mem-

bership in the Legion Auxiliary helps the Veterans! Surely we want to do our part, and we can, by paying our dues and becoming involved in Unit 38. See you at our meetings, the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Gwen Schwandt**  
*Membership Chair*

### LEGION FAMILY BELL RINGERS FOR SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE

Dec. 16, 2011 was a Bemis Company Match Day,

Our Kettle at Copp's on West Wisconsin Ave. collected \$701.20 which with match totaled \$1402.40.



Thanks to Bell Ringers:

- Bob Johnson, Dick Staedt 8 - 10 am
- Dick Shimek, Joan Hawkins 10 -12 noon
- Ray Gass, Rose Heinz 12 - 2 pm
- Larry Witthuhn, Steve Jansen 2 - 4 pm
- Bob Smaxwill, Audrey Krull 4 - 6 pm
- Bob Hall, Maureen Vogt 6 - 8 pm

Our \$100 donation to Salvation Army went in our kettle first thing in the morning.

**Dick Staedt**

### AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

*Lost Members: As of February 9th*  
**Richard Rademaker** . . . . . 01.08.12  
**Donald Lund** . . . . . 01.13.12  
**Joseph Mock Sr.** . . . . . 01.25.12

*Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:*

Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home.

Leroy Meinhardt is at Colony Oaks recuperating.

Richard Green is at Parkside Nursing Home in Little Chute.

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**

We blinked and here we are well into 2012 already. Some very important events and dates are about to happen in the next two months. Let's start with "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN".

Here comes the Spring Equinox when spring brings eternal hope. Researcher Elizabeth Phelps wrote, "Hope is optimism – It promotes actions that lead to good outcomes. Not all things in life turn out great, but if you don't have hope and faith we will begin to think everything will turn out bad". This is what sets us believers apart from the non-believers.

Only through the grace of God can hope spring eternal and spring brings eternal hope. In April we will celebrate the greatest of Christian events. When our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gave his life for us on Good Friday and then giving us the peace of forgiveness' and the promise of eternal life by rising from the dead on the third day, Easter Sunday.

On April 7th is the Jewish spring festival celebration of the Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. The story of the Exodus from Egypt is told and commemorates the salvation of the Hebrew's first born.

In Mathew 5:16 our Lord says, Let your light shine before men that they

may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Probably no connection but on the 21st of March, the first day of spring we are steadily gaining daylight hours and warmer days. It's always nice to see that first robin. Let's hope and pray for warmer days and warmer hearts and let your light shine brightly.

Pray for God's blessing for all who served and are serving. May the peace of the Lord be with us all.

God Bless America.

**Bob Johnson**

*Chaplain*

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