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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,

Another year is upon us with new leadership. Thank you to those who voted for me and the rest of the officers of Appleton American Legion Post 38. I am very excited for this new year, as I feel the officer's you've elected are some of the best in the state. Your Commander and the rest of the leadership will continue to brainstorm and work tirelessly to bring your Post to its highest potential and find ways to get all of you involved who would like to be. At the end of June, most of your elected officers will also have completed and graduated the WI American Legion College! I highly recommend that all you at least take the American Legion Extension Institute, to revive why we all joined, who we are, what we do and what we stand for.

If you would like to know what your Post is up to, please find all of our up to date activities in our website, [www.appletonpost38.org](http://www.appletonpost38.org) and on Facebook.

Have a project you would like to start? Have ideas in reaching out to our Service Members, Veteran's and their families? Reach out to me, your 1st, 2nd, 3rd Vice Commanders, or Service Officer and we'll see what we can do.

This year we are also excited to be hosting our Annual Department Convention in July. We are in need of volunteers to help with registration, raffle tables and the Club. Please reach out to your 2nd Vice Commander, Frank Billings if you're interested.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to great things this year!

Regards,  
*Renee Kasuboski*  
Commander  
American Legion Post 38  
Appleton, WI

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JULY

- 5 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 10 Events Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 11 Stuff Bags for Convention . . 6:00PM
- 13-16 Department Convention
- 17 House Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 19 Scarlet Guard . . . . . 6:00PM
- 27 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 31 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM

### AUGUST

- 7 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 10 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 12 VW Car Show
- 14 Events Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 16 Corn Roast
- 21 House Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 24 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 28 Executive Committee . . . . . 6:30PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Post Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 11 Events Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 14 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 18 House Committee . . . . . 6:00PM
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . 7:00PM
- 20 Scarlet Guard . . . . . 6:00PM
- 25 Executive Meeting . . . . . 6:30PM
- 28 Bingo . . . . . 7:00PM
- 30 Oktoberfest Booth . . . . . To Follow

## Oktoberfest Booth Volunteers Needed

**October 30th**

Please see one of your  
Post Officers for details

## ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

It is that time of year and you will be receiving your legion renewal notice in July for the 2018 membership year. The membership year is January 1st to December 31st and we start collecting your investment for the year in July. Please renew as soon as possible – this saves money for printing and mailing additional renewal notices. This money could be used for our Legions and Veteran Programs.

Please renew before Veteran's Day – we are working on a drawing for the early birds.

YOUR POST 38 is the second largest post in the state of Wisconsin and we have been a 100% Post for the past 3 years. We will be receiving the Post Excellence Award again and it is because we have such dedicated and devoted members. Thank you

*Laurel Clewell*  
Adjutant

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is spring and summer is here!

I'd like to Thank The Legion 2016-2017 Officers for their service to the Legion family this past year. We appreciate the service you gave to our country while serving, and also the service and hours you give to the Legion family.

Congratulations to our new Legion officers for 2017-2018 year. The Auxiliary looks forward to working with you during the coming year.

I want to thank Linda Breitzman, Debra Ragen along with Lynn Puffer for the success of Poppy Day this year. This money allows us to help fund activities and purchase items needed for our veterans, veteran facilities and veteran's families. Thanks to all of the Legion Family members that helped us distribute poppies at this yearly fundraiser.

In May we asked the Americanism Essay winners to attend our unit meeting and read their essays.

At our May meeting there was a memorial service conducted for the auxiliary members we lost over the past year. Thanks to chaplain, Beth Griesser and Ruth Eiden for the nice memorial tribute given for our ladies.

I also would like to recognize the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members that took part in the many Memorial Day and Flag Day activities. That shows how strong our belief is in our veterans and country. A great big THANKS!

Keep in mind Legion Baseball has started and we ask that you support our teams. Remember that they are our future and we need to invest in them. A great way to show your Americanism spirit is to attend a Legion ball game.

Ladies, please consider if you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, or maybe not at all, coming to the meetings the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Post. We would like to see and get to know you. We give away \$5 door prizes each month to 3 lucky attendees!! Next month it could be you!! You may even want to invite a friend to tag along.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN JULY WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING A MEETING.** In August we will start our membership renewals, we invite you to renew your membership and sign up new members at that time.

Monday October 9th we will have an Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:30pm at the Post.

*God Bless America,*  
*Marian Brown*  
*President, Unit 38*

*Every Tuesday  
check out the  
specials at the  
Club*

*America Legion Brat Fry!*

*Every Weds.*

*starting April 5*

*11am - 2pm*

*Come to the  
Club for Friday  
Fish Fry –  
Every Friday*

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



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APPLETON AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 38**



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## ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Just a reminder, if you have a change of address, phone number, name change, or have a new email address or change, could you please let me or Marian Brown know about these changes as soon as possible.

You can notify me via phone, letter or email. My email is rozkar@new.rr.com. My address is 333 Parkview Ln, Kimberly WI 54136.

Marian's information is listed on the Reporter and you can send correspondence in care of the Legion Club.

*Rose Heinz*

*Secretary, Auxiliary Unit 38*

## SCHOLARSHIP

This year we awarded four scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships are John D. Arteman of Appleton West High School, Analiese M. Bradshaw of Xavier High School, Morgan N. Steinfeldt of Appleton East High School and Ethan E. Zwiers of Stockbridge High School (Legion Family) grandson of Roger Zwiers. The other two Appleton high schools didn't submit a scholarship application or their application was postmarked after the required date. I would also like to thank the Legionnaires who helped select the winners and helped present the awards. They are Bob Gresens, Paul VanderHeiden, Karl Heinz and Roger Zwiers.

*John Breitzman*

*Post # 38 Scholarship Chairman*

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

We would like to thank Connor Powers and his team of volunteers. Connor is a boy scout from Troup 9. His Eagle Scout project was the completion of the garden in the front of our building. Connor spent many hours meeting with professionals, his advisors & myself in developing the beautiful garden. We appreciate all the work he did on this project and congratulate him on his Eagle Scout award.

*Linda Breitzman*

**B I N G O**

### AT POST 38:

Bingo is going strong at the Post. As always we are looking for some more volunteers to help out.

We purchased a Bingo machine in April. As we have been using the VFW's machine.

Stop by on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and check it out. The Jackpot is always on the rise!!!

There will be no Bingo on Thursday July 13th, due to the Department Convention.

See you at Bingo!!

### BINGO DATES AT POST 38

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### 2017

Thursday . . . . . July 27 at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . August 10 at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . August 24 at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . September 14 at 7pm  
Thursday . . . . . September 28 at 7pm

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of Unit 38 and Legion Family, I am still collecting for the 2017 Auxiliary membership year until December. In August we start collecting the 2018 dues! The cost is staying at only \$25.00. You can pay this by sending it to the address below, dropping it off at the Post, mailing it to the Post and mark it Auxiliary Membership, or giving it to me directly, and any other means that gets it to me to activate or renew your membership.

Legion members please submit your spouse, daughters, granddaughters and this year the Auxiliary also recognizes your step-daughters, and step granddaughters membership.

Your dues allow us to continue supporting and enriching the lives of our veteran's, their families and our community.

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. The Unit WILL NOT be holding a meeting the month of JULY this year, so please mark your calendars.

Send Membership to: Marian Brown 1312 South Casaloma Drive Appleton, WI 54914

## POPPY REPORT

Thank you to all our volunteers that helped distribute poppies or helped at the club. This year we collected \$5442.87. Thanks to Ray Gass who collected \$1568.81. Your commitment to distributing poppies is appreciated since the money collected fund our programs that aid our veterans and their families.

I would also like to thank Marian Brown, Ruth Eiden, Joan Hawkins, Rose Heinz and Gwen Schwandt for assisting me with the poppy wreaths. Frank Billings, John Breitzman & Nick Breitzman helped with putting up & taking them down the wreaths.

*Linda Breitzman  
Poppy Chair*

## SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

June 13, 2017

LOST MEMBERS:

Willis Johnson . . . . .	03.29.17
Rodger Reichardt. . . . .	05.12.17
Ken Berner . . . . .	05.12.17
Gerald Palmbach . . . . .	05.18.17
Donald Blaese. . . . .	05.21.17
Thomas Martin . . . . .	05.21.17
David Husman . . . . .	05.25.17
John Council . . . . .	05.28.17
John J. Derks. . . . .	06.07.17

### Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility:

- Eugene LaPlante is recovering at home
- Jerry Miller is at home recuperating
- Arden Peterson is in Willow Lane Rehab Facility, Address is 850 W Elsner Rd. Appleton WI.
- Bob Lichsuss is at Appleton Retirement assisted living home. Doing ok
- Arnie Van Handle is at Brewster Village.
- Ken Kemps is at Touchmark and is battling Alzheimer Disease. His phone # is 733-1192 and address is 805 S. Summit St Appleton, WI. 54914
- (James) Jim Smith is at Brewster Village in the Rosewood branch.
- Lloyd Dumke is recuperating at home after a fall.

**PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.**

*Don J Eiden Service Officer Post 38*

*E-mail: djeiden@new.rr.com*

*Phone# 733-2957*

**OFFICERS 2016-2017**  
**Johnston – Blessman Post No. 38**

<b>Commander</b> Renee Kasuboski (920) 450-8209	<b>Finance Officer</b> Wade VanRyzin (920) 734-9638
<b>1st Vice Commander</b> Larry McArthur (920) 810-9891	<b>Asst. Finance Officer</b> Chris Petersen (920) 427-0174
<b>2nd Vice Commander</b> Frank Billings (920) 730-2954	<b>Service Officer</b> Don Eiden (920) 733-2957
<b>3rd Vice Commander</b> Bill Trombley (920) 309-2057	<b>Chaplain</b> Robert Johnson (920) 731-1844
<b>Adjutant</b> Laurel Clewell (920) 427-4234	<b>Sgt.-At-Arms</b> Migeal Babino (920) 858-5144
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<b>Scarlet Guard</b> Amanda Petersen (920) 540-1515	<b>Military Funeral Chairman</b> Rick Eisenach (920) 574-8833
<b>Communications Commitee</b> Chris Petersen (920) 427-0174	

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**  
**2016-2017**

<b>President</b> Marian Brown (920) 739-4283	<b>Sgt-At-Arms</b> Darlene Giles (920) 739-1523
<b>1st Vice President</b> Beth Griesser (920) 832-0639	<b>Asst Sgt-At-Arms</b> Jessica Garza (920) 687-9958
<b>2nd Vice President</b> Ruth Eiden (920) 733-2957	<b>Illness &amp; Sick Call</b> Lori Hansel (920) 788-9696
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