



POST 201 INFORMER

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2009 - 2010 Legion Officers

Commander: Calvin Marcellis
Adjutant: Mike Schoeny
1st Vice: Scott Johnson
2nd Vice: Dave Goldbeck
3rd Vice: Jay Lewis
Finance Ofc: Vince Rowan
Chaplain: Bill Rice
Service Ofc: John Hubert
Sgt. at Arms: Tony Adams
Larry Caliguire

2009 - 2010 Aux Officers

President: Lori Goldbeck
1st Vice: Helene Stein
2nd Vice: Toni Palmer
Secretary: Laura Hubert
Treasurer: Rita Steffel
Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
Sunshine / Hospital: Velma Lutz
Sgt at Arms: Kym Meltesen

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From the COMMANDER

It's hard to believe another winter season has come and is almost gone. The dedication of the Post members is definitely showing. The membership renewals have been coming in slowly and sparingly but we did have enough to help out the county and district to get Department some new computers. Without the support from the members we wouldn't be here. So thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I trust everyone has made it through this winter and spent time with family and friends going snow birding down south and seeing new places and new faces. Don't forget when you see these new faces to talk about our organization and thank these young men and women that go into harms way to support our great country and our way of life.

Don't forget to add a second fish fry to your schedules as the ladies are having theirs on April 23rd. I would sure like to see some new faces become involved with this awesome undertaking. If you have not volunteered for this before please come down and help us out.

This is going to be a great year for the American Legion, Post 201 and the Legionnaires and their families. We have signed up a few new members recently. Welcome aboard gentlemen, and thank you for your support of this most worthy cause. Don't forget about elections, it is that time of year again so let it be known if you are up for the challenge.

My door is always open, so please if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on any subject please call me at (608)387-0730. As always keep our military and fellow Veterans in our hearts and prayers and thank them for their service every chance you get.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION

Please join us May 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery to place flags.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1715 visitors as of Sept 1st. 2008. The address is www.tomahwilegion.org . Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

From the ADJUTANT

Because of your efforts the Wisconsin American Legion has won the Big 12 challenge! Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and everyone who worked on membership at the Post, County and District levels. Due to a generous increase in the award by National Commander Clarence Hill, the Department will receive \$2,500 from the national organization to purchase computer and technology supplies for the office.

As of March 11, the Department stood at 91.97% of its membership goal for the year.

Keep Up the Good Work! Let's keep the momentum going! Our next target is 95% by April 14th, then 100% by May 12th, Armed Forces Day. Let's work together to be a 100% Department the same year we are hosting the National Convention! Thanks a million. Commander Leo

Many Posts have run into problems when requesting charitable contributions or grants from local organizations and businesses. The Wisconsin American Legion and its Posts are 501(c)(19) corporations and donations are tax-deductible. However, many groups that make donations want to give to only 501(c)(3) charitable organizations. One way to work with these groups and assure them of the tax-deductibility of their gift is to make the request on Legion Post letterhead and include a copy of Pages 65 & 66 of IRS Publication 557 which can be found on the IRS website, <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p557/index.html>

These pages indicate 501(c)(19) organizations made up of members of the Armed Forces (Legion Post must be 90% war-time veterans) qualify for charitable contributions.

On May 21-23, 2010, Lambeau Field, Green Bay is hosting an event to Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. Post 201 is hoping to get 10 free tickets to this event for VIETNAM VETERANS. I am also getting 5 guest tickets that will cost \$5.00. This will be first come first serve, so VIETNAM VETERANS if interested please email me at Schoeny@centurytel.net and once they come I will mail them to you. If I get more than 10 Veterans that are interested I will call for more. Please answer soon so I know if I have to ask for more.

Post 201 is at 86.53 %, 424 memberships renewed. Our goal is at 490 so please get your membership dues in. If anyone is interested in being a Post Officer please call the Commander or e-mail me. I will be stepping down as Adjutant; my term for this position has expired. If interested, please e-mail me because you do get paid for this position.

IN GOD WE TRUST!!!

MICHAEL SCHOENY

Adjutant

AUXILIARY NEWS

Wow, we have been so fortunate for such good weather in March! Let's hope it continues! Everyone is always ready for warmer weather and sunshine!

I was hoping to have a ray of sunshine with our dues gaining that we would reach our goal of 100%. Sadly we are still not close to that goal. **Please, please if you have not paid your dues now is the time to support your Auxiliary!** What a great feeling knowing that you are giving support to such an awesome organization for all the Veterans, past and present!

We will have nominations for officers at our April 8th meeting, so if you are interested please join us. We very much need more Auxiliary volunteers!!! I know that word "volunteer" sounds scary to some but it is not what you think. I was a bit leery myself when I first jumped in and then with both feet. But for what I do it is awesome knowing what great things the Auxiliary does. It may seem small to me and I feel like I do little but it all makes a Grand difference. So please come to a meeting and find out what is new and what we're all about! Many have found out what a pleasant and great feeling you get from being a part of a great organization!!!

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For our members that haven't paid their dues, please mail them in and I'll mail your 2010 card back to you ASAP. If you find a Legionnaire that you feel would make a good Voiture, let us know and we will send you the nomination forms.

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

BAR/HALL MANAGER

Please remind all your friends and family to call the legion to book for their special events early! It is a great place to have a party! Call Dave Goldbeck @ 374-4180 to book now!!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Feb 1, 2010: \$4251.46
Checkbook Balance as of Feb 28, 2010: \$4274.46
CD Balances (end of Feb): \$16,928.37
Fish Fry Tips (end of Feb): \$515.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

**1st Vice**

No Report

SCOTT JOHNSON
1st Vice
Honor Guard
Quartermaster

Honor Guard

No Report

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard

UPCOMING DATES**APR 2010**

- 2 Legion Fish Fry
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 4 NATO founded (1948)
- 6 US enters WWI (1917)
- 8 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 12 First US Space Shuttle Launched (1981)
- 15 Tax Return Day
- 17 Spring Cabin Fever Craft/Bake Sale
- 23 Auxiliary Scholarship Fish Fry
- 25 Spanish-American War begins (1898)
- 26 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 30 Vietnam War ends (1975)

MAY 2010

- 7 Legion Fish Fry
- 8 V-E Day (1945)
- 9 MOTHER'S DAY
- 13 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 24 Place Flags at Cemetery (6:00 p.m.)
- 24 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Memorial Day



AUXILIARY NEWS Cont.

We have our Spring Cabin Fever Craft/Bake Sale on April 17th. Don't forget this is one of the major fund-raisers the Auxiliary has that supports the local scholarships that we give out. If you can help out or you have wares and you would like to have a booth please contact us ASAP! We need donations of baked goods for this as well. We had our baskets to raffle at the March fish fry and will have them out again at the April fish fry. This again is to raise donations for the Auxiliary scholarship fund. The basket winners will be drawn on April 17th at 3:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Don't forget too that we have our Annual Auxiliary Fish Fry on Friday, April 23rd. If you can help out that night please let us know.

Also remember, if you can donate any time for the Arts and Crafts Festival they have several slots to fill. Please contact Jean Calhoun at 372-1262. You do not have to be a regular VA volunteer; they are encouraging everyone to help with the Festival!!!

We will be submitting our annual reports to State by May 1st. There are several programs the Auxiliary is involved in. There are several ladies who have been in charge of the programs for quite a few years and are stepping down. They are willing to help their replacements. We are especially looking for representatives for Americanism and Badger Girls State. A lot of the programs are now online, so even if you are unable to make the meetings we really could use someone to take over these programs. If you are interested, visit the Wisconsin Auxiliary State website <http://www.amlegionauxwi.org/> to find out more about these programs. Don't forget to keep tally of your home service hours and field service hours. These need to be submitted to Pat Flanders ASAP so she can tally them before the May 1st deadline.

We are going to vote for the Auxiliary inscription for the Veterans Memorial plaque so we need your input by the April meeting. Again, if you wish to send in a donation toward the Auxiliary plaque at the Veterans Memorial site, please send it to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201, Attn: Veteran Memorial Fund, PO Box 306, Tomah, WI 54660. THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America
LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

Held Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Sparta - 1st Tuesday of each month

American Legion Post 100, 1116 Angelo Road

Black River Falls - 2nd Tuesday of each month

National Guard Armory, 441 Highway 54 W

Tomah - 3rd Tuesday of each month

American Legion Post 201, 800 Wisconsin Avenue

La Crosse - 4th Tuesday of each month

American Legion Post 52, 711 S 6th Street

This meeting is for Family members of Soldiers who are preparing for deployment, who are presently deployed or who have returned from deployment.

This open process meeting will provide a time for family members to share their experiences and provide an opportunity for others to gain greater insight, possible solutions and caring support.

You need not be a military dependent to attend; parents, adult children, siblings and close friends are welcome. Attendees must be 18 years or older.

For more information, contact Fort McCoy Army Community Service, (608) 388-3505 or (800) 982-3585, ext 3505

