



POST 201 INFORMER

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2010-2011 Legion Officers

Commander: David Goldbeck
Adjutant: Gloria Aarness
1st Vice: Pete Peterson
2nd Vice:
3rd Vice: Tony Adams
Finance Officer: Vinnie Rowan
Chaplain: Bill Rice
Service Officer: John Hubert
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tony Adams
Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Caliguire
Historian: Vacant

2010-2011 Auxiliary Officers

President: Lori Goldbeck
1st Vice: Pat Flanders
2nd Vice: Toni Palmer
Secretary: Judy Sudman
Treasurer: Rita Steffel
Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
Sunshine/Hospital: Velma Lutz
Sergeant-at-Arms: Betty Scherer
Historian: Mary Loveland

FROM THE COMMANDER

We always need more members in attendance but we especially need more members to attend the April meeting. We are going to take a vote on whether to sell or keep the building. We have a very hot prospect ready to purchase the building and we need your input now please!!!

We had cash raffle tickets printed and are selling those tickets. If you wish to help sell tickets, call the Legion or my house and I will meet you at the Legion to give you the tickets. As of March 23, we had about 25 tickets left to sell.

There has been a nominating committee formed to nominate new officers. Between being Commander and 2nd Vice I have served 5 years. I am not going to accept any nominations for either position. With that being said the Legion needs new members to step up and fill these positions.

You can call the Legion at 372-6028 or my cell (608)387-9231.

DAVE GOLDBECK
Commander

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

The dedication has been set for September 10th, 2011 and tentatively scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available as the date draws near.

The cut-off date for brick/tile sales to be installed by the dedication day is Friday, April 29, 2011. After that date bricks & tiles will be added once or twice a year depending on the number received.

REMINDER: The price of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100 and the 12 x 12 granite tiles is \$250.00. We want to thank everyone again for honoring our Veterans!!!

JIM STEELE
Treasurer Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

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WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2602 visitors as of Sept 1st, 2008. The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing. Also visit the Auxiliary Web site at www.amlegionauxwi.org

VOITURE 804

I'm happy to see that most of our winter birds have migrated back home. Our first Promenade of the new year will be held at Tomah Post 201 on April 20, 2011.

Some of the items on the agenda will be our membership. If you are a Voiture, take a look at your card and see if it is dated 2011. If not, send or bring in \$25.00 for your dues.

I have reviewed our nurses training scholarship and found that we have some openings. We will be reviewing our scholarship at the Promenade.

Don't forget, our Promenades are at 1900 on the third Wednesday of each month. We will be at Tomah Post 201. The post should be open at 1845.

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

ADJUTANT NEWS

Last month our 1st Vice Pete Peterson sent out a letter to all members who had not yet renewed their 2011 membership. Out of the 70 letters mailed, only 2 members responded by renewing their membership. About 13 letters were returned as members had moved and left no forwarding addresses. That leaves about 55 members who have not responded or paid their 2011 dues. After April 13th, any renewals received at National will not get posted to the master list for the 2012 Membership roster and cards. Renewals begin 6 months prior to expiration of current annual dues – July 2011 begins 2012 Membership renewals.

Did you know that The American Legion was instrumental in the creation of the Veterans Administration, and is universally recognized as the originator of the GI Bill of Rights? The Legion works constantly to maintain the rights and benefits earned by Veterans through service to their country. Legionnaires are also involved with community activities ranging from hospital services and blood drives to youth programs such as Boy Scouts, civic awareness, American Legion Baseball, scholarships and the annual American Legion Boys State/Boys National programs. Through the American Legion you work with others to improve benefits for the Veteran, make our community a better place in which to live, and help to build a strong future for America by teaching patriotism to our Nations youth.

The amount of involvement in the American Legion is up to you. Some members are more involved than others, but all members are encouraged to find a level that's comfortable for them.

Keep your membership current and get involved!!!

GLORIA AARNES
Adjutant



AUXILIARY NEWS

HAPPY SPRING TO EVERYONE!!!

Soon the grass will be growing and turning green and the flowers will be blooming. New life will be surrounding us. April is the first month of spring and is a new beginning. April is also Children and Youth Month. Supporting our Children and Youth programs provide us with a strong beginning and a positive future. The future of the American Legion Family depends upon our Children and Youth of today.

Ladies and Juniors, there are so many opportunities and programs for you to choose in our Unit. Membership is always needed. If you have any memberships to send in, please do so. Being an Auxiliary member is a wonderful way to demonstrate our thanks to our Veterans and all who are currently serving in the military for all they have done and are doing to help keep our freedom.

This year's District 7 Spring Conference is April 16th at Post 52, 711 South Sixth St, La Crosse. You must register by April 8th. If you are interested in attending, contact Rita Steffel, 372-3358, ASAP.

Helene Stein said she is sending coupons overseas on a regular basis and they are well received. They are accepting coupons up to a 6-month expiration. You can use the following link: <http://www.grocerysavings.com/expiredgrocerycoupons.htm> OR Helene said if you bring them to the Legion she can mail them for you.

Because we have a limited numbers of ladies that attend our meetings, it was suggested to allow the President to serve an unlimited number of years. Membership is hereby notified of the following change to the Standing Rules: REMOVE the statement, "A President shall not be eligible to consecutively succeed herself for a 3rd term." This change will be voted on at the April meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the following officer nominations:

President – vacant
1st Vice – Pat Flanders
2nd Vice – Helene Stein
Treasurer – Rita Steffel
Chaplain – Evelyn Noyes
Historian – Sue Prielipp
Secretary and Sgt at Arms are appointed by the President.

These nominations as well as the President vacancy will be voted on at the April meeting.

Mark your calendars for Good Friday, April 22nd. The Auxiliary will be hosting the Good Friday fish fry. We will still have raffles at all the fish fry's and we thank you for all the donations to help support us so we can support the Veterans, and families as well as organizations.

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President



BAR/HALL MANAGER

I would like to thank all members that came to support the Legion when my wife Lori and I had the bar open for the Packer games for the past 5 years.

At the February meeting we also talked about the hall rental pricing. After a long discussion a motion was made and passed to change the rental fee. The new rental fee is \$250.00 for both members and non-members, one fee for all parties. Please tell everyone you know the \$450.00 fee was lowered to \$250.00.

Remember that we have lowered the hall rental to a rate of \$250.00. Put the word out to everyone that you hear about planning a wedding or special event to call the Legion. We have had some more calls come in for rental but still have open dates for the special event that you are planning.

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of February 1, 2011: \$66.21
Checkbook Balance as of February 28, 2011: \$226.21
CD Balances (end of Feb): \$11266.91
Fish Fry Tips (end of Feb): \$1183.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

INFORMER REPORT

We welcome our newest advertiser, Jim's Handyman Services LLC. I would like to remind everyone to patronize those advertisers that support our Legion.

If you have internet access and do not wish to receive a hard copy please let the Legion Commander, Auxiliary President or me know. The website is: www.tomahwilegion.org; thank you for your support.

RITA STEFFEL
Editor



UPCOMING DATES

APRIL 2011

- 1 FISH FRY (Legion)
- 4 NATO founded (1949)
- 6 U.S. enters WWI (1917)
- 12 First U.S. Space Shuttle Launched (1981)
- 14 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Federal Income Taxes Due
- 17 Palm Sunday
- 22 GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY (Auxiliary Scholarship)
- 24 Easter
- 25 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 25 Spanish-American War begins (1898)
- 30 Vietnam War ends (1975)

MAY 2011

- 6 FISH FRY (Legion)
- 6 Bob Hope's 1st USO Show, March AFB, CA (1941)
- 8 Mother's Day
- 8 V-E Day (1945)
- 12 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.) POTLUCK!!!
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 23 Place flags at Cemetery
- 23 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)



TOMAH VAMC - HOSPITAL NEEDS

The following items are put in Welcome Tote Bags delivered to all new inpatient admissions. Approximately 100 tote bags are distributed each month.

Welcome Tote Bags (check pattern book)

"Forever" Postage Stamps	Pens	Small Package of Kleenex
1st Class Stamps/.28 stamps	Plain Envelopes (large & small)	Small Shampoo
Combs	Playing Cards (NEW)	Small Toothpaste
Liquid Soap ONLY	Quarters for Veterans	Socks (crew style)
Pencils	Small Bottle of Hand Lotion	Tootbrushes
	Small Deodorant	Writing Tablets

Items below are those enjoyed and used by Veterans during their hospital stay:

After-shave (alcohol free)	Emery Boards	Peanut Butter Cracker Snacks
All-occasion Cards	Female Personal Hygiene Items	Pocket Novels (esp Westerns)
Artificial Lures (casting-any variety)	Frozen Pizza	Polident or Efferdent
Body Wash	Fruit	Pre-shave (for electric shavers- alcohol free)
Bread Machine Mixes	Gloves	Puzzle Books (NEW, esp large print)
Checkers & Domino Sets (NEW)	Golf Balls (new & used)	Reading Glasses
Cheese & Cracker snacks	Graham Crackers	Scarves
Coffee (regular & decaf)	Handkerchiefs	Shampoo (large bottles)
Coffee Creamer	Hard Candy	Shaving Cream
Cookies	Headphones	Shoelaces
Crackers	Jelly	Slippers (various sizes, esp XL)
Crossword & Word Search	Jigsaw Puzzles (NEW)	Stocking Caps
Puzzle Books (NEW esp Large Print)	Lap Robes (see pattern book)	Sugar-free Hot Chocolate Mix
Current Magazines	Liquid Soap ONLY	Sugar-free Kool-Aid
Dictionaries (current edition)	Mouthwash	Sugar-free Lemonade
Disposable Razors	Nail Clippers	Sugar-free Popsicles
Electric Toothbrushes	Peanut Butter	

CANNOT ACCEPT BAR SOAP, IT MUST BE THE LIQUID SOAP ONLY!!!

CANNOT ACCEPT ANY TYPE OF KNIT OR CROCHETED SLIPPERS!!!

Any of the items can be donated in-kind and in any quantities. They will be distributed accordingly to the patient wards and/or clinics. Monetary donations in any amount are also welcome and items will be purchased according to the needs. Monetary donations should be sent to ALA Headquarters in Portage with a notation if you have a particular need you wish to have your donation go to.

If you do not have a pattern book and need a particular pattern, please let me know and I will send it to you. All in-kind donations should be mailed to:

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Ms. Patricia Flanders
American Legion Auxiliary - Bldg 407, Room 1739
500 E Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!!