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2009 - 2010 Legion Officers

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Adjutant: Mike Schoeny
1st Vice: Scott Johnson
2nd Vice: Dave Goldbeck
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2009 - 2010 Aux Officers

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From the COMMANDER

I believe they call it Indian summer and I think it is coming to an end. What beautiful weather though, the sunshine and breeze, a nice cool crisp morning or two. I do hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving, time to spend with family and friends.

I want to start this Informer off right by thanking everyone for their support of the American Legion. Without men and women like you this community would be a far lesser place. THANK YOU. I was at a meeting of the Veterans Association the other night and I think we are coming into some difficult times with the Ag Society as far as the beer tent at the Tractor Pull and County Fair. It seems they would like to form an LLC and take over the liquor license we have had since 1946. The president and board will be working on this to see what will come of it. I would suggest we give them our full and unwavering support. We should see the benefits of their labor soon enough.

The Fish Fries are doing tremendous, at least it would seem that way from the kitchen sink. I had a rather enjoyable time helping out and seeing some of the volunteers I had missed so much; I would like to see some more new faces this year, if you can spare some time give me a call @ 387-0730. As you have probably already heard Mr. Pete Peterson will be running for Mayor this year, let's all wish him the best of luck and give him all the support we can muster. Pete, don't forget where you came from. We will probably need to recruit a volunteer or a group of volunteers to train for the fish fries under his tutelage before he gets too swamped with running this fine community of ours. If you're interested please give me or Pete a call, it would be much appreciated.

I want to ask everyone who receives this newsletter to come down to the meetings (at least one) this year on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Mark that on the calendar and give it a chance.

The 7th District Oratorical Contest will be held at our post this year. The planned date for the event is 17 Jan 2010 with a snow date of 24 Jan 2010. More information to follow on this, I am working closely with the 7th District Commander Mike Wagner.

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Before I end this article I want to talk about a couple of virtues; the first being **SACRIFICE**, We all know what that is, as military members we sacrificed time, family, money; from better paying jobs and our families sacrificed our time away worrying about us. Some sacrificed with their lives. And the second being **SELFLESS SERVICE**, where as we donate our personal time for that of a greater good. Our military members as we once did hold selfless service with a very high regard. I am inviting you to join us at the meetings, I am asking of you to sacrifice some of your time, your selfless service, to your Post. A tenure of service to our nation gives us the right and the privilege of a lifetime of commitment to our community. Please take the time to pray for and thank our service men and women as we enter into this thanksgiving holiday season.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1422 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

Want to remind everyone about the campaign to get a Veterans Memorial built here in Tomah. The plan is drawn up, the companies are ready to build but we need money to get it going. Hope you didn't toss the Veteran's Memorial Campaign pamphlet that was included in last month's Informer. This is a chance to put a Veterans name whether the Veteran was a friend or relative does not matter. You want to immortalize that Veteran IN STONE for you and your family to visit and reflect on their sacrifices.

You know you do not have to be a VETERAN to purchase a brick or plaque to honor a Veteran on the memorial. I know I have twisted my family's arm to get me a brick on the memorial for Christmas. I want to honor my father who was a WWII VETERAN. If you contact Jim Oliver or Pete Peterson or go to the <http://tomahveteransmemorial.com/> you can see the drawing and order up a brick or plaque to be put on the memorial. So please take a look at it, fill it out and mail it to the address on the pamphlet and see if you can donate to the cause.

If you know how to use the INTERNET and want to save Tomah Post 201 money send an email to SCHOENY@CENTURYTEL.NET and tell me you don't need a hard copy of the Informer because you get the Informer online at www.tomahwilegion.org. I will then tell Rita, the Informer editor to stop mailing the Informer. Thank you for helping the Legion save on printing and mailing costs.

I would to welcome Gordon Halverson as our newest member.

Why are members still getting ANNUAL DUES NOTICE when they have paid their dues? Since we have memberships trickling in, I try to save on postage by waiting until I get at least 20 memberships in before I mail in the left side of membership card to State. You get your membership cards right away but I wait for mailing in your updated membership to State. Another reason is that State mails out renewal notices during the month. Adjutants do not really know when the renewals come out so the renewals come out before the left side of the renewal form even gets to State.

Every Thanksgiving and religious holiday that you enjoy with family and friends, please remember that there are literally thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen far from home wishing they could be with their families. Thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make every day.

'It's the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press.'

'It's the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.'

'It's the Veteran, not the community organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate.'

'It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.'

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!

IN GOD WE TRUST !!!

MICHAEL SCHOENY

Adjutant

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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!!

PACKER PARTY GAME DATES: Dec 13, 20 and 27

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Oct 1, 2009: \$8533.33
Checkbook Balance as of Oct 31, 2009: \$7183.77
CD Balances (end of Oct): \$16,872.34
Fish Fry Tips (end of Oct): \$947.00

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**DEC 2009**

- 4 Legion Fish Fry
- 5 I-Dividends Christmas Party
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 11 Germany/Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)
- 13 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 13 Kids' Christmas Party (2:00-4:00)
- 20 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 28 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Official End of WWII (1946)

JAN 2010

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 8 Legion Fish Fry
- 14 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 17 Desert Storm Begins (1991)
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday (observed)
- 25 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 28 US Coast Guard established (1915)
- 28 Peace in Vietnam announced (1973)



AUXILIARY NEWS

I want to thank all the vendors for their support in our fall craft sale last month. We hope you did well with your wares. We welcome you back again next year! I want to thank the euchre players for their support and as well invite them back next year. I want to thank the ladies who donated our raffle baskets to raise money for our school scholarship fund and all those who took a chance on those. I want to thank all those who worked and helped make the craft sale a success!! Thank you to you ALL!!! Congratulations to the three basket winners: Lorraine Wright (Antique Car), Pat Boelsing (Country) and Barbara Kluess (Baking). We especially want to let Helen Schaller know that our prayers are with her and her family during her recovery. As always, everyone enjoyed her homemade chicken soup.

At last meeting we tabled the info for the granite plaque the Auxiliary is purchasing for the Veterans Memorial. Please, if you have any ideas or suggestions please bring these to the meeting next month. We are very pleased and honored to be able to purchase a plaque.

We are looking for any donations or help for the Children's Christmas party. Also, if you have not signed your child up please call and let us know the child's name and age. The party is December 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Legion hall. We have games, prizes, food and Santa delivers the gifts!

The Auxiliary has a tree in Gillette Park again this year. Heather and the Juniors volunteered to decorate it for us. So if you have a chance to check it out please do so. They did a very good job! Thank you to all who helped!!!

Please try to attend one of our meetings, held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Come see what the Auxiliary is all about.

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**