



POST 201 INFORMER

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Tomah, WI



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2010-2011 Legion Officers

Commander: David Goldbeck
Adjutant: Gloria Aarness
1st Vice: Pete Peterson
2nd Vice: David Goldbeck
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

First I would like to say that I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and for the deer hunters, hope you got the big one!

I would like to thank Master of Ceremonies Pete Peterson and all the volunteers that made the Veterans Day meal a success. Thank you to Monsignor Gilles for the opening and closing prayers at the dinner and LTC Guthrie for a very good speech.

I want to thank Gloria Aarness for taking the Adjutant job and Pete Peterson who has volunteered to step up and take the First Vice position.

DAVE GOLDBECK
Commander

INFORMER NEWS

I would like to introduce our newest advertiser, The Break Room. In honor of our service and commitment to our Veterans, both Kelsey's and The Break Room offer a coupon for you to clip and use. Please thank and patronize all our advertisers!!!

RITA STEFFEL
Editor

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TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

The good news is that our fund raising total now stands at \$121,000.00. The bad news is that due to increases in the price of granite the monument price has gone up about \$7,000.00 and the price of the tiles and bricks also went up. Therefore as of January 1, 2011 the price of a 4 x 8 brick will be \$100 and the 12 x 12 granite tiles will be \$250.00. We tried hard not to have to do this but it has become necessary. **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 2010 TO QUALIFY FOR THE CURRENT PRICE.** We are looking at having the memorial completed around July 4, 2011. Thank you to all who have sent their orders and to those who continue to help spread the word.

JIM STEELE

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2370 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

It's getting to be that time of year when some of our winter birds are thinking about flying south. Want to remind you that the December Promenade will be held December 15th at Post 201 and will be our last one until April 2011. Even though we're not having winter promenades, our programs are still very active.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday season!!!

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

FIELD SERVICE - Field Service is whatever we do for THE VETERAN outside of a Veterans facility. Members of our unit should complete a Field Service orientation course in order to count the many hours we do. Examples of Field Service: taking a vet to the doctor, taking a vet to a picnic or to church, keeping them company while the primary care giver is out, visit our vets at home, take them where needed, write letters for them. Be inventive, keep a record of your hours and the money that may be spent; then report them in the spring when the unit reports are due.

HOME SERVICE - Home Service volunteers do projects and work from their veterans/ active duty military and/or their families. Seek out veterans living in your community through assistance from your VAMC's, VA Clinics, local nursing homes, local American Legion Posts and other veteran organizations. Examples of Home Service projects: sewing, knitting/crocheting (NOT helmet liners - they belong to National Security), plastic canvas/ tray favors, greeting cards, cooking for a veteran (in your home), making items for the hospital gift shops, shopping for the materials used by volunteers in any of the above.



ADJUTANT NEWS

Greetings! I'm still working away on membership renewals for 2011. Post 201 is now up to 292 paid memberships, plus 50 Paid Up For Life (PUFL) members. So, based on a roster indicating 470 members for Post 201, our percentage of 2011 paid memberships is 75%. This also accounts for 12 removals (deaths, transfers, etc.). This means that 116 members still haven't renewed for 2011. If you have any questions about your 2011 membership status, please give me a call.

I mailed out 9 letters to Legion members who have moved to the Tomah area in the last several months. Hopefully I will hear back from them and will be able to assist them in transferring their membership to Post 201. I also sent out letters to 11 DMS (Direct Mailing Solicitation) Program members who have joined the WI American Legion through direct solicitation, but don't belong to any particular Post. Their 2011 memberships have already been paid to the state, but hopefully we can convince them to become members of Tomah Post 201. I'll let you know the results of both sets of letters next month.

I received a letter from the Disabled American Veterans DAV Transportation Network Program. Last year, volunteers drove 821,353 miles, gave 57,011 hours and served 23,311 Veterans. The DAV Transportation Network Program is looking for monetary donations and more volunteers to help with the driving. If you think you can help with either or have questions, contact Mary at DAV State Headquarters in Green Bay, (920)406-0620.

I attended my first Veterans Day Banquet at the Tomah American Legion on November 11th. It was a really nice banquet. Great program, great food, and great company! If you have never attended this event before, plan to be here next year!

I am thankful to be an American, and live in a free country. I know that this freedom doesn't come without a price, so I am also thankful for all the men and women who have ever served in the Armed Forces of the United States. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

GLORIA AARNES
Adjutant

AUXILIARY NEWS

Don't forget you can keep up-to-date on the Auxiliary as we are now on Facebook and of course you can use our website www.legion-aux.org

We had a great turnout for our Craft & Bake Sale held on November 20th. I want to give a special thank you to Pat Flanders for taking care of getting the vendors, setting up, etc. for the Craft Sale. Her hard work and the other volunteers who worked were noticed and very much appreciated. We would like to thank the Euchre players for their support and as always our vendors who provide the wares necessary to make our craft sale a success. Again, we did very well on our basket raffles. Thanks again to the ladies who donated them. The winners are: Ms. Hedrich – Popcorn basket, Ms. Cherry – Men's Fishing basket, Ms. C Wright – Kwik Trip Gift Certificate/Autumn basket and the Snowman basket. We also had our drawing for the raffle tickets. The cash payouts: 1 - \$500, 1 - \$250, 2 - \$100, 4 - \$50 and 4 - \$25. Congratulations to the winners and I want to thank everyone again who participated. These raffles are to support the Auxiliary so we can continue to give out scholarships and support local Veterans and their families as well as other fine organizations! Thank you to all!!!

Because of these type activities and your participation, we are able to support our local community as well as our Veterans and Military families. We made a donation to the Tee Pee for their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. People have a place to go and the shut-ins can enjoy a great meal!

Again, I ask that if you have not paid your dues please, please do so now! Remember we are paying now for 2011 dues so if you still have not paid for last year it is important to catch up. We would love to be at 100% by January 1!!! If you have not been to a meeting you really need to come check it out! New things are happening all the time!

Be part of feeling PROUD knowing you are an Auxiliary member and making a difference for a VET or military family.

The Kids' Christmas party will be held December 12th, 2:00-4:00. I want to thank Heidi Mellem for making the sleigh for pictures to be taken with Santa.

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President



BAR/HALL MANAGER

Would like to always remind you that if you hear of anyone looking for a great place to have their special event have them call the Legion at (608)372-6028. We already have dates booked into the New Year.

Mark your calendars for the following Packer games. The bar will be open 11:00 A.M. We will have meat raffles again and will be selling Kozy's pizzas.

Dec 12th
Jan 2nd

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of October 1, 2010: \$125.28
Checkbook Balance as of October 31, 2010: \$1814.69
CD Balances (end of Oct): \$19082.43
Loan: \$2000.00
Fish Fry Tips (end of Sep): \$948.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER 2010

- 3 FISH FRY**
- 4 I-Dividers Christmas Party**
- 5 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)**
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day**
- 9 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)**
- 10 Spanish-American War ended (1898)**
- 12 KIDS CHRISTMAS (2:00-4:00)**
- 12 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)**
- 14 Battle of the Bulge (1944)**
- 20 USO Charter Signed (1979)**
- 21 First Day of Winter**
- 25 CHRISTMAS**

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

JANUARY 2011

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 2 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)**
- 7 FISH FRY**
- 13 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)**
- 17 Desert Storm Air War Begins (1991)**
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observed**
- 24 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 28 Peace in Vietnam announced (1973)**
- 31 First U.S. Satellite Launched (1958)**

