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Tomah, WI



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2008 - 2009 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
Historan: Vacant

2008 - 2009 Aux Officers

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

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COMMANDER'S NOTES

It is hard to believe February is here already but I'm glad it is. I can catch my breath a little bit. The Post kitchen has been worked over the past month. All of the equipment was broken down and transported over to the High School to be completely steam cleaned. The floors were stripped down and redone. The appointment was made to have the fire suppression system updated. I would say 95% of the work in there is done or set up so with just a little more effort the entire kitchen should be up to the mark. My hat goes off to all the guys for all the help. Thank you so much.

I have heard of some of our members are going south to unthaw for a couple of weeks. Enjoy the trip, have fun and bring us back some of that warm weather, we could use it.

The Mid-Winter convention was the last to be held at a Post. From here on out they will be held in the Dells for a more family orientated type of event. Don't forget our Post will be sponsoring this year's 7th District Golf Outing. We will need all the help we can muster in order to pull this off. Please, if you would like to golf or help with the event call Jay Lewis, Chuck Roeske or Chuck Marks. They are doing a great job of organizing but they need more volunteers to help. Let's set the pole so high no one can match us.

CALL TO ARMS

I have been asked about sponsoring the moving TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS possibly for the Tractor Pull or the Fair. I brought the suggestion up to the Veterans Association and the response was at the very least less than desirable. The cost for the Sponsor of the Tomb is mileage pay from the other side of LaCrosse and a hotel room for two nights. The issue will be the availability of a room and the fact that the TOMB NEEDS TO BE GUARDED 24X7 WHILE IN TOWN. That's 3 people for each and every 2 hour shift for 2 + days. That is 72+ volunteers to sit in a tent and pass out preprinted pamphlets. I and a lot of other people would like to see this happen.

THE DEAL

I will put a list together of all the people that call me and volunteer for participation as a guard for the moving TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS. If I get 75 volunteers on the list from among any and all of the Veterans Associations in the area I will continue to attempt to get this to our town. I will not work on getting the memorial here and then not have the needed people to perform the guard duty. Please call me at (608)387-0730. Please leave your name and contact number along with a message stating for Tomb Guard and I will add your name to the list. Please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

As always keep our soldiers, their families and our veterans in our hearts and prayers. Think of them often, and say thank you when you see them.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 778 visitors as of Sept 1st. The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

Adjutant's Corner

The Post is still not at 100%. Please if you have not paid your dues get them in as soon as possible.

[American Legion Prescription Discount Card](#)

Members can receive discounts at any of the 8000 + participating pharmacies (including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target, Rite Aid, Kmart and many others).

Satellite TV



Legion Dish offers American Legion Post locations Dish Network programming, service and promotions. Commercial programming packages start as low as \$27.99 per month. For every Legion Dish purchased a percentage of the revenue goes to The American Legion National Headquarters' General Fund to support Legion programs, such as American Legion Baseball, Boys State and Boys Nation, just to name a few. Will your local cable company do that?

With its Headquarters located in Clementon, New Jersey, Legion DISH has been one of the country's top commercial retailers and has been offering Dish Network for the past eight (8) years. Visit the Legion Dish Website at www.legiondish.com, or call toll free at 1-866-LEGION9 (1-866-534.46.69) to obtain additional information and to sign up for the programming service. **This offer is for new customers only.**

THE AMERICAN LEGION is made up of any person who was a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, Guard/Reserves and assigned to active duty at some time during any of the designated periods as outlined in the Constitution of The American Legion.

Question: How can the Legion help with Unemployable veterans?

Answer: Veterans awarded 100 percent disability compensation based upon unemployability may still request an evaluation and, if found eligible, may participate in vocational rehabilitation and employment program. A vet who secures employment under this special program will continue to receive 100 percent disability compensation until the veteran has worked continuously for at least 12 months.

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant

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No Report

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

BAR/HALL MANAGER

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Operation Homefront that was sponsored by the Monroe County Tavern League, which the American Legion is a member of. In Monroe County, Post 201 had one of the highest donations. Again thank you all for your donations and to Post 201 for matching 10% of the total donations.

Our Post is also a proud sponsor of the Monroe County Safe Ride Home program!

We want to thank all the patrons who helped support the Legion this Packer season. Although we had a disappointing "Packer" season, we had some great Sundays and hope to pack the house next season! Thank you all for your support of the Legion!!

We want to thank all the past bookings for their support of the American Legion. It was a great year and we look forward to another successful year with a full calendar!

Please remember anyone interested in using the hall or bar area must book with me, the bar manager! Please help spread the word the Legion hall is a GREAT place to have an event and is open for rentals, just call the bar manager for bookings!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Dec 1, 2008: \$7140.69

Checkbook Balance as of Dec 31, 2008: \$6428.22

CD Balance: \$22,491.25

Fish Fry Tips: \$330.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

1st Vice

No Report

SCOTT JOHNSON
1st Vice
Honor Guard
Quartermaster

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard will be doing more things in the year to go along with our 2nd annual Sports Persons Night Out.

I want to invite any member that wants to see what the Honor Guard is all about to attend one of our meetings. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion.

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard



AUXILIARY NEWS

Well here we are in the midst of some very cold days and more to come. Well I guess it is January and we do live in Wisconsin. Bundle up and stay warm & safe!

V&R – Pat informed us of February being National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. There will be plenty of activities the week of 8-14 February at the Tomah V.A. Hospital. There will be a Vets dance and Creative Arts Festival. Next year, the Tomah V.A. will be hosting the Creative Arts Festival. If you are able to help and would like to volunteer PLEASE contact the V.A., all volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.

Historian – Bonnie is doing a great job with the book. She took approximately 110 pictures at the Children's Christmas party. She asked if you could take a look at those pictures and help her identify some of the children so she can label them and put in book.

On January 19 there was volunteer packaging for Operation Homefront at the Tomah V.A. Midway. From personal experience, I know it is a great thing for our soldiers overseas to receive a package from back home!

The Auxiliary is also working on the Hero Backpacks for Operation Homefront. Once we obtain these backpacks we will be asking for donations to fill the packs to give to the children of the soldiers overseas. Also, there is a need for quilts for the Snuggles Operation. Mostly they are looking for lap quilts, again for the children of a soldier. If you are interested in helping with that you can contact me for more information. There are a lot of ways for one to help support the soldiers and their families back home! It is a great thing and a great feeling!

Don't forget the Spring Fling is soon approaching. We are looking for any interested commercial vendors. If you are not on our list please contact Helene Stein for information. **The Spring Fling will be held May 2nd, the same weekend as the city-wide garage sale, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will have three baskets to raffle and drawings for door prizes. This is also the week for poppies. We will need volunteers for stands Friday and Saturday. Again, PLEASE let Helene know if you can help with that.**

The Auxiliary will be having our annual Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 10th. Seeing as this is our fundraiser we need volunteers, so if you can work PLEASE let us know. Everyone be sure to mark your calendars for a Good Fish Fry!

Toni reported that she shows our unit at 73%. So if you have not paid your dues PLEASE, PLEASE do so now! It is very important to pay your dues so we can have this great organization!! Please if you have not been to a meeting now is the time to come and check it out. See what is new and exciting. Help be a part of a great organization!! We would love to see you and have your input

God Bless America, United We Stand!!

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President

UPCOMING DATES

FEB 2009

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6 Legion Fish Fry**
- 8 Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)
- 12 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:30 p.m.)**
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 President's Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 23 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00p.m.)**
- 24 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)**

MAR 2009

- 2 Vietnam War Began (1965)
- 3 "Star Spangled Banner" made U.S. Nat'l Anthem (1931)
- 6 Legion Fish Fry**
- 8 Daylight Savings Time (Set clocks ahead 1 hour)**
- 12 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:30 p.m.)**
- 12 Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Founded (1912)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Operation Iraqi Freedom Began (2003)
- 20 Spring Begins
- 23 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 24 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)**

Future dates to mark on your calendars:

Apr 10th, Good Friday, Auxiliary's Annual Scholarship Fish Fry

Apr 13th at 7:00 p.m., Veterans Association Meeting

