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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

I attended the Midwinter Conference in Baraboo on January 21-23. I went to some classes on Friday and will discuss it at the meeting.

The E-Board will be meeting on February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We need more members to show up to the February 10 meeting to discuss the future of our post. With the finances as they are and the expenses to just pay the utilities with a few to no rentals for income, it was brought up in a past meeting about selling the building and renting a space to have our meetings.

So if anyone has any good ideas please show up at the February meeting. We tossed around the idea about raising the dues a few dollars and also lowering the rent to get more rentals in our post. Lower rental to get more rentals is a whole lot better than higher rent and no rentals at all.

DAVE GOLDBECK
Commander

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Tomah Area Veterans Memorial Committee is happy to report that we have reached our fund-raising goal. We have begun the process to engrave all the bricks and tiles that were purchased. We will continue to look for donations in hopes that we can look at Phase II which may include statues or static display items. In the near future we will announce a cutoff date for bricks and tiles after which we will add tiles semiannually or annually. The committee would like to thank the Legion and Rita for allowing us to use the Informer to get the word out about the project.

REMINDER: 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.

JIM STEELE
Treasurer Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

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WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2478 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. I want to thank everyone that attended the December Promenade that was held December 15th at Post 201 that was our last one until April 2011. Even though we're not having winter promenades, our programs are still very active.

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 home for 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

Another round of 2011 Membership Dues mailings will be out at the end of January or beginning of February. If you haven't paid your 2011 Membership Dues, please do so now. If you have already paid your 2011 dues and receive another notice, get out your wallet and check your membership card to insure it says 2011 on it. If it does, throw away the notice – you are paid up-to-date. Sometimes the posting of paid dues is a little slow and it's possible that you will receive additional notices that they haven't been paid. After the last mailing, I probably returned about one third of the checks sent in, because dues had already been paid. If it would make you feel better to verify with me that your 2011 dues have been paid, give me a call at 372-7243. If I'm not home, please leave a message and I will call you back.

GLORIA AARNES
Adjutant



AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to welcome all our new members. Don't forget if you have not paid your dues, please do your share and pay the renewal soon. Ladies and Juniors, there are so many opportunities and programs for you to choose in our unit. Membership is always needed!

The Auxiliary donated money to the new 8-bedroom Serenity House being built by Hospice Touch. As funds permit, the Auxiliary will continue making donations toward Veteran and Community Service programs.

The Tomah VAMC is looking for donations. The Auxiliary has paid for the insert included in this month's Informer. You can contact the VAMC but the Legion will also have a donation box set up in the bar. Thank you for your donations and support.

We had our 50/50 raffle at the January fish fry. Our winner, Terry Boak, so graciously donated the money back to the Auxiliary to apply toward our scholarship fund. Thank you so much, it was very much appreciated and we thank all who donated! I would also like to thank the ladies who are always willing to take the donations at the door for the Auxiliary. Please continue to watch for our basket or 50/50 raffles at the fish fry's.

The American Association University Women (AAUW) and the American Legion Auxiliary will each be sponsoring a girl to attend Badger Girls State. Sharon Powell of the AAUW is working with the Tomah High School in getting the girls names.

Grocery coupons: <http://www.grocerysavingtips.com/expiredgrocerycoupons.htm>

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President



BAR/HALL MANAGER

I would like to thank everyone (members and non-members) who come down and supported the Legion while Lori and I opened the bar for the Packer Games.

GO PACK GO

We still have opening for that special event that is being planned so call the Legion or my phone number is in the phone book.

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of December 1, 2010: \$679.30
Checkbook Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$240.64
CD Balances (end of Dec): \$14197.85
Loan: PAID
Fish Fry Tips (end of Dec): \$1103.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY 2011

National Freedom Day
Groundhog Day
4 FISH FRY
4 USO's 70th Anniversary
10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
19 Battle of Iwo Jima Begins (1945)
20 First US Orbit of Earth (1962)
21 President's Day
22 Washington's Birthday
28 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 2011

4 FISH FRY
10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks forward 1 hr)
17 St Patrick's Day
19 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003)
20 First Day of Spring
28 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!!!