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2009 - 2010 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

2009 - 2010 Aux Officers

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

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From the COMMANDER

December is gone, January is here, and the spirit of a new year is in the air. The events of 2009 were inspiring to say the least. The Post had been a busy place all year long, everything is posted in the Informer and don't forget to look on the Post website at www.tomahwilegion.org. Stop by and look at some of the things going on down at the Post. The Kids Christmas Party was on the 13th of Dec. The children sure do enjoy making cookies and playing games. What I'm being longwinded about saying is we do so much for our local community and although that can be a lot of work it makes you feel good about who we are and what we do. If you don't want to come down to a meeting then don't, but pick one thing that you enjoy that you truly love and get involved.

Midwinter will soon be upon us. This is a great time to take the family along and have a mid winter retreat in the Dells. If you are interested in going, because Mike will be out-of-state, you can contact me or call the post and someone will get in touch with you. Information for Midwinter is on the department website at www.wilegion.org.

Don't forget the January Fish Fry has been moved to Jan 8th instead of the 1st. Packer parties did very well. I know Dave and Lori put a lot of work in on those. I normally take the time and thank everyone for their hard work and dedication, this time is no different. Thank you all so much for all of the devotion to our community. I would like to thank all of our Veterans and Auxiliary members as well as those businesses and individuals that donate their time and money and services and supplies. Thank you all so much. And thank you to all of you who come down and support the cause whether it's a Packer party, a wedding reception, a fish fry or whatever it may be.

As always keep our troops first and foremost in our hearts and prayers. Thank them when you see them. Think of their families and help them to understand that we know what they are going through and that we will be there for them if we are needed. For they are our brothers and our sisters, and together we are family!

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1512 visitors as of Sept 1st. 2008, that is a gain of 90 visitors. The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

From the ADJUTANT

As you know some Legion members are working hard 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. A couple months ago the Informer had the Veteran's Memorial Campaign pamphlet enclosed. Trust you did not throw it away. This is a chance to honor a Veteran, 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 Memorial website <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, fill it out and mail it to the address on the pamphlet and see if you can donate to the cause. I again want to thank the TOMAH I DIVIDERS on donating 3001 dollars to the Memorial.

The Post is at 84.61 % paid memberships. If you have not sent your renewals please get them in.

Anyone that has a Bartenders License and wants to help be a bartender, please call the Legion Post 201 phone and leave your name and phone number. Dave would like some help in the bartender area. You would not have to work every weekend, just when he needs you and when you can do it.

I want to personally THANK Dave Goldbeck and his wife Lori for the Packer Parties that they put on at the Legion. This past weekend before Christmas when we played Pittsburg the Legion bar was the fullest I had ever seen. They work hard in serving the patrons of the Legion and we (the Legion Post 201) are lucky we get 2 bartenders for the price of 1. They tried their hardest to bring fun and comradeship to the bar.

I will be going to Georgia for 7 weeks starting in Jan. If you want to write something in the Informer go ahead and send it to Calvin or one of the officers, they will make sure it gets into the Informer. You will hear from me again in the March Informer.

Have a Happy New Year and I hope you had a great Christmas

IN GOD WE TRUST !!!

MICHAEL SCHOENY

Adjutant

VOITURE 40et8

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

Lori and I wish to thank all the patrons that came to the Packer games and helped support the Legion! Thank you very much!!!

I want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" & "Happy New Year"!!!!

BE SAFE!!! The Legion is a proud sponsor of the Safe Ride Program.

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!!

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**JAN 2010**

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

FEB 2010

- 5 Legion Fish Fry
- 11 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 19 Battle of Iwo Jima Begins (1945)
- 20 John Glenn 1st U.S. Orbit of Earth (1962)
- 22 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 23 Desert Storm Ground War Begins (1991)
- 27 Desert Storm Ground War Ends (100 hrs)



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve! I wish everyone good health! To all the Veterans and the Service Men and Women overseas at this special time of year, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and hopes of a Great New Year for you and your families! Keep the prayer chains going!!!

At last meeting, our membership reports show us at only 64% paid. Please if you have not paid your dues, please do so now. Your support is what we need to keep going. And what a great way to show your support for the Veterans. We so appreciate you being part of the Auxiliary and hope you continue your support. If you know of anyone you can bring in as a new member, we highly encourage it and you can earn an award for bringing in new members. Again, if you have not been to a meeting you are really missing out. New things are always happening so come down some night and check it out. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month with a new start time of 7:00. I want to thank those who made the last meeting, I know it was cold out so I appreciate your efforts.

Bonnie is finally off to Alaska to be with her husband. The Auxiliary presented her with a patriotic carry bag with her name and Unit 201 embroidered on it to remember our post. Thank you again Bonnie for all your hard work on our Historian scrapbook, and for involving your RV group for donations. Ladies, if you like scrapbooking, the Historian position is still vacant so if you are interested please let us know.

We need to raise money to get our Auxiliary Emblem with script on the Tomah Veterans Memorial plaque. If you can, we would appreciate any donations. We are also going to have 50/50 raffles at fish fries to help with the cost. If you do send in a donation, please send it to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201, Attn: Veteran Memorial Fund, PO Box 306, Tomah, WI 54660. THANK YOU!

The VA is in need of volunteers so if you are interested in helping, contact the VA Volunteer Services. Also, they will need about 50 volunteers for the Creative Arts Festival. Pat Flanders is also looking for an assistant so if you are interested you can contact her.

We had 20 kids attend the annual Legion Christmas party. I especially want to thank Heather Wallace for all the hard work she put into getting the presents and goodies for the party and thank you Rita for helping at the party. I wish to give a special thank you to Mike Grandinetti for stepping up to the plate to be our Santa. We very much appreciated it. GREAT JOB, SANTA!!!

We did very well with the Fall Craft/Bake Sale and I want to again thank all for the basket donations and the workers!!! Once again I would like to say that if it were not for all the volunteers we would not have an Auxiliary. THANK YOU TO ALL!!

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