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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

From the COMMANDER

Hello Everyone. I just wanted to send in one last article to thank you so much for your support over my last two years as Commander. I certainly enjoyed my tenure and will continue to do what I can for our organization. We have accomplished some great things and I'm sure that we will continue to do great things in the future. I would like to thank everyone for all that they have done. Dave Goldbeck has been elected as the new Commander and will also serve as 2nd Vice Commander so let's help him out as much as possible. Both I feel are full time jobs and Dave has one of those already. The summer is now upon us in full force so enjoy the weather and enjoy your families as with anything they grow up and move on far too quickly. Thank you once again and God bless you all.

As always keep our military and fellow Veterans in our hearts and prayers and thank them for their service every chance you get.

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CALVIN MARCELLIS **Commander**

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

The last month has been a very slow one for the Memorial Project. We received less than \$2000 in new donations so our total currently stands at \$67,874.00. Hopefully the golf tournament on June 11th will give us a boost.

JIM STEELE

Treasurer
Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1900 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

DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Department has committed to hold the Mid-Winter Conference at the Ho-Chunk Casino in Wisconsin Dells for the next five years.
- Nominees for Department Committees are being sought. Anyone interested in serving should fill out this form and submit it to their District Commander or Department Vice Commander.
- The Department is engaging in a wide scale fundraising program with convenience stores across the state to raise funds for our programs. The program, titled "Hometown Heroes," will run from Memorial Day through the 4th of July. If you know of any convenience stores that may be interested in participating, please contact Jessika at Department Headquarters.
- The Department will also be partnering with Hot Spots media on an effort in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Hot Spots media is producing a two for one coupon book for bars and restaurants in these counties that will sell for \$10 each. The Legion will receive at least 20% on the sale of each book. If you know of any establishments that may want to be featured or would like to assist with distribution, please contact Jessika at Department Headquarters.
- National Membership Training will take place in Indianapolis August 5th-7th. Contact Department Headquarters if you are interested in participating.
- Department Leadership Training will take place on Saturday August 14th. This will be an exciting and informative session. Please contact Department Headquarters to sign up.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT: Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service January 1, 1957 to December 31, 2001 and is planning for retirement. You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service on active duty any time from 1957 through 2001. Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit will be credited at time of application, which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. This payment will then be added onto your regular monthly benefit and spread out over the year of Social Security benefits. **You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!**

Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT for anyone who served on active duty January 1, 1957 to December 31, 2001. **Again, this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it!**

I personally want to THANK the Veteran Organization and the key leaders for putting up a good fight to keep our liquor license that we have for the beer tent at the fairgrounds!!! Afraid it was going to go to the highest bidder, you fought hard to keep the beer garden the way it is now. THANK YOU!!!

Please don't forget to donate or buy a brick for the Tomah Veterans Memorial; we are over half way to building it so let's not stop giving money. Thank you to the individuals who donate their time in getting this well deserved project to the town.

I want to congratulate the new commander and wish him the best. He is a dedicated member and with the decisions he needs to make we have to back him and help him accomplish his goals.

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!!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander
Bar Manager

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Apr 1, 2010: \$4620.39
Checkbook Balance as of Apr 30, 2010: \$3430.05
CD Balances (end of Apr): \$16,979.34
Fish Fry Tips (end of Apr): \$778.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer



INFORMER NEWS – Advertising helps with the cost of mailing almost 600 Informers monthly. If you have a business or know of anyone interested in advertising in the Informer, please contact Rita Steffel at 372-3358.

Honor Guard

No Report

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard

UPCOMING DATES

JUNE 2010

- 6 D-Day (1944)
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m., potluck at 5:30)
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 U.S. Army Established (1775)
- 20 FATHER'S DAY
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 25 North Korea invades South Korea (1950)

August 8, American Legion Annual All Star Baseball Day – The All-Star Game will follow the Brewer-Astros.

September 9 – Legion/Auxiliary meetings (7:00 p.m.)



AUXILIARY NEWS

We still have 41 members left to pay dues. Please do so as it is very important to keep our dues up-to-date. What a great way to show your support to veterans and our community.

The Americanism Essay winners, Emily Quartemont and Carly Martin presented their essays to the Legion and Auxiliary before May's meeting. Their essays are also included in the May 12 Tomah Monitor-Herald. Their essays show how much pride they have in being an American. I am proud of our youth and I would like to thank all those who submitted essays.

Angela Modjeski and Brandon Steinmetz are our annual \$500 Scholarship recipients.

Do not forget to keep track of your Field and Home Service hours over the summer months.

I would like to thank Judy, Shirley and Betty for getting good nominations for officers. I found out I could stay so was happy to run again as your President. Your 2010-2011 Auxiliary Officers are: President Lori Goldbeck, Vice President Pat Flanders, 2nd Vice Toni Palmer, Treasurer Rita Steffel, Secretary Judy Steadman, Chaplain Evelyn Noyes, Historian Mary Loveland, and Sgt-at-Arms Betty Scherer. We all look forward to serving and hope to see more ladies join us at our meetings.

Please join us for the 5:30 potluck prior to our meeting, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. Wishing everyone a Healthy, Safe and Happy Summer!!!

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

