



POST 201 INFORMER

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2010-2011 Legion Officers

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HISTORIAN - SUE PRIELIPP
THE SECRETARY AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

FROM THE COMMANDER

On behalf of the membership I extend sincere thanks to Dave Goldbeck for his time served as Commander and 2nd Vice. Dave was the Commander for 2 years and the 2nd Vice/Bar Manager for 6 years. He spent many hours fulfilling the duties of Post Commander and many more long hours as the Bar Manager. During the last year, the post did not have an active 3rd Vice so Dave stepped up and completed necessary maintenance when needed. He also stepped up again and agreed to stay on for another term as 2nd Vice. Again, thank you Dave for all you have done.

Presently the future of Post 201, specifically the building is in question. There are rumors of selling, leasing or better utilizing the Post building for parties, rentals and other forms of fund-raising. In any situation such as this, rumors take on a life of their own. At the present time there are no plans to sell the building. I did bring up the subject of potentially leasing the building, but I doubt if that will happen either. What we will do is more actively promote the Legion and its activities with increased hall usage through rentals and other activities to raise our income and presence in the community.

It was mentioned at the April Legion meeting that in past times the Legion had many committees responsible for a multitude of things. This is a good idea and I am very receptive to anything that is for the good of the post. The first step is the formation of two committees. One committee will be the Activities Committee responsible for bringing forth ideas and plans and increasing hall usage. The second committee will be the Membership Committee responsible for increasing membership for Post 201. Tractor Pull/Fair bartenders – The Tractor Pull and the County Fair is just around the corner. Bartenders are desperately needed for all shifts. I will be contacting those who worked last year requesting your help again.

Because officers were installed at the May meeting, there will be no June meeting. See you on September 8. Your 2011-2012 officers are:

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PETE PETERSON
Commander

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WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2745 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

Don't forget, our Promenades are at 1900 on the third Wednesday of each month

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

INFORMER REPORT

For those of you who had requested looking at the Informer online, you will once again start receiving a hard copy.

RITA STEFFEL
Editor

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well here we are to the end of a great year and hopefully off to a beautiful summer!

I want to thank all the Auxiliary members that show up for the meetings and for all the volunteers that helped with the projects through the year. If it were not for you we would not have an Auxiliary Unit! So to you I give a HUGE THANK YOU!!! The next meeting is September 8th. If you have not been to a meeting you are urged to come and see what is new and going on. The meeting is only once a month and always the 2nd Thursday of the month and starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp. I think you would be pleasantly surprised. Your donation is what keeps us going along with any volunteer services you have to offer.

Please, please don't forget to pay your dues!!! We only have 32 more to go to be at 100% paid memberships. Wow, wouldn't that be something to be proud of!!! I do need to also give Rita Steffel a special thank you and acknowledge the great job she does as our Treasurer and for the volunteer services beyond her position.

We want to thank Toni Palmer for her 14 years of dedicated service as the Unit's Membership Chairman. I was proud to present Toni with a certificate from State Headquarters, and the Unit presented her with flowers and a card with donations collected from the Auxiliary. THANK YOU TONI!!! We wish you the best and look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

I need to thank the ladies for taking poppy donations. This year the people were generous and we thank you! I also have to thank Betty Scherer and Shirley Johnson for taking donations at every fish fry for us!

We also want to thank the public for all their donations throughout the year. We rely on their generous donations so we can donate to so many good causes. To mention a few, we will be handing out a college scholarship, have made donations to Women Veterans Week at Camp American Legion, two to Homeless Female Veterans Programs, Jim Thielen Golf Tournament, the Creative Arts Festival and Hospice Touch. AGAIN THANK YOU ALL!

The new officers were sworn in at our last meeting. I want to thank Judy Roeske for installing the following officers:

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The Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms will be appointed by the President.

AGAIN THANK YOU TO ALL! I can't express enough my gratitude to each one of you. Please know that your kindness has not gone unnoticed or appreciated!

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Look forward to seeing everyone at our September 8 meeting.

We Serve Because They Serve

GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President



BAR/HALL MANAGER

Remember that we have lowered the rental price for the Legion. If you hear of anyone that is planning a special event have them call the Legion at 372-6028.

After June 14th, I will be calling for more help with bartending as my primary bartender is having surgery and will be out for awhile.

I would like to thank all the new board members that have been voted in for the next year and am looking forward to working with the new board.

I wish everyone a good summer and see everyone in the fall!!!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of April 1, 2011: \$4964.71
Checkbook Balance as of April 30, 2011: \$5555.10
CD Balances (end of Apr): \$10498.63
Fish Fry Tips (end of Apr): \$1243.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

The dedication has been set for September 10th, 2011 and tentatively scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available as the date draws near.

The cut-off date for brick/tile sales to be installed by the dedication day is Friday, April 29, 2011. After that date bricks & tiles will be added once or twice a year depending on the number received.

REMINDER: The price of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100 and the 12 x 12 granite tiles is \$250.00. We want to thank everyone again for honoring our Veterans!!!

JIM STEELE
Treasurer
Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

UPCOMING DATES

JUNE 2011

- 4 Battle of Midway begins (1942)
- 5 Marshall Plan created (1947)
- 6 D-Day (1944)
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 US Army established (1775)
- 19 Father's Day**
- 22 First Day of Summer
- 25 North Korean Invasion (1950)

JULY 2011

- 16 Trinity Test of 1st Atomic Bomb (1945)
- 20 First Moon Landing (1969)
- 27 Armistice Signed in Korea (1953)

AUGUST 2011

- 4 US Coast Guard established (1790)

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 2 V-J Day (1945)
- 5 Labor Day
- 8 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)**
- 10 Tomah Veterans Memorial Dedication**
- 11 Patriot Day
- 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18 US Air Force established (1947)
- 18 GOLD STAR Family Remembrance Sunday
- 23 First Day of Autumn
- 26 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!!!