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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

Greetings and Salutations my fellow Legionnaires. I hope this article finds everyone doing well and feeling great. This winter has got to be just about over and with that brings the spring showers. I'm sure all of our snowbirds are getting ready to come home once again; let's all wish them a safe return.

The last fish fry had a very inspiring turn out. This is just my opinion but I think Zetta's baked fish has converted some of the tried and true fried fish connoisseurs over to her side of the house. I'm not taking sides, I love both the fried and the baked fish. I really enjoy working with all the volunteers at the Post during the fish fries. I can't thank you all enough for all the hard work.

Election time is right around the corner, time to think about the future of the Post once again. We do have one vacancy on the E-board and that is the position of 1st Vice Commander. Think of your nominations and get them turned into the election committee. I have certainly enjoyed my tenure as Post Commander but I should tell you now that I will not be seeking re-election. I have way too many irons in the fire and I don't feel it's right to do 5 or 6 things badly if you can concentrate your efforts into doing 1 or 2 things well. I've been thinking about this for some time now but I can't see how I can give the Post the dedication that it deserves with so many other things going on right now. I will still continue to be an active part in the Post as I do enjoy the folks that make this organization great.

1 Don't forget the National Spring Meetings are May 3-6 in Indianapolis this year. You can find out more on the internet at www.wilegion.org and don't forget to check out our website at www.tomahwilegion.org to see what's going on at our Post.

3 Don't forget as you come across our service men and women in your daily travels to thank them and their families for their service to our country. Wish them well as I wish all of you well.

3 **CALVIN MARCELLIS**
Commander

4 **WEBSITE UPDATE** - We've had 1646 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

If you have not paid your Legion dues yet please do. We are still at 85% and would love to be 100 % for Post 201. If you know any Legion member that is sick or deceased please make sure you contact the Post so that they can update the rosters and get cards out to the families.

Troop and Family support continues to remain an important focus of the Department. We have been reaching out in many different ways to help those deployed and those returning.

You can help by making a secure online credit card donation to the Troop and Family Support Fund at <http://wilegion.org/howcanyouhelp/>. We are also in need of volunteers to help out at Fort McCoy over the next couple of weeks and at their local armories over the next few months. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathie at info@wilegion.org or (608) 745-1090.

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals running for Department office to demonstrate leadership and I encourage you to get involved either at Fort McCoy or at your local armory.

IN GOD WE TRUST!!!
MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant

INFORMER NEWS

I would like everyone to know that the Informer is posted on the website and the hard copy is mailed around the 1st of every month, September-June. For those who have access to the website, we do not e-mail the Informer. To try and cut costs we are still asking that those of you who do have access to a computer, please request that we stop mailing you a hard copy.

Also, I am getting ready to mail renewal letters to our faithful advertisers. There are still some spots available on the back of the Informer. If you are interested in advertising, please contact me at 372-3358. As always, we ask that you patronize those businesses that support the Legion.

Also, I would like everyone to know that my home computer took a nose dive and we're still trying to recover my documents. In saying that, I have to redo all the mailing labels. If there are any changes that need to be made please let me know, especially if you were not supposed to get a hard copy. Thank you.

RITA STEFFEL
Editor

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

I would like to give everyone an update on the Tomah Veterans Memorial. The committee has been very busy and we want to thank everyone who has donated so far. We would like to give special credit for the following generous donations: Gerke's for the site fill and preparation, Farmer's for concrete work, Croell Redi-Mix and River City Redi-Mix for the cement, Northland Electric for the electrical work, Al Stevens for the large flag pole and Torkelson's for the two smaller ones. Also, Mathy has agreed to pave the new access road with 3" of blacktop. As you can see this is saving us a tremendous amount of money, without these types of donations we would be looking at well over \$200,000.00 to get things done. We need to raise about \$124,000.00 in order to clear enough to pay the approximately \$90,000.00 for the actual monument.

We are very close to the \$60,000.00 mark, but still have a ways to go before we can break ground. Committee members are listed on our website along with their phone numbers so that if people have questions they can contact us. Our website: www.tomahveteransmemorial.com

Forms are also available at Phillips Pharmacy and at the Chamber office. There are examples of the two sizes of stone in the front window at Phillips and at the Chamber office.

JIM STEELE
Fundraising Committee

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

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 Jan 1, 2010: \$7009.18
 Checkbook Balance as of Jan 31, 2010: \$4251.46
 CD Balances (end of Jan): \$16,928.37
 Fish Fry Tips (end of Jan): \$322.00

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

MAR 2010

- 5 Legion Fish Fry
- 7 US Invasion over Bridge at Remagen (1945)
- 11 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 14 Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks forward 1 hr)
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003)
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 28 Palm Sunday

APR 2010

- 2 Legion Fish Fry
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 4 NATO founded (1948)
- 6 US enters WWI (1917)
- 8 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 12 First US Space Shuttle Launched (1981)
- 15 Tax Return Day
- 25 Spanish-American War begins (1898)
- 26 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 30 Vietnam War ends (1975)



AUXILIARY NEWS

We still have plenty of ladies who haven't paid their dues. We would really love to get to 100% this year!

We had a good response for the 50/50 raffle at the February fish fry. We are going to have the Basket raffles at the March and April Legion fish fries. We will need donations of baked goods for the April 17th Spring Fever Craft Bake Sale. We appreciate the donations and they go fast. There are still booths available and open to vendors as well as crafters. If interested, contact Helene Stein at 372-6496.

They are still in need of volunteers for the Creative Arts Festival. There are several ways to help with this. Please call Jean Calhoun at 372-1262 for information.

The RIA Credit Union is selling cookbooks for \$10.00. All proceeds go toward the Veterans Freedom Honor Flight. The Veterans who have already participated are grateful and have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Washington D.C.

The State Bowling Tournament will be held in Monroe, WI on April 10-11 and 17-18. They are 4-person teams. Registration is due by April 2nd. If you have questions or need a form please call (608)387-9227.

Don't forget to keep tally of your home service hours and field service hours. Hope to see you all at the next meeting, March 11th. Elections will be coming up soon so please keep us in mind and become an active part of a great organization!!!

Please also note that you still have time to submit your ideas for the inscription to go on the Veterans Memorial plaque for the Auxiliary. If you wish to send in a donation toward the Auxiliary plaque at the Veterans Memorial site, please send it to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201, Attn: Veteran Memorial Fund, PO Box 306, Tomah, WI 54660. THANK YOU!

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

