



# POST 201 INFORMER

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### 2007 - 2008 Legion Officers

**Commander:** Jay Lewis  
**Adjutant:** Pete Peterson  
**1st Vice:** Calvin Marcellis  
**2nd Vice:** Dave Goldbeck  
**3rd Vice:** Bob Anthony  
**Finance Ofc:** Vencent Rowan  
**Chaplain:** Bill Rice  
**Service Ofc:** John Hubert  
**Sgt. at Arms:** Tony Adams  
Ray Fredrickson  
**Historan:** Vacant

### 2007 - 2008 Aux Officers

**President:** Lori Goldbeck  
**1st Vice:** Helene Stein  
**2nd Vice:** Toni Palmer  
**Secretary:** Samantha Pingel  
**Treasurer:** Rita Steffel  
**Chaplain:** Evelyn Noyes  
**Sunshine / Hospital:** Velma Lutz  
**Sgt at Arms:** Mary Loveland  
**Historian:** Bonnie Owen

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## COMMANDER'S NOTES

Here it is that time of the year when we will say goodbye to the old officers and welcome to the new ones. I can say I have truly enjoyed the two years in office. There have been some huge accomplishments and still more to get done. It has been a learning experience I will always remember. To all the officers of the Legion and the Auxiliary, THANK YOU for your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.

There are some people that I need to thank, so if I omit anyone, don't take it personal, I apologize in advance. First, to my wife for helping me remember things and the support she gave me. Chuck and Judy Roeske, where do you start? Any time I needed help with something, all I had to do was make a phone call, or they would volunteer in advance. Chuck Marks, a very devoted Legion member. Even though he is a life member at another post, you wouldn't know it by the amount he volunteers at our post. Calvin Marcellis, it is so refreshing to see some of the young new members take such an interest in the post. We need lots more of his kind. He is always willing to take the responsibility to get the job done. Pete Peterson, my right hand man. Without a good adjutant, you are dead in the water, somehow he managed to keep us afloat and going while managing all his other duties. Vince Rowan, the man with the answers to a lot of my questions, and a fantastic finance officer. To all the numerous volunteers, too many to mention you will never know how much your work was appreciated. Dave and Lori Goldbeck, two members that we could not do without. They have kept the bar busy and booked for upcoming events. Rita Steffel, for the reminders of the Informer and for doing a great job. To all these people, THANK YOU, YOU ARE THE BEST!!!

With all that said, it is time to make room for someone else. It has been a great and memorable time. Don't forget to keep supporting our troops and keeping them in your prayers. **GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

**JAY LEWIS**  
**Commander**

**WEBSITE UPDATE** - We've had 74 visitors as of May 5th. The address is [www.tomahwilegion.org](http://www.tomahwilegion.org). Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

## Adjutant's Corner

**LEGION OFFICER NOMINATIONS** – At the next meeting on May 8th, the Post will elect new officers for the upcoming year. In accordance with the Post By-laws, the nomination committee consists of the past 2 commanders. As such, Lamont Dechant and I have the duty of nominating individuals for the position of Commander, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice, Finance Officer and Chaplain. The committee will present our nominees and also accept input from the floor of others who are interested in being part of the management team of the Legion. At the present time, no one has stepped forward for the position of 1st Vice. The Post presently has a membership of 514 members who faithfully renew their membership annually. However, each year the Post goes through the process of seeking volunteers for officer positions. If anyone would like to be a part of the leadership team, please contact either myself or Lamont prior to the May 8th Legion meeting.

**FISH FRY UPDATE** – The fish fry on May 2nd will be the last one for this year. Thank you to those who have volunteered this year and last year. Without the assistance of the volunteers, it would be impossible to provide the community the wonderful meal that we provide. Every month we continue to receive comments about how much they enjoyed their meal and appreciate the fact that the American Legion Post 201 is continuing this wonderful tradition.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** – The 2008 membership year is coming to a close on June 30th and we have a 94 percent renewal. If you have not yet renewed, please do so now.



**TOMAH VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** – Reminding everyone that they will be placing Flags at the Oak Grove cemetery on May 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you are a member of the American Legion, the VFW or the DAV, you are a member of the Tomah Veteran's Association. Placing the flags only takes about 30 - 45 minutes and then we reform at the American Legion to have a short business meeting and finalize arrangements for the Memorial Day ceremonies. Following the meeting, a light lunch and refreshments will be available.

**PETE PETERSON**  
Adjutant



**EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!!**

**Honor those who have gone before us!**

**Help place flags at the Oak Grove Cemetery on May 19 at 6:00 p.m.**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice/Honor Guard

Another month has passed us by and the warmer weather is finally here. If we could just get outside on a day it's not raining we might actually get to enjoy it. Elections are coming up and I would sure like to see a good turnout at the meeting. Remember everyone who is a member has a say so in what happens to our organization. Let's join in and make the American Legion what it should be. Memberships are going well and with your help we will be up to snuff in no time. Don't forget the Tractor Pull and the County Fair will be coming to town soon. I want to thank all of the volunteers from the past and hope to see more this year. If you've never worked the beer tent for either of these events I ask you to please come down to watch, learn and pitch in. It really is a lot of fun and you meet some great folks. As a reminder there are still tickets (\$35.00 each) for the Sportspersons Night Out. Contact Calvin at 387-0730 for your tickets.

Let's always remember and never forget those who defend our way of life and fight for the freedoms of those oppressed.

**Calvin Marcellis**  
**1st Vice**  
**Chairman Honor Guard**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance report was given and accepted

Vince Rowan  
 Finance Officer



## BAR/HALL MANAGER

**Please note that anyone interested in using the Hall or Bar area must book with the bar manager.** The calendar is filling up fast! Please help spread the word the Legion hall is a great place to have an event and is open for rentals, just call the bar manager for bookings.

I would like to see more members join us for the meetings and get involved. The next meeting is Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m., hope to see you there!

**DAVE GOLDBECK**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The warm weather is finally here although we have had enough April showers! At last meeting we voted and had to cancel the Spring Fling scheduled for May 10th. Unfortunately we did not get enough responses to open the doors. The date was pushed back a week this year and I guess that was part of the problem. We have already scheduled next year's Spring Fling and Fall Craft Show as to keep the fall craft show the opening weekend of deer season and the spring fling the first weekend in May.

If anyone has any plastic flowerpots please bring to next meeting to give to Harry Lutz or you can take directly to the V.A. greenhouse. May 19th we will be going to cemetery to place flags. We will meet at the legion at 6:30, so if you can help please plan to meet. This month's fish fry is the Auxiliary's so don't forget if you can help please plan on being there on May 2nd.

The previous month a committee was formed to audit the checkbooks. That did take place April 16th. Thank you to the committee and Rita and Toni for keeping such good records. Randi Owen presented the Legion website information to the Auxiliary at this month's meeting. It is up and running and for anyone interested you can go to [www.tomahwilegion.org](http://www.tomahwilegion.org) and check it out. We will be getting more info on the site and hopefully it will be a good source of info. We are at 89% for auxiliary dues. Please if you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible. Thank you all who attend the meetings and for all your help!! Hope to see you at the meeting May 8th at 7:30 p.m.

**LORI GOLDBECK**  
**Auxiliary President**