



POST 201 INFORMER

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Tomah, WI



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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

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

Please join us May 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery to place flags to honor our Veterans.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

As of today we are at \$66,000.00. Please watch the news media for details on the following upcoming fund-raising events.

May 15, Armed Forces Day: Pancake Breakfast at the Legion, 8:00-10:00 a.m. and that evening members of the committee will serve as Celebrity Bartenders at the Ground Round.

June 11: Golf Tournament at the Holiday Lodge.

JIM STEELE
Treasurer
Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1790 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

Free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance are available through the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT). LIT is an authorized program of the Department of Wisconsin and an important benefit of Legion membership. The number to call is 1-800-235-6943 or log on to www.theLIT.com

May 21-23, 2010 Lambeau Field, Green Bay

[LZ Lambeau - Event to Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans](#)

We asked for 10 free tickets for this date, if any Vietnam Vet wants to go please write me on email Schoeny@centurytel.net. Or if you know someone that would like a ticket have them contact me.

It is that time of the year for veterans to be purchasing their fishing and hunting licenses and visiting the state parks. Make sure your veterans are getting what they have earned.

Armed Forces Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Privileges <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/ArmedForcesPrivileges.html>

Disabled Veteran and Former Prisoner of War State Park Fee Waivers <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/fees/waivers.html#veteran>

This will be my last official month as ADJUTANT of Post 201. I have been in a Post Officer slot for going on 10 years and it is time for me to take a rest from it. We as members are obligated to make sure our dues are paid up and into the Post on time. It costs the Post a lot to send out mailings to make sure we are up to date on our dues. Please help out the next Adjutant and get the dues to this person on time. Also, in the 10 years I have been in office we went from over 600 members down to 476 as of right now. If you know of anyone that is not a member PLEASE talk them into joining. As years progress in the future the Government will definitely cut benefits and we need to stick together to make sure Veterans Organizations lobby to make sure they do not cut Veteran benefits.

If you happen to be free on Monday, May 3 at around 1430 to 1600 come down to the Legion and talk to a MN group of 40 who will be going to Fort Knox KY to donate 450 quilts that they made for wounded soldiers. The Ladies Auxiliary will be fixing a lunch for them as they stop by on their way to Kentucky. These are a group of ladies ranging from 50 to 90 years old who donated their time and talents in doing this gesture. The State of MN is donating the bus trip for the ladies.



*Walker Legion Riders
Presents*

Freedom Jam 2010

Co-sponsored by Deer River Legion Riders

**A weekend to celebrate America
July 3 - 5, 2010
Walker Minnesota**

- **Flag Ride Leading the Walker Parade on the 4th**
- **Meet and Greet Friday Night**
- **Rides and A Bike rodeo with prizes on Saturday**
- **Walker July 4th Celebration with Fireworks**
- **Entertainment Friday and Saturday Nights**

Camping at Moondance Ranch
(includes registration fee)

Tent camping 3 nights \$25
Tent camping 2 nights \$20
Camping with electric 3 nights \$40
Camping with electric 2 nights \$30
Non-Camping registrants \$10

All money raised is for local Veterans and Veteran Programs

For registration
Go to www.walkeramericanlegionpost134.org click on Legion Rider

www.kochulka.com for other lodging information.
For info call Gary 218-507-0075 (ronniegarykennedy@yahoo.com)

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well we are getting to the end of another Auxiliary year. I want to thank all the members who have paid their dues. We are not at our goal; we still have 65 members that have not paid their dues. Please do so as it is very important to keep our dues up-to-date and keep us at our goal of 100%! So if you are behind please, please take this time to get current. What a great way to show your support to veterans and our community.

At our last meeting we voted on the script for our Veterans Memorial Plaque for the Auxiliary. Along with American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201, "Since April 30, 1923, We Serve Because They Serve! The plaque will also have the ALA emblem engraved on it. Nice job Rita for coming up with the script that we voted to accept!

We have only one representative for Badger Girls State this year, Rachel Plowman. We wish her the best and will hear from her on her experiences next fall meetings. Thank you Rachel, and thank you Laura for doing the leg work and following up on this.

The annual reports that are due May 1st were done at the craft sale. Thank you for all who helped and gave their time.

At our last meeting we voted on donating to several organizations: Support Military Families, Fisher House, Creative Arts Festival and Tomah Area Cancer Society. These are just **SOME** activities the Auxiliary donates to throughout the year. We are very proud to do so and that is why it is so important that we receive your dues and support for the Auxiliary!!!

We will have Poppy Distribution on May 7th and 8th. Anyone that can help with this please let Helene know ASAP, 372-6496.

We appointed a nominating committee for next year's officers. I am at my term this year so I will sadly be stepping down as President. Please, we really need some ladies to step up. We have several vacancies and really need to fill these so we can continue to support the veterans and our community. If you have any interest at all please call Judy Roeske, Shirley Johnson or Betty Scherer. It really is not as strict or time consuming as one would think. I would encourage anyone with the slightest interest to at least check it out. And again what a great way to show your support to the Veterans and community. It is very rewarding!!!

We had a good turnout at our Spring Cabin Fever Craft/Bake Sale on April 17th. We raffled the baskets off at the March and April fish fries as well as at the craft sale and we did very well. I want to give a great big thank you to the ladies who donated their time and money. I also want to thank the ladies who donated their time for the craft fair and those ladies and gentlemen who donated baked goods. I would also like to thank the euchre group for their donation.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.
We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President

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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

1st Vice

No Report

SCOTT JOHNSON
1st Vice
Honor Guard
Quartermaster

Honor Guard

No Report

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard

BAR/HALL MANAGER

We have hired a new cleaning service.

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

UPCOMING DATES

MAY 2010

- 7 Legion Fish Fry
- 8 V-E Day (1945)
- 8 Wright 50th Anniversary
- 9 MOTHER'S DAY
- 13 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 15 Habeck/Falk Wedding
- 24 Place Flags at Cemetery (6:00 p.m.)
- 24 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE 2010

- 6 D-Day (1944)
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 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)

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Mar 1, 2010: \$4274.46
 Checkbook Balance as of Mar 31, 2010: \$4620.39
 CD Balances (end of Mar): \$16,974.30
 Fish Fry Tips (end of Mar): \$610.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We can't stress enough how important it is to keep your dues up-to-date. A portion of the dues helps support Unit 201, our local Veterans, the community and youth programs. We realize that with today's economy it's getting harder to support organizations you're associated with but if you are unable to continue your support, please let us know. We thank you either way.

Unfortunately, mistakes do happen so if you have paid your dues provide us with proof of payment, or if you did not get your 2010 renewal form, please let us know so that we can look into it.

If your living arrangements have changed, please let us know instead of dropping your membership. If you have placed your Mom into a facility, either nursing care or assisted living, we can take care of their dues for them.

Please note that dues need to be up-to-date to take advantage of any discounts on hall rental, scholarships, etc. This is very important when it comes time for kids/grandkids to apply for scholarships. If dues are not up-to-date, the person or family member should not be using the Auxiliary heading for events such as volunteering. There has also been a problem with the State of Wisconsin paying death benefits if dues are not up-to-date.

Even though this article is addressed to the Auxiliary, Legion members need to take note that the above message is just as important to their membership!!!

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

