



# POST 201 INFORMER

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## 2008 - 2009 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

## 2008 - 2009 Aux Officers

**President:** Lori Goldbeck  
**1st Vice:** Helene Stein  
**2nd Vice:** Toni Palmer  
**Secretary:** Geri Grandinetti  
**Treasurer:** Rita Steffel  
**Chaplain:** Evelyn Noyes  
**Sunshine / Hospital:** Velma Lutz  
**Sgt at Arms:** Kym Meltesen

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## From the COMMANDER

Hello again. Things are once again off and running. The Fish fries are working out well, memberships are rolling in and the ladies are once again working on the Halloween party for the kids.

The National Commander has come up with a pin to any Legion family member who signs up at least 5 new members into the Legion. There is an online membership renewal site now to make renewing your membership easier than ever. The site is [www.members.legion.org/renew](http://www.members.legion.org/renew). Have a past membership card and a credit card on hand when you enter the site.

Don't forget that Veterans Day will soon be upon us. Let's show our support for our troops and our fellow veterans. I'm sure it goes without saying that we should look at our flags and see if it is time to retire faithful colors to send up a new and rejuvenated set of colors. The Legion has a drop box for those retired colors; let us know if you need a new flag.

Although memberships are coming in and we are getting them processed as quickly as they come in we are slightly behind with 346 of the projected goal of 490 for a total of 70.61%. Let's start talking to our family, friends and neighbors and get those memberships in the mail or online with the new site. Let us all work together this year for the common good of the Post and our Community. If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile come on down on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and see what's happening. We would love to see you.

**CALVIN MARCELLIS**  
Commander

**WEBSITE UPDATE** - We've had 1354 visitors as of Sept 1st. 2008  
The address is [www.tomahwilegion.org](http://www.tomahwilegion.org). Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

## **From the ADJUTANT**

As you know some Legion members are working hard to get a Tomah Veterans Memorial built here in Tomah. The plan is drawn up, the companies are ready to build but we need money to get it going. There is a Veteran's Memorial Campaign pamphlet included with the Informer. **Don't throw it away, take a look at it.** This is a chance to put a Veterans name whether the Veteran was a friend or relative does not matter. You want to immortalize that Veteran IN STONE for you and your family to visit and reflect on their sacrifices.

You DO NOT have to be a VETERAN to purchase a brick or plaque to honor a Veteran on the memorial. I know I have twisted my family's arm to get me a brick on the memorial for Christmas. I want to honor my father who was a WWII VETERAN. If you contact Jim Oliver or Pete Peterson or go to the <http://tomahveteransmemorial.com/> you can see the drawing and order up a brick or plaque to be put on the memorial. So please see if you can donate to the cause, take a look, fill it out and mail it to the address on the pamphlet. I also want to Thank the TOMAH I DIVIDERS on donating \$3001 dollars to the Memorial.

The Post is at 70.61 % so let's please get the memberships renewed.

Anyone that has a Bartenders License and wants to help be a bartender, please call the Legion Post 201 phone and leave your name and phone number. Dave would like some help in the bartender area. You would not have to work every weekend, just when he needs you and when you can do it.

The Veterans Association is again having the Veterans Day Dinner at the Legion on November 11<sup>th</sup>; bar is open at 1600 and dinner at 1800.

Please if you are not doing anything on the second Thursday of November come down to the Legion at 1900 and join in the meeting. Drinks are cheaper then because of the meeting and you can bring them into the meeting.

**MICHAEL SCHOENY**  
Adjutant

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**The U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate its 234th birthday on November 10, 2009. Locally, there will be a gathering and dinner at the TeePee Supper Club for all Marines and Marine Reservists, Veterans and/or Active Duty, and their spouses on November 10th at 6:00 p.m. Help me get the word out!!! To get on the area roster and find out more about this year's event, call Stan Zdrojowy at 372-4508 or 387-1225.**

**STAN ZDROJOWY**

**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!!

**PACKER PARTY GAME DATES: Nov 1 and 8, Dec 13, 20 and 27**

**Bring your favorite chili for the chili dump during the Packer-Viking game on November 1st; don't forget that game time has changed to 3:15 p.m. The bar will open at 2:30.**

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

**FINANCE REPORT**

Checkbook Balance as of Sep 1, 2009: \$4132.65  
Checkbook Balance as of Sep 30, 2009: \$8533.33  
CD Balances (end of Aug): \$16,861.81  
Fish Fry Tips (end of Jun): \$947.00

**VINCENT ROWAN**  
Finance Officer

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**

No Report

**SCOTT JOHNSON**  
1st Vice  
Honor Guard  
Quartermaster

**Honor Guard**

No Report

**RAY FREDRICKSON**  
Chairman Honor Guard

**UPCOMING DATES****NOV 2009**

- 1 Packer Party (bar opens 2:30 p.m.)
- 3 Election Day
- 6 Legion Fish Fry
- 7 Gene & Joyce Edgerton 50th Anniversary
- 8 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps Est (1775)
- 11 Signing of WWI Armistice (1918)
- 11 VETERANS DAY Dinner (5:00 p.m.)
- 12 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 21 Auxiliary Craft/Bake Sale
- 23 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

**DEC 2009**

- 4 Legion Fish Fry
- 5 I-Dividors Christmas Party
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 11 Germany/Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)
- 13 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 13 Kids' Christmas Party (2:00-4:00)
- 20 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 28 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Official End of WWII (1946)
- 31 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!!!



## AUXILIARY NEWS

We missed honoring Ethel Sime as a 50-year member and would like to congratulate our newest 50-year member, Bernice Girouard. Thank you ladies for your continued dedication.

I would like to thank Angela Gasser and Shelby Hoeft who spoke at our last meeting. They thanked the Auxiliary for sending them to Badger State Girls. They both said they very much enjoyed it and thought it was a great experience.

Legion member Jim Oliver spoke to the Auxiliary in regards to the Veterans Memorial. The Auxiliary voted to purchase a granite tile. It was tabled so all Auxiliary members could think of what they feel would be the best scripting to be placed on the tile. All suggestions will be brought to the meeting and we will vote on the best one. So if you were not at the meeting and have a suggestion you should bring it to our next meeting.

There was no VA&R report as Pat was in San Antonio attending the Creative Arts Festival. What a great experience for Pat. We will look forward to the information she brings back.

I am pleased to announce that Helen Knutson has decided to continue to do the Americanism for us. Thank you Helen!!! Please note she still wants to hand this to someone else so if you are interested she would be happy to help. I am also pleased to announce Laura Hubert has stepped in for the Secretary position. Again Laura is willing to do this for this year and we will have this position open for next year so please come and see what it is all about. Thank you Laura!!! We also need someone to take pictures at events and keep the scrapbook up for us. Bonnie is anxious to get to Alaska.

Thank you to all my officers; I appreciate all you do for me and the Auxiliary. Again, if it was not for all the volunteers we would not have an Auxiliary. So thank you to ALL!

Please, if you have not yet paid your dues do so as soon as you can! What a great way to support and pay tribute to the Veterans and our community.

**Please note that the Fall Craft Sale is November 21st.** If you are interested in hosting a booth and have not received a form to reserve a spot please contact Helene Stein as soon as possible! We are open to any type of wares you have and still have some openings.

Thank you all to who attended the last meeting. Please if you can come to a meeting you really should join us to see what is going on and take part in this wonderful organization. Remember the meeting time is now at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month.

**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**