



# POST 201 INFORMER

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### 2012 - 2013 Legion Officers

Commander: Todd Steffel  
Adjutant: Gloria Aarness  
1st Vice:  
2nd Vice: Dave Goldbeck  
3rd Vice:  
Finance Officer:  
Chaplain:  
Service Officer:  
Sergeant-at-Arms:  
Sergeant-at-Arms:  
Historian: Vacant

### 2012 - 2013 Auxiliary Officers

President: Lori Goldbeck  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Chaplain:  
Sunshine/Hospital:  
Sergeant-at-Arms:  
Historian:

### FROM THE COMMANDER

First, I want to remind everyone the Veterans Day Dinner will be held at the Legion on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Would like to see a good attendance!!!

I want to thank Dave Goldbeck for running the October meeting in my absence. I really need to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. If you are interested in becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, please contact me ASAP.

Legion Baseball would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the Chicken-Q fundraiser on the 21st. Lebakken was generous enough to donate an 83" Flat Panel TV for the day so we could all enjoy the Packer game on a big screen.

We are continually trying to make improvements to the Legion. Any help is greatly appreciated. I want to thank Wendy Wright and the LaGrange Tunnel-lites 4-H Club for sprucing up the outside of Post 201. They have also offered to plant flowers in the Spring for us.

The Legion is always looking for volunteers for fish fries. I greatly appreciate the help we do have but it's the same ones every month. We should have enough members that if some would just give one Friday we could rotate enough out so the same people would not have to work every month. We are especially in need of kitchen cleanup at the end of the night. Please contact me or Rita if you are interested.

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**TODD STEFFEL**  
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 3633 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. Also visit the Auxiliary Web site at [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

## **VOITURE 804**

I wish to thank all of the members that paid their dues. We are still short eight members from making 100%. Membership is the most important part of the 40et8. We need to replace our Voitures that have passed away. We lost four members last year. If you find a good person that you think would make a good Voiture turn in their name.

We're in the middle of our Fall raffle. We still have about 60 tickets to sell. If you haven't gotten your raffle ticket, talk to Post 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. He will be more than happy to sell you one. The drawing will take place at our November Promenade. All the money stays in Monroe County.

**Due to the hunting season, our November Promenade has been moved to November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Dust off your chapeau and I'll see you at the Promenade at 6:30 p.m.

**ERROL MROTEK**

**Correspondent**

## **ADJUTANT NEWS**

I have accepted one new membership since the last Informer. We welcome Jim Ashcraft as our newest Post 201 member. I have not processed any "Last Bugle" notices this month.

Membership figures for 2013 are as follows:

Total Members for 2013: 398

2013 Memberships Processed: 283

Deceased/Transfers: 0

2013 Memberships Still Not Renewed: 88

Percentage renewed for 2013: 71%

We are now starting to get behind so I encourage you to send in your membership dues now for 2013. If you have any questions about your membership, call me at 372-7243.

**GLORIA AARNES**

**Adjutant**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

I want to thank Laurie Zamarripa again for stepping up to be our Secretary.

We need volunteers to help out at the Annual Craft Sale which will be held November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., with Euchre at Noon. Don't forget the basket raffles are on sale now and will be at the November fish fry and the day of the craft sale. Winning tickets will be drawn at the end of the craft sale. As always, we look forward to the donations of baked goods. If you are interested in volunteering or having a booth please contact Pat Flanders.

I would like to piggyback Todd's request for volunteers for fish fries. The Auxiliary is here to support the Legion in any way we can. We too should have enough members, including our Juniors that the same people would not have to work every month.

A huge thank you to all that have helped with cleaning and updating the Legion. A lot of hard work by some members! We would really like volunteers to help out. Come see what is new and what we are doing to improve the building.

I would like to thank Katie Lelonek and Marissa Pieper for sharing their Badger Girls' experience with us at the October meeting. They gave us great feedback. We also want to recognize Sharon Powell from the AAUW for attending. The AAUW supports the American Legion Auxiliary by sponsoring a Badger Girl every year.

I want to thank the LaGrange Tunnel-lites 4-H Club for adopting Post 201. They did a really good job manicuring the lawn of its weeds and things.

The Legion Kids Christmas party is scheduled December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have a signup sheet at the bar. We've already asked Santa and Mrs Claus to join us.

We are having our MEMORY CEREMONY for our DECEASED AUXILIARY MEMBERS at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. It would be nice to have a good turnout and pay our respects to those ladies who previously supported and honored Unit 201!

Don't forget to attend our next meeting, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**We Serve Because They Serve**  
**GOD Bless America**

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

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We're riding the High Road!! Tomah Unit 201 membership is @62.38% as of 10/23/12. So Ladies let's keep the dues coming in as we have met the first National goal for our unit well ahead of schedule of November 12 of 55%. The 7<sup>th</sup> District has already met National's goal of 55%. Next goal of 70% is due by February 14th, we can do this! Better yet we only need the 71 memberships to come in and we'll be 100% before you know it!

I still have the information on your benefits as an American Legion Auxiliary member so please contact if you wish. If possible I will come to you with the information you are seeking.

Know someone who would like to join the Auxiliary and need to know if they would qualify? Please contact one of your officers and they will help you in the right direction.

**HELENE STEIN**  
**Membership Chairman**



## BAR/HALL MANAGER

Hall rentals were better this year. We have open dates for 2013 so do not wait too long to book your special event. We have checked around with other locations that have a banquet hall to support bigger events and the Legion has the lowest prices in the Tomah area.

The Legion Pool team has started their second season shooting for the post and we have started off with a winning record. The bar will be open to everyone during league play. Dates are listed on the calendar of events.

PLEASE don't forget to support the Legion for the Packer Parties. Dates are listed on the Calendar of Events but if you're not sure when they are, just call Dave 387-9231 or Lori 387-9227. We have good food and great raffles and FUN!!!

Again I would like to thank everyone who had a part in cleaning the floors in the hall and bar area.

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### NOVEMBER 2012

- 1 Pool League (bar open to everyone)
- 2 LEGION FISH FRY
- 3 Neas/Marks Wedding
- 4 Daylight Savings Time ends (Fall Back 1 Hour)
- 4 Packer Party (Bar Open 11:00)
- 6 Election Day
- 8 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps established (1775)
- 11 VETERANS DAY Dinner (5:00 p.m.)
- 13 Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated (1982)
- 14 40et8 Promenade (6:30 p.m.)
- 15 Pool League (bar open to everyone)
- 17 AUXILIARY Craft/Bake Sale
- 18 Packer Party (Bar Open 11:00)
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Pool League (bar open to everyone)

### DECEMBER 2012

- 1 Pruitt/Dykman Wedding
- 2 Packer Party (Bar Open 11:00)
- 7 LEGION FISH FRY
- 7 Bombing of Pearl Harbor (1941)
- 8 I-Dividors Holiday Party
- 10 Spanish-American War ends (1898)
- 13 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Packer Party (Bar Open 11:00)
- 16 Kids Christmas Party
- 19 40et8 Promenade (6:30 p.m.)
- 20 Pool League (bar open to everyone)
- 27 Pool League (bar open to everyone)
- 30 Packer Party (Bar Open 11:00)
- 31 HAPPY NEW YEAR