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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
Historian: Vacant

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
Historian: Bonnie Owen

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COMMANDER'S NOTES

It's nice to get back into the swing of things. The Fish Fries and Spaghetti Feeds are once again in full swing. I want to give a special thanks to Pete and Jay for heading these things up again. I do ask that those that don't come out and participate try it at least once this year, the help would be greatly appreciated by all that volunteer!

The District 7 Conference is over and I'm sorry to say I was sick and unable to attend but thanks to computers I have contact with the District 7 Commander and Adjutant.

Cranfest will be over by the time this gets to you but rest assured the Honor Guard was in the parade once again. We have some interesting display items that have been donated to the Post. As soon as we get some display cases these items will be put up for all to see. I'm sure you will find them very interesting. I won't say what they are in here so you will have to come down and see for yourself in the near future.

Also, the Honor Guard has some tickets left for the Sports-persons Night Out, \$35.00 per ticket. Call Ray Frederickson 387-1511, Scott Johnson 343-3470, or Calvin Marcellis 387-0730. You won't regret it.

As always thank our soldiers when you see them, and pray for their safe return.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 446 visitors as of Sept 1st. The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

Adjutant's Corner

I need to do a retraction of last month's Informer. Richard Overby is Fritz and Zetta Fredrickson's GRANDSON and he EARNED the BRONZE STAR while serving in a war zone.

We wish Virgil Schroeder, Harold Knutson and Marvin Hart the best of health and hope they get better soon.

Post 201 is honored that 4 members of the Post will be going on the FREEDOM FLIGHT to Washington DC on Oct 8: Mr. Larrabee, Mr. Lankey, Mr. Abbs, Mr. Behrens and Mr. Bailey.

HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAM: The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Program is affiliated with the National Honor Flight Program. We are in the process of establishing a "hub" in the greater Milwaukee Area, based in Ozaukee County. The goal of the Honor Flight Program is to provide veterans the opportunity to see their National Memorials in Washington, D.C., before they pass away. The current emphasis is on WWII veterans, as we are losing far too many of them every day. However, special consideration will be given to Korean and Vietnam veterans who are terminally ill. The object of this endeavor is to provide the trip at NO COST to the veteran. Guardians must pay their own way. Rules for Guardians are contained on the application form. Donations are being accepted, and can be mailed to:

Veterans Service Office
1201 S. Spring Street
PO Box 994
Port Washington, WI 53074-0994

Questions can be directed to Ozaukee County Veterans Services at (262) 284-8326.

Effective immediately, the entire state of Wisconsin is activating over 3500 National Guard Soldiers due to OPERATION HOMEFRONT. To arrange an interview or for more information about Operation Homefront-Wisconsin, contact Patti Lokken, Communications Director at 608-779-0300 or 608-792-0964 or Al Boothby, Chapter President at 608-343-3344.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY:

This is a support group for family members of service members regardless of branch who are preparing for deployment, who are presently deployed or have returned from deployment. You need not be a military dependent to attend, parents, adult children, siblings and close friends are welcome. Attendees must be 18 yrs or older. For more information call ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE AT 608-388-3505

NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: All approved resolutions from National Convention are posted on the American Legion website at www.legion.org, just click on "publications, guides and resources" icon located in the bottom right corner of that page.

Wisconsin State Veterans Cemetery WASHINGTON: Continuing its mission of providing a final resting place for Wisconsin veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced a \$1.3 million grant to increase the capacity of the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. "This grant will ensure that burial of cremated remains is an option for Wisconsin's veterans," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "We are proud to partner with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to provide memorial services." The grant will fund a second 1,792-niche columbarium for cremated remains and infrastructure such as landscaping and irrigation. VA's State Cemetery Grants Program complements VA's 125 national cemeteries across the country. The program helps states establish new state Veterans cemeteries and expand or improve existing cemeteries. To date, the VA program has helped establish 72 state Veterans cemeteries in 38 states and U.S. territories that provided more than 23,000 burials in fiscal year 2007. Since the program began in 1980, VA has awarded 172 grants totaling \$344 million. Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov> or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. Information about Wisconsin's state Veterans cemeteries is available by calling the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 947-8387 or on the Internet at www://dva.state.wi.us/Cemeteries.asp.

The Legion needs a Santa Claus for the Post's Christmas functions. Santa Claus would be visiting Rolling Hills, The Tomah VA and Post 201 Kid's Christmas party. Post 201 has the Santa Claus suit. If interested please contact any of the Officers.

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant



1st Vice

Another month has gone by. Renewals are coming in nicely yet we have a long road to hoe. Our focus stays on current and former members as well as drawing in new prospects. With the current conflicts overseas the potential for growth has never been stronger. By being vigilant and carrying sign-up forms all of us can do our part. It is going to be a great year.

SCOTT JOHNSON
1st Vice
Honor Guard Quartermaster

Honor Guard

We are still looking for new members to join the Honor Guard. Please feel free to attend one of our meetings which are on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post, or contact any member of the Honor Guard about joining.

Don't forget, the Sportsperson Night Out is October 16, 2008 at the Post. See any Honor Guard member if you have any questions about this event or if you are interested in purchasing tickets for it. The cost is \$35 a ticket.

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard

VOITURE 40et8

The 40et8 sponsors programs such as Children and Youth, Nurses Training and Disaster Relief. We need your support to keep these programs active.

The October Promenade will be held 15 October at 7:00 p.m. at the Sparta American Legion, Post 100.

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent

FINANCIAL REPORT

NO REPORT

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.

Again this year the bar will be open for Packer Sundays!
Oct 5, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 28

These dates are scheduled but always check the paper for the advertisement or the Legion website calendar for schedule of events. To be sure, you can call the Legion as we may have cancellations or changes!

So JOIN us for Sunday Noon Packer games. We have Food/Fun & games. This is another great way to support your local Legion! So come on down and have some FUN!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

I want to first thank all who attended the September 11th meeting. We had a moment of silence for all those lost on 9/11. I really encourage more to attend and see what is new and what you can do to help a great organization. Without the volunteers we have nothing! I thank so many good people that step up to the plate for the cause!

VA&R Pat reported that Judy Roeske will be resigning as the hospital rep. due to health reasons. We thank her for all she has done and wish her the Very Best! There was a POW MIA service in the VA chapel on September 19th. The Fall Forum will be held Oct. 17th & 18th in Wisconsin Dells. On October 29th, there will be an official visit at the VA Hospital.

Velma informed us the 4th of July carnival at the VA went well. And we thank Pat Bloor for her help as well as Velma! There was no bingo July & August, however, Velma was right there Monday and she said they all enjoyed it as usual. Get well cards were sent out as we wish all those people well!!!

Bonnie is the new historian and she has started a book with reports, articles and pictures! She is doing a really nice job. So if you have anything that should be included in the book be sure to pass it along to Bonnie.

The Auxiliary is having the annual Kids Halloween party for kids 10 and under on October 26th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you have anything you wish to donate or if you can donate your time in helping, there will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting or you can contact Heather Wallace. Also, to sign up your children or grandchildren you can call the Legion or Heather and leave the children's name(s) and age(s).

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AUXILIARY NEWS

The Fall Craft/Bake Sale will be held November 22nd. Helene Stein is getting the flyers prepared and will be mailing those out soon along with ads and news releases. There again we will have a sign up sheet asking for volunteers to help that day or you can call Helene.

Laura Hubert asked the Badger girls to come share their experiences at our next meeting in October. We got a nice thank you from Jena Evans who was one of the recipients of the Auxiliary's \$500 scholarships.

Please note that we will be having a memorial service at our November meeting for past members. Mark your calendars for next month's meeting on October 10th! The meetings are every second Thursday of the month. I hope to see many new faces at our Auxiliary meetings this year and helpful volunteers!!

Keep our Veterans and Troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers. There is an everyday commitment, not just seasonal. God Bless America, United We Stand!

God Bless America
United We Stand

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President



Upcoming Dates

OCT 2008

- 3 Legion Fish Fry**
- 4 Class of 55 Reunion
- 7 War on Terror began (2001)
- 9 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:30 p.m.)**
- 13 Columbus Day observed
- 13 U.S. Navy established (1775)
- 16 Sportspersons Night Out**
- 18 Walker Wedding
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Brueggeman Anniversary
- 26 Kids Halloween Party (2:00-4:00)**
- 27 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 27 Navy Day
- 28 **Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)**
- 31 Halloween

NOV 2008

- 2 SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
- 4 Election Day
- 7 Legion Fish Fry**
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)
- 11 VETERANS DAY**
- 13 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:30 p.m.)
- 22 Auxiliary Craft/Bake Sale**
- 24 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 25 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)
- 26 Thanksgiving