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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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COMMANDER and ADJUTANT NEWS

Here is a little history for you, when I was Adjutant the first time around in the early 90's the Post had 597 members. Today we have 490 members on the books, 315 of these members have paid up their memberships as we speak. This drop is due to members passing away or leaving to another area. So we have to try our hardest to recruit new members to fill the void of members going away.

Don't forget the 2nd Annual Sportsperson's Night Out, Saturday Oct 3. Cocktails 1630-1800 and the Meal of beef tips and chicken is at 1700.

Some of the prizes are a 12 gauge camo shotgun, a .243 rifle or a Bow package. Call Scott at 343-3470 or Bob 343-2369 for tickets and information.

The Honor Guard will be marching in the Cranfest Parade end of September. Hopefully members went and seen them march. Thank you for doing this and putting the Post in the eyes of the community.

As you know some members are working hard to get a 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. I know I have twisted my family's arm to get me a brick on the memorial for Christmas. If you contact Jim Oliver or Pete Peterson or go to the website <http://tomahveteransmemorial.com> you can see the drawing and order up a brick to be put on the memorial. As you know Kendal has a Veterans Memorial that is starting to take shape so it's time for Tomah to get their memorial but we need money. So please take a look at it and see if you can donate to the cause.

I want to Thank Pete Peterson, Jay Lewis, Chuck Roeske, and Chuck Marx for having a successful 7th District Golf outing back in July. The Post was given a check by Mr. Peterson for \$2146. I also want to thank all the volunteers that came out and helped with the outing. It takes a lot of people to run a big post like ours so we need help in getting things done to keep the post running.

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WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1254 visitors as of Sept 1st. 2008
The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

COMMANDER and ADJUTANT NEWS Cont

Last thing, let's keep these individuals in our prayers for a fast recovery: George Wright, Frank Gavin, Larry Caliquire, and John Hubert. If you know of any member that is hospitalized, or that has passed away PLEASE either phone Mike 372-7157 and leave a message or email me at schoeny@centurytel.net to get them a card and to have us pray for them.

Let's have a good showing at our next meeting, we have a lot of stuff we have to vote on. Remember the time has changed to 1900, so please try to make it.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant

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

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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

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!!

Please join us at the American Legion for the Packer game Sundays. Come join in on the Fun, Games and Specials!! We will have four TV's to watch from. Help support your Legion Post.

PACKER PARTY GAME DATES: Oct 18 and 25, Nov 1 and 8, Dec 13, 20 and 27

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Aug 1, 2009: \$1239.87
Checkbook Balance as of Aug 31, 2009: \$4132.65
CD Balances (end of Aug): \$16,745.15
Fish Fry Tips (end of Jun): \$782.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

**1st Vice**

No Report

SCOTT JOHNSON
1st Vice
Honor Guard
Quartermaster

Honor Guard

No Report

RAY FREDRICKSON
Chairman Honor Guard

UPCOMING DATES**OCT 2009**

- 2 Legion Fish Fry
- 3 Honor Guard Sports Person Night Out
- 7 War on Terror began (2001)
- 8 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 12 Columbus Day observed
- 13 U.S. Navy established (1775)
- 16 Maack/Brandau Wedding
- 18 Joseph & Gladys Mack 50th Anniversary
- 18 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 24 Burkhalter/Pfaff Wedding
- 25 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 26 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 27 Navy Day
- 27 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)
- 31 Ruth & Tuff 50th Anniversary
- 31 Halloween
- 31 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set Clocks Back 1 Hour)

NOV 2009

- 1 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.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.)
- 24 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)
- 26 Thanksgiving Day



AUXILIARY NEWS

Well we had a good turn out for our first meeting of the new year. I want to thank all those who attended. I want to welcome our two new members, Janis Rayburn and Carol Rusnak. Thank you!

Membership: Toni reported that state has us at 250 members. The membership fee for Seniors is \$20.00 and \$4.00 for Juniors. If you have not yet paid your dues please do so ASAP! State will be sending us a notice every month so your prompt attention is greatly appreciated and wouldn't it be great for Tomah to be at 100%!!! What a better way to support the veterans! We currently have 13 VIM members, how wonderful is that! Also we are very pleased to announce Pat Kozarek is a 60-year member. We also have four 50-year members: Betty Gilbertson, Jean Kewitt, Betty Merchant and Velma Overby. Thank you and congratulations to all!! Toni also informed us that Cherri Hanson has been a great asset to her and the Auxiliary as she has been helping Toni with copies and etc. for the Auxiliary membership and she does not require reimbursement for her supplies and time. Thank you Cherri, it is greatly appreciated!

VA&R: Pat announced the Annual POW/MIA Recognition Program on September 18th at the Tomah V.A. Chapel at 1:00 p.m. They are very fortunate to have guest speaker Kevin Hemmbaning, a 1979 Iran Hostage. I hope some of you were able to attend. What an honor!

Pat presented Alyssa Wallace with a certificate for the 2009 Poppy Centerpiece Award. Congratulations Alyssa, and way to go for the Tomah Auxiliary unit!!! Thank you!

The children's Halloween party has been set for October 25th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post. Please sign up your children ages 0 to 10. Children, grandchildren & any family of Auxiliary and Legion members can sign up. Also, if you would like to help or donate, there will be a sign up sheet at the legion bar or you can contact Heather Wallace.

We are still looking for a Secretary and Historian as well as a rep for the Badger State Girls.

Laura Hubert is stepping down from the Badger State Girls. She announced that the info is now all online and she does not have computer access. The positions are very important to our organization. Please, please let me know if you would be willing to check it out and give it a try! We very much appreciate it! Thank you Laura for doing such a great job with the Badger State Girls and for all your time and dedication!!! I would like to also thank Helen Knutson for agreeing to stay on as our Americanism rep. We greatly appreciate that!!! Helen would like to step down so if you are interested in learning about that she would be willing to help you. Thank you Bonnie for still keeping up our historian book. We know you are busy packing and trying to get moved to Alaska by your husband. Thank you again ladies for all your time and dedication!!!

The 7th District Fall Workshop will be provided by Unit 73 in Neillsville on October 30th. The Auxiliary will pay for your registration and lunch. We can carpool. Sign up deadline is October 15th. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

The 2009 Informational Forum is in Eau Claire October 16th & 17th. They break out into workshops and provide several hand-outs. It is a worthwhile workshop to attend. The VA is sending Pat Flanders and she is willing to share a room. Please let us know ASAP!

Please be sure you are keeping track of your hours for Field Service and Home Service during the year for us to report and get credit for.

Field Service is anything we do for the Veteran outside of a medical center and out of our homes. An example of Field Service: a veteran and his wife need to go to the doctor and you provide that help. Remember that the Veteran has to receive the benefit of your service. A Field Service Course will be given at the Fall Forum in Eau Claire. The purpose of the Home Service Program is to support veterans, whether they are in their own homes, reside at a VA Medical Center, nursing home, assisted living, in the WI Vets Home or are homeless. This is a very important part of the VA&R Program. A list of the Home Service projects are: Sewing, knitting/crocheting, plastic canvas/tray favors, greeting cards, making items for the hospital gift shops, shopping for the material used by volunteers in any of the above. Please keep track of your numbers. The year goes from April 1 through March 31.

Thank you to Laura and Zetta for buying food trays from Burnstad's and donating them to the Auxiliary/Post 201. Thank you to Bonnie and the RV Group for donating silverware and misc. utensils. It is very much appreciated!

The Auxiliary will have 3 raffle baskets of different themes at the October & November fish fries. Check them out and buy a chance to win and support the Auxiliary. The Basket winners will be drawn at the Auxiliary Fall Craft Sale on November 21st. The Fall Craft Sale is one of the Auxiliary's fund-raisers for the scholarships we give out every year. So we appreciate your support! If you are interested in having a booth at the Craft Sale please contact Helene Stein ASAP!

If you have not been to a meeting in awhile now is the time to come on down and join in. See what is new and what is going on. What a great reward to be part of the support of the Veterans and your community!! Remember the meetings are the second Thursday of the month and meeting time starts at 7:00 p.m. Thank you again to everyone for your time and dedication!!!

See you at our October 8th meeting.

God Bless America, United We Stand!!!

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President

