



POST 201 INFORMER

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2010-2011 Legion Officers

Commander: David Goldbeck
Adjutant: Gloria Aarness
1st Vice: Curtis Gibeaut SR
2nd Vice: David Goldbeck
3rd Vice: Tony Adams
Vinance Officer: Vinnie Rowan
Chaplain: Bill Rice
Service Officer: John Hubert
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tony Adams
Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Caliguire
Historian: Vacant

2010-2011 Auxiliary Officers

President: Lori Goldbeck
1st Vice: Pat Flanders
2nd Vice: Toni Palmer
Secretary: Judy Sudman
Treasurer: Rita Steffel
Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
Sunshine/Hospital: Velma Lutz
Sergeant-at-Arms: Betty Scherer
Historian: Mary Loveland

FROM THE COMMANDER

Normally the Legion/Auxiliary meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month. In November, because of Veterans Day, a motion was made and passed to change the meetings to be held on November 4th so please mark your calendars.

There will be a Veterans Day dinner at the Legion on November 11th. Call and get signed up if you plan on attending.

The Veterans Association had to hire Carmichael & Quartemont S C to clear the issues with the AGG Society and the VETS Assoc. regarding the beer license. After everything was done, the Vets Assoc got a zero balance bill from Carmichael & Quartemont S C law office. We owe them a very big thank you.

A motion was made and passed to give the Auxiliary the same amount for the Kids Christmas party coming up.

We had a very good turnout for the first fish fry held on Sept 10th. We're always looking for volunteers but need someone to help out with washing dishes.

Pete Peterson mentioned that we passed the \$100,000.00 mark for the Veterans Memorial and the ground work should begin this month. Pete also read two letters from the two individuals we sponsored at Badger Boys.

I would like to thank Gloria Aarness for stepping up to become our Adjutant.

DAVE GOLDBECK
Commander

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INFORMER NEWS — I would like to remind everyone that the Informer is posted on the website and the hard copy is mailed around the 1st of every month, September-June. For those who have access to the website, we do not e-mail the Informer. To try and cut costs we are still asking that those of you who do have access to a computer, please request that we stop mailing you a hard copy.

You may have noticed that we have several open spots available on the back of the Informer. If you are or know of anyone interested in advertising, please contact me at 372-3358. As always, we ask that you patronize those businesses that support the Legion.

If there are any changes that need to be made to your address, and especially if you were not supposed to get a hard copy, please let me know so I can make the update. Thank you.

RITA STEFFEL
Editor

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2220 visitors as of Sept 1st, 2008. The address is 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

From the ADJUTANT

Please keep up-to-date on renewals for the Post. We have 223 renewals so far and have 52 PUFL (paid up for life) members. If you want to be a PUFL member just contact your ADJUTANT. There will be a new Adjutant on the first of October. Also, if you know of members that have been deceased or are ill please contact the Adjutant and we will send a card from the Post.

Soldiers to be recognized at Milwaukee Admirals Hockey Games: Operation Tribute To Freedom has secured the opportunity for local Soldiers to be recognized at several [Milwaukee Admirals](#) hockey games this fall and winter. Each Soldier will receive complimentary tickets for themselves and family, and then they will be honored during a second period break. The following dates are available with more to be announced: •Saturday October 9th

- Friday October 15th
- Friday November 5th
- Friday December 3rd
- Saturday January 8th

If you have any Soldiers who are interested in being recognized at a Milwaukee Admirals game this season, go to www.wilegion.org and also specify the date they wish to attend.

The Post still needs volunteers to help at the fish fries on the 1st Friday of every month. Pete Peterson works hard at these and needs our help.

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

As of September 10th we are at \$101,948. The last month saw a significant increase in donations but we need to keep the pressure on our fellow veterans. Get those donations and stone orders in as soon as possible. **We found out this week that we may be looking at an increase in the price of the monument and we need to reach our goal of \$125,000 as soon as possible to avoid other price increases.** The last thing we want to do is raise the price of the tiles and bricks. Please help us spread the word, especially to those veterans who belong to the VFW and DAV and may not belong to the Legion or receive the Informer. If you have questions feel free to call one of the committee members or email me at jimintomah@hotmail.com Also, Chris Hanson has started a Facebook page for us, check it out. Thank you to all of you who have already sent your checks.

JIM STEELE

Treasurer

Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

VOITURE 804

Greetings, I have to apologize to our members for not informing you of what we are doing each month. Trouble is our Promenade is held the third Wednesday of each month and the paper goes to print on or about the third Thursday.

Just like the Legion, "YOUR DUES ARE DUE". We are at the start of a new year and I'm happy to inform you that we were at 100% last year.

Our attendance at the Promenade has been improving. We know it will take some time before we have a turnout like we used to have but it is getting better.

Reminder, your Promenade is at Tomah's Post 201 on the third Wednesday of each month.

ERROL MROTEK
Correspondent



AUXILIARY NEWS

I want to thank everyone for attending the first meeting of the new year! We had two new guests and welcome them back and most certainly encourage Darleen and Pat to join!

Fisher House sent us a thank you for our donation and we received thank you notes from Branden Steinmetz and Angela Modjeski for receipt of their \$500 scholarships.

We were able to sell all our raffle tickets to be drawn on November 20th at our Auxiliary Craft/Bake sale. I would like to thank Judy Roeske for heading it up and everyone who participated by either selling or purchasing tickets!

We are pleased that the Auxiliary has placed our order for the Veterans Memorial Plaque, which includes the Auxiliary emblem.

The fish fry's have started for the new year as well. Pete Peterson is looking for a dishwasher or if you are interested in helping at the fish fry or setup, please contact Pete. Again this year the Auxiliary will be hosting 50/50 raffles and basket raffles at different fish fry's. The raffles help the Auxiliary raise funds for donations.

Don't forget about the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival on Sunday, October 24th at Viterbo University Fine Arts Center, La Crosse, WI, with the Art Exhibit from 12:30-2:00 p.m. and Stage Show at 2:00 p.m.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is presented by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the American Legion Auxiliary and Help Hospitalized Veterans. The funds raised by the Tomah VA will join other gifts and will be used to provide hotel accommodations and meals for the Veterans attending the Festival; purchase memorabilia for the Veterans; provide art workshops, tours of local attractions, and special activities planned throughout the week.

The festival is the culmination of a year-long arts competition for Veterans receiving care by the VA and showcases Veterans talents in the visual arts and performing arts. Veterans participate by entering their talents in a multitude of categories in music, dance, drama, creative writing and the visual arts. Local competitions are held at VA Medical Centers around the country, with the local winners advancing to the national competition. National Gold Medal Winners are then invited to the week-long National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held in different cities each year.

There is a great need for volunteers to serve on one or more of the following committees: Registration, Art Exhibits, Post-Show Reception, Art workshops, Hospitality, Invitations/Tickets. There are several shifts to choose from so PLEASE, PLEASE help spread the word. You can contact Jean Calhoun 608-372-1262 if you are able to help in any way!!!

It is a new year so if you have not paid your dues yet, PLEASE PLEASE do so!! Also, we would really like for you to attend a meeting. The meetings are every second Thursday of the month and start at 7:00 p.m. Come see what is new and what we are all about! Our greatest national treasure is our military service men and women and their loved ones. Be part of the feeling proud knowing you are an Auxiliary member making a difference for a Veteran or military family. It is through donations that we are able to continue having a positive impact on the quality of life!



AUXILIARY NEWS Cont.

For those of you who have access to a computer, the following Wisconsin Auxiliary Headquarters website provides a lot of useful information: www.amlegionauxwi.org

The Kids' Christmas party will be held December 12th. There will be a sign up sheet at the Legion.

Don't forget to keep tally of your home service hours and field service hours.

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President

BAR/HALL MANAGER

Would like to always remind you that if you here of anyone looking for a great place to have their special event have them call the Legion at (608)372-6028. We have a few dates already booked for next year.

Mark your calendars for the following Packer games. The bar will be open 11:00 A.M. We will have meat raffles again and will be selling Kozy's pizzas.

Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st
Dec 5th, 12th
Jan 2nd

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander
Bar/Hall Manager



UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 2010

- 1 FISH FRY
- 3 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 7 Operation Enduring Freedom Begins (2001)
- 10 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 11 Columbus Day
- 13 U.S. Navy established (1775)
- 14 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 17 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Halloween
- 31 Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)

NOVEMBER 2010

- 4 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 5 FISH FRY
- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends (turn back clocks one hour)
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps established (1775)
- 11 VETERANS DAY Dinner (5:00 p.m.)
- 20 Auxiliary Craft/Bake Sale
- 22 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 25 Thanksgiving

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of August 1, 2010: \$609.63
Checkbook Balance as of August 31, 2010: \$2266.64
CD Balances (end of Aug): \$17036.42
Fish Fry Tips (end of Aug): \$728.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer