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2008 - 2009 Legion Officers

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2008 - 2009 Aux Officers

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COMMANDER'S NOTES

The summer is coming to an end. What a summer it was, the sunshine and breeze, a nice cleansing rain or two. I do hope everyone had an enjoyable summer to spend with family and friends.

I want to start this Informer off right by thanking everyone for their support of the American Legion. Without men and women of your caliber the community would be a far lesser place. THANK YOU.

The Tractor Pull and County Fair went well, so we should see the benefits of our labor soon enough. The Fish Fries will be starting again with the first one being on the 5th of September. I would like to see some new faces this year, if you can spare some time give me a call @ 387-0730. We still haven't received a volunteer to run these very important events. If you think you might be up to the task give us a call, it would be much appreciated.

I want to ask everyone who receives this newsletter to come down to the meetings (at least one) this year on the second Thursday of the month starting in September. Mark that on the calendar and give it a chance.

Before I end this article I want to talk about a couple of virtues; the first being **SACRIFICE**, We all know what that is, as military members we sacrificed time, family, money; from better paying jobs and our families sacrificed our time away worrying about us. Some sacrificed with their lives. And the second being **SELFLESS SERVICE**, where we donate our personal time for that of a greater cause. Our military members as we once did hold selfless service with a very high regard. I am inviting you to join us at the meetings, I am asking of you to sacrifice some of your time, your selfless service, to your Post.

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 378 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

The Post has a member that earned the SILVER STAR in Iraq. He is Fritz and Zetta Fredrickson's grandson Richard Overby. The Post, American Legion and the United States salute you and say a JOB WELL DONE.

For all WWII VETERANS: Congress voted and decreed that any WWII veteran that was a recipient of the COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE is also entitled to the BRONZE STAR. Contact your local service officer to fill out the paperwork. Congress also passed a bill stating that ANY VETERAN in civilian clothes HAS THE RIGHT to SALUTE the United States flag instead of putting your hand to your heart.

Please start sending in your membership dues. It does take time to process the cards and send documentation to State and National so be patient on receiving your membership card. You will also get a note asking if you have the internet and can read the INFORMER on-line to ask to stop sending hard copy in the mail. In these times of rising utility bills the Post has to find ways to cut costs and one of these ways is to reduce printing and sending the INFORMER through the mail. If you have a computer or access to the internet you can look for the INFORMER at www.tomahwilegion.org I would like to THANK those members who have asked not to have the INFORMER hardcopy. This will save the post money in the long run.

We need volunteers to help at the fish fry. To get money for the Legion we need to have these fish fries to sustain the building and grounds. So if you get a call to help at these functions see if you can help in some sort of manner. Also, don't forget to get your tickets for the SPORTS-PERSON NIGHT OUT in October. There will be prizes, food and this will support the HONOR GUARD at Post 201. If you are looking for tickets send me an e-mail SCHOENY@CENTURYTEL.NET or call 372-7157.



The American Legion Member Purchase Program, Dell is pleased to offer the American Legion and SAL the following benefits of the Member Personal Purchase Program. All of the benefits noted below are available to American Legion members by logging into www.dell.com/americanlegion and using the Member ID number of PS35524183. Benefits to THE AMERICAN LEGION:

- Up to 12% discounts on Dell's award-winning consumer PC line that includes Inspiron & XPS desktops and laptops.
- 24x7 online information and ordering capabilities.
- Special offers that are more aggressive than our standard discount structure.

Editors Note: I recently helped purchase a Dell laptop for my son who will begin college this fall. I can attest to the courtesy and professionalism of the representative who assisted by phone when we called Dell's toll free number 1-800-695-8133.

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant



1st Vice

Hello fellow legionnaires. I am amazed at how fast the summer breezed by.

With fall rapidly approaching the functions of the Legion and its officers come back into focus. I want to extend my thanks to Verlin Johnson for our conversation on the importance of voting for our future leadership at my first State Conference. Once again, I appreciate any advice and constructive criticism that you as members of Post 201 may have. I am looking forward to a great year as your First Vice.

SCOTT JOHNSON

1st Vice

Honor Guard Quartermaster

Honor Guard

Well the summer was an eventful one for many of the members of the Honor Guard. We were asked once again to be one of the lead units at Tomah's 4th of July Parade. The unit looked sharp with their bloused pant legs and white laces in the boots. We are currently preparing for the Cranfest Parade at the end of September. Along with that we are planning to hold our second Brat Sale of the year at Wal-Mart again on September 6th starting at 10:00 that morning.

We are still looking for new members to join the Honor Guard. As of this writing we currently have 11 members. We recently picked up a new member from Post 110 out of New Lisbon. He is going to be an outstanding addition to the unit. If you have the drive and the ability to march and love doing this kind of stuff for the Post 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.

The Sportsman Night out is coming along, and is set for 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

FINANCIAL 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.

At the last meeting, it was voted on to raise the hall rent as well as the bar prices.

Hope all had a safe and good summer!

DAVE GOLDBECK

2nd Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, welcome back after a short break from summer activities. It seems like we barely had a summer but none the less it is once again time to start our fall monthly meeting. The meetings are every second Thursday of the month.

I am looking forward to a great year! I hope to see many new faces at our auxiliary meetings this year and many helpful volunteers!! We have a great post and unit and would really like to see our membership at 100%. If you have not been to a meeting in awhile come see what is happening and what is new. There is a lot of good things happening to help support our troops and veterans and communities. It is quite rewarding to see members willing to step up to the plate and take over the reigns, and work together! Since recently being active with post 201 I have met a lot of good people and reunited with some old friends. I really have enjoyed the outings and get-togethers with the other legion members who are a wonderful family. So please join us Thursday, September 12th and reunite and meet new friends and see what you are missing out on!

Keep our Veterans and their Troops and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. There is an everyday commitment, not just seasonal.

God Bless America
United We Stand

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President



Upcoming Dates

SEP 2008

- 1 Labor Day
- 2 V-J Day Formal Surrender of Japan (1945)
- 5 Legion Fish Fry**
- 6 Lueck 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 7 GRANDPARENTS DAY**
- 11 PATRIOT DAY**
- 11 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:30 p.m.)**
- 13 Class of 68 Reunion
- 14 Star Spangled Banner written (1814)
- 17 U.S. Constitution approved (1787)**
- 17 Ladies Auxiliary VFW organized (1914)
- 18 U.S. Air Force established (1947)
- 19 POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**
- 22 Autumn Begins
- 22 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 23 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)**
- 28 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY**
- 28 Jones Anniversary
- 29 VFW established (1899)

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
- 27 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 27 Navy Day
- 28 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)**
- 31 Halloween

