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2008 - 2009 Legion Officers

Commander: Calvin Marcellis
Adjutant: Mike Schoeny
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2nd Vice: Dave Goldbeck
3rd Vice: Jay Lewis
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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
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Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
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Sgt at Arms: Kym Meltesen

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COMMANDER'S NOTES

It's hard to believe another summer has come and is almost gone. The dedication of the Post's members is definitely showing; the Membership renewals have been coming in left and right. Without the support from the members we wouldn't be here. So thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable summer and spent time with family and friends, going on vacation, seeing new places and new faces. Don't forget when you see these new faces to talk about our organization and thank these young men and women that go into harms way to support our great country and our way of life.

Don't forget to adjust your schedules for the new meeting time. It was voted in that we will start meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 as we have been doing.

The Post will continue on with the Fish Fry, once again with Pete Peterson at the helm. I would sure like to see some new faces become involved with this awesome undertaking. If you have not volunteered for this before please come down and help us out.

This is going to be a great year for the American Legion, Post 201 and the Legionnaires and their families. We have signed up a few new members recently. Welcome aboard gentlemen, and thank you for your support of this most worthy cause. My door is always open so, please if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on any subjects please call me at (608) 387-0730.

As always keep our military and fellow veterans in our hearts and prayers and thank them for their service every chance you get.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 1054 visitors as of Sept 1st. 2008
The address is www.tomahwilegion.org. Check it out on occasion and see what we've been doing.

Adjutant's Corner

Post 201 Tomah Legion members. Here is a good way to renew your membership if you have a computer or access to one. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- 1 – Log onto www.members.legion.org/renew
- 2 – Enter your Legion ID number and last name
- 3 – Pay with MasterCard, Visa or Discover

That's it – you're done. You will receive your new membership card in the mail in a couple of weeks. No more renewal notices, no more stamps!

PUFL SALE ENDS SEPTEMBER 30: Tired of the increasing cost of everything in the world today? Catch a break now by being proactive! Become a PUFL member before September 30 and you'll beat the price increase. That's right, as of October 1, 2009, new increased rates will come into effect. However, you can beat the price increase by signing up to become a PUFL before September 30. Locking your rates in now will save you BIG in the future. Because PUFL membership is based on two factors– the member's age at the time of purchase and the total dues of the post at the same time– you can save money now **and** in the future by avoiding Post Dues increases in the years to come! Not sure what to do? Visit <http://www.wilegion.org/membership/> and download a Paid Up For Life Application. Instructions on how to fill the form out are on the bottom half of the application form. You **MUST BE CURRENT** on your dues to be eligible to purchase a PUFL. To figure what you owe, go to the \$30 a year DUES line and find your AGE GROUP. This is the amount that you will need to pay to become a PUFL member.

DEPARTMENT GOLF TOURNAMENT: Bring your Swing to the Department's Annual Golf Tourney!

WHEN: September 12, 2009

Time: 7:30 AM– 9:00 PM

Location: Fox Hollow Golf Course, Barre Mills

Contact: David Johnson, (608) 786-2889

TROOP SUPPORT: Since our last State Convention, you have helped over 50 soldiers or their families. To help some of them make it through a rough time, you gave them over \$3,000 worth of clothing, food and gas gift cards. You also gave \$25,000 to help with everything from house payments to hospital bills, from roof repairs to auto repairs, from moving costs to replacing fire damaged school books. You were there to help families say good-bye to loved ones as the 32nd headed for Iraq and you were there to welcome other military units home again. What other membership can say they do more for ... **“God and Country”**? Military family support personnel from all over Wisconsin have come to recognize that Legionnaires are there for them. Unfortunately, with all the recent deployments, and with the economy the way it is, our job isn't done yet. There are still families and regrettably, returning wounded soldiers who will need us. As past chairman of the National Security Committee, I am asking you to go back to your Posts and ask them to send in a donation to our **“Troop and Family Support Fund”**. Remind them that every single penny in the fund goes directly to helping our troops and their families. Your Legion membership covers all of the administration costs. I am so proud of the support every one of you has shown. We cannot stop now!

Wisconsin American Legion

Attn: T&FS fund

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MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant

VOITURE 40et8

I want to thank all the Voitures that have already paid their 2010 dues. We are still behind from last year's membership. 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

Wow! Fall is fast approaching us! Hope you all had a good summer, or what you can call our summer weather. It was a good summer for hall bookings. 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!! We will be having Packer parties at the Legion again this year! We will have an ad in the paper when we are open for game day. We will have meat raffles and fun for all!!! So watch for the ad and come down and support your local Legion as well as cheer the Packers on! Go Pack Go! We will have a good game against the Vikings! (I am not going to say any more than that on that note!)

PACKER PARTY GAME DATES:

Sept. 20th
Sept. 27th
Oct. 18th
Oct. 25th
Nov. 1st
Nov. 8th
Dec. 13th
Dec. 20th
Dec. 27th

Hope to see you all at the meeting Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. (new time)!!!

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of Apr 1, 2009: \$1277.78
Checkbook Balance as of Apr 30, 2009: \$3003.45
CD Balances (end of Apr): \$16,598.07
Fish Fry Tips (end of Apr): \$682.00

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**SEP 2009**

- 2 V-J Day Formal Surrender of Japan (1945)
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 11 Legion Fish Fry
- 11 PATRIOT DAY
- 13 GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 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)
- 18 POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
- 22 Autumn Begins
- 22 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)
- 26 Cordero/Fontanella Wedding
- 27 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY
- 28 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 29 VFW established (1899)

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 & Glady Mack 50th
- 24 Burkhalter Wedding
- 26 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 27 Navy Day
- 27 Spaghetti Feed (starts 4:30 p.m.)
- 31 John & Sheila Belcher Birthdays
- 31 Halloween



AUXILIARY NEWS

Well here we are at that time of year again where we will start our regular meetings. Please note that the meeting time has been changed to 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month. I hope to see a lot of new faces at the meetings this year! If you have not been to a meeting for some time, now is the time to come and see what is going on and help out the veterans and the community!

I am anxious to start a new year. We are still looking for someone to step up to be our historian. It is fun and you can be creative. We are hoping to enter our book in the contest this year. So if you are interested please let us know as soon as possible!

There is going to be a Leadership Workshop on September 19 & October 3 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Sept 19 workshop is at Pitterle-Beaudoin Post 189 Watertown, WI and the Oct 3 workshop is at Montgomery-Plant Post 10 Wausau, WI. Everyone can benefit from information on programs, protocol, parliamentary procedure and much more. Leadership workshops are not just for officers; all Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, SAL's and Juniors are welcome to attend. Space is limited so you need to register by the deadline of September 10th. If you are interested in going contact Lori Goldbeck @ 374-4180.

The Creative Arts is one form of rehabilitation treatment to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. A couple of weeks ago, the first annual Tomah Local Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held at the Tomah Area Community Theater. The event served as a joint fund-raiser for the ACT and the 2010 National Creative Arts Festival to be hosted by Tomah VA next October 2010. What an honor to be chosen to host this great event.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is the culmination of individual contests held at the VA medical facilities. Winners in 47 different art categories that range from oil painting and leatherwork to paint-by-number kits and all other creative visual arts as well as 119 categories representing

all aspects of music, dance, drama and creative writing. A national selection committee chooses first, second and third place winners among all of the entries at each facility and these winners are invited to attend and compete in the National Creative Arts Festival each year.

Hope you had a good summer or what you can call what we had for summer weather. I wish you all a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. Hope you all enjoy that one last vacation before we start school and back to the basics!

Once again don't forget to mark your calendars for our first fall meeting, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hope this new time will make it convenient for more ladies to attend our meetings.

God Bless America, United We Stand!!!

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President



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