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2007 - 2008 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

2007 - 2008 Aux Officers

President: Lori Goldbeck
1st Vice: Helene Stein
2nd Vice: Toni Palmer
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Rita Steffel
Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
Sunshine / Hospital: Velma Lutz
Sgt at Arms: Mary Loveland
Historian: Bonnie Owen

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COMMANDER'S NOTES

Congratulations to all the new officers. Lest we never forget the officers that have come before us. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your unwavering devotion and sacrifice, may the new officers be worthy of the trust you have placed in us.

The current Officers are: Mike Schoeny has accepted the position as Post Adjutant. Welcome back Mike. Scott Johnson is the 1st Vice. Mike and Scott's attention to detail, diplomacy, patience and willingness to work hard and learn are much appreciated. Dave Goldbeck will continue as 2nd Vice. Keep up the great job. Jay Lewis will continue to add his guidance to the Post as 3rd Vice. Chaplain Bill Rice will continue to guide us in the eyes of the Father while Vince Rowan continues to keep us out of harms way with the IRS. Tony Adams will show his continued support as Sgt @ Arms. Tony what can I say you have the heart of a lion, thank you for your continued support. Pete Peterson has stepped down to do some things for the veterans and this community that should help to show some real Tomah Pride. Pete you have vision and abilities that are unmatched. You will always have our support.

Pete will not be running the Fish Fry and therefore we are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take on that responsibility. If you are willing to take this on please let us know. The fish fry is a big part of this Post staying afloat.

Ray Frederickson has stepped down as Sgt @ Arms. He is the current chairperson and field commander for the Honor Guard and as such has his hands pretty full. The position has not yet been filled. If you have the fire in your belly, the heart and desire to be Sgt @ Arms please let us know so that we may fill that position. As for the past few years we do not have a historian. The Post has a website: <http://www.tomahwilegion.org/> and on that site is a space for Post history. I have found some but would love to have more. If you know any of the Post history please let us know so that we can get it on the site and get it right.

To all the Post members I thank you for your support; I will do my best for you, this Post and the American Legion. Let us build off the past towards an even stronger future. May we never forget that freedom and liberty are never free but paid for every day by those in harms way. Keep them in our hearts and prayers and remember to thank them when you see them in your day-to-day travels.

I want to thank everyone who helped honor our deceased veterans by placing flags at the cemetery on May 19th. This Memorial weekend let us remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country!!!

CALVIN MARCELLIS
Commander

ATTENTION GOLFERS: The 7th District Golf Tournament will be at the Onalaska Coulee Golf Bowl on Saturday, June 28th, 2008. The 18-hole event is open to Legion and S.A.L. members. There will also be a 9-hole tournament for Auxiliary members and wives of Legionnaires. Registration forms will be available at the Legion. Zetta Fredrickson has stepped up to be your point of contact for this event. Any questions, you can contact her at 372-4831 for more information.

Adjutant's Corner

I look forward to serving the Legion again as Adjutant. As you know I was Adjutant about 4 years ago and look forward in doing it again. My goal is to try to keep you informed to the happenings around the state on Legion business and along with you get 100 percent renewal for next year. So PLEASE let's get our dues in which starts in July for next year.

I will be meeting with the past Adjutant to do the hand off and want to Thank Pete for a JOB WELL DONE!

As you know, the Wisconsin State Fair is July 31 to Aug 10. If you know of any Military Service Men and Women who since 2007 have returned from the current War in the Middle East they can receive 2 free adult admission tickets to the fair. The tickets are valid for any of the 11 days of the fair. For ALL VETERANS prior to 2007 there are coupons giving you 2 dollars off regular admission to the fair. Please see your local CVSO for both offers or call JENNIFER PFEFFER at 414-266-7076 or email her at Jennifer.pfeffer@wisconsin.gov.

We have two major fundraisers this summer.

Please don't forget we have to man the beer tent at the fair and tractor pull and we need people to bartend. You can call me at 372-7157 or email me at Schoeny@centurytel.net with your name and when you can volunteer. You can also contact me with any questions or comments about the Tomah Legion. Please check out our new Legion web site, it really looks good.

MICHAEL SCHOENY
Adjutant



Fellow Legionnaires -

A final note from the outgoing Adjutant and Fish Fry Coordinator.

First of all, congratulations to Commander Jay Lewis and his officers for a job well done. It is not easy to keep the programs running, the doors open, the maintenance up-to-date and keep money in the checking account. Jay and the other officers did that for the last two years and did it well. Great job by Jay Lewis, Calvin Marcellis, Dave Goldbeck, Bob Anthony, Chaplain Rice and Finance Officer Vince Rowan.

During this timeframe, the Honor Guard was formed and they continue to represent the Post in an outstanding manner in parades and other functions as they post the colors. The spaghetti feeds are really good and are gaining momentum. Please continue to patronize the Post by attending the spaghetti feeds.

Lastly, the fish fries - I want to say thank you one more time to everyone who helped with the fish fries during the last two years. The volunteers who worked tirelessly to prepare for the fish fries, those who prepared the food, those who seated the customers, and those who served and cleaned up afterwards did such a good job. Thank you so much. I coordinated with Commander Lewis the idea of not having a party for the volunteers this year. Instead, as a thank you, I will be sending out cards with the gift of Tomah Bucks to each volunteer. In the past when we have had parties, not everyone was able to attend. This way every volunteer will receive a gift. Thank you all.

PETE PETERSON
Former Adjutant



1st Vice

I want to thank everyone that exercised their right to vote at last month's meeting. A person's right to vote is central to the ideals each and every member of this post has worked so hard to preserve with their time in service. As I am new to this position, any advice from the members would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, concerns, praise, criticism, etc. will be taken into consideration. As we move forward I will strive to maintain and increase membership and participation at the post so the benefits to our community and young people will continue. I thank you for your vote of confidence in my abilities. I hope to live up to your expectations.

SCOTT JOHNSON

1st Vice

Honor Guard Quartermaster

Honor Guard

First off I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected officers in the Honor Guard. They are Ray Frederickson who will be the Committee Chairperson and Field Commander, Scott Johnson is the Quartermaster, Hilary Johnson is the Finance Officer and that leaves us to elect a Secretary and that is to be decided at our next meeting. The two running for that position are Michele Gibson and Brian Sweeney.

By the time that everybody reads this the Honor Guard will have already participated in the posting and retiring of the colors for The Tomah Area Cancer Society and they will also have had their first Brat Fry of the season. The Tomah Area Cancer Society event took place on Friday, May 16th at the Fair Grounds and the Brat Fry was on Saturday May 24th at Wal-Mart. Details of both events will be in the next Informer.

The sale of tickets for the Sportsperson Night out is doing great. Anyone who would like to purchase tickets can contact any Honor Guard member. The cost is \$35 a ticket.

Hope to see familiar faces in the crowds along the parade route this coming year. You can expect to possibly see a different look to the Honor Guard and to see us doing different things as we progress through our growing stages.

RAY FREDRICKSON

Chairman Honor Guard

FINANCIAL REPORT

Was given and accepted

Vince Rowan
Finance Officer

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 have a safe and good memorial weekend!

DAVE GOLDBECK

2nd Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

On the evening of 12 May, at the Tomah High School I had the honor of presenting the Auxiliary's two \$500 scholarships.

We are still at 89% for auxiliary dues. Please, if you have not paid your dues do so as soon as possible. At our May meeting, we discussed appointing several chairpersons to cover our activities during the year. The information gathered during the year will be incorporated into our annual reports to State. We still have several positions available. Anyone who participates in Community, Home and Field Service needs to let us know what you're involved in and how much time/money you spend. If you are interested in any of the positions or need information, you can contact me or any of the officers. Or please attend our meetings and see what they're all about.

Thank you all who attend the meetings and for all your help! I want to give a special thank you to the following ladies who helped me place flags at the cemetery: Helene Stein, Laura Hubert, Zetta Fredrickson and Rita Steffel.

Don't forget that our meeting on 12 June will be a potluck. It starts at 5:30 p.m. with installation of officers at 6:00. Our new officers are: President Lori Goldbeck, 1st Vice Helene Stein, 2nd Vice Toni Palmer, Treasurer Rita Steffel, Chaplain Evelyn Noyes and Historian Bonnie Owen. Mary Loveland is still our Sgt at Arms and Velma Lutz our Hospital/Sunshine. We are looking at someone to step up and be the Secretary. I am looking forward to a new year filled with activities and support for our members and community.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!

LORI GOLDBECK

Auxiliary President

