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2010-2011 Legion Officers

Commander: David Goldbeck
Adjutant: Gloria Aarness
1st Vice: Pete Peterson
2nd Vice:
3rd Vice: Tony Adams
Finance 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

I hope everyone had a good holiday season with family and friends.

I and a couple of other personnel will be attending the Midwinter Conference in Baraboo the end of January.

DAVE GOLDBECK
Commander

INFORMER NEWS

I would like to introduce our newest advertiser, The Break Room. In honor of our service and commitment to our Veterans, both Kelsey's and The Break Room offer a coupon for you to clip and use. Please thank and patronize all our advertisers!!!

RITA STEFFEL
Editor

TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

As of December 16th we have raised \$133,700.00 for the memorial fund. We are confident that by the end of December we will have reached our goal. We are starting to turn over data to the engraver so they can begin work on the tiles and bricks. It is exciting for all of us who have been involved to see things falling into place. Some of you may have noticed before the big snow fall that Gerke completed filling and grading the site, thank you to Richard and Paul.

REMINDER: As of January 1, 2011 the price of a 4 x 8 brick will be \$100 and the 12 x 12 granite tiles will be \$250.00.

JIM STEELE
Treasurer
Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

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WEBSITE UPDATE - We've had 2370 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

VOITURE 804

It's getting to be that time of year when some of our winter birds are thinking about flying south. I want to thank everyone that attended the December Promenade that was held December 15th at Post 201 that was our last one until April 2011. Even though we're not having winter promenades, our programs are still very active.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday season!!!

ERROL MROTEK

Correspondent

FIELD SERVICE - Field Service is whatever we do for THE VETERAN outside of a Veterans facility. Members of our unit should complete a Field Service orientation course in order to count the many hours we do. Examples of Field Service: taking a vet to the doctor, taking a vet to a picnic or to church, keeping them company while the primary care giver is out, visit our vets at home, take them where needed, write letters for them. Be inventive, keep a record of your hours and the money that may be spent; then report them in the spring when the unit reports are due.

HOME SERVICE - Home Service volunteers do projects and work from their home for veterans/ active duty military and/or their families. Seek out veterans living in your community through assistance from your VAMC's, VA Clinics, local nursing homes, local American Legion Posts and other veteran organizations. Examples of Home Service projects: sewing, knitting/crocheting (NOT helmet liners - they belong to National Security), plastic canvas/ tray favors, greeting cards, cooking for a veteran (in your home), making items for the hospital gift shops, shopping for the materials used by volunteers in any of the above.

ADJUTANT NEWS

Season's Greetings! By the time you read this, Christmas will be over and possibly New Years, too. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Hopefully everyone remembered, in one way or another, our service members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world. Maybe you sent them a Christmas card, or said a prayer for them at church on Christmas Eve, or sent off a goodie box. Whatever the concern, it was appreciated. I'm sure most of us can remember when we were in the military and were away from our families during the holidays – it wasn't easy.

Well, it's a new year. We still have about 100 Post 201 Legion members who have not paid their 2011 dues yet. Let's get them in! I also encourage all of you to make it a priority this year to help support your Legion. Make it a habit to come to Fish Fry's on the first Friday of each month. Buy a tip for the meat raffles. Attend a Packer Party. Attend Legion Meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The American Legion is fighting for your veterans benefits – but they can't do it without your continued support. Make 2011 the year you decided to increase your support to the American Legion.

GLORIA AARNES

Adjutant



AUXILIARY NEWS

CHANGE IN BYLAWS ANNOUNCEMENT: Article V – Elections, Section 3 currently states that the President is authorized to fill an elective or appointive office with an active member “who must have attended 4 meetings or functions within the last year.” The change was announced at the November meeting and was voted on during the December meeting to delete the wording in quotation marks.

Sorry but because of the snowstorm, the Kids’ Christmas party on the 12th was cancelled. Santa wanted to make sure the kids who got signed up still got their gifts and hope they had a good Christmas! I would like to thank Heidi Mellem for the sleigh; even though we did not use it this year it will get great use for years to come! I want to thank the Legion for their donation and those who signed up for the party and the volunteers. I want to give a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Heather Wallace for once again getting everything ready.

I want to thank Rita Steffel for decorating the new tree. We are thinking of having a patriotic tree next year that we can leave up a bit longer. If anyone has any patriotic ornaments/decorations they would like to donate for next year please feel free to get hold of Rita or myself.

In continuing to raise money for donations/scholarships, we are going to have a 50/50 raffle at the January fish fry.

Rita said she received the packet for Badger Girls State. Because there’s a strict timetable we need to act now. Laura Hubert is willing to help but we need someone to take over this program. If you are interested you can either call Rita, Laura or myself.

Helene Stein told us about a program the Auxiliary is working with that is accepting grocery coupons for our troops overseas. The link listed is from the National ALA website: <http://www.grocerysavingtips.com/expiredgrocerycoupons.htm>

I would like to say a special prayer for those who are spending the holidays without a loved one this year!!!

We Serve Because They Serve
GOD Bless America

LORI GOLDBECK
Auxiliary President



BAR/HALL MANAGER

I would like to thank everyone (members and non-members) who come down and supported the Legion while Lori and I opened the bar for the Packer Games.

We still have some open dates for that special event that you or someone you know is planning. Call the Legion at (608)372-6028 and leave a message with phone number and date that you want.

The final Packer game that we will be hosting is January 2nd. The bar will be open 11:00 A.M. We will have meat raffles again and will be selling Kozy's pizzas.

DAVE GOLDBECK
2nd Vice Commander

FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of November 1, 2010: \$1814.69
Checkbook Balance as of November 30, 2010: \$0.00
CD Balances (end of Nov): \$19082.43
Loan: \$2000.00
Fish Fry Tips (end of Nov): \$948.00

VINCENT ROWAN
Finance Officer

UPCOMING DATES

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

JANUARY 2011

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 2 **Packer Party (bar opens 11:00 a.m.)**
- 7 **FISH FRY**
- 13 **Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)**
- 17 **Desert Storm Air War Begins (1991)**
- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observed**
- 24 **Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 28 **Peace in Vietnam announced (1973)**
- 31 **First U.S. Satellite Launched (1958)**

FEBRUARY 2011

- 4 **FISH FRY**
- 10 **Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)**
- 12 **Lincoln's Birthday**
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 21 **President's Day**
- 22 **Washington's Birthday**
- 28 **Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**

