



# POST 201 INFORMER

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Tomah, WI



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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Pat Flanders  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

During the February meeting we discussed selling the building. We formed a committee to look into it and give us a report at the March meeting. The Legion is going to have a cash raffle for now to raise money. If you would like to help sell tickets let me know and I can meet you at the Legion to give you the tickets. We also discussed having a golf tournament and a gun raffle in the fall. If anyone wishes to help with the golf tournament let me know. You can call the Legion at 372-6028 or my cell (608)387-9231.

**DAVE GOLDBECK**  
Commander

## TOMAH VETERANS MEMORIAL

**The cut-off date for brick/tile sales to be installed by the dedication day is Friday, April 29, 2011. After that date bricks & tiles will be added once or twice a year depending on the number received.**

Committee members are busy proof reading the forms and getting things to the engraver. The company doing the actual monument is due to meet with the design committee on February 15<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

**REMINDER:** The price of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100 and the 12 x 12 granite tiles is \$250.00.

**JIM STEELE**  
Treasurer Tomah Area Veterans Memorial

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**WEBSITE UPDATE** - We've had 2530 visitors as of Sept 1st, 2008. The address is [www.tomahwilegion.org](http://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](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

## VOITURE 804

Now that our winter birds are have flown south. I want to thank everyone that attended the December Promenade, that was held December 15<sup>th</sup> at Post 201 that was our last Promenade until April 2011. Even though we're not having winter promenades, our programs are still very active.

**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

If you haven't paid your 2011 Membership Dues, please do so now. If you have already paid your 2011 dues and receive another notice, get out your wallet and check your membership card to insure it says 2011 on it. Nothing to report this month, Again if you want to make sure your dues are paid, give me a call at 372-7243. If I'm not home, please leave a message and I will call you back.

**GLORIA AARNES**  
Adjutant



## AUXILIARY NEWS

It is already that time of year where we had to appoint a nominating committee for our officers. Please, if you or you know of anyone that may be interested in one of the Auxiliary positions have them contact Helene Stein, Judy Sudman or Pat Selke. The nominating committee will submit their nominations at March's meeting and we will vote in our officers. Please be sure to come to March's meeting and make your vote count!

If you have not been at a meeting, now is the time to get involved! In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For GOD and country we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Ladies and Juniors, there are so many opportunities and programs for you to choose in our units. Membership is always needed. Please do your share and pay the renewal soon!

There are many activities scheduled at the Tomah V.A. and many volunteers are needed for various shifts and days. So please if you are able to give any time at all contact Pat Flanders.

Don't forget the Auxiliary has a Donation Box for the items we listed in last month's Informer for the Tomah VA to put in welcome tote bags delivered to all new inpatient admissions. The box will always be there and you can call to see when someone is there to drop off any items. I can say what a great thing for these patients as my father was just recently in the Madison VA for health problems and he received a tote with a nice blanket and a bunch of Valentine cards made by various children. It put a smile on his face and warmed him up! It helps make a difference and what a small way to brighten someone's day! If you need that list again you can contact President Lori Goldbeck.

Mark your calendars for Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Auxiliary will be hosting the Good Friday fish fry. We will still have raffles at all the fish fry's and we thank you for all the donations to help support us so we can support the Veterans, and families as well as organizations.

The 7th District Bowling Tournament hosted by the American Legion Unit 52 Auxiliary is March 12-13 and 19-20 at South Lanes in La Crosse. If you need the entry form and more information feel free to contact President Lori Goldbeck.

We Serve Because They Serve  
GOD Bless America

**LORI GOLDBECK**

Auxiliary President



## BAR/HALL MANAGER

We still have open dates for the special event that you are planning.

At the February meeting we also talked about the hall rental pricing. After a long discussion a motion was made and passed to change the rental fee. The new rental fee is \$250.00 for both members and non-members, one fee for all parties. Please tell everyone you know the \$450.00 fee was lowered to \$250.00.

**DAVE GOLDBECK**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

## FINANCE REPORT

Checkbook Balance as of January 1, 2011: \$240.64

Checkbook Balance as of January 31, 2011: \$66.21

CD Balances (end of Jan): \$11266.91

Fish Fry Tips (end of Jan): \$1183.00

**VINCENT ROWAN**  
Finance Officer



## UPCOMING DATES

### MARCH 2011

- 4 FISH FRY
- 10 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks forward 1 hr)
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003)
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 28 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

### APRIL 2011

- 1 FISH FRY (Legion)
- 4 NATO founded (1949)
- 6 U.S. enters WWI (1917)
- 12 First U.S. Space Shuttle Launched (1981)
- 14 Legion/Auxiliary Meetings (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Federal Income Taxes Due
- 17 Palm Sunday
- 22 GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY (Auxiliary Scholarship)
- 24 Easter
- 25 Honor Guard Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 25 Spanish-American War begins (1898)
- 30 Vietnam War ends (1975)



## **TOMAH VAMC - HOSPITAL NEEDS**

The following items are put in Welcome Tote Bags delivered to all new inpatient admissions. Approximately 100 tote bags are distributed each month.

Welcome Tote Bags (check pattern book)

"Forever" Postage Stamps	Pens	Small Package of Kleenex
1st Class Stamps/.28 stamps	Plain Envelopes (large & small)	Small Shampoo
Combs	Playing Cards (NEW)	Small Toothpaste
Liquid Soap ONLY	Quarters for Veterans	Socks (crew style)
Pencils	Small Bottle of Hand Lotion	Tootbrushes
	Small Deodorant	Writing Tablets

Items below are those enjoyed and used by Veterans during their hospital stay:

After-shave (alcohol free)	Emery Boards	Peanut Butter Cracker Snacks
All-occasion Cards	Female Personal Hygiene Items	Pocket Novels (esp Westerns)
Artificial Lures (casting-any variety)	Frozen Pizza	Polident or Efferdent
Body Wash	Fruit	Pre-shave (for electric shavers- alcohol free)
Bread Machine Mixes	Gloves	Puzzle Books (NEW, esp large print)
Checkers & Domino Sets (NEW)	Golf Balls (new & used)	Reading Glasses
Cheese & Cracker snacks	Graham Crackers	Scarves
Coffee (regular & decaf)	Handkerchiefs	Shampoo (large bottles)
Coffee Creamer	Hard Candy	Shaving Cream
Cookies	Headphones	Shoelaces
Crackers	Jelly	Slippers (various sizes, esp XL)
Crossword & Word Search	Jigsaw Puzzles (NEW)	Stocking Caps
Puzzle Books (NEW esp Large Print)	Lap Robes (see pattern book)	Sugar-free Hot Chocolate Mix
Current Magazines	Liquid Soap ONLY	Sugar-free Kool-Aid
Dictionaries (current edition)	Mouthwash	Sugar-free Lemonade
Disposable Razors	Nail Clippers	Sugar-free Popsicles
Electric Toothbrushes	Peanut Butter	

**CANNOT ACCEPT BAR SOAP, IT MUST BE THE LIQUID SOAP ONLY!!!**

**CANNOT ACCEPT ANY TYPE OF KNIT OR CROCHETED SLIPPERS!!!**

Any of the items can be donated in-kind and in any quantities. They will be distributed accordingly to the patient wards and/or clinics. Monetary donations in any amount are also welcome and items will be purchased according to the needs. Monetary donations should be sent to ALA Headquarters in Portage with a notation if you have a particular need you wish to have your donation go to.

If you do not have a pattern book and need a particular pattern, please let me know and I will send it to you. All in-kind donations should be mailed to:

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Ms. Patricia Flanders  
American Legion Auxiliary - Bldg 407, Room 1739  
500 E Veterans Street  
Tomah, WI 54660

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!!**