

Post 38 Membership Minutes

3/3/2025

Meeting called to order @ 1900 hrs

Roll Call of Officers and Committee Members: Jan Hoffman (Commander), Jonathon Reid (2nd Vice), Wayne Senneke (3rd Vice), Wade Van Ryzin (FO), Ed Domek (PPC), Dave Baumann (Adj.), Bob Johnson (Chp), Frank Billings (SaA). Excused – Jarrod Coulter (1st Vice), Bill Trombley (SO),

Guests, new members, and dignitaries recognized – Mark Toll (Past Dept. SaA), Linda Breitzman (Unit 38 President), Rose Heinz (Unit 38 Secretary), Marian Brown (Poopy Chair), Chris VanRyzin, Robin Billings, Eva Moreno, Al Watry (Department SAL Commander), Eric Stadler (Scarlet Guard Commander), Jim Allen (SAL), Beth Pellen from Generations Hospice, Boy Scouts – Troop 9.

New members – John Scott, Greg Clark, Bruce Cummings, John Almquist.

Member Attendance: There were 39 members and 17 guests/dignitaries in attendance.

Executive meeting Minutes/Report for the 2/24/2025 Executive meeting. Minutes held for general membership. Post meeting Minutes for the 2/3/2025 Post meeting: The minutes will be filed, with corrections as noted.

Service Officer's Reports:

Veteran referrals: No requests.

Funeral Honor Guard: February 2024 – 1 funeral, 7 personnel and 16 manhours. Need new members. See Rick Eisenach/Joe Jackson.

Camp American Legion: Go to <https://www.campamericanlegion.org/how-to-apply> or call camp to make a reservation. Kevin sent a 10 year plan for updating Cabin 19.

1st Vice Commander's Report:

Membership: 502/ 542 – 92.62%. If you have sent in your renewal there is a lag time between renewal and processing. The new membership year starts July 1st. Cards will be at all Post meeting if you would like to renew before or after the meeting. Dues for 2025 are now \$60. Buddy checks are scheduled for March 8th & March 22nd from 11-1. If you would like to help out contact Jarrod Coulter or Jan Hoffman.

2nd Vice Commander's Report:

Policies and Procedures Committee: No Update

Fox Valley Veterans Council: Next meeting will be on Wednesday March 19th @ 6:00pm at Post 38. If you are a Veteran in need, you can apply for assistance using this link <https://www.foxvalleyveterans.org/vef> or by calling the Council at 920.358.0662

1. Veteran's Emergency Fund (VEF) in Outagamie - totals for January:
 - 12 cases paid \$8120.26
 - 7 'other' assistance (admin/paperwork, physical/logistic assistance etc.)
2. 2025 Veterans Prohibition Ball (see flyer)
 - 07 March 2025
3. 2025 Car Show (see flyer)
 - 26 May 2025
4. Ultimate Veteran Adventures (see flyer)

Badger Boys: Registration cards from paid sponsorships have been mailed to the schools. Students are starting to register online.

Baseball: 1. Groundskeepers attended the Wisconsin Sports Field Managers Association Winter Education Conference / Annual Meeting held at Fox Cities Stadium on February 12.

2. First Xavier game is scheduled for 01 April 2025

Boy Scouts: We currently have Troop 9 as our Post 38 Troop. We currently also have Chartered Troop 57 out of Appleton, Pack 3077 out of Greenville, and Pack 3177 out of Greenville. They are looking to help out at the Post.

- Early Nov 2024, Migeal was emailed by Jason from Bay Lakes Council that Pack 3177 from Greenville needed a Charter because Amvets Post 30 wasn't going to renew their Charter, so he Chartered them.

- Due to the Catholic Diocese not renewing their Charter with the Scouts of America, we have Chartered Troop 57 out of Appleton and Pack 3077 Out of Greenville. They will posting the colors at either the February or March meeting.

Oratorical: 1. Post 38 contestant Jade Wood won the District contest and will move on to the Department contest. The Department contest will be held March 29th at Ripon College, Todd Wehr Bldg. Opening ceremonies will start at 9:am.

2. Bob is announcing that effective 5/18/25 he will no longer be the oratorical chairman for the post, and feels fortunate to have had several successful participants in the years he has been involved in the program.

Scarlet Guard

1. Continuing to present the colors at various varsity boys and girls high school basketball games. To help with these and other events please contact Eric Stadler: (920.450.6907/eric.stadler1@gmail.com)

2. Please patronize our sponsors Boyle Auto Sales, SDS Painting, Maritime Bar, and Sola Salons.

3. Sun., May 25, 2025 = Moment of Remembrance Cemetery Salutes @ Moses Montefiore Cemetery and St. Mary Cemetery ... All are welcome to attend. More information to come.

- Mon., May 26, 2025 = City of Appleton Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies ... All members of the American Legion family are welcome to march in the parade with us. More information to come.

- Sat., June 14, 2025 = City of Appleton Flag Day Parade ... All members of the American Legion family are welcomed to march with us. More information to come.

In 2025, the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard will meet quarterly on the following dates at the Appleton American Legion Post 38 at 6:00 p.m.:

Wed., April 23

Wed., July 23

Wed., Oct. 22.

- Anyone interested in joining the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard to help with these and other events should contact Eric Stadler (920.450.6907 or eric.stadler1@gmail.com).

- Follow and Like the "Scarlet Guard Color Guard" page on Facebook.

* Please patronize our sponsors Boyle Auto Sales, SDS Painting, Maritime Bar, and Sola Salons.

* Membership in the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard is open to members of any American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The uniform is provided.

New members are always welcome; contact Eric Stadler for information at 920.450.6907 or email eric.stadler1@gmail.com. Follow and Like the Scarlet Guard Color Guard page on Facebook.

3rd Vice Commander's Report: Club continues to host events. Many things are already planned for 2025. Flags arrived for sale.

Events Committee: Events committee is formed with members from the entire Legion family. Meetings will now be quarterly. Next meeting is in March 11th @ 7pm. Kidz Expo March 1st. Brat Fry is starting April 2nd. Breakfast w/Easter Bunny will be on April 19th. Armed Forces Day is May 17th.

Adjutant's Report:

Bills: No bills

Correspondence: Thank You card from Troop 9.

Finance Officer's Report:

As of 1/31/2025-Starting balance \$39,367.35, 14 withdrawals totaling \$8,948.62, 3 deposits totaling \$8,367.35. Ending balance of \$38,786.08. The membership deposit account had transfers in of \$0.00, reflected in the withdrawals above. National withdrawals add to \$783.00. National also added \$500.00 for online renewals. The account started with \$2,482.63 and the ending balance is \$2,199.63. Interest added \$0.00.

Savings Account #1 has a starting balance of \$110,094.10. A dividend of \$0.00 was paid and a transfer in of \$0.00. Ending balance of \$110,094.10.

This gives us a balance sheet value of \$151,661.08.

Education Fund/Scholarship: Beginning account balance \$8,213.62. Income distribution \$0.05, Change in Securities value \$7.52. Portfolio Net Change \$7.57, ending balance \$8,221.19. Investments-Fixed Income - Muni \$6,076.75, Money Market Cash \$2,144.44, Account total \$8,221.19. There is also \$52,016.13 within the Fox Valley Community Foundation. Deductions of \$53.77 have been subtracted. Investment gain of \$1,644.08 are included. Unrealized loss of \$1,518.72 included in November report. \$0 in Scholarship funds were deducted.

Total Scholarship Account \$60,237.32.

Finance and Budgeting: No new updates.

Audit: No new updates.

Long Range and Strategic Planning: No new updates

Post Chaplain's Report: Post has plots available at Riverside & St. Joes. Forms need to be completed and approved by Commander or Adjutant/Service Officer along with a \$250.00 fee. Those interested, contact Deb Debruin for Riverside & Tina LeFebre for St. Joes.
At Riverside or Chaplain Bob Johnson.

Visiting and Volunteer: Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Deceased: Lawrence West – 2/1/25
Harold Petta – 2/8/25
Jerrold Plamann – 2/8/25

Recuperating at home or a Nursing Care Facility/Hospital:

Robert Schoultz

Please keep any our sick/ill members in your thoughts and notify Bob Johnson if anyone is recovering from surgery or any other illnesses so we can get them in the newsletter, thank you.

Bob Johnson-Post 38 Chaplain's Office E-mail: rjohnson4116@gmail.com Phone # 920-454-0842

Quartermaster: No Updates.

Historian: Had a meeting with the Appleton History Museum and got some good information.

Buildings and Grounds: New floors were installed. Waiting for final bill.

New piping is done, just waiting for the floor behind the bar to be finished. Donations should cover the cost.

House Committee: Staffing is an ongoing issue. Jill hired a new lead cook that will take on many of the tasks that Jill is currently doing. The next meeting will be March 11th @ 1730 hrs.

Additional Standing Committees:

Communications: Check out our Facebook page ([appleton american legion post no. 38 - Search Results | Facebook](#)) and our website ([Johnston-Blessman Post 38 \(appletonpost38.org\)](#)).

Club 38 Bar a& Grill Facebook page will be combining with the Post Facebook page and then being retired.

Catherine is looking to start doing a Veteran of the Month post on our website. Any suggestions please contact her.

Fundraising: Meat Raffle April 12th (1-4 with band to follow), sweatshirts are for sale again this year. See samples in bar. Received \$500 donation for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Constitution and Bylaws: Inactive.

Nomination Committee: Ed Domek, Bill Burton, Catherine Kutzleb, and Dave Baumann. Contact one of us if you are interested in any of the open positions. (Commander, 1st-3rd vice, and Member at Large)

Ballot Committee: Inactive.

Activities and Announcements:

Bowling: Denmark, March 8th, 2025. Snow day will be March 16th.

Blood Donor Program: Red Cross Blood Drive dates – 4/24/25, 6/26/25, 8/21/25, 10/23/25 & 12/18/25. Book is at all meetings, please update your information. If you are a member and donate, please add to the donor book. Visit the Red Cross website to sign up. 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767).

Conferences:

9th District Fall Conference: No updates.

Mid-Winter Conference:

9th District Spring Conference: Wrightstown, Post 436. Date April 12th. Delgates – Jan Hoffman, Jarrod Coulter, Jonathan Reid, Wade Van Ryzin, Wayne Senneke, Mark Toll, (alt. Ed Domek, Catherine Kutzleb)

County Council: Next meeting is on March 12th, 2025, 6:30 pm. Meeting will be at Post 38 for the next year. By-Laws will be redone to help with filling openings.

Golf:

Department Convention: July 16-20, 2025 in Green Bay.

The American Legion Family:

SAL: See addendum below. Flying Flags for Heroes project. Placing flags at gravesites. National SAL Campaign. <https://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com/> . 9th District SAL was formed. Bob Seide temporary Commander until elections can be held.

The American Legion Auxiliary: Kidz Expo was held on March 1st and it was a big success. ALA Fashion Show April 24th. Poppy weekend will be May 9th & May 10th.

The American Legion Riders: Working on the new year schedule of rides.

Unfinished Business: Brats, beans, and chips will be the meal before the meeting, prepared by the Club.

New Business: Werner Electric will be the new supplier for our nameplates for our board.

Online Legion College courses are starting on March 2nd. Courses offered include MyLegion, CPR, Post and County Commander Course, Adjutant Course, Social Media at the Post level Course, Legion College Basic Course, Public Relations Course, and Generational Leadership Course. If you are curious to learn more about what we do and how we do it, please consider signing up for as many FREE classes as you can handle. The sign up link can be found at <https://wilegion.org/legion-college>.

Veterans Prohibition Ball will be held in Oshkosh on March 7th.

Americanism & Government Scholarship will have online testing March 3rd-14th. If you have children/grandchildren in grades 10-12 see the flyer in the back of the room at the Post meeting, or contact Dave Baumann for info.

Catherine Kutzleb brought up new sign in options for the VA. [ID.me](#) and [Login.gov](#). Old login will be discontinued soon. **Carl Abendroth made a motion, 2nd by Mark Toll, to change the start time for the Post meeting to 1830 hours starting in April. Motion carries.**

Good of The American Legion: The American Legion College is online. Go online to register at <https://wilegion.org/legion-college/>

Member drawing \$450.00 (no winner so \$500.00 for the March meeting)

394 – Jerry Probst

305 – Edward Mallek

391 – James Pralat

\$25 Drawing – Don Brandt

Meeting adjourned @ 1958 hrs

Next Executive meeting is March 31st.

Next Post meeting is April 7th @ 1830 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dave Baumann

SAL addendum submitted by Al Watry:

Membership:

- o Goal is 115 (Detachment is at 100% of last year excluding any recently deceased members)
- o 119 Membership Processed, 103%

Activities/Notes:

- From the Detachment of Wisconsin, THANK YOU for supporting and helping with a very successful MidWinter Conference
- Heard a lot of great feedback on the food and flooring from MidWinter Attendees
- Continuing to support Post 38/Legion in the area, in many areas
- SAL deep in the trenches with planning starting for summer efforts, primarily with Baseball and 9th District Riders

Let me know if there are questions!!!

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Sons of The American Legion

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