



FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Legionaries,

My name is Rex Shotwell and this is my first newsletter as your new Commander. At our past meeting new officers were sworn in to the following positions:

Commander	Rex Shotwell
Adjutant	Stu Wilson
Senior Vice	Clifford Jack
Junior Vice	Ray Stone
Finance	Bob Baldry
Service	Wayne Pitsch
Judge Advocate	Karen Shipley
Sgt @ Arms	Jeff Hansen
Chaplain	Bill Hamelink
Historian	Tobe Wilson
E - Board	Chuck Baldwin Bob Denolf David May

I would like to thank all of the last year's officers for a job well done and look forward to working with the re-elected and new officers in the upcoming year. Participation is key to a successful post and I hope all legionnaires will attend a meeting or contribute to our success when possible. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Summer will arrive, I think, and that means time for the annual *Sexy REXY* golf outing at Indian Trails Golf Course. The outing is a lot of fun and much effort is put forth to make this event a perfect way to contribute to an outstanding charity. Make-A-Wish foundation appreciates our efforts and donation. Hope to see you all there.

Last but certainly not least, please take a moment to remember our long time Adjutant, Past Commander and friend Norm Tucker, who passed away May 14, 2009. May his soul rest in peace.

Until the next letter,
Rex A. Shotwell,
Commander



THE AUXILIARY

Dear Ladies,

This is my first letter as your President. I want to thank Judith for her service over the past year. All of last year's officers made it a great year. This will be a fun learning experience. I have a great group of ladies as my officers and support from all our Auxiliary members. I have a great foundation to build my experience on. My goal, along with all the other officers is to add to this already strong foundation and make it grow. I know we can accomplish this by working together. Following is the list of your Officers:

President	Milli Straub
Secretary	Carol Hamelink
1 st Vice	Judith Stone
2 nd Vice	Kathy Nacke
Treasurer	Carla Baldry
Chaplain	Trisha Haase
Historian	Cindy McDuffee
Sgt @ Arms	Barb Hansen
E - Board	Sharon Gardner Yvette Traviss Anne Chan
Parliamentarian	Mary Weber

Welcome to our new senior members: Sue Gilbert, Betty Fellows, Linda Rosema and Judy Blain. We look forward to seeing you at some of our meetings. They are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30. Come share your opinions. Help us make a difference.

Take a moment to look over our calendar so you don't miss any fun or important event. Our Children's Picnic is August 23rd. Lots of new fun things this year! Don't forget to buy those raffle

tickets. There are some nice prizes. Ladies, we welcome homemade cookies to add as a treat with the hot dogs and French fries served for lunch. For more details, watch for notices in our club room.

Milli Straub,
Auxiliary President



S. A. L. BULLETIN

Hi S.A.L. Members,

Hi, hope everyone is doing fine. The kids are out of school, the weather is warming up, and the fish are biting. It can't get much better than that.

We had elections and installation of your officers. All posts were filled except Historian. We will try to fill that post at future meetings. Your board members are:

Commander	Larry Marzean
Adjutant	Bruce Dow
Senior Vice	Phil Doezeema
Junior Vice	Daryl Carey
Finance	Bob Lacy
Sgt @ Arms	Dave Allen
Chaplain	Brian Parish
Historian	Open

There isn't much going on at our meetings during the summer months other than planning what we would like to do in the fall and winter months (raffle, food functions, etc.), but it is still important for people to attend.

If anyone knows of someone that has not gotten their newsletter please let the Post know. We have about 40 to 50 return letters because of wrong addresses.

New cards will be in next month, so make sure your address is correct!

That's about all I have, so enjoy your summer and I'll talk to you again in August.

Larry Marzean
S.A.L. Commander



CASSARD CLUBROOM

Hi Everyone,

Summer is here and warmer weather is finally here also.

I would like to thank Hope Kent, Yvette Travis and Linda Rosema for working the first weekend in June to allow our regular staff to go boating up north.

The Clubroom will be closed July 4th.
Have a great Summer!

Ron Gifford,
Clubroom Manager

EVENTS COLUMN

July 18: Sexy REXY Golf Outing.
Aug. 15: Girl's Golf Outing
Aug. 23: Picnic @ The Club

The 208'er Golf Committee wishes to thank everyone for participating and helping with the 208'er. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun. Congrats to Ron Kerr's team for winning. They will be running the outing next year.
Brad Wheaton

UPCOMING GOLFING EVENTS

The *Sexy REXY Golf Outing* for Make A Wish is scheduled for July 18th at Indian Trails Golf Course. Signup sheets are available at the Club. Entry fee is \$25.00 per golfer and registration closes on July 1st. Green fees are \$25.00 and should be paid at the course.

The *Girl's Golf Outing* is set for Aug. 15th at Indian Trails Golf Course. Signup sheets will be available July 5th, and the end of registration is July 25. Price is \$55.00 per person which includes greens fee.



Taps

Norman R Tucker (PC)

DEADLINE FOR SEPT. / OCT. 208'er
ARTICLES: 8/14/09 @ 11 PM
Drop off at the Club or E-Mail to
americanlegionpost208@comcast.net

THANK YOU

Jeff and I would like to thank the members of the Legion for their help with Jeff in April. We are very grateful. Jeff is doing fine.

Barb Hansen

A Member's Question

"I just paid this year's dues and now I am being asked to pay for the next year; why is that?"

A: Membership is processed on a June-July fiscal year with the first renewal notice being sent on July 1st. The department goal is to have all posts at 100% dues paid by December. Therefore, if you paid your 2009 membership dues in May, you will get your first 2010 membership notice in July. To avoid the feeling you are paying your dues twice; pay your dues when you receive the first notice.

KIDS PICNIC

Save August 23rd for the Picnic at the Club. Be ready for another fun event. We start the excitement at Noon and finish up at 4pm.

Soldier's Angels Mailbox (Letters) Update

Everyone – thank you for the continued notes, letters, pictures that you give to our *Soldier of the Month!*

During these summer vacation months, maybe drop a postcard from a place where you went to vacation into our Post's special mailbox.

By the end of the school year, we had letters with pictures go out to *Soldier's Angels* servicemen from Cesar Chavez Kinders and Stocking Elementary first graders in Grand Rapids. American flags signed by staff and students from both Zeeland Christian and Public schools went out to two of the *Soldiers of the Month*. Our first soldier, Cesar Soto, was so grateful he sent us a letter and photo and hopes we continue to keep in touch. His photo is displayed near the special mailbox.

Look for upcoming news on things that our Post will be doing in support of those who serve.

Cindy McDuffee