

Grassman-Sowle-Larsen-Senz Post 201
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2022-2023 Legion Officers

Commander: Todd Steffel
Adjutant: Marshall Kiel
1st Vice: Darren Zimmerman
2nd Vice: Lori Zimmerman
3rd Vice: Paul Braman
Finance Officer: Pete Peterson
Chaplain: Becky Fitzpatrick
Service Officer: Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Arrowsmith
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dave Linenberg
Historian: Vacant

2022-2023 Auxiliary Officers

President: Helene Stein
1st Vice: Pat Flanders
2nd Vice: Vacant
Secretary: Bonnie Owen
Treasurer: Rita Steffel
Chaplain: Evelyn Noyes
Hospital&Sunshine: Ann Kiel
Sergeant-at-Arms: Linda Wildes
Historian: Bonnie Owen

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FEBRUARY 2023

3 FISH FRY
9 LEGION/AUX MTG (7:00 p.m.)
14 Valentine's Day
15 40et8 Promenade (7:00 p.m.)
17 FISH FRY
25 COMEDY ACT (7:00 p.m.)

APRIL 2023

7 GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY
9 EASTER
13 LEGION/AUX MTG (7:00 p.m.)
19 40et8 Promenade (7:00 p.m.)
21 FISH FRY

MARCH 2023

3 FISH FRY
9 LEGION/AUX MTG (7:00 p.m.)
12 DST (Set Clocks Ahead)
15 40et8 Promenade (7:00 p.m.)
17 FISH FRY – St Patrick's Day
20 First Day of Spring
31 FISH FRY

MAY 2023

5 FISH FRY
11 LEGION/AUX MTG (7:00 p.m.)
14 MOTHER'S DAY
19 40et8 Promenade (7:00 p.m.)
20 Armed Forces Day
22 Place Flags at Cemeteries
29 Memorial Day

*****MEETINGS ARE HELD SEP-MAY, 2ND THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M.*****

COMMANDER

If you are mailing something to the Legion, please use P. O. Box 561, Tomah, WI 54660-0561.

We started our fish fries a little early this year; 40et8 requested that a Friday Fish Fry be held during their “Grand Promenade” which was held on Friday 8/12/2022-Sunday 8/14/2022. All the Fish Fries have been going well; c’mon down and have the best Fish in town. On a special request we also held a Private “Wizard of Rods” Fish Fry on Friday 6/15/2022. That one went over so well that we were asked to do it again.

The Legion was again the host for the Veterans Day Dinner on Friday, 11/11/22. Being that it was Friday a Fish Dinner was offered to the Veterans and guests. The Guest Speaker was John Armbruster, High School Teacher/Historian/Author. He described the writing of his book TAIL SPIN, a historical account of a WWII B-17 tail-gunner’s survival after being shot down over Germany.

Next time you’re in the Bar/Hall areas check out the new EXIT/Emergency Lights, also installing a New Flat Panel TV in Hall. New pictures and plaques will be appearing here-n-there in the Bar area and Foyer.

Upcoming events: We’ll be hosting the Tomah AL Car Show @ Winnebago Park “The Point” on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Each year we gain a few more cars and trucks. This year we’ll be adding a few new things, so come on down and check out some really nice rides.

There will be a Stand-up Comedian Show at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25: Jimmy Kuratz – Almost Cancelled Tour 2023.

Post 201 is now an official Sponsor of Tomah Boy Scout Troop 72. They currently meet in the Hall area on Sundays. Anyone who has a son or daughter that wish to join please contact Scout Master Scott White, (608)343-1857 or Assistant Scout Master Brian Russell, (608)855-0436.

National AL is now requesting Sponsors for AL Girls Softball. Information has been passed on to the local Girls Fastpitch Softball organization (Tomah Stix). So maybe if all things work out Tomah American Legion will have a championship Girls Fastpitch Softball team.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with Spring Clean-up in/outside of Legion. The Tomah Lions Club will be the main “Movers-n- Shakers” for this project. More to come-----

Looking for Members to volunteer and become the Finance Officer & Adjutant. The current Officers have been holding these positions for a combined over 25 years. Both Officers will definitely provide training and assistance.

TODD STEFFEL
Commander

ADJUTANT

Welcome to 2023! Membership renewals have been coming in at a steady pace. As of 1-19-2023 we have 228 paid members. Our goal for Post 201 is 259 so we are at 88% of that goal. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do. We only need 31 members to renew to meet being a 100% Post. If you know any Veterans that aren't a member or a former member, ask them to join. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A MEETING!!!

A Veteran is always a Veteran.

MARSHALL KIEL

Adjutant

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FINANCE REPORT

The financial status of Post 201 is good. The balances as of January 31, 2023 are as follows: Checking - \$39,036.70, Savings - \$28,255.60, CDs -\$5260, Loan Balance - \$26,159.49.

We did have a good 2022 despite some expenses. A major one was a new roof for the Legion building and shed. While the cost exceeded \$38,000 for the new roofs our insurance took care of the major part of the costs. This was a result of the major storm in December 2021.

In addition to the new roofs, we made some major purchases in the kitchen: two years ago we replaced the dishwasher, recently replaced 3 fryers and double door refrigerator, and there have been a few other minor expenses.

If anyone has any questions give me a call at (608)377-2129.

PETE PETERSON
Finance Officer

BAR/HALL MANAGER

I still have rental openings for the 2023 Calendar Year. Full rental is \$350; can work with you if only need part of the hall rented. You can text me at (608)387-0936.

Join us Monday evenings for a fun evening of Euchre. Opens at 5:00 p.m. for Social Hour and Registration. Games start at 6:00 p.m. We have a potluck if you would like to bring a snack.

On February 25th we are having the Flannel Panel Comedian for an evening of entertainment. Tickets are sold online only at www.JimmyKuratz@outlook.com. Come join the fun.

LORI ZIMMERMAN

2nd Vice Commander/Bar/Hall Manager

LEGION FISH FRIES

Want to thank all who work and support our fish fries. Our remaining fish fries for the spring are: Feb 3 & 17, Mar 3, 17 & 31, Apr 7 & 21 and May 5.

RITA STEFFEL

Fish Fry Committee

Voiture 40et8

Fellow voyagers! We always meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Stop in for a Promenade.

Remembering Our Troops That Are Serving!!!

MELISSA GUTHMILLER

Correspondant

(814)421-0203

VA DONATIONS

Voluntary Services said they were blessed at Christmas so they are accepting limited donations. Recommend anyone with donations call their office (608)372-1727 to make sure they can accept it and arrange a meeting time and location.

AUXILIARY NEWS

If anyone is mailing something to the Auxiliary they need to use the Auxiliary's PO Box 306 NOT the Legion's – we lose mail this way.

Meeting agendas:

February – Constitution and By-Laws first reading. Still looking for a 2nd Vice to cover membership, Coffee – decaf and regular, coffee filters, Sugar Free hot Cocoa will be collected for the VA. If you are unable to make a meeting, drop off at Legion,

contact an officer or call Voluntary Services at VA. Scholarship applications are due to the Unit before sending them into Department as most will need my signature. Our Unit scholarship was not given last year due to lack of applications – this is on the Tomah Schools website under Scholarships.

March – Constitution and By-Laws second reading and voting, Committee for new Executive Board – please consider helping out with this. Many hands make a better run Unit., Reading and voting on any Americanism Essays and Poppy Posters that will be coming in. LaGrange school is participating and they are due to our Unit March 1, Spring Conference will be held before the end of March, Coffee – decaf and regular, coffee filters, Sugar Free hot Cocoa will be collected for the VA.

April – Is the month of the Child – we collect Nuks (pacifiers), bibs, rattles, teething, for infants – No diapers or wipes please – for the expecting women veterans to go to the VA. Voting for the new Executive Board will take place,

May – Last meeting before summer break! Installation of New Officers – the seasoned officers will assist you in your new duties. Finish up any unfinished business, Coffee – decaf and regular, coffee filters, will again be collected for the VA.

HELENE STEIN
Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Well ladies as of 1/25/2023 we are at 85.85% membership paid. We have 15 people that are still in need of mailing your membership in either to myself, online payment, or directly to Department. Everyone should have received their second notices in January. If you have not you can always call me.

I would like to welcome Michelle Cassens and Lori Welcher to our Unit. Welcome ladies!

If you know of anyone that would like to return to being a member of our Unit or someone that has never been a member and would like to join, bring them to a meeting.

HELENE STEIN
Membership Chairman

stitchkeeper@hotmail.com or 608-372-6496 and leave a message, I will call back

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