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CLUB BOARD

Ted Raggl	Chairman	
Fred Lemieux	Vice Chairman	3 yr. Term
Mike Baauw	Treasurer	3 yr. Term
Terry Grotemat	Trustee 1	2 yr. Term
	Trustee 2	1 yr. Term
Blane E Shafer	Trustee 3	1 yr. Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi everyone, it's that time again. So what's going on at the club? Well we are open on Sundays now. We are open from noon till five. It seems to be working out well. So come on down for our Bloody Mary's and to watch the race or just to visit.

The Soup and Slider has come and gone. It was a success. But not without problems. We had heater problems for our tent. But thanks to Brian and Bill Schippers and Jim Coats, who worked late into Friday night, they got it working.

There are many helpers needed to get ready and to work for our events. Without them there would be no events, and without the events, there would be no club.

Our next big event is the Rib Fest on Memorial weekend. If you would like to help, let me know. Or just come to the party, it has really been a great time.

Our club is getting pretty busy. It's a great place to hang out. Come on down.

Ted Raggl

HONOR GUARD
ACTIVITIES

Team Member, Fred Hodge's passed away in January. Fred was usually our bugler. He was very active in the Team, attending practically every event we had. He is, and will be very much missed by our group. (If you can read this Fred, thanks for all you did for our Honor Guard Team).



Had 6 funerals in January, 1 in February and none in March.

In February we attended a welcome home party for Ms. Sawyer Reedy who did two tours in Afghanistan. Our Team put on a patriotic program for her.

Memorial Day is coming up in May. I need fresh idea's and help putting together our yearly float. Jack Maxfield has again volunteer his Jeep and trailer. This is not a time consuming project so join me this year in putting together a Patriotic Float that will remind the people watching the parade what Memorial Day stands for.

I would like to thank our Post Quartermaster, Mike Baauw, for all he does for our Post. Now he even opens up the Post Sunday's from noon to five. He does two jobs in his life outside our Post, plus puts in a ton of hours at our Post to keep it running. If it wasn't for Mike, our Commander, and several of the members of our Men's auxiliary, we wouldn't have a VFW Post 2326. THIS IS A FACT:

As always, our Team needs volunteers to join our Team. It is not a time consuming commitment. Members should be retired as most of our events are during the week and during the day. Just think how your present at a Military Rites Funeral can make a deceased veterans family feel so PROUD of this deceased veteran.

Enjoy spring. Support our Post. God bless our Country.

Al Schmidt

RIB FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our 9th annual Rib Fest is approaching fast. In order to make it a success we need volunteers to fill a variety of jobs. You do not need to be a VFW member to volunteer. Jobs available are bartenders, ticket takers, security, and sanitation engineers. The Rib Fest is May 23rd and 24th. If you can help out please sign up at the bar.

LADIES AUXILIARY
NEWS

Spring has finally arrived. What a winter! We hope you all survived without any "fender benders".

Thanks to all who are saving Campbell's and Swanson's "Labels for Education". These are sent to the National Home so they can exchange them for needed equipment. Several years ago they had enough to purchase a fire truck for the Home. Headquarters for the Home happens to be located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan; so, if you wish, you can take a tour of the area. It was established after WWI to take care of widows and children of soldiers killed in action who had no other means of support. We still provide for veteran families today.

We thank all those who came out to support our Corned Beef dinner. It was delicious.

APRIL: We do not have too much going for the month of April other than our regular meeting, which is on Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. We desperately need more member participation.

We wish you all a HAPPY and HOLY EASTER.

MAY: The final meeting for the 8th District will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014 in Holland at Post #2144. Dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m. Meeting time is 1:00 p.m.

Past Presidents will meet on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Augusta, MI at Post #7956. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. the Auxiliary will conduct a Memorial Service for members who passed away this year.

The Memorial Day Association will hold a service on Sunday evening, May 25. Check the local newspaper or internet for the church location and the time. The annual parade in Grand Haven begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 26.

JUNE: The Department Convention will take place in Flint, MI, June 4 through 8.

Regular Auxiliary meeting date is Wednesday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Ann Parchert

FROM THE BAR

Welcome back Justin! Justin Morgan is back and working on Sunday's serving the delicious Bloody Mary's. Come on down and say hi to Justin.

Microbrew on tap! We will be rotating a variety of microbrews on tap at the Post and presently we have Summer Shandy. If you have a favorite that you'd like to see on tap please let the bar tender on duty know. If we have enough interest in a particular microbrew I will get it on tap.

John Siemion

The Hearts Door...

When Holman Hunt's painting "The Light Of The World" was unveiled an art critic thought he had found an error in this representation of Christ standing in a garden at midnight, holding a lantern in one hand and knocking on the door with the other hand. "I say, Hunt", said the critic, "there is no handle on that door." "That is correct" replied the artist. " You see, that is the door to the human heart; the door can only be opened from the in-

side.

Food for thought.....

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money. (Luke 12:15. A mans life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.)

On the lighter side....

A writer decided to write a book about famous churches and chapels around the military.

He bought a plane ticket to Fort Jackson, SC, thinking he would start by working his way across the USA. On his first day he was inside the base chapel taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall above a sign that read "\$10,000 per call."

The man, being intrigued, asked a soldier who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The soldier replied that it was a direct line to Heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to Heaven. The man thanked him and went on his way.

Next, he stopped at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, DC. There, at a very large chapel, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He asked a nearby airman what this phone's purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to Heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to Heaven. "Okay, thank you," said the man, and left.

He then traveled to Ft. Hood, TX, Wright Patterson AFB, OH, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and Naval Air Station Oceana, VA. In every chapel he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it!

He decided to travel to a Marine base to see if he would find the same phone. He arrived aboard Camp Lejeune, NC, and while waiting to visit the base chapel, he was invited into the chow hall. There was the same golden telephone. This time, however, the sign under it read "40 cents per call." The man was surprised.

Just then, a gunnery sergeant walked in and he asked about the sign. "Gunny, I've traveled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many chapels on many different military installations. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the Army, the Air Force, and even the Navy, the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?"

The gunny smiled and answered, "You're on a Marine base now, sir, it's a local call."

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on April 2nd.

Jerry Tripp