



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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July
August
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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, Just to let you know, we are putting in the new window in the front. So everyone please use the side door. Ring our new bell and someone will let you in.

On our four events we have had recently. First, our Ribfest was a great success. We had a lot of fun and, listened to a lot of good music, and ate a lot of good food. Second, we had a delicious catfish fry. It was so good we are having another. If you missed the first one, don't miss this one. Check your calendar for time and day. Third, our TS Steak dinner was also very good. Thanks to John Zlotnicki and his crew for the great job. We still have openings for the TS Steak club. Its a good time to get together with friends.

Fourth, our Texas Hold Em was not a great success. The hall had a fire so they moved it to Grand Rapids. We couldn't get the help, many people had to do several shifts.

Coast Guard festival is coming soon. We are trying a beer tent, and will be needing bar tenders and security people. Sign-up sheets are at the bar.

Our food truck is on Friday July 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. We need people to help pass out food. It's a good cause.

Also, we are getting bar stools for our five new tables. If you would like a dedication put on one of our stools, let me know. We need to get at least 10 stools for a discount.

Next July 11th, we are having a worker's party. If you have helped on anything for your club, come on down.

See you then Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

May 24: Funeral military rites for Mr. Robert Smead, WWII Army Air Corp. Non-member.

May 25: Attended the Veterans Service held at the 1st Reform Church.

May 26: Entered our float in the Memorial Day Parade.

June 12: Had the honor of going to Christian Haven Home to help celebrate Flag Day.

June 14: Attended the Flag Day program put on by the Elks at the Waterfront.

June 15: Funeral military rites for life member Mr. Rudolph Klopp, retired Army veteran

Mr. Chester (Chet) Simons joined our group. Thanks Chet

Al Schmidt

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

No One to Phone

One afternoon after the death of her grandfather, Carol lay huddled on her bed, sobbing forlornly. Her mother sat beside her and asked, "What's the matter, honey?"

"I miss my grandpa, and I miss talking to him about my problems," the girl said.

"I know, dear," sympathized her mother. "I miss him too. But can't you talk to me?" Carol shook her head vehemently.

"Why not?" her mother persisted.

"Because you're what we talked about," sobbed Carol.

Children may not always confide in their parents. And adults may choose not to confide in many of their friends and family. But it is important to have someone with whom we can be emotionally intimate.

Food for thought.....

If at first you don't succeed, don't try skydiving.

On the lighter side.....

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you. "The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" "The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store, "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" "The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

Heard this from George McCarthy.....

If you want friends, you have to be one.

God bless us all.

NEWS FROM THE BAR

A special Thank You to Lee and Betty for the great fish fry on April 26th and a Thank You to all their help. It was a great turn-out and a most delicious meal. Thanks for the desserts too! A job well don so if you see them tell them so.

Sally Ann Harmon

A huge Thank You to Bill and Brian Schippers for taking a day of vacation from their day jobs to thoroughly clean the Grill House in preparation for Ribfest.

John Siemion

**LADIES AUXILIARY
NEWS**

The economy has finally caught up with us. We are sorry to inform you that you will no longer be receiving the bulletin on a monthly basis, nor will it be delivered to your home.

If you have access to Email you can read it there every three months. A monthly calendar will be posted on Email to keep you informed of club activities. You may also pick up a copy of the monthly calendar at the Club.

We also find it necessary to increase our annual dues from \$18 to \$20, beginning with the 2013-2014 year, due to the fact that National has increased our per capita tax.

July: A food truck, sponsored by the VFW, will be at St. Patrick-St Anthony church parking lot on the corner of US 31 and Fulton St. in Grand Haven on Friday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m. About 15 volunteers will be needed. Please sign up at the bar if you can help.

District 8 Planning Meeting will be held in Wayland on Saturday, July 13 at 12:00 p.m.

District 8 Past Presidents luncheon is scheduled for Monday, July 15 at the Beechwood Inn, 380 Douglas Ave., in Holland at 11:30 am.

July Women's Auxiliary meeting, Wednesday, July 17 at 10:45 a.m.

August: The first meeting for District 8 of the 2013-2014 year will take place at Creston Post 3023 on Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, MI. The date is Saturday, August 3, 2013. Dinner at 11:00 a.m., Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

August Women's Auxiliary meeting, Wednesday, August 21, at 10:45 a.m.

September: The American Legion Auxiliary will be our guests for supper on Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m.

September Women's Auxiliary meeting, Wednesday, September 18, at 10:45 a.m.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Auxiliary Member Audrey Hartman who passed away on June 8, 2013 and to Tami & Patrick Tlachac and family on the death of Tami's mother.

We are starting to collect Auxiliary dues for the 2014 year. Our dues have gone up to \$20. We are also giving a free years dues if you pay their dues by our October meeting.

CAMP TROTTER

Camp Trotter is VFW based camp in Newaygo Michigan, the VFW auxiliary sends 2 children to spend a week at camp.

Looking for 2 children 10-12 years old, Camp is scheduled for four weeks in July, they choose which week works for them.

Camp Trotter is located on Bill's Lake in Newaygo County. Camp Trotter is a resident camp for girls and boys. Your child would be enjoying lots of outdoor activities. Swimming, archery, mountain biking, overnight campouts and campfires to name a few. The staff ratio is 1 counselor to 10 campers. Staff nurse on duty 24/7 and certified lifeguards on duty.

Contact Judi Henshaw as soon as possible for application @ 616-842-8318

FOOD TRUCK Volunteers Needed

On Friday, July 12th we will be sponsoring a Food Truck and are in need of 15 volunteers to help distribute the food.

Time: Friday, July 12th 10:00 AM, **Where:** St. Pat's parking lot.

Please sign up at the bar if you can help.

**VFW VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER**

Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 PM

**If you volunteered at the VFW in the
last 12 months you are invited**

**Serving burgers, brats, fries
and a few refreshments**

Thank you to our volunteers!