



# SEPT 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 p.m. Post Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Euchre	<b>5</b> Bar Opens @ Noon Euchre Tourney @ 1:00 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> WET YOUR WHISTLE" SPECIAL 50¢ OFF EVERY DRINK!!!	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Euchre	<b>12</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Private Party</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5—8 \$1.00 PER PERSON WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. Euchre	<b>19</b> Omelet Breakfast 9-12 Bar opens at 3 Karaoke 7—11
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 PM HOSTING AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUX. DINNER	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Euchre	<b>26</b> Bar Opens @ Noon Euchre Tourney @ 1:00 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NO DINNERS THIS MONTH.</b>		



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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades/Sisters/Men's Auxiliary and Dad's.

I want to thank each of you for being a member of VFW Post 2326. Be it a Post member, or our very important auxiliary's members, take pride in this Post, for all it has done, and for all it can, do with your support. **Your support** is very important.

July was a very busy month for our Post, and the money we earned helps support this Post for most of the year. Thanks to the **volunteers** that helped with the Thursday night Burgers and Brat's; the pig roast July 31; and the Coast Guard breakfast held August 1. Also the "Party-on-the-Patio" held every Saturday night, headed up by the "Party-on-the-Patio: guru, Sam Young.

I went to a District 8 meeting Aug. 1. Our Post was also audited by the district on Aug. 5; plus we had the District 8 Commander and Sr. Vice Commander visit our Post. All went well.

Our Post had a health dept. inspection this month also. It went well, with a few things to correct. Again, thanks to the few unnamed volunteers that constantly keeps this Post running. They need your help.

Our Ward-Goff scholarship fund was up 5.4% for the year, and 15% for this quarter. The Women's Auxiliary donated \$125 to the fund. Great job ladies.

Our Post could use a person that is interested in photography. We need pictures of our events. There will be no pay, but I will say "thanks".

For our Post to survive, we NEED YOU. We have changed, and can change, to meet the needs of you younger veterans. Join us, let us know what you need to make this a place you want to remain a member of, and to enjoy it's events with your family.

You can call me at any time with your comments, as long as there constructive comments.

Be proud you're a VFW Member.

**HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES**

July

We lost another member of our team leave us this month. Amanda Windle finally found a job on the east coast, so she had to quit our group. If you read this Amanda, thanks for all you contributed to the Post and our Team. How about several of you Vietnam and Persian War Veterans stepping up and joining our group. The job we do is a very rewarding job, and it is not that time consuming.

July 4 - We were the Color Bearers in the Ferrysburg parade. Ritual Team members Sam Young and Chick Borta also helped with the Flag raising.

07/27 Rev. Alvin Hosper full honors funeral. He was a WWII veteran.

07/31 Richard Purchase full honors funeral. He was a Korea veteran.

Upcoming event: Were having a 9/11 ritual at 12:30 in front of the Post to honor the deceased and living hero's of that day. Everyone is welcome to attend. It won't last but 10 to 15 minutes, so don't be late.

**MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS**

The nominations for officers for the Men's Auxiliary will be at The September 9th meeting.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for making our Coast Guard Pig Roast a success: Judy & Dale Henshaw, Tim Allbright, Bill & Claudia Schippers, Brandon Weigel, Garry Weigel, Bruce Bazany, Dan & Carol Raggl, Kyle Whitmore, and Zack & John Zlotnicki. A big thank you to Don & Vera Armstrong from Euro Floral for donating the potatoes and corn. Thanks again to all.

Brian Schippers

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★ **The winner of the Clock Raffle last month was** ★  
★ **Rich Chittenden Congratulations, Rich!** ★  
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Louis VanRaalte is looking for members and their spouse's that would like to play Pinochle from 12 to 2:30 weekdays at the Post. The bar will not be open. You will have a good time with great people. Call Lou at 616-842-0450.

**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS**

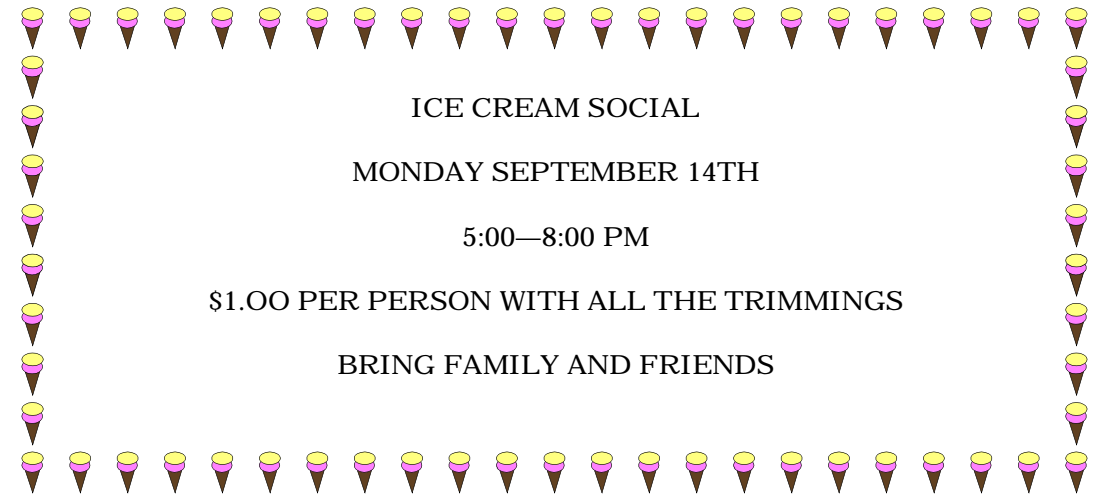
September 2009

We have a busy month coming up. Hope your Labor Day holiday was relaxed and fun.

Omelet breakfast 9:00 am to Noon Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Did you know that the National Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW was established on September 17, 1914?

The Post and Auxiliary will be going to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to play bingo and serve refreshments. Meet at the Post to carpool on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 pm. We start playing at 1:00 pm. Cookies are needed and may be brought to the Post on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Call Bev Avery at 842-7824 for more information.

The American Legion Auxiliary has been invited to be our guest for supper and fun on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. VFW Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend.



If you are golfing on September 4, 5, 6 or 7-that is Patriot Golf Weekend. You may be asked to donate \$1 to your green fees to go into the "Folds of Honor" Foundation. This foundation is home grown here in Grand Haven by Dan Rooney and the proceeds go to families of our fallen heroes of Iraq and Afghanistan. A great way to honor our Veterans and their Families.

I have secured 6 months of raffle ticket printing from Grand Haven Ear and Hearing. Thank you Kristen Johnston and employees. Check your ticket stubs in Oct. for a great deal. Thanks for your support.

I just have received confirmation that Eye Care One in Spring Lake will also be sponsoring our tickets for 6 months. Thanks Tim Westra and employees for your support.

**Mark Kelley**