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CLUB BOARD

Chairman	Ted Raggl	Always Post Commander
Vice Chairman	Jerry Meicher	3yr Term
Secretary	John "Dutch" Ringelberg	2yr Term
Treasurer	John Bosse	3yr Term Always Quarter Master
1 Trustee	Sam Young	2yr Term
2 Trustee	Al Schmidt	1yr Term
3 Trustee	Blane E. Shafer	1yr Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings All VFW members and families

It was a great Coast Guard turnout this year! We had Sweet Justice, Friday night, and Michael Beene, Saturday night. We also had lots of burgers and brats Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The breakfast drew a big hungry crowd! It was a great success. We learn more every year.

How can I say thanks? So many great workers and helpers. Those of you who have done this so many times before, your families, some new faces, our bartenders, both auxiliaries, and many more of our great

VFW family. With your hard work and experience, we will make our VFW a Success. THANKS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Bar 3:00 5-7 Open House "Ice Cream Social" and Last Burger, Brat Night	2 Bar Open 3:00 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	3 CLOSED
4	5 CLOSED	6 Bar Open 3:00	7 Bar Open @ 3:00 Pm Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	8 Bar Open 3:00	9 Bar Open 3:00 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	10 CLOSED
11	12 CLOSED	13 Bar Open 3:00	14 Bar Open @ 3:00Pm Men's Aux Mtg @ 7PM	15 Bar Open 3:00	16 Bar Open 3:00 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	17 Bar Open 3:00 Karaoke 7-11
18	19 CLOSED	20 Bar Open 3:00	21 Bar Open @ 3:00 m Ladies Aux. Mtg. 7PM	22 Bar Open 3:00	23 Bar Open 3:00 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	24 CLOSED Wedding
25	26 CLOSED	27 Bar Open 3:00	28 Bar Open @ 3:00 m Club Board Mtg. 7PM	29 Bar Open 3:00	30 Bar Open 3:00 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

07/05 - We presented Colors at the waterfront for the National Guard Band.

07/15 - Military Rites for veteran Larry Taylor.

07/19 - Had a flag burning ceremony at our Post. Had a great turnout.

07/28 - Military Rites for veteran Wm. Sutton.

I want to thank Mr. Joe Fricano for repairing two of our rifles, free of charge. This is the second time he did this for me. In return, please support his gunsmith business, whenever possible.

Our group is in dire need of new members. In September I'll be losing three members, and another one later in the year. Our participation in community events and non-member veterans funerals will have to be put on hold without some new faces joining our group. We except more than just Post members. We will except veterans from the Auxiliary, or any veteran, male or female, that wish to honor our deceased veterans. We probably average spending five hours per month on these activities. Call me if interested.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Greetings to all the members of our great Post. Soon the summer of 2011 will only be a fond memory. This is the time of the year when we look forward to God doing his artistry on our beautiful Michigan hardwood trees.

I THINK that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

by Joyce Kilmer

On the lighter side....

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" she had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket.

Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket."

She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a check

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary News, September 2011

Summer was a long time coming, but it made up for the delay by the extreme heat. In a couple of weeks we'll say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall. Hope we will have nice Fall weather.

We want to remind the students interested in writing an essay for either Patriots Pen (middle school) or Voice of Democracy (senior high school) that the deadline is November 1, 2011. The theme for Patriots Pen is "Are You Proud of Your Country?".

Voice of Democracy's theme is "Is There Pride In Serving In Our Military?". We did have an eighth-grade student this year go all the way to win fifth place in the National competition.

The annual Fall Conference is scheduled for September 29th through October 2, 2011. Any chairman interested in learning what her chairmanship is all about should plan to attend. The conference will be held at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. Most of the chairman workshops will be held on Saturday, October 1st, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m.

Donations of Campbell soup labels are needed to support projects at the VFW National Home for Children. The Home is available to families of Veterans in need. The Home does not receive any government funding and relies only on donations from members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries and friends. Just cut the bar code from the label and drop them off at the club or mail them. One item they acquired in the past was a fire truck. That took a lot of labels!

The next Auxiliary meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.



From Grand Haven Tribune

To the Grand Haven VFW for sponsoring the service dog for my son Jason Regis. I would also like to thank all the volunteers for the all the hard work at the Rib-Fest this year and a big thank you to Shuana DeMoss, owner of Castle Guard Cane Corsos, for donating the beautiful dog. Jason and Jericho are helping other wounded soldiers at the Brooke Army Medical Center In San Antonio, Texas. The RibFest Made all of this possible.

Kittie Hodge
West Olive

Dinners Starting up Again!

Every 2nd Thurs of the Month
We will Begin Oct 13th 5:00-
7:00 PM

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes
Ect. Yum Yum

Please Stop by for a Great
Meal!