

# April 2010



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post 2326

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### OFFICE

← President →  
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← Treasurer →  
← Chaplain →

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### CLUB BOARD

Al Schmidt  
Jerry Melcher  
John "Dutch" Ringelberg  
John Bosse  
Jerry Sias  
Mark Kelly  
Ted Raggl

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
1 Trustee  
2 Trustee  
3 Trustee

Always Post Commander  
3yr Term  
2yr Term  
3yr Term Always Quarter Master  
2yr Term  
1yr Term  
1yr Term



### COMMNDER'S CORNER

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

Thanks to Fred Lemieux, WGHN radio station, and to all the volunteers that helped on the "Soup & Slider" fund raiser. This was a very successful event.

The revised Post by-laws we ok'ed by the members attending the March 3RD Post meeting.

Nominations for this coming year's Post officers are as follows:

Commander: Al Schmidt  
Sr Vice: Jerry Melcher  
Jr Vice: John "Dutch" Ringelberg  
John Boese  
Chick Borta  
Jerry Sias  
Quartermaster: Sam Young  
Jack Maxfield  
John Boese  
Advocate: Porter Flecher  
Surgeon: Chick Borta  
Trustee 3 Yr: Al Schmidt  
Jack Maxfield

We will vote on the above positions at the Post meeting on April 7, at 7:30 P.M.  
Let's support the various businesses that support our Post.

If you see a veteran in uniform, go out of your way to say "Thanks" to them.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Rib Fest Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2 6:30 p.m. Euchre	3 CLOSED
4 Happy Easter!	5	6 Pool League 7:00	7 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	8	9 6:30 p.m. Euchre	10 Membershp Banquet @6pm Cocktails @5:30pm
11	12	13 Pool League 7:00	14 Men's Aux. MTG. @ 7:00pm	15 Club Board MTG @7:00pm	16 6:30 p.m. Euchre	17 Karaoke 7-11pm
18	19	20 Pool League 7:00	21 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary MTG	22 Steel Headers 5:30- 9:30PM	23 6:30 p.m. Euchre	24 Euchre Tourney @ 1-4:00PM Bar Opens @ Noon
25	26	27 Pool League 7:00	28	29	30 6:30 p.m. Euchre	

## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

February

### February Honor Guard Activities:

Feb. 26: Full Honors Funeral for Marshall Botbyl. The Ritual Team, and U.S. Army National Guard Team also took part in this funeral.

Life member Micheal Mingino also passed away. We don't have any information on when his death was.

We're always looking for members to join our team.

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Greetings from the Chaplain.

This month's spotlight falls upon a person who has just completed four years of serving Sgt. Alvin Yonker, VFW Post 2326, in what many refer to as the toughest job in the Post. Being a Quartermaster in the VFW requires a lot of talent. John Boese possess that talent.

We salute John who has been a leader in our Post from hard times to where we are today.

John was born on "Ground Hogs Day", February 2nd, 1950, in Spring Lake, Michigan. After John graduated from Spring Lake High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. John served, honorably, in the service from 1968 to 1975. During that eight year enlistment he attended Technical School and became an Air Traffic Controller. While still in the service, John joined the VFW, and has been a member of our Post for over 40 years. In 1971 John married his High School sweetheart, Nancy Merz. John served as an Air Traffic Controller, first in Muskegon and then Grand Rapids. When John was President of the local Union, his Union was the only governmental Union that worked to elect Ronald Reagan. In 1981 all the members of his Union were fired by President Reagan, so John went back to school. He received a Bachelor's Degree and an MBA in Human Resources from Grand Valley State University. John worked for the "American Cancer Society" for 10 years. He was Human Resource and Safety Manager for "Georgia Pacific" for five years. For the last ten years John has been very happily employed at "Shape Corporation" as Human Resource Manager.

His hobbies include golf and riding motorcycles. John and Nancy have three children; daughter Sommar, born 1973, son Adam, born 1983 and son James, born 1986. James is a member of our Post having served two tours in Iraq and now finishing his military career in Fairbanks, Alaska. When you see John, a warm thank you and a pat on the back is in order.

On the lighter side.. Three Marines were walking through the forest when they came upon a set of tracks. The first Marine said "these are deer tracks." The second Marine corrected him and said, "no, you are mistaken these are Elk tracks." The third Marine said, "you are both wrong, these are Moose tracks." The Marines were still arguing when the train hit them.

God Bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting March 6th.

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★ **The winner of the \$100 Meijer gift card is Kathy Morgan** ★  
★ **Congratulations!** ★  
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## LADIES AUXILIARY

NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary, April 2010

I'll start out by wishing everyone a "HAPPY EASTER" as we say farewell to a long hard winter. It won't be long now until we see the flowers blooming.

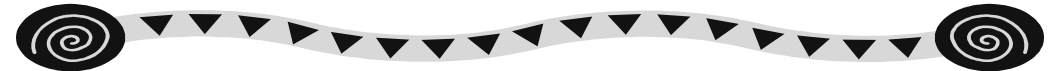
We will be holding our annual Membership Banquet on Saturday, April 10. This is a joint venture for all members of the Post, Ladies & Men's Auxiliaries, Dads, Spouses and Guests and anyone who would like to become a member. Cocktail hour is 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00. Charge is \$6.00. Reservations are necessary, so please call yours in by Monday, April 5. Call Meg Young at 846-2418 or Edna McCarthy at 842-6586.

At the Auxiliary meeting on April 21 we will be electing next year's officers. Please come and participate.

Another of our long time members (62 years) has passed away. We extend our sympathies to the family of Ida Peters.

The next meetings of the Memorial Day Assoc. are Monday, April 5 and Monday, April 19. These are being held at the American Legion Post 28 at 7:00 p.m. VFW and the Auxiliary are a part of the Association.

We will be having our annual Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, Dads, Honor Guard, Ritual Team Membership Dinner. It will be Saturday, April 10. Social Hour will be at 5p.m. and dinner at 6p.m. Please call Meg Young at 846-2418 or Edna McCarthy at 842-6586 for reservations ASAP. Dinner will be swiss steak and the cost is \$7.00.



### NOTICE:

**To all Post, Men's and Women's auxiliary members. The Club Board is seeking ideas and volunteers for Post functions to raise money for a Building Roof replacement fund. The roof has patches on its patches and needs to be replaced. Before this can happen we need to raise approximately \$30,000 for the roof to be replaced. Anyone who can help please contact one of your Club Board members and or come to the Club Board meeting which is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm.**

Thank you  
Your Club Board Members.