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



COMMANDER'S CORNER

As the month of March comes to an end and April begins, thoughts of spring appear. Spring brings new beginnings, and new life. It also is election time at the Post we have a slate of officers, but nominations are still open, elections will be held at our April meeting let's see a good turnout. This will be a very important year for our Post.

Spring also means that Rib Fest is not far off. Once again we will be calling on all, volunteer in some way I'm sure that the committee can find something for you to do. We are always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions to make Rib Fest better. Don't be afraid to offer them.

Thank you to the men's aux. and all who have helped with the Texas Hold em parties. They have been very successful. May will be our last one for the year. So sign up with Dan Raggl or at the bar.

Until next month KISS YOUR VET

Sam

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	2 CLOSED
3	4 CLOSED	5 Pool League 7:00	6 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	7 CLOSED	8 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	9 Bar opens @ 3:00 Membership Banquet Cocktail hour 5pm Dinner 6pm
10	11 CLOSED	12 Pool League 7:00	13 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	14 CLOSED	15 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	16 Bar Opens 3:00 Karaoke 7 - 11 p.m.
17	18 CLOSED	19 Play Off Pool League 7:00	20 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary "ELECTIONS"	21 CLOSED	22 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	23 Bar 11am Pool League Final Play off 12:00p.m Euchre Tourney 1-4:00p.m
24	25 CLOSED	26 Rib Fest Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 Club Board MTG @7:00pm	28 CLOSED	29 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	30 CLOSED

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES
February

Several members of the Honor Guard attended the funeral of member William Wiebenga. The Legion did the Ritual, but we also participated. Bill was one of the veterans we had the honor to meet monthly at the local care center.

We have a member, Dick Fought, who is recovering from a hip operation. Were wishing him a speedy recovery. Dick is another of the club's unknown hero's. Whenever it was possible on a Thursday afternoon, Dick would go to a local care center and play the organ for the residents. I heard Dick play, and he is excellent.

Anyone interested in joining our group, please give me a call. There isn't a lot of time required, and most of our Military Rituals are held during the week-day, either from 11 to noon, or 1 to 2 in the afternoon. Our team is not restricted to just Post Members of the male sex. Check us out.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The Post and the Auxiliaries have elected new leaders for the coming year. Let's get behind them and make this a great year for the VFW. John W. Newbern probably voiced it best; "People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened."

Our Post meets with the Veterans at "Robinswood" the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30. If you want to feel something good in your life, and make others happy, join us at "Robinswood."

The last remaining WW1 Veteran passed away recently. A small clipping in the paper was about the only tribute awarded this 110 year old Patriot. Let us remember those who have served our Country in the years since WW1 and show them our appreciation while they are still with us.

Thought for the day is provided by T.H. Thompson,
" Be kind. Remember everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

On the lighter side;
An inebriated man called the police station and said, " Come get me I've had too much to drink to drive ! " The policeman asked "Where are you ? " The drunk replied, " I'm at the corner of Walk and Don't Walk."

God Bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting April 7th, 2011.

★ Winner of January \$100 Franks Market is Verylle Wemple ★
★ Congratulations! ★

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary, April 2011

Greetings to everyone! We hope we have seen the last of winter weather, but compared to other parts of the country, especially the eastern states, we can still count our blessings.


We will be holding our annual Joint Membership Banquet with the Post, Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries, and Dads on Saturday, April 9th. All spouses and guests are welcome. Cocktail's are at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., Cost is \$7.00 each. Please call your reservations in to Meg Young at 846-2418 or Edna McCarthy at 842-6586. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 4th. We hope to see everyone at the banquet!

We will be electing officers for the ensuing year at the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, April 20. 7:00 p.m. We need YOU! Please come and show your support!

Past Presidents: The District 8 Past Presidents Annual Luncheon will be hosted by the Holland Auxiliary, at Post #2144, on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are required.

Our Eighth District President, Carrie Turner and Commander Don "Doc" Jones will be honored at a Testimonial Banquet on April 30th at the Creston Post #3023 on 1535 Monroe St. NW in Grand Rapids. Social Hour is at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$10.00. Casual Dress. Reservation required. Please RSVP early by calling Carrie Turner at 517-663-4511 or emailing her at: CWatkins2406@gmail.com.

Have a HAPPY and BLESSED EASTER.



Thursday Night
Burgers and Brats
Are Back!!

Beginning on Thursday June 2, 2011 "Burger and Brat Nite" during the summer out on the patio (inside if the weather is bad). Beginning on Thursday June 2, 2011 and each Thursday thereafter we will have cooked to order "Burger and Brat Nite" From 5-7p.m (Maybe longer if activity warrants) Bar will open at 3p.m.

The Menu:

- Burger or Brat w/your choice of 1 side- \$3.00
- Cheeseburger or Brat Deluxe (peppers and onions) w/ 1 Side \$3.50
- Extra Sides- \$.50
- Your choice of sides: Potato Salad
- Coleslaw
- Beans
- Chips
- Cookie (a dessert)

Burger or Brat only \$2.00
For the Little Kids 1 hot dog w/ 1 side \$1.50
Hot Dog only \$1.00
!!BEST DEAL!! 2 Burgers or 2 Brats w/ 1 Side \$5.00

