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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AUGUST 1st—Pancake Breakfast 7—11 , Bar opens at 9:00 am Beer Tent is open from 6 pm to Midnight Friday July 31st and from 3 pm to Midnight on August 1st. Grill opens at 5:30 Music from 8:00 pm til Midnight						1
2	3	4	5 7:30 p.m. Post Meeting	6	7 6:30 p.m. Euchre	8 CLOSED Private Party
9	10	11 Steaks on the Grill 5:00—6:30	12 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	13	14 6:30 p.m. Euchre	15 Private Party 11—5 Bar opens at 3 Karaoke 7—11
16	17	18	19 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary	20	21 6:30 p.m. Euchre	22 Bar Opens @ 3 pm Grill @ 7pm Music 8-12
23	24	25 Chicken Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 6:30 p.m. Euchre	29 Bar Opens @ 3 pm Grill @ 7pm Music 8-12
30	31	MUSIC ON THE PATIO: July 31st—"Sweet Justice" August 1st—"Catman and the All Nighters" Watch bulletin boards for Bands to be announced for August 22nd and 29th. Music is from 8:00 until Midnight				



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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

I survived the first month of active duty as your Post Commander thanks to all the help I received. A lot of people do so many important things around our Post to keep it running and looking good. My thanks to you.

Check our activity calendar for upcoming Post activities. There is a Pig Roast July 31, that's a Friday evening. The Coast Guard breakfast is Aug. 1st. Also, Sam Young, working with WGHN, is putting on every Saturday night, "Party-on-the-Patio" party this summer. It should be a great time for all, and really help the Post financially. Join us, with your family and friends at these, and all other Post functions.

We're in need of a Club Board President. Don Westerhouse resigned from this position. Thanks for your service in this position Don.

The Ward-Goff scholarship winners for this year are McHale Smith and Regins Robinson. This is where our rib-fest money goes.

Now for the Doom-and-Gloom part of my message. Once again, we couldn't start our Post Wednesday night meeting till we could find a tenth Post member to make the needed quorum. We have 400 Post members, and can hardly field the needed 10 for our once a month meeting. We can get volunteer's for our projects, but can't get members to attend our one meeting a month, for one hour. Our Post can't continue to survive if there isn't an interest in your part to attend these meetings,

What did we discuss this month in our meeting? Not only upcoming events, but how we can help our veterans, especially our younger veterans and their family that has a spouse in active duty. We can use your input.

Hope you all had a great month. Enjoy the Coast Guard functions with us.

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

June

I'm sorry to announce that Leo Atkinson resigned from the Honor Guard. His years of service are greatly appreciated.

June Activities:

06/08 - Bernie Schutz funeral
06/14 - Flag day activities at the waterfront
06/15 - Gerald Kraus funeral
06/16 - Refolded an American Flag for a deceased veterans family
06/19 - Stanley Zysk funeral
06/21 - Presented colors at the Grand Haven airports 60th anniversary celebration
06/26 - Helped a deceased veterans family member to I.D. some of his service ribbons
06/30 - We properly burned over 100 old American Flags.

Upcoming event: We will have our 9/11 Ritual at 12:30 P.M. It will be held in front of our Post, and will last approx. 5 to 10 minutes. Please join us.

We are in need of a volunteer to join our Honor Guard to replace Leo. It is a very rewarding duty. Call me if you are interested.

LET THE PARTY BEGIN

July 3rd was the start of our Saturday night "Parties on the Patio". Everyone enjoyed the weekend with good music, food, drink specials and great weather. So come on down and spend the evening with us, instead of sitting home on Saturday nights trying to find something to watch on television.

I need more people to help checking ID's and cooking burgers and brats. The more help I can get the less time the volunteer's I have now will have to work. I really will need all the help I can get from all of our auxiliaries and post members for July 31st and August 1st, (Coast Guard Weekend) to run our entertainment tent, that the City so kindly allowed us to use the parking lot again. On the Friday night, the Men's Aux, will be having a Pig Roast, the tent will open at 6pm and live music from 8:00pm till midnight. Saturday the Ladies Aux. will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast, The entertainment tent will open at 3:00pm, with live music till midnight.

Please help me out by volunteering and attending these events, so that this can be the most successful summer ever.

Sam Young

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

August 2009

We hope you are enjoying the summer. It has finally warmed up a little, so make the most of it. It won't last long. Saturday August 1st, the Auxiliary will be serving the "All You Can Eat Breakfast" from 8:00 until 11:00 am. Hope to see you there.

The Post and Auxiliary sponsor the following Essay Contests:
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO ESSAY is open to all students in grades 9 – 12.
THEME: DOES AMERICA STILL HAVE HEROES?
DEADLINE: November 1, 2009

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY COMPETITION: This is open to all students in grades 6 – 8.
THEME: WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO HONOR OUR MILITARY HEROES?
DEADLINE: November 1, 2009

Monetary awards are given locally. Winners are forwarded the 8th District, the Department of Michigan and to National level.

Contact Persons for more information: John Kemme – Phone: 616-846-3949
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Auxiliary will meet Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome.

On June 19 it was my honor to take part in Dan Rooney's Fallen Hero, Folds of Honor, fund raiser at the Grand Haven Golf Club. This organization last year has raised over 2 million dollars for scholarships for Mortally wounded or disabled veteran's families of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Post 2326 was a proud sponsor of the 4th hole and to help such a worthwhile veteran relief cause. This foundation was started in this community 4 years ago and now is a national treasure. I am personally touched that we can contribute to veterans and their survivors in such a manor. For more information donation information please go to www.foldsofhonor.org.

The Post has lost their long term sponsor of the printing of our raffle tickets, VanZantwick, Bartels, Kammeraad. Due to the economic slowdown this is an item that they had to cease with many other items. We wish them the best as they have supported us with this and other projects at our Post. During my conversation with Sy Workman, I also found out that Dale VanZantwick, one of our members, is recovering from hip surgery complications. Get well soon Dale!! I have found another sponsor for the next two months, Retirement Wealth Advisors in Spring Lake and Jenison. You might want to give them a call for information on their investment services. You may reach Jason Wenk at RWA 1-800-903-2562. I am working on longer term solutions and should have them by the time you read this. Our raffle sales are down about 30% from last year. We need your support so help us sell more tickets as additional tickets are available at the bar. In these tough times the tough need to get going, let's not let the club's financial situation back slide to what it was 5 years ago. **Thanks for your support.**
Mark Kelley