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



COMMNDER'S CORNER

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

Summer has finally arrived and it looks like we are going to be in for a good old fashion one. If you are looking for a way to cool off come to the Post, enjoy a cold drink and the air conditioning.

Before this newsletter is in print residents from the Grand Rapids Veterans Home will have enjoyed a chicken dinner and an afternoon of entertainment. I would like to take a moment to thank all of those that help with this annual rewarding event.

I mentioned last month that we will be concentrating on membership and retention this year. So start by thinking of ways that you think we can recruit and retain members. Any and all ideas will be considered.

Don't forget to support our summer steak fries on the second Tuesday of each month. Also we will be having a great variety of events during Coast Guard week for all of you to enjoy. Until next time don't to forget to KISS YOUR VET!!

Sam

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CLOSED	3	4 Closed for Private Event	5 Starting Coast Guard Festivities Bar Opens @2P.m DJ By WGHN 9-11 P.M	6 Bar Open @ 2 P.M Pig Roast 5-7 P.M Music 9-12 P.M Sweet Justice NO EUCHRE	7 Breakfast 8-10 A.M Bar Opens @ Noon Just Ribs Noon Till ?
8	9 CLOSED	10 Steak Dinner 5:00—6:30 Public Welcome	11 Men's Auxiliary 6-7 P.M Post MTG 7:30 P.M	12 CLOSED	13 Euchre @ 6:30	14 "Bar Opens @ 3:00" Private Event 6-11 P.M
15	16 CLOSED	17	18 Life Line Screening 8A.M-3 P.M Ladies Auxiliary 6-7 P.M	19 CLOSED	20 Euchre @ 6:30	21 Karaoke 7-11 P.M
22	23 CLOSED	24	25	26 CLOSED Club Board MTG @ 7 P.M	27 Euchre @ 6:30	28 Omelet-In-A-Bag Breakfast 8-10:30 A.M Bar Open @ Noon Euchre Tourney 1-4P.M
29	30 CLOSED	31				

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES
June

We had no Military Rites or other activities in June. Our team members were issued military style white short sleeve dress shirts for our summer wear. We will be using the Garand M-1 Rifle at Military Rites. We were using the Springfield 03's. Have a great month. I pray that we have another month without any military rites.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This month's spotlight falls on someone, not a member of this Past, but one we should all thank for his service to our country. Lt. John Finn, dead at 100 years of age. American hero Lt. John W. Finn, USN Ret. passed away Thursday, May 27th, 2010, at a "Nursing Home For Veterans", at Chula Vista, California. John Finn was the first American to receive the Nation's highest military award for defending Sailors, under a torrent of gunfire, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Despite injuries, Mr. Finn, the Chief of Ordinance for an Air Squadron, continuously fired a 50 cal. machine gun, from an exposed position, as bullets and bombs pounded the Naval Air Station in Oahu. His body took 27 pieces of shrapnel, shot in the left foot, and his right arm completely numb, but he kept firing his 50 cal. gun. This hero is what America is all about. May God bless him.

Prayer for thought:

As A Little Child Relies;

As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own;
Knows he's neither strong or wise,
Fears to stir a step alone,-
Let me thus with thee abide
As my Father, Guard and Guide!
Amen.

On the lighter side:

The Post Commander was visiting an elderly veteran at a senior citizens home when the subject of memory loss came up. The Commander was curious if the staff used any special test to determine when a patient was "mentally infirm". "Oh yes", the old veteran replied, "they give you the bathtub test...after filling a tub with water, they hand you a bucket, a teacup, a spoon, and a thimble, and tell you to empty the tub as fast as you can." "Oh I see", said the Commander, "and a normal person uses the bucket." "Heaven's no", replied the veteran. "A normal person pulls the drain plug." "So, do you want a room on the North or South wing?"



One of Commander Sam Youngs goals this year to is increase membership. We have now on display in the Post lobby a recruiter kit with informational documents and applications for Post, Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries. If you know of anyone who would be possibly be qualified please pass along the appropriate flyer and application. These informational documents should help clear up the question "How do I Join the VFW". Remember it is you who will help the Post grow

Congratulations to
Clarence Baker Winner of
Meijer \$100.00 Gift card

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary News, August, 2010

Hi Everybody! Are we having fun yet? We're getting into the third month of summer and the town is bustling with activities. In addition to what the Post has planned, the Auxiliary is also getting into high gear.

Saturday, August 7, is Coast Guard Parade day and we will be serving our great "All You Can Eat" breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. You can enjoy pancakes and sausage, scrambled eggs and ham, hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee. A \$7.00 donation is requested. Children under 5 years old are free. Public is welcome.

On Saturday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00, we will also be having an "Omelet in a Bag" breakfast for those of you like to put in your own fixings. There will be diced ham, browned sausage, green pepper, onions and cheese plus a serving of fruit, toast and coffee. Please make a donation of \$7.00. This is also open to the public.

Tuesday, August 10, you can enjoy steak on the grill with baked potato, salad bar, dessert and coffee. Serving from 5:00 to 6.30 p.m. \$8.00 is the requested donation. Public is welcome.

Have you ever had a LIFE LINE SCREENING? A stroke screening program is coming to our Post. The date is Wednesday, August 18, 2010. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851 to register. The cost is \$139 and if you would like an osteoporosis screening it is an additional \$10. You may get more information by visiting their website at www.lifescreeing.com or by calling 800-324-1851. Source Code: HSC5447

Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 P.M

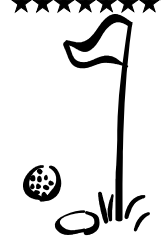
Spoken Announcements for Life Line Screening Preventive Health Events

30 Seconds

Stroke is the third leading cause of the death in the United Sates, and this catastrophic event can strike without warning. In face, four out of five people who have had a stroke showed no apparent warning signs prior to their attack. But, Strokes can be stopped in their tracks. On Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Sgt. Alvin Jonker VFW Post 2326 located at 20 N. 1st St. Grand Haven there will a Life Screening preventive health event to scan for the risk of stroke and other vascular conditions.

10 Seconds

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Save the date-Friday August 13, your lucky day. 1st Annual VFW Charity Golf Outing. Tee off at 9 a.m. at Pigeon Creek Golf Club, \$60 for cart and 18 holes. Included-hot dogs at the turn, Pig Roast after golf, prizes, raffle, refreshment carts, just plain fun! For more information contact Mark Kelley at 502-2843 or log on to www.vfwgolf.org . See you there.



WATCH OUT FOR TACO TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER The website should be updated by the time you read this so check it out at www.vfwpost2326.org Thanks to Jeff Kelley for his hard work and creativity.