



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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### HONOR GUARD

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### CLUB BOARD

Ted Raggl	Chairman	Always Post Commander
Fred LeMieux	Vice Chairman	3 yr Term
Mike Baauw	Treasurer	3 yr Term Always Quarter Master
Fred LeMieux	1 Trustee	2 yr Term
Blaine Shafer	2 Trustee	1 yr Term
Terry Grotemat	3 Trustee	1 yr Term

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi members Hope everyone is surviving our heat wave! We have air, if you need a place to cool off. We have Keno, Nudgemaster, juke box, and we are a surprisingly calming place to hang out, so come on down and cool off.

We are really trying to improve our club. We received a \$5,000 grant from Home Depot so we could improve the front of our building. We will be doing something with the window and our flower box and other things. Exciting things are happening.

Soon the Coast Guard Festival will be upon us. We have Sweet Justice on Friday night, August 3rd and The Bean is back for Saturday night August 4th. There will be no cover charge for Friday, but there will be a \$5.00 cover charge for non-members on Saturday night. All you members bring your card. No card, you pay.

The grill will be open on Friday, 5p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday noon till 9:00 p.m. And there will be 50/50 raffles going on through the nights. There will also be breakfast on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

Now for club business..... We are desperately in need of an adjutant for our Post. This person takes notes once a month, at the post meetings and reports it to the district. It is an appointed position. Come see me! Ted

## **HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES**

06/14 - Participated in the waterfront Flag Day program. Our community, the American Legion, and our Post's members attendance was terrible.

06/20 - 51 American Flags were retired by burning.

06/28 - Did the Military Rites for deceased Post Member Charles Cleveland.

06/29 - We took a very activate part in the pinning ceremony of Veterans living at the Seville Asst. Living Center.

06/30 - Did the Military Rites for veteran Raymond Congrave.

I want to thank the Ritual Team for taking a more active part in the Honor Guard activities.

## **NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Greetings from the Chaplain.....

Once a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and

forth this person went. As he approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.

The man was stuck by the apparent futility of the task.. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf. As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are hundreds of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stooped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said: "It sure made a difference to that one!"

On the lighter side.....

A man and friend are playing golf one day. One of the players is about to chip on the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: "Wow! That is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man."

The other man replies, "Yeah, well, we were married 35 years."

Food for thought.....

"Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing."

Oliver Wendall Holmes (1809-1894)

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

**LADIES AUXILIARY  
NEWS**

Greetings everyone! Hope you all are enjoying your summer. We wanted hot weather and we got it. Mother Nature overdid it a little bit.

It looks like August is going to be a busy month. The Coast Guard activities will keep the town alive. We are planning to have an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will start serving at 8:00 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, toast, ham, sausage, potatoes, juice and coffee. All this for only \$7.00. Children 5 to 10 yrs \$4.00. No charge for children under 5 yrs.

Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> is also the day the District 8 Ladies Auxiliary will plan the activities for the coming year. Portage Post #5855 will host a luncheon at 11:00 a.m. preceding the meeting.

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> is Michigan Day at Eaton Rapids VFW National Home. You are invited to attend and enjoy the day. You can have a tour of the homes that we support with our donations. You can also buy your lunch there or bring a picnic lunch.

Please tell the area students in grades 9 through 12--It's time to start working on your Voice of Democracy Essay! The title for this year's contest is "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" Students in grades 6 through 8 may enter the Patriot's Pen contest titled "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers?" Deadline for these contests is November 1, 2012. Co-chairpersons are John Kemme and Edna McCarthy. Call Edna at 842-6586 if you have any questions.

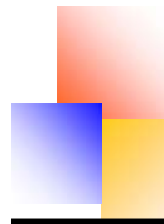
The Ladies Auxiliary will meet Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 7:00 P.M

Membership: We are starting to collect dues for the 2013 year. Dues are \$18.00 and can be sent to Meg Young 1231 Marion, Grand Haven or they can be paid at the Post. Pay your dues by Sept. 1 and your name will go in a drawing for a free years dues. The drawing will take place at our September meeting. Also Life Members cancer insurance is also due. The cost is \$5.00.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

We will be having a social get together for all Auxiliary members and guests to get acquainted with our new members and to answer any questions you may have about the Auxiliary and what we do. It will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm at the VFW Post. Hope to see you there.

Meg Young, Membership Chairman



# August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST Saturday August 4th @ 8 AM			1 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:30 PM Post Meeting	2 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Burgers & Brats	3 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	4 BAR OPEN 12-11 PM  Breakfast* 8 AM
5	6 CLOSED	7 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	8 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Men's Aux.	9 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Burgers & Brats	10 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	11 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
12	13 CLOSED	14 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	15 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	16 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Burgers & Brats	17 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	18 BAR OPEN Noon-11 PM Karaoke 7:00-11:00
19	20 CLOSED	21 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	22 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Club Board Mtg.	23 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Burgers & Brats	24 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	25 CLOSED PRIVATE PARTY
26	27 CLOSED	28 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	29 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	30 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Burgers & Brats	31 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	