

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	2 BAR OPEN 3-6 PM	3 CLOSED
4	5 CLOSED	6 BAR OPEN 3-6 PM Pool League 7 pm	7 BAR OPEN 3-9PM 7:30 p.m. Post Meeting	8 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Lasagne Dinner 5:00-7:00	9 BAR OPEN 3-9PM	10 CLOSED PRIVATE PARTY
11	12 CLOSED	13 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 pm	14 BAR OPEN 3 PM 7:00 p.m. Men's Aux.	15 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Soup & Slider Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	16 BAR OPEN 3 PM	17 Bar Opens 3:00 Karaoke 7:00-11:00 p.m.
18	19 CLOSED	20 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 pm	21 BAR OPEN 3-9PM 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aux.	22 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	23 BAR OPEN 3 PM	24 CLOSED
25 Merry Christmas	26 CLOSED	27 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 pm	28 BAR OPEN 3 PM 7:00 p.m. Club Board Mtg.	29 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	30 BAR OPEN 3-9PM	31 CLOSED

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, how about you? Are you ready? I went to the district meeting last week and learned that our Veteran's Home people need warm clothes; such as socks, long underwear, long sleeved shirts, jackets, and other gently used warm items. Can you help our Vets in need?

We are planning the Soup and Slider for March 10 and Rib Fest for May 25th and 26th and we could use some sponsors. Does anyone have any ideas?

The Veterans Day Program was great with some wonderful essays from our local students; we know their parents were proud. Then on to the Men's Auxiliary, who served up a great chili! It always amazes me as to what great lengths our Auxiliaries and other post members go to in order to serve our club. THANKS! Next, we were dancing, by that I mean, everyone but me, were dancing to the sounds of Sweet Justice. If you haven't heard them you really missed out.

Well I'll see you in the next letter! -Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

- 10/01 - Took part in the East Town Parade. I also help judge the Big Wheel races.
10/03 - Did the military rites for Wm.Brassard.
10/04 - Did the military rites for Lester Podein.
10/05 - Several of the Honor Guard team attended the lunch/bingo event our Post hosted at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home.
10/13 - Several of the Honor Guard team, and Chic Borta from the Ritual team, visited the veterans living at the Robbinswood Living Center. We do this the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us there.
10/18 - I burned the retired American Flags that were turned into our Post.
10/28 - Did the military rites for Otto VanderBosch.
A thank you goes to Plantenga's Cleaners for cleaning our American Flag at no cost. Also thanks to John Hammond for repairing our Post Flag at no cost to our Post.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

THE GOLD WRAPPING PAPER - An Inspiring Christmas Story

Once upon a time, a man punished his five-year-old daughter for using up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper before Christmas. Money was tight, so he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve, he saw that the child had used the expensive gold paper to decorate a large shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God.

There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Food for thought... The trouble with the guy who talks too fast is that he often says something he hasn't thought of yet.

On the lighter side...

A drunk driver called the police and said, "Come and get me, I'm too drunk to drive."

The policeman asked, "Where are you?"

The drunk said, "I'm at the corner of Walk and Don't Walk."

God Bless and looking forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary, December 2011

Greetings everyone and may we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

The Past Presidents will be meeting for a Christmas luncheon at Turks in Coopersville on Thursday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m. Reservations may be made by calling Janice Woirel at 846-6582.

The Christmas tree is up and waiting for all the mittens, hats and scarves that you knitted or purchased to keep the little gremlins' fingers and ears from freezing.

A BIG 'Thank You' is in order to the person who dripped off the lap robes at the club! They have been delivered to the Grand Rapids Veterans Facility and were greatly appreciated! The essay contests have ended and the winners chosen. The winners of the "Patriots Pen" were: Hannah Kenny, Gabbie Hollar, and Nathaniel Hatton. Winners of the "Voice of Democracy" contest were: Connor Meston, Rebecca Hochhuth and Alyssa Henderson. All essays have been forwarded to District 8 for further judging.

The Auxiliary has adopted a needy family through the Salvation Army again this year. Anyone wishing to contribute toward gifts and a Christmas dinner may call 842-8034 for details.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00p.m.

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dale Henshaw was voted in as our new Junior Vice. We are still in need of other new officers. Please contact one of the current officers.

Keep up your membership, 2012 dues are due now!

December 1st: We will be bell ringing at the South door of Wal-Mart.

Volunteers needed. Volunteer list is located at the Post, or call Al. The

Legion will be doing the North door, let's show them that we can fill up our date!

Puzzle Exchange

Are winter days keeping you inside with nothing to do?

We have many size puzzles for you to choose from, you can do an exchange or borrow something new.