

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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3 Trustee 1 yr. Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi everyone.

Well we had our last Texas Hold'em for the year. We did pretty well, and I would like to thank all for their help. We also had our District meeting at our club. Our ladies auxiliary made a great meal and the men's auxiliary helped with clean-up. They work well with each other.

On Veterans Day I had the opportunity to go with the honor guard and the Ritual team for a day at school with the 7th grade class. Those guys make me proud to be part of the team.

Our Veterans Day celebration was a good time. The men's auxiliary made Chili for all and even some left over for hunting. We received awards for last year's participation in the Patriots Pen and the Voice of Democracy, the Gold Star Mothers Program, and the Department of Michigan Hospital Program. We have a lot of people that go above and beyond the call and I get the honor of receiving the awards at our district meeting. Just remember it takes a lot of help from our members to make these awards possible. We do well as a team! Thanks to all.

Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

10/01 - Team did a Flag etiquette/
Flag retirement class at the Post for

some really great scouts.

10/06 - We participated in the "East End" Feasible parade. We were the Color Bearers. It was a wet and chilly afternoon but weather doesn't stop our dedicated team.

10/18 - Did the military rites for deceased veteran Warren Young.

10/29 - Retired approximately 50 Flags.

Dec 8: There are still several openings for volunteer Bell Ringers. We're helping out the Salvation Army by manning the "Red Kettle" at the south door of Wal-Mart. The signup sheet is in the hall way of our Post. The time slots are for only one hour. Anyone, members or non-members, or any combination can fill the slot.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Best wishes to all the VFW and
Auxiliaries members for the coming
Thanksgiving season. We have so

much to be grateful for. Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind we feel for what we take; the larger kind we feel for what we give.

Food for thought.....

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job in a timber merchant and he got it. The pay was really good and so was the work condition. For those reasons, the woodcutter was determined to do his best.

His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he supposed to work.

The first day, the woodcutter brought 18 trees.

"Congratulations," the boss said. "Go on that way!"

Very motivated by the boss words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could only bring 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing less and less trees.

"I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on.

"When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked.

"Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees..."

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to sharpen the "axe". In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy than ever.

Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay "sharp"? There's nothing wrong with activity and hard work. But we should not get so busy that we neglect the truly important things in life, like our personal life, taking time to get close to our Creator, giving more time for our family, taking time to read etc.

We all need time to relax, to think and meditate, to learn and grow. If we don't take the time to sharpen the "axe", we will become dull and lose our effectiveness.

Author: Stephen Covey

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Have you paid your 2013 membership dues yet? You must have them paid by December 31st in

order to be a member in good standing. Your cancer insurance expires if you are not paid up by that date and you will have to wait one year to have it reinstated. Many of our members have benefited from receiving a cancer grant from the National Auxiliary. Dues are only \$18. Send them to Meg Young at 1231 Marion Ave. or to the VFW Post at 20 N. First St., in Grand Haven, 49417.

December 5 is the deadline to bring your mittens, hats or scarves to hang on the Mitten Tree at the Post. They will be collected that day for distribution by the Good Fellows. Thanks every one for your donations.

Variety is the spice of life! A variety of cookies is nice too! Join us in a Christmas cookie exchange on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Club. Bring six dozen of your favorite cookies to swap for someone else's favorites. Five dozen assorted cookies will go home with you and one dozen will be used for sampling.

We offer our condolences to the family of Barbara Meyer who passed away on October 18, 2012 and to the family of Emma Prelesnik-Scheltema who passed away on November 3, 2012.

Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Please have a warm and wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

We are considering arranging a Casino bus trip to Little River or Fire Keepers if you would be

interested in this please contact Bill Schippers (number is on front page) or sign up @the Bar.

There will be more info coming if enough people are interested in doing this.

Monthly scheduled Dinner for Dec. is cancelled, no one to cook. I will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner with Italian Sausage on Jan. 24, 2013.

The T.S. Dinner has been Moved to Jan. 12, 2013 due to the Parade in town, and lack adequate parking.


Hi my name is Terry Grotemat (Squeek) and I am the new bar manager. I NEED HELP!!! I am looking for ideas to get members to come to the club and bring their friends. If you have any ideas of things to try like cribbage or line dancing or some other activity you may be interested in. Call me at 616 850 2636 and let's get together and discuss it. Also don't forget the hall it's available for rent, let people you work with or do other things with know it's available.

THANKS SQUEEK

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 CLOSED	4 BAR OPEN 3-9 KANDU	5 BAR OPEN 3-9 POST MTG. 7:30 PM	6 BAR OPEN 3-?	7 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	8 BAR OPEN NOON-5
9	10 CLOSED	11 BAR OPEN 3-9	12 BAR OPEN 3-9 MEN'S AUX. 7:00 PM	13 BAR OPEN 3-?	14 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	15 BAR OPEN NOON-11 KARAOKE 7-11 PM
16	17 CLOSED	18 BAR OPEN 3-9 KANDU	19 BAR OPEN 3-9 LADIES AUX. 7:00 PM	20 BAR OPEN 3-?	21 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	22 BAR OPEN NOON-5
23	24 CLOSED	25 	26 BAR OPEN 3-9 CLUB BOARD 7:00 PM	27 BAR OPEN 3-?	28 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	29 BAR OPEN NOON-5
30	31 CLOSED					