

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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3 Trustee 1 yr. Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello all,

We are looking for someone to send out our bulletin. Our friend Bill Yedinik is taking a break. Bill did a real nice job for us for many years. Thank you Bill.

Our soup and slider us coming up on March 9th. We still need a few more workers. Come on down, it's always fun working with our fellow comrades.

The Texas Holdem is the following week, during the week. It is Monday the 11th, Tuesday the 12th, and Wednesday the 13th. Sign-up sheets are at the bar. I know it's hard for those of you that work, but we need help from those who can.

Thank you all for your help, for without you it would not work. Remember our veterans in your prayers.

Ted.

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

2/8 - The volunteers that helped "Ring-the-Bell" for the Salvation Ar-

my raised \$401.45. Great Job.

12/14 - We took an active part in the pinning ceremony at Christian Haven Living Care Center. We helped honor the veterans that were living there, plus also honored three past women auxiliary members from the VFW and the American Legion.

12/19 - Several of us visited the veterans living at Robbinswood Living Care Center.

I would like to thank all the Honor Guard Members that supported me at all the events we attended last year.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

That's My Favorite Piece.....There was a couple who had celebrated their

golden anniversary with a big party. Presents were exchanged, and congratulations were expressed before they got in their car and drove home. When they got home the woman made her way into the kitchen as was her custom, she brewed some tea, and took out a loaf of bread. She had baked one daily for years. She cut off the heel, warmed it, and buttered it for her husband before cutting another slice for herself. Then she served him the warm bread... As was now, this guy who has been married for fifty years loved his wife greatly, but the stress of the day had taken its toll. And he blew up.

He said, "Honey I love you. You know that. But quite frankly this is it. For more years than I can even count, you have baked bread for me every day. But you always give me the heel. You always pass off that crusty piece of bread, that heel on me. I have had it! I won't take it anymore!"

And this is true - she looked at him, blinked back the tears and said, "But honey, that's my favorite piece."

Food for thought.....

The value of a smile is priceless, yet it is the cheapest, easiest, most rewarding and most sincere gift to anyone that crosses your path. A smile makes a person's day, anybody's day even a stranger's day. A smile is infectious. Start infecting people with your smile today.

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated. A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

On the Lighter side.....

George McCarthy told me the other day; Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the more you use it, the faster it goes.

God bless and see you at the meeting in February.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

We will be attending the second meeting of the Eighth District on

Saturday, February 2. It will be a sit-down dinner at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at Post #2144 in Holland.

The Voice of Democracy and the Patriots Pen district winners will be honored at that time.

We extend our sympathies to the families of the following Auxiliary Members: Beverly Koats who died on December 30, 2012, Phyllis Akey who died on January 9, 2013 and Eula Cain who died on January 10, 2013 also to KayAnn Mertes whose bother passed away December 19, 2012, and Auxiliary member Louise Svoboda's son, Robin, died of cancer on January 10, 2013.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20 at 10:45 a.m.

NEWS FROM THE BAR

We had a great turnout for the New Year's Day pot luck.

Thanks to everyone for coming and for bringing some very delicious food!!! It's just too bad we can't get that kind of turn out for our regular dinners. DON'T FORGET SOUP AND SLIDER MARCH 9 2013. Volunteer signup sheets are available at the bar.

Thanks Squeek

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dues, please make sure you are up to date!

Volunteer Signup sheets for Texas Hold'em are at the bar.

NEWS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Annual dues have been increased to \$28.00. Members can pay their annual dues at the Post, or they can mail their dues to:

Quartermaster

VFW Post 2326

20 N. First St.

Grand Haven, MI 49417

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| 10 | 11 CLOSED | 12 BAR OPEN 3-9 | 13 BAR OPEN 3-9 MEN'S AUX. 7:00 PM | 14 BAR OPEN 3-?  | 15 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM | 16 BAR OPEN NOON-11 KARAOKE 7-11 PM |
| 17 | 18 CLOSED | 19 BAR OPEN 3-9 | 20 BAR OPEN 3-9 LADIES AUX. 10:45 AM | 21 BAR OPEN 3-? | 22 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM | 23 BAR OPEN NOON-5 |
| 24 | 25 CLOSED | 26 BAR OPEN 3-9 | 27 BAR OPEN 3-9 CLUB BOARD 7:00 PM | 28 BAR OPEN 3-? | | |