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CLUB BOARD

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|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Sam Young | Chairman | Always Post Commander |
| Jerry Melcher | Vice Chairman | 3yr Term |
| John "Dutch" Ringelberg | Secretary | 2yr Term |
| John Bosse | Treasurer | 3yr Term Always Quarter Master |
| Jerry Sias | 1 Trustee | 2yr Term |
| Mark Kelly | 2 Trustee | 1yr Term |
| Ted Raggl | 3 Trustee | 1yr Term |

COMMANDER'S CORNER

While watching one of my favorite John Wayne movies, I Harms Way, I was trying to think of something to write about, when it dawned on me that today is the day that would live INFAMY PEARL HARBOR DAY. I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of our WWII veterans for all of things that your generation did for me and my generation and all generations to come. Through your actions I was taught what it means to be an American. You truly are the greatest generation of all time. So comrades and sisters, take time to say thank you to your Fathers, Grandfathers, old aunts and uncles for their service 60+ years ago.

I want to say a few words to say thanks to Dick Swain, for donating the money our annual Kandu Kids Christmas party, also a thank you goes out to the unknown person who donated a Wii game for the kids. There is one more person I would like to mention the next time you see John Zlotnicki tell him thank you for all that he has done around our post home. John is one of our unsung hero's from the men's aux. All you have to do is mention something to him and the next thing you know its done THANKS JOHN.

The weekend of January 20th is fast approaching and we still are in need of more volunteers for the Texas Hold-Em tournament. Please call Dan Raggl to sign up for a shift or you can do it the next time you are at the club.

I don't have much more to say except that I will be in Florida next month and I won't be back till March until then have a good winter.
Don't forget to kiss a vet

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | HAPPY NEW YEAR | | | | | 1 New Year's Day Potluck 1-4:00pm |
| 2 | 3 Soup & Slider MTG 7P.M CLOSED | 4 | 5 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm | 6 CLOSED | 7 Euchre @6:30 p.m. | 8 CLOSED |
| 9 | 10 CLOSED | 11 RIB FEST MtG 7:00p.m | 12 Men's Aux. MTG. @ 7:00pm | 13 CLOSED | 14 Euchre @6:30 p.m. | 15 Karaoke 7-11PM |
| 16 | 17 CLOSED | 18 | 19 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary | 20 CLOSED | 21 Euchre @6:30 p.m. | 22 CLOSED |
| 23 | 24 CLOSED | 25 | 26 7:00 p.m. Club Board Mtg. | 27 CLOSED | 28 Euchre @6:30 p.m. | 29 "Bar Opens @ 3:00P.M |
| 30 | 31 CLOSED | | | | | |

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES
November

For those who helped "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army at the Wal-Mart Store, thanks from me and the Salvation Army. I really hope we made some families holiday a little happier. We had another month without an funeral.

1/10 - Members of both the Honor Guard and the Ritual Team attended an Veterans Day Celebration held at the White Pines Middle School. It was again put on by teacher Ms Morrissey and other school staff, plus the 7th grade students. This was, and has been, a very rewarding experience. We shared this experience with the American Legion.

1/11 - Did the Military Ritual in Central Park at 11:00 A.M.

1/11 - Helped with the Veterans Day celebration at the Post at 6:00 P.M.

1/13 - Porter Fletcher and myself helped present the Colors at the Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast, that was held at the Eagles; along with two members of the American Legion,

1/22 - Old American Flags were destroyed.

SPECIAL "Thank You" goes to **George McCarthy**, who retired from active service in the Honor Guard. Geo put in several decades of loyal service. He mentored me when I became the Commander. Geo was always there, either helping at a funeral ritual, cleaning rifles, burning flags, etc. You could also find George in the kitchen during Post events. George is one of many un-sung hero's of our Post.

Roy Schmidt has joined our Post Honor Guard. Roy has just recently joined our Post.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Greetings to all Post and Auxiliary members as we say goodbye to 2010 and look forward to 2011.

How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.
I'll find new ways to serve others;
I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
In everything I do.
I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
Angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
Even though it's hard.
In the new year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.
I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.
These new year's resolutions
Are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:
I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul

Our Post Honor Guard has retired our last WW11 member. George McCarthy deserves our thanks for all that he has done, and continues to do for our Post .

The "boys club" (comprised of Robbinswood residents and VFW Post members) had a great Christmas Party. We will be meeting there again on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a wonderful social evening.
On the lighter side.....

As in many homes on New Year's Day, Steve and his wife the annual conflict of which was more important - the football games on television, or the dinner itself. To keep peace, Steve ate dinner with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-dinner conversation, before retiring to the family room to turn on the game.

Several minutes later, his wife came downstairs and graciously even bought a cold drink for him. She smiled, kissed him on the cheek and asked what the score was. Steve told her it was the end of the third quarter and that the score was still nothing to nothing. "See?" she said, continuing to smile, "You didn't miss a thing."

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting 5 January, 2011.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary News, January 2011

Here we are again, starting a new year. We hope you had a nice Christmas and we wish you the best for the year ahead. Some of us had a lot of trauma this past year such as losing a loved one or friends. Others have endured surgeries, broken bones, heart problems and loss of jobs. Let us pray for a better year in 2011 and count the blessings that we have received.

The Auxiliary has a fairly light calendar for January. We will have our regular meeting on Wednesday the 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The Mid-Winter Convention will take place in Kalamazoo on January 28 through January 30 at the Radisson Hotel. Please mark your February calendar for the District 8 meeting and Voice of Democracy dinner. It will be held in Otsego, Saturday the 5th.

We offer our sympathy to families of Cecelia Zysk, a long time member, who died Monday, December 6

- November Turkey Raffle Winners!
- ★ Carol & James Kimball
 - ★ Louise Dewitt
 - ★ Dan Hemmeke
 - ★ Claudia Schippers
 - ★ Paul Kubicek
 - ★ Ernie Schroeder
 - ★ Derk Doormobs
 - ★ Paul Walsh
 - ★ F. Donselar
 - ★ Arthur Schwartz
 - ★ J.E Lemke
 - ★ Marky Kelley
 - ★ Virginia Beekman
 - ★ Tim Jockwig
 - ★ Margaret Michlitsch
 - ★ Stanley Stolarz
 - ★ Chester Stolarz
 - ★ P. Schmeltzer
 - ★ Darrel Thornley
 - ★ Jeff Przsuscha
 - ★ Stan Mart
 - ★ John Spangler
 - ★ Bill Yedinak
 - ★ Joann Grotemat
 - ★ Betty Bewalda
- Congratulations!**



On December 7th we hosted an appreciation Christmas luncheon for KANDU KETS volunteers. Some of you may not know that they have been cleaning our club every Tuesday for 4 years. They do a very good job ... and ... like doing it! Thank you folks! We really appreciate you help! In addition, a big "Thank You" to Dick Swain and Bob McGary for their generous donations for this event. In this photo; Shirley Petersen, Rhonda Barnes, George Bakale, Richard Washburn, Tina Seekman, Kathy Diekma, Yvonne Johnson, Eddie Zimmer, Bob Bethke, Jamie Veiling, Troy Heidema

Kandu is a not-for-profit 501 (c)3 charitable organization that provides educational, social vocational and employment activities for people with disabilities and employment barriers.

Thank You Claudia & Bill Shippers
Betty Payatt & John Zlotnick
Bev & Blain Shafers
For giving up your Sunday to "Christma'fy our club. Fun was had by all and they did a simply marvelous job!

Oh... By the way.. I did hang One Ornament on the tree.. Sooo.. I, Also, did my part. Thank you very much!
Alicia



Membership is due by December 31, in order to make use of the club and also for the cancer insurance that is available to you. You can send your dues to Meg Young , 1231 Marion, Grand Haven, MI 49417 or pay at the Post. If there is any reason that you can't pay please contact me at 616-846-2418.