



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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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
Sam Young	1 Trustee	2 yr Term
Al Schmidt	2 Trustee	1 yr Term
Blane E Shafer	3 Trustee	1 yr Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

A new year has begun. We are trying something new this year. We will be open every Saturday in January for football playoffs, from 1 to 5 p.m. We will have \$1.00 beers and well drinks. Come on down. Signup sheets for our first Texas Hold'em are here. This is for [February 9, 10, 11, and 12](#). Please help out your club.

The Hero Monument is in place in Central Park. Stop down and have a look. The club is in need of a new Adjutant (meeting recorder). Thanks to Bill Hunter for his time and effort. We would also like to thank those from Kandu for five years of cleaning our club. Their program is finished. Thanks to all our members for their service this year and for just supporting your club. Let's have another great year. Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

We can always use more members in our Honor Guard Team; Call me if you're interested. It will be a rewarding experience.

11/02 The Post invited veterans living in the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and Robbinswood Living Center to come to our Post. They furnished an excellent meal, and they played "Give-me-the-Mo-la." I think we made their day a little bit happier.

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

11/04 A badly torn American Flag was replaced at the Mrs. Bernie Schutz house.

11/05 Commander Raggl, Gerry Tripp, and I attended the District 8 quarterly meeting.

11/08 Displayed the "Fallen Hero's" silhouette in Central Park.

11/08 The "Post" Flag was cleaned.

11/10 Both the Honor Guard and Ritual Team went to the 7th grade classes at White Pines Jr. High School. The VFW attended the morning classes and the American Legion attended the afternoon classes. This is always a great event.

11/11 We did the Military Rites at the WW1 Memorial.

We presented the Colors at the Spring Lake Library for the Voice Activated Group "salute to veterans."

Took part in the Post's Veterans Day program.

11/12 Porter Fletcher and I helped present the Colors at the Marine Corps Birthday breakfast that was held at the Eagles.

Did the Military Rites at Veteran Herbert Bevins funeral.

11/16 Met with the Robbinswood Living Center veterans.

11/18 Did the Military Rites at Veteran Larry Wurm funeral.

11/20 Attended the St. Mary's Catholic Church "Salute to Service Hero's". This was a great program. Too bad so few attended.

The following deserve a special Thank You from our Post for helping the Salvation Army and our community by Ringing-the-Bell at Wal-Mart on December 1st: Mary & Al Schmidt, Louie VanRaalte, Vicki & Fred Hodges, Gerry Tripp, Diane & Ken Khodl's, Darnell Pringnitz, Edna & George McCarthy, and Claudia & Bill Schippers.

HAVE A VERY MERRY and HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This month's spotlight falls on.... You're a 19 year old kid.

You're critically wounded and dying in The jungle somewhere in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam...

It's November 11, 1967. LZ (landing zone) X-ray.

Your unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense from 100 yards away, that your CO (commanding officer) has ordered the MedEvac helicopters to stop coming in. You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out.

Your family is half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day. Then - over the machine gun noise - you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter. You look up to see a Huey coming in. But... It doesn't seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it. Captain Ed Freeman is coming in for you. He's not MedEvac so it's not his job, but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway, even after the MedEvacs were ordered not to come.

He's coming anyway. And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load three of you at a time on board. Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses and safety. And, *he kept coming back*!! 13 more times!! Until all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that the Captain had been hit 4 times in the legs and left arm. He took 29 of you and your buddies out that day. Some would not have made it without the Captain and his Huey. Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Ed Freeman, United States Air Force, died last Wednesday at the age of 70, in Boise, Idaho May God Bless and Rest His Soul

Food for thought... T.H. Thompson, said, "Remember everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

On the lighter side....

Every night, Harold would go down to the liquor store, get a six pack, bring it home, and drink it while he watched TV. One night, as he finished his last beer, the doorbell rang. He stumbled to the door and found a six-foot cockroach standing there. The bug grabbed him by the collar and threw him across the room, and left. The next night, after he finished his 3th beer, the doorbell rang. He walked slowly to the door and found the same six-foot cockroach standing there. The big bug punched him in the stomach, then left. The next night, after he finished his 1st beer, the doorbell rang again. The same six-foot cockroach was standing there. This time he was kneed in the groin and hit behind the ear as he doubled over in pain. Then the big bug left. The fourth night Harold didn't drink at all. The doorbell rang. The cockroach was standing there. The bug beat the snot out of Harold and left him in a heap on the living room floor. The following day, Harold went to see his doctor. He explained events of the preceding four nights. "What can I do?" he pleaded."Not much "he doctor replied." There's just a nasty bug going around." Wishing a happy New Year and May God continue to bless you.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Good bye 2011. Hello 2012! The holidays are over and we hope you enjoyed them. May your New Year be happy and prosperous.

Some of us are enjoying the dinners that the Post is doing on the second Tuesday of the month. They are very tasty and come with dessert. Come on down and try them. The Mid-Winter Conference begins on January 27 through the 29th. It will be held in Kalamazoo at the Radisson Plaza hotel. The first Auxiliary meeting of the New Year will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. Why not make a resolution to start attending the meetings and help us help our veterans? That is what we are committed to do. We extend our sympathy to Barbara Rollins on the death of Paul Walsh, her companion. He was also a life member of Post #2326.

We are very close to 100% in membership, so if you have not paid your dues please send them to Meg Young. The dues are \$17.00. I would like to congratulate Nancy Corbett who won the drawing at our October meeting. She received a free year dues just for paying early.

Thanks again,
Meg Young
Membership Chairman

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

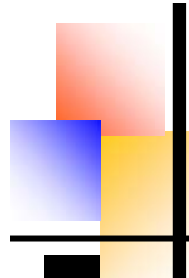
Dues for 2012! Pay your dues to remain in good standing for the coming year. Support your clubs. As the new year approaches volunteers will be needed for upcoming functions. Thank you.

TS dinner Club still has openings. The first week's drawing will be January 13th. You MUST be paid up to be eligible for the drawing.

“Where were you for the one Thursday a month?”

Squeeks, Joanne, and Howie donated their time and energy to put on a dinner for #2326 and to have so few people to show up to eat. We thank those who did but if more do not come on down for the dinners, they will be cancelled soon. Thank you Joanne, Squeeks, and Howie for all your efforts!

-Sally Ann Harmon



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 CLOSED	3 BAR OPEN 3-9PM Pool League 7 PM	4 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:30 PM Post Meeting	5 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	6 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	7 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM*
8	9 CLOSED	10 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	11 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Men's Aux.	12 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Burrito Dinner 5:00-7:00	13 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	14 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM*
15	16 CLOSED	17 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	18 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	19 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Soup & Slider Mtg. 7:00 PM	20 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	21 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM* Karaoke 7:00-11:00
22	23 CLOSED	24 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	25 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Club Board	26 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	27 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	28 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM* Euchre Tourney 1-5 PM
29	30 CLOSED	31 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	*Bar open every Saturday in January for football playoffs from 1-5 PM. \$1.00 Beers & \$1.00 Well drinks.* Thursday Night Dinner Jan. 12th We're going Mexican! Burrito Casserole w/ Spanish Rice Come join us and we'll go south of the border! This could be the last dinner if we don't have a better turnout!!			