



# 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
Fred LeMieux	1 Trustee	2 yr Term
Blaine Shafer	2 Trustee	1 yr Term
Terry Grotemat	3 Trustee	1 yr Term



### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi all, The Rib Fest was a great success! Everyone I talked to had a great time, including myself. It takes a lot of wonderful people to make it happen. Our scholarship program just became a little bit stronger because of you. Thanks. We had some great musical groups for our Rib Fest, Soul'd Out and Whooha. They were great. If you missed them, remember the names. They are worth seeing.

Our Texas Hold'em came and went. We did great again! The next one is in August. The 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. These are really fun to do. Some of our volunteers take their wives from the auxiliary, they call this a date, I know I brought mine. She said she had a great time. Signup sheets are behind the bar.

Hospice and our Honor guard went to Robbinswood in Grand Haven where they pinned several veterans and thanked them for their years of service. It was very cool. Our honor guard did us proud.

There was a great turnout at the Memorial Day parade, special thanks to all the speakers and all the flower bearers. Our VFW speakers were Judi Henshaw, Kathy Raggl, and John Zlotnicki.

Our flower bearers were Kari Strait, Skyler Henshaw, and Bree Arnold. It takes a lot to make this Memorial Day event a success, but it is worth all the effort to honor our veterans.

Have a great 4th of July. Ted

## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

May was busy: The preparations for a few of these events took a lot of time.

05/16 - Attended the Memorial Day Service that the Women's Aux did. Great job ladies.

05/18 - We took a very active part in the "Pinning" Ceremony that was held at the Robbinswood Living Center. If you weren't there, you missed a special event. It Honored the living veterans that are staying at Robbinswood. Ken Khodl and Jerry Tripp went that extra step to help make this ceremony a success.

05/21 - Both Honor Guard and Ritual Team Members took part in the yearly Ferry School "Salute to Veterans" program. This was a very special 3 hours event.

05/22 - The Honor Guard and Ritual Team members attended the "Thank You" breakfast put on by the VBK Funeral Home.

05/26 - Did the Military Rites for Post member Robert Kane.

05/28 - We had our float in both the Grand Haven and Spring Lake parades. We were a tired bunch when we completed the march in the Spring Lake Parade. Thanks for the extra effort of Fred Hodges, Geo McCarthy, and Ken Khodl on helping build the float, and to Jack Maxfield for furnishing the truck and trailer and driving it in both parades.

Mr. George McCarthy has rejoined our Honor Guard Team. "Thanks" Geo. Actually Geo never really quit our team. He helped clean rifles, burn flags, etc.

Upcoming Events:

07/03 - I was asked if I could get a group together to welcome home a active Army Veteran that is arriving at the Grand Rapids Airport from completing his tour in Afghanistan. His name is Zack Pinder. He will arrive at the Grand Rapids airport at 5:37 p.m. on July 3. Call me if you're interested in welcoming home this veteran. I hope to have a few of the Honor Guard members there also.

07/04 - Planning on having our float in the Ferrysburg annual 4th of July Parade.

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of cola and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase.

He was about to take a drink from his cola when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a cola. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave... but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face.

She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what?"

She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home.

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**LADIES AUXILIARY  
NEWS**

Many hands make light work, and the many hands that worked on the Rib Fest contributed to making it a huge success. Thanks to all who helped. The Past Presidents of Auxiliary 2326 will be having a get together with the Past Presidents of Auxiliary 2144 of Holland on Thursday, July 12, at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Stable Inn, located on U.S. 31, just south of Grand Haven. Call Janice Woirol at 846-6582 to make a reservation.

We are hoping to have our usual "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Coast Guard Parade Day on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for information in the August bulletin.

We regret the passing of another one of our long-term members: Connie (Rettinhouse) Wiethoff. Our sympathies to her family.

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

**MEN'S AUXILIARY  
NEWS**

We elected John Siemion as a Trustee.

We are purchasing a Pop Corn Maker for the Club

The TS 20/20 Dinner held on 9 June was very Successful. The next cycle starts with the first drawing on 15 June. We still have open numbers anyone

wishing to join may still get in.

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: Values and Goals for V.F.W. Post 2326

: Our success depends on the people that volunteer at the V.F.W. Post 2326. We can continu-

: ally improve ourselves and the work we do. Success isn't numbers alone.

: **Commitment** – It makes promises into reality.

: **Trust** – Is the adhesive which holds relationships and our post together.

: **Teamwork** – It's cooperation and the pleasure in our job by being successful together. We all

: must work together and be on the same page.

: **Communication** – We encourage the volunteers to be direct, with honesty, participation, and

: challenge. We cherish your ideas and to participate, not just sit back and watch.

: **Change** – Change is ongoing. There are new trends, such as drinks and food. If you have

: any ideas, please let us know. If they save time in the preparation of drinks or food, let us

: know. If it involves performing a function and it saves steps, let us know. Even if we don't uti-

: lize your ideas, if nothing else, we will know that you are thinking about "Our Post" and how it

: can be improved.

: **Leadership** – By continually learning.

: Leaders who encourage – not control.

: We are all accountable. We seek results – not credit.

: **Results** – We focus on reaching reasonable goals.

: Thank you for reading my own personal views on how ALL Post's should have "Values and

: Goals."

: Sincerely,

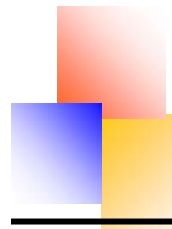
: Fred LeMieux

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**NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN CONTINUED**

Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected



# July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	4  BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	5 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Burgers & Brats	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	11 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:30 PM Post Meeting	12 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Burgers & Brats	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	18 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	19 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Burgers & Brats	20 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	21 BAR OPEN Noon-11 PM Karaoke 7:00-11:00
22	23 CLOSED	24 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	25 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Club Board Mtg.	26 BAR OPEN 3-? PM Burgers & Brats	27 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	28 CLOSED PRIVATE PARTY
29	30 CLOSED	31 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>HAPPY HOUR EVERY SATURDAY</b>  <b>NOON TO 5 PM</b>  <b>\$1.00 BEERS, \$1.00 WELL DRINKS</b>  <b>\$0.50 HOT DOGS</b>  <b>DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, THE POST AND THE MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETINGS OAR BOTH ON THE 11TH.</b> </p>			