

# June 2010



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post 2326

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### CLUB BOARD

Al Schmidt	Chairman
Jerry Melcher	Vice Chairman
John "Dutch" Ringelberg	Secretary
John Bosse	Treasurer
Jerry Sias	1 Trustee
Mark Kelly	2 Trustee
Ted Raggl	3 Trustee

Always Post Commander	3yr Term
3yr Term	2yr Term
3yr Term	Always Quarter Master
2yr Term	1yr Term
1yr Term	1yr Term

### COMMNDER'S CORNER

This will be my last Commanders Corner. Mr Sam Young will be new Commander for the following year, and will do his usual great job for our Post.

I want to thank the Post for letting me have the **Honor** of being your Commander this past year. It was an learning experience, but very rewarding. Thanks to all of you for your help, advice, and guidance. I was rewarded by finally meeting and working with many of our Post and Aux.members

I feel our Post main accomplishment this year was were finally being recognized by our community. In turn, were getting more requests for use of our Post, and are asked to attend more Military Rites, and other veterans related events.

The negative side is if we are to continue as a VFW Post, we have two major problems. The first one is membership decline. The second one is the extreme lack of many members participation in any or all Post events. I truly worry that when my family needs a VFW Military Rites for me, that Post 2326 is still here to provide it.

As you go past the Post, look up and enjoy the new flags that are flying. This is what our Country and Post is all about. Our members, or their spouses, served our Country to see OUR flag proudly flying.

My last comment: The Marine Corps has a saying - Semper Fi. Means "always faithful". I wish all our membership felt this way to the VFW and our Post.

Al Schmidt - Post Commander/Honor Guard Commander



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7:30 p.m Post Meeting	3 <b>CLOSED</b>	4  Euchre @6:30 p.m.	5 <b>CLOSED</b>
6	7 <b>CLOSED</b>	8	9 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	10 <b>CLOSED</b>	11  Euchre @6:30 p.m.	12 <b>CLOSED</b>
13	14 <b>CLOSED</b>	15 Rib Fest Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary	17 <b>CLOSED</b>	18  Euchre @6:30 p.m.	19 Bar Opens 3:00 Karaoke 7:00 p.m
20	21 <b>CLOSED</b>	22	23	24 <b>CLOSED</b>	25  Euchre @6:30 p.m.	26 Bar Opens @ 3:00 Euchre Tourney @ 1:00-4:00
27	28 <b>CLOSED</b>	29	30			

**HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES**  
April

- April 10 - Military Rites for Mr Fredrick Bakker.
- April 10 - Presented Colors at the Posts membership dinner.
- April 13 - Team members received flag folding training by the Army National Guard. Training was done at the American Legion Post.
- April 19 - Full Military Rites for Mr Herman Ericksen.
- April 21 - Full Military Rites for Mr Lloyd Kieft.
- April 24 - Team pictures were taken of both the Honor Guard, and the Ritual Team. Carol Kimball gets a "thank you" for donating her time and equipment to do this.

**NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

This months spotlight falls on the person for whom our Post was named.

Alvin Jonker was born 17 May, 1894 to Fred and Anna (Verhoeks) Yonker in Grand Haven, Michigan.

On September 3rd, 1917, he enlisted in "Co.F" of Grand Haven, which later merged with "Co.L" of the "126th Infantry" during "WW1". Alvin held the rank of Supply Sargeant. He was killed in action during the "Battle Of The Argonne", in France on October 9th, 1918.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your name.

Why should we not support those who support us? The best way to thank people for supporting our Post is to patronize them. Grand Haven Ear and Hearing is one such Company. They help print our monthly raffle tickets. Kristin Johnston, owner, goes out of her way to assist veterans.

On the lighter side;

A man was telling his neighbor "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me two thousand bucks, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.

"Really", answered the neighbor, "what kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

God Bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in June

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 ★ Winner of April Raffle drawing was Steve Casemier for \$100 Grand ★  
 ★ Haven "Dune Dollars" Congratulations! ★  
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**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS**

Ladies Auxiliary, June 2010

We hope you were all able to participate in the Memorial Day festivities and that you had an enjoyable weekend. We want to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Rib Fest a great success! You are most appreciated.

We had our annual election of officers at the April meeting and guess what? You have to live with the same old slate of tired blood! It would be nice if someone new would show an interest in what we do as an auxiliary and offer to get involved.

Winners of the Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the Post and Auxiliary were: Jeff Ockerse, Winston Hoppensteadt and Trevor J. Huls. They are students at the Careerline Tech Center.

The Grand Haven Police Dept. has requested money donations to purchase candy and coloring books and crayons to send to fellow officer Joe Schulte who is stationed in Iraq. He wants them to give to the children there. The Auxiliary will share with the Post on this project.

The Department Convention is to be held in Dearborn starting Thursday, June 24, through Sunday, June 27. Headquarters and housing is at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

A Steak Dinner is planned for Tuesday, June 8, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. Hope to see you there!

Also on Saturday, June 26, we will be having an "Omelet In a Bag" Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:30 A.M.. You can put your own veggies and meat in the bag and then they cook it for you.

The final Memorial Day Association meeting for 2010 will be Monday, June 7, at the American Legion. Refreshments will be served.

The next Auxiliary Meeting will be Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

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 ★ **Notice** ★  
 ★ There has been a change in eligibility to enroll in the VA Health Care Service. Anyone who applied prior to 2003 and was turned down, should reapply. See a service officer or visit VA Sites. Personnel was turned down due to income ceilings are now eligible. All category numbers have been changed. ★  
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Many thank you's to both Grand Haven Ear & Hearing and Eye Care One for their sponsorship of our raffle ticket printing costs this past 8 months and the next 4 months. Please remember to use your raffle tickets for free services at both of these supporters. Hopefully thru your support we can convince them to continue their support to help off set some of our costs next year also.