



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

TS DINNER WINNERS

1. Janice Woiril
2. Ed Georgia
3. Bill Parks
4. Kathy Shippers
5. Judi Henshaw
6. Jack Maxfield
7. Audrey Katt
8. Judy Grant
9. Sally Harmon
10. Barb Frickman

Please remember you have to be paid through drawing week to win. Must pay \$5 at a time.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi to all. We have a lot of news this month, so we might as well get to it.

I would like to give a special thanks to Bev Shafer for all that she has done for our club. She goes above and beyond for us. She is taking a little time off, hopefully, to have some fun with her family. We will miss you.

We have a new Hold'em on our schedule. That gives us four this year, and that's the limit. Our new Texas Hold'em dates are, August 9, 10, 11, and 12.

If you haven't noticed yet, we have a new nudgemaster machine, with the winnings being gift cards; we have a jukebox, and an ATM. Soon we will have Keno. Come on down and have some fun. We will have this entertainment for a year on a trial bases, for your enjoyment.

We are going to start burgers and brats on Thursday June 7th. I would like to give another special thanks to Terry (Squeek) and JoAnn Grotemat and all of those great people who helped with the dinners these past months. GREAT JOB!

Our annual Ladies and Men's Auxiliary Memorial Services was very nice. Thanks to all who served or are serving our country. The VFW convention is on 7, 8, 9, and 10th of June in Lansing. Anyone interested, call me.

And last but not least, The June NASCAR race is on father's day. What a great gift for us race lovers. I know I will have a great time. Hope all you other fathers have a great day. Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

04/04 - Had combined military rites with the American Legion for Lenard France.

04/18 - Had our monthly meeting with some veterans living at the Robbinswood Living Center.

04/23 - Had a landlord remove an American Flag from one of his storefronts that was lying on the window front shelf.

04/24 - Replaced the American Flag that was flying at Robbinswood Living Center. The veterans living there asked us to do this.

04/24 - We retired by burning approx. 50 old American Flags.

04/26 - Did the Military Rites for Austin Angel. Our Post Chaplain, Jerry Tripp, did another great Job.

Misc News: Our Team members have been working with Hospice of Michigan on a project to honor the veterans living at the Robbinswood Living Center.

The float for the Memorial Day Parades was worked on.

Flag Day is June 14. Please try to attend the program that the Elk's put on at the Waterfront Stadium. Last year's community turnout was worse than terrible.

September 25: We will have veterans from the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and Robbinswood Living Center as our guests for a luncheon and games. Will be from noon to approx 2:30 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This month's spotlight falls on...

Petty Officer Axelson, along with Petty Officer Dietz, were part of a four-man reconnaissance team sent on one such mission, tasked with finding a key Taliban leader east of Asadabad, Afghanistan. As the team made their way through the mountainous region, Taliban sympathizers spotted the Seals, and alerted terrorist fighters of the team's presence. A deadly firefight ensued between the four Seals and an enemy force of at least 30 fighters. Positioning themselves as best they could, the team realized they needed help. They radioed for reinforcements – and soon, a MH-47 Chinook helicopter was on its way to help in the fight.

However, the Taliban fighters spotted the Chinook as it made its way toward the Seals' position, and they launched a RPG toward the aircraft, shooting it down and killing all 16 men aboard.

The Seals knew their chances were slim, but they continued to hold their ground. Both Axelson and Dietz were severely injured, but they continued to fight, taking several of the enemy with them to their graves.

Although Axelson and Dietz died from their wounds, their actions allowed one of the Seals to evade the enemy and escape. A few days later, the surviving Seal was recovered by U.S. forces.

Both Axelson and Dietz were posthumously awarded the Navy Cross on Sept. 13, 2006.

Food for thought.....

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." It comes to us all: not to make us sad, but to make us sober; not to make us sorry, but to make us wise; not to make us despondent, but by its darkness to refresh us, as the night refreshes the day; not to impoverish us, but to enrich us, as the plough enriches the field, -- to multiply our joy, as the seed is multiplied a hundred-fold by planting. Our conception of life is not Divine, and our thought of garden-making is not inspired. Our earthly flowers are quickly planted, and they quickly bloom, and then they are gone; while God would plant those flowers which, by transplantation, shall live forever.

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

On the lighter side.....

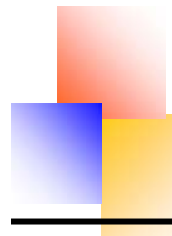
Little Willie asked his mother: "Mamma, don't soldiers ever go to heaven?"

"Of course they do!" protested his mother. "What makes you ask?"

"There are so many soldiers with beards but I never saw any pictures of angels with beards."

"Oh, that's because most men who go to Heaven get there by a close shave."

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the June meeting.



June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SATURDAY \$1.00 BEERS, \$1.00 WELL DRINKS \$0.50 HOT DOGS					1 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	2 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
3	4 CLOSED	5 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	6 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:30 PM Post Meeting	7 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	8 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	9 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM TS Dinner 6 pm
10	11 CLOSED	12 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	13 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Men's Aux.	14 BAR OPEN 3-? PM 	15 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	16 CLOSED PRIVATE PARTY
17 HAPPY FATHERS DAY 	18 CLOSED	19 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	20 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	21 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	22 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	23 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
24	25 CLOSED	26 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	27 BAR OPEN 3-9 7:00 PM Club Board Mtg.	28 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	29 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	30 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM