



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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### OFFICE

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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**

Hi all! Well Happy Hour went well, so we are going to keep it up for a while. \$1 beers, well drinks, and 25 cent hot dogs, from 1 till 5 on Saturdays. It's a great time to visit, come on down.

We are trying to get a wall of pictures for the ladies and men's auxiliary and the Dads. We need pictures!

Our first hold'em went well. Thanks for all who helped. Our next one is on May 31st, and April 1, 2, and 3. The sign-up sheets are at the bar. Soup and slider is coming soon. We will need workers and bartenders. The signup sheet is also at the bar. We thank everyone who is there for our club.

Al Schmidt and I went to the District 8 meeting. Our kids from Grand Haven made us proud. Edna McCarthy and John Kemme did a great job as their sponsors. Hannah Kenny (8th grade) and Gabbie Haven (7th grade) took 1st (Hannah) and 2nd (Gabbie) place, for the Patriot's Pen. Connor Meston (12th grade) took 3rd place in Voice of Democracy. Great job! Even though John Kemme has been our adjacent for years, he has decided to do it again. I'm glad he's back. Ted

### TS DINNER WINNERS

Janice Woirol  
 Ed Georgia  
 Bill Parks  
 Kathy Shippers  
 Judi Henshaw

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

## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

We had a very quiet January.

01/07 - The Honor Guard and Ritual Team attended the funeral for Post member Henry Cooper. The military rites were done by the Air Force Honor Guard.

01/15 - Several of us meet with our veteran friends at the Robbinswood Living Center.

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

What does it mean to be poor...?

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah" said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks dad for showing me how poor we are." "Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective. Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for all the bounty we have, instead of worrying about wanting more. Take joy in all you have, especially your friends. Pass this message on.

Food for thought.....

Newt Gingrich said;

"Perseverance's the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did"

On the lighter side.....

Submarine Life

The new Ensign was assigned to subs, where he'd dreamed of working since a young boy. He was trying to impress the Master Chief with his expertise learned in Submarine School.

The Master Chief cut him off quickly and said, "Listen, 'sir', it's real simple. Add the number of times we dive to the number of times we surface. Divide that number by two. If the result doesn't come out even, don't open the hatch."

God bless and hoping to see you at the March meeting.

**LADIES AUXILIARY  
NEWS**

Just a few days and it will be Spring! Sounds good doesn't it? We sure have had a crazy winter!

We are proud to report that we had a 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner in the "Patriot's Pen" Essay Contest in District 8! The essay was forwarded to the Department of Michigan and took 3<sup>rd</sup>. place there. The winner was Hannah Kenny, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student at White Pines Middle School in Grand Haven.

Gabbie Hollar was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place "Patriot's Pen" winner in the District. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student at White Pines. Connor Meston, a 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at the Grand Haven High School, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District 8 "Voice of Democracy" Essay Contest. Each student received a monetary award and a certificate. We are proud of them for taking the time to enter the contests.

We also had a "Teacher of the Year" winner in District 8. This honor was awarded to Michelle Morrissey Maitner. Congratulations to all the winners! Chairman for Auxiliary 2326 was Edna McCarthy and Chairman for the Post was John Kemme. A job well done by all!

Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary are reminded of the 11:30 a.m.luncheon at Sam's Joint on Tuesday, March 13. Call Jan Woirol, 846-6582 if you plan on attending.

We express our sympathies to Dilla Burt, whose son, Daniel, passed away on January 17. And also to Tamara Burt, Daniel's sister.

Regular Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m..

**MEN'S AUXILIARY  
NEWS**

Jim Koats has been elected as Men's Secretary phone #[616 402 7766](tel:6164027766).

2012 Dues need to be paid please keep your membership in good standing!

Texas Hold'em May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Century Lanes in Holland. Volunteers are needed or just come and play.

Don't forget Soup & Slider March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all our members who donate their time and energy to help the club run as it does. We forget to thank you for your service to VFW 2326.

-Thanks  
A Member

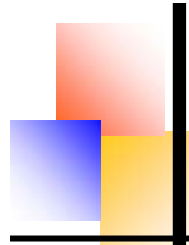
**Monthly Thursday Night Dinner**

March 8, 2012

We're having Meatball (instead of beef) Stew  
w/ 7 layer salad and dessert.

**ATTENTION LADIES**

The ladies auxiliary needs your help. We need more people to come out and get involved in the auxiliary. Come join us at a meeting to see how you can help.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b><u>DON'T FORGET</u></b> Soup and Sliders March 10th 11 AM-5 PM				<b>1</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	<b>2</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	<b>3</b> BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> CLOSED	<b>6</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	<b>7</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:30 PM Post Meeting	<b>8</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Meatball Stew Dinner 5:00-7:00	<b>9</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	<b>10</b> *Soup & Sliders*	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> CLOSED	<b>13</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	<b>14</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Men's Aux.	<b>15</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	<b>16</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	<b>17</b> BAR OPEN 3-11 PM \$.25 HotDogs Karaoke 7:00-11:00	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> CLOSED	<b>20</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	<b>21</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	<b>22</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM	<b>23</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool Tournament	<b>24</b> BAR OPEN 12-5 PM Pool Tournament	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> CLOSED	<b>27</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Pool League 7 PM	<b>28</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM 7:00 PM Club Board	<b>29</b> BAR OPEN 3-9PM	<b>30</b> BAR OPEN 3-9 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	<b>31</b> BAR OPEN 12-5 PM	