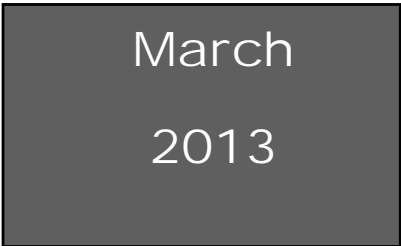


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CLUB BOARD

Ted Raggl	Chairman	Always Post Commander
Fred Lemieux	Vice Chairman	3 yr. Term
Mike Baauw	Treasurer	3 yr. Term Always Quarter Master
Terry Grotemat	1 Trustee	2 yr. Term
	2 Trustee	1 yr. Term
Blane E Shafer	3 Trustee	1 yr. Term



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi VFW friends,

Well, Winterfest has come and gone. What a great time! The human dogsled races were right out front of our club. It was great! We had lots of snow and the VFW gave out free hot chocolate to the public. Yum! Thanks to our many helpers who worked so hard and fast, we were able to keep our crowd happy. Jo-Ann, Squeek, Rebecca, Jack, John, Wendy, Bev, and Sally, just to name a few.

Sweet Justice played and they were great as usual. Fun was had by all!

We are proud to say our new deep fryer is a success. Come down and try one of our delicious dinners!

We honored Porter Fletcher, a World War 2 veteran, at our last post meeting. He was in Hiroshima. The American Legion got some sand from the island and our club and their club and Hospice of MI, pinned him and thanked him for his military services. He makes us very proud, as all of our veterans do.

Soup and Slider is March 9th. Signup sheets are at the bar.

Karaoke is the 16th of March, even if you don't sing, it's a great time!

Don't forget happy hours every Saturday from noon till five. Dollars beers and well drinks.

See you at the club, Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

We had a very welcomed slow month.

We did the Military Rites for past Post and Honor Guard Commander Mr. Jim Gosen. Our Post Chaplin, Jerry Tripp did the service, and again did an excellent job.

Enjoy the snow. You have to admit that it looks beautiful.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Are you a builder or?.....

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a sidewall fell.
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
As the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed!
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do."
And I tho't to myself as I went my way,
Which of these two roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds by a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down?
– Unknown

On the lighter side.....

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir." Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

Around the Club.....

George McCarthy told me the other day; "You know some people, due to current economic situations, find out that the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off."

Food for thought.....

According to George Konrad; "Courage is only the accumulation of small steps."

[George Konrad](#)

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

I guess we've had enough winter now and we are ready for spring. Hope you made it through the deep-

est snow we have had in years. The District meeting had to be postponed a week and on the worst day of the weather we had to serve a funeral. You can't postpone a funeral. Thanks to all helpers who were involved.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing a **Corned Beef and Cabbage** dinner on Thursday, March 14th at 5:30 p.m. Requested donation is \$8.00. \$5.00 for children under 10 years. All Post and Auxiliaries are invited to bring their families and friends. The Public is also welcome.

We extend our sympathies to the family of member Ruth Marie Phillips who passed away on February 3, 2013.

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY

The next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 10:45 a.m.

For those of you who missed the spaghetti dinner on February 24th, you missed a good \$5.00 meal. That was John Zlotnicki's baby with Linda, Sandy, and Alicia's help. Thank you for doing the meal. I enjoyed it.

Sally Harmon

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dues, please make sure you are up to date!
Volunteer Signup sheets for Texas Hold'em are at the bar.

NEWS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Annual dues have been increased to \$28.00. Members can pay their annual dues at the Post, or they can mail their dues to:

Quartermaster

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March 2013

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

REMEMBER: HAPPY HOUR EVERY SATURDAY FROM NOON TO FIVE. \$1.00 BEERS AND \$1.00 WELL DRINKS. HOT DOGS \$0.50. COME ON DOWN AND SET A SPELL.						1 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	2 BAR OPEN NOON-5
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10	11 CLOSED	12 BAR OPEN 3-9	13 BAR OPEN 3-9 MEN'S AUX. 7:00 PM	14 BAR OPEN 3-? Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner 5:30	15 BAR OPEN 3-9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	16 BAR OPEN NOON-11 KARAOKE 7-11 PM	
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