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CLUB BOARD
Chairman
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2 Trustee
3 Trustee

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

COMMNDER'S CORNER

Comrades/Sisters/Men's Auxiliary and Dad's:

I receives good news about our Ward-Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund. We had really good growth in 2009 as the stock market made a good come-back, plus sizable contributions were made to this fund.

District 8 meeting was held at our Post Feb. 6. There was a good turn out, so hopefully we made a few \$'s off the dinner and the bar. Thanks to **All** that made this event possible.

This is notice to all Post members that at our next Post meeting, being held on March 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. we will review new revisions to our Post By-laws, and vote on the changes. The changes are minor, but very necessary. Be there if you can.

Nomination for Post Officers will also be held at our next Post meeting.

Often I hear from dis-satisfied and dis-grunted Post members. In the past, something was done or somebody said something this individual objected to, so this is the reason they don't attend the Post meetings or functions. When the Commander begins Post meetings, he recites the following: (Comrades, we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit. **Do Not** let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations). What I read into this is life, and our Post isn't perfect. But, to make our Post a better place; attend our meeting, give your input on on-going and up-coming events, and even run for a Post office. Help make our Post a place people enjoy belonging to, and coming to. " End of my sermon".

I hope you all had a great February, and will have a better March.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Due to Lack of participation Monday "Show Me The Moola" Is Cancelled	2	3 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	4	5 6:30 p.m. Euchre	6 CLOSED
7	8	9	10 Men's Aux. MTG. @ 7:00pm	11	12 Bob Akey 9 Ball @ 7:00pm 6:30 p.m. Euchre	13 19th Annual Bob Akey 8 Ball Tournament Sign-Up @ 9am Starting @ 10am Bar Open @ 8am
14 Daylight Savings 	15	16 St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 5-6:30	17 Ladies Aux. MTG. @ 7:00pm	18 Club Board MTG @7:30pm	19 6:30 p.m. Euchre	20 Bar Opens @ Noon Euchre Tourney 1-4pm Karaoke 7-11pm
21	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 p.m. Euchre	27 Breakfast 8-10:30Am Easter Egg Hunt 9am
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HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

January

January Honor Guard Activities:

01/06 - Displayed our Fallen Soldier Memorial at veteran Al Cook visitation.

01/30 - Full Honors military rites, along with the Ritual Team. for David Tanis. We also used the services of two Army National Guard gentlemen.

Anyone wishing to join either the Ritual Team, or the Honor Guard should contact me at 616-502-3747.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

News from the Chaplain,

The worst part of winter is over and we can go out more freely. Shouldn't we take some time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We have veterans who are shut in at home, in Nursing Homes and sometime's in hospitals. A little bit of our time can be such an important time for them.

Remember, also, the widows and orphans at the National Home. Their fate is controlled by those of us that are thankful for their parents sacrifice's.

The following is a quote from General Douglas MacArthur;

"By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder (infinitely prouder) to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battlefield but in the home, repeating with him our daily prayer," "Our Father Whom Art In Heaven".

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting March 4th.

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary News, March, 2010

Spring is just around the corner, doesn't that sound great? Speaking of Spring, it is almost time to set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14.

We have a few things on the calendar this month that you may be interested in. (At least we hope so.) First, Sam Young will be cooking his Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on Tuesday the 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

We will be having a breakfast on Saturday, March 27, from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. This will be our usual "All You Can Eat Breakfast" There will be an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the little kids at 9:00 a.m. Last year they had a ball digging in the sand.

We had a great turnout for the 8th District meeting at our Post on February 6. Awards were presented to the winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests. We were proud to have a winner from the Spring Lake Middle School that our Post and Auxiliary had submitted. Roxanne Strobel took second place out of 306 contestants in the Patriot's Pen contest in District 8.

Our sympathies go out to Judy Tanis on the death of her husband David. Auxiliary member, Mary Rutan passed away on February 3rd. We extend our sympathies to her family.

The Auxiliary meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17.



19th Annual Bob Akey Memorial 8-Ball Tournament

Friday March 12th 2010 9-Ball
\$10 Entry Fee @ 7:00 P.M

Saturday March 13th 8-Ball
\$15 Entry Fee, 100% Paid Back
Open to Everyone!
Sign-Up @ 9:00 A.M. Play at 10:00 A.M.

This is a Charity event with the proceeds going to the Ottawa County Hospice.

We Will have Raffles, Food, Door Prizes and Lots of fun playing Pool!

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