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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:

At our Post elections held April 7TH, Mr. Sam Young was elected Commander for the up-coming year. Sam was our Post's Commander once before. Thanks Sam, for excepting the challenge again.

Please support the Fallen Hero's Monument drive to raise money needed to purchase it.. The Memorial is to honor the Veterans killed-in-action in all conflicts after WW1.

The Women's Auxiliary put on a excellent dinner on Saturday, April 10TH. It's too bad so many members of our Post missed it. Thanks ladies. Your labor was appreciated by those attending.

Our District meeting is on May 1. It will be held at the Creaton Post 3023 in Grand Rapids.

May 6,7,and 8 is Poppy Day's. Darrell Thornley and Jerry Sias will lead this year's campaign. They need volunteers to "Man-the-Cans" at the several stores we have permission to collect at. Give these gentlemen a few hours of your time to do this. It is NOT a lot of work, as people usually have their money out before you ask them to contribute. You can make this a family thing if you want, as Post family members have helped in the past. It would be great to see a few new faces helping us support our Veterans in need.

Memorial Day is coming up, along with Rib Fest. Help is always needed at Rib Fest, This is one of our few events that make us the money needed to keep our Post operating, and the funds to help our fellow veterans and their family. "I want to thank the Women Aux. for their donation of \$500.00 to the building fund, which will used our major up-coming roof repair".

Have a great month. I have one more month to write this Commanders Corner, so I'll say my farewell then

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	*No Euchre May 28th Due to Ribfest					1 CLOSED Private Party
2	3 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	4	5 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	6 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	7 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	8 CLOSED
9	10 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	11 Rib Fest Committee MTG. @7:00 p.m.	12 Men's Aux. MTG. @ 7:00pm	13 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	14 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	15 Bar Opens @ 3:00PM Karaoke 7-11PM
16	17 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	18 Rib Fest Bartenders MTG. @7:00 p.m.	19 Memorial Service 7:00 pm	20 CLOSED TEMPORARILY Club Board Mtg. @ 7:00PM	21 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	22 Bar Opens @ Noon Karaoke 7-11PM
23	24 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	25	26	27 CLOSED TEMPORARILY	28 Rib Fest Bar opens @11am See newsletter for details	29 Rib Fest Bar opens @11am See newsletter for details
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HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

March

March Honor Guard Activities:

03/12 Full Military Rites for Burdette Morritt, along with the Ritual Team, and several members of the Army National Guard.

03/12 Several of the Team, and other Post members went to Muskegon to welcome home Troops coming back from Iraq.

Upcoming event: Ferry School is having their Patriot Day celebration Thursday, May 13, from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. We were invited to attend again this year, along with the American Legion. I need volunteers to attend this with me. We just sit or stand at tables, and the students ask us question about our service experiences. The Honor Guard and hopefully attending Ritual Team members should be in uniform. This was fun and very rewarding when we attended this last year. This is a month away, but please let me know if you will attend. This is what our Post should be doing for our community.



Fallen Hero's Monument

After two years of fighting City Hall of Grand Haven, The VFW and American Legion have gotten permission to erect the monument in Central Park.

This Monument will list any of Ottawa County personnel who gave their lives for the country. The list will be over those killed during WWII, Korea, Vietnam and all other conflicts.

The monuments next step is to obtain \$200,000 Dollars which is gotten by donations from Club Members of both units and the Public at large. Donations will be accepted by the post which should be earmarked for Heroes Monument. Please give what you can! God Bless America



Rib Fest 2010

This year we are expanding the Rib Fest and making it a two day event. First street will be blocked on Friday May 28th at 3 p.m.. So the competitors will be able to set up their booths and begin to sell their food from 5 p.m. - 9p.m. on Saturday May 29th they will sell their food from 11am-7p.m or later if they still have ribs to sell. On Friday "Catman & the All-Niters" will be performing Rhythm & Blues from 7p.m-11p.m. For those of you who attended last years' event they were the band that performed on Saturday Afternoon. On Saturday we have a great local band "Brown Trout". They will be performing from 2p.m-6p.m. They play great dancing music for those whose attend and have happy feet. "Catman & the All Niter's" will perform from 7p.m-11p.m. Once again the Rib-Fest committee would like to thank the Post, the Men's Auxiliary, the Ladies' Auxiliary and all of the volunteers and sponsors who have made this event such a success. Please encourage for your friends & families to attend. Word of mouth is another way to boost attendance. This year we will not have a cover charge on either day. We have always promoted the Rib Fest as a family event. With the current economic situation we want to make this event affordable to everyone. We hope to see you there to enjoy great food and music for this worthwhile event.

Sincerely
Fred LeMieux,
Chairperson

★ Rib Fest Volunteers needed. Friday night and Sunday Morning. ★
★ Please call Dan, Bill, Brian or John if you can help ★

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary, May 2010

May looks like its going to be the busiest month of the year starting with first day of the month. We will be attending the final Eighth District meeting of the year. New officers will be elected for the 2010-2011 year. The meeting will be held in Grand Rapids at the Creston Post on Monroe Ave. Dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

President Carol extends her thanks to everyone who attended the Membership banquet and to all who were involved in making it a pleasant evening. She is also deeply grateful for having been awarded a Life Membership in the Auxiliary.

Poppy Days are May 6 and 7 and the Post will be mailing the usual two poppies to all the members of the Post and Auxiliaries. Hopefully they will arrive uncrushed! If not, just bring it to the bar after 3:00 p.m. for a replacement. All donations go into Welfare fund.

Wednesday, May 19, we will honor our deceased members of the Post and Auxiliaries with a memorial service at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Saturday, May 22, District Commander Broek and District President Daly will be honored at a joint testimonial dinner. This will be held at the Otsego Post at 6:00 p.m. Reservations required.

May 28 – 30, are "Camp Trotter Days" at Newaygo. This is to get ready for the opening of the camp.

Sunday, May 30, the Memorial Day Association will hold a Memorial Service in honor of all area veterans. This will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Franklin Ave. in Grand Haven at 6:00 p.m. The Rev. Tom Cook will preside.

The annual Memorial Day parade will take place Monday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m. Due to the construction on Washington Ave., the parade will march on Franklin Ave. to the waterfront.

We extend our sympathies to Eula Wiley, whose husband Ralph passed away on April 7, 2010

Bar News

Effective May 1st the bar will be temporarily closed for Mondays & Thursdays. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find a bartender to bartend when there are little or no customers, as Mon. & Thurs. Have been. If this changes, it will be posted. I will continue to be you Bar Manager, at least through the warm weather, however, my hours of availability will be reduced. I will be in the club Mon-Sat from 8-10am. If emergency should arise, I can be reached at home. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure working here and getting to know so many of you! :)
Alicia

Membership chairman

I would like to thank everyone who helped on the membership banquet it was a great success. As of Saturday night we are now 100% on membership. We signed up two new members and one life member. Great work. I would also like to thank Jerry Tripp for being the MC again this year, you did a great job. Anyone who was to receive a membership pin and could not be at the dinner contact Meg Young 616-846-2418 and I will be happy to make sure you receive it. Thanks again.
Meg