

# May 2011



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**CLUB BOARD**  
Chairman Always Post Commander  
Vice Chairman 3yr Term  
Secretary 2yr Term  
Treasurer 3yr Term Always Quarter Master  
1 Trustee 2yr Term  
2 Trustee 1yr Term  
3 Trustee 1yr Term

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

I think spring is finally on its way. I would like to thank all of the people who came forward to take an office at our post elections this year. I believe we have a good mix of new and old people to lead our post for the next year. However we do have a very important position yet to fill, that being the QUARTERMASTER job. The post cannot operate with this office open. Our current quartermaster has held the job for 7 years and it is time to find someone new. We will research with Department to see what our options are if we cannot fill the job. Please somebody step forward. The job is not really that hard, however I will admit it does take some time and commitment. **IF QUATERMASTER ISNT FILLED BY JUNE 1ST THE CLUB WILL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN!**

April is half over and that means Rib Fest is fast approaching, and as usual we need all of the volunteers we can get. The committee is hard at work and it looks like this year's Fest might be the best yet. We have some great entertainment and the most competitors ever.

This past Saturday we held our annual membership dinner and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank the ladies aux for donating a new copy machine, and also thank the men's aux for once again for paying for our liquor license. One disappointing note the turn out for the dinner was very poor and it is very likely that it is very doubtful that it will be held next year.

We have one more Texas Hold em to go next month, we still need more help, please sign up for a shift, with Dan Raggl.

We received a nice thank you card from the Kandu Kids. Thanking us for our donation of a Wii game and money for their trip on the Grand Valley Research boat this summer

Until next month  
Sam

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CLOSED	3	4 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	5 CLOSED	6 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	7 CLOSED
8	9 CLOSED	10	11 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	12 CLOSED	13 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	14 CLOSED
15	16 CLOSED	17	18 Post & "Aux" Joint Memorial Service 7:00 Pm	19 CLOSED	20 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	21 Karaoke 7-11PM
22	23 CLOSED	24	25 Club Board MTG @7:00pm	26 CLOSED	27 No Euchre <b>RIBFEST</b> Cash Bar @ 3 Pm Food @ 5:00 Pm "Azz-Izz" Band 7:30-11:30	28 <b>RIBFEST</b> Cash Bar & Food @ 11am "Hy-Ryd'R" Band 2-6:00pm "Soul'D" Band 7:30-11:30 PM
29	30 Memorial Day.. Coffee & Rolls 7:30Am Bar Opens @ Noon-???	31				

**HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES**  
**March**

The Post lost four members this month due to their death.

- 1- Wm Boonstra: We took part in his military rites, which the American Legion did.
- 2- James Smith: Funeral wasn't local.
- 3- Max Studebaker: The Ritual members attended this; the Legion did the Military Rites.
- 4- Wesley Zimmerman: We did the Military Rites.

We retired the American and P.O.W. Flags flying on the Post's flag pole, and hung new ones.

We destroyed many retired American Flags by burning them.

Don't forget, turn your old flags into the Post, and we will destroy them in the proper manner.

Have a great month. Stay happy and healthy.

**NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

This month's spotlight falls on Wesley E. Zimmerman. He was born 12 July, 1914 and passed away 25 March, 2011. Wes was 96 years old and is survived by his wife Myrtle and three children; Greg (Sandy) Zimmerman, Gayle (Paul) Williams, and Debra (Don) Fish. Wes proudly served his Country during WW11 with the U.S. Army in the 32nd Red Arrow Division, 127th Infantry, Company K. After basic training, in Louisiana, he was shipped to Brisbane, Australia for final preparations; then to New Guinea. There in the thick, hot and dangerous jungle, Wes spent the remainder of the war. Through sheer will and spirit, he encouraged Co.K to overcome their hardships and to continue the fight. For his cheerful nature, never showing weakness and helping save wounded comrades, Wes was recommended for the "Legion Of Merit." He also received two "Bronze Stars" and other medals for bravery and valor in the face of stiff resistance from the enemy. Wes worked at "Klempels Dairy Farm" for 37 years, Grand Haven Public Schools for 10 years and for Grand Have Christian School for 5 years, before retiring at the age of 71. Wes was a committed Christian and was a member of First Baptist Church of Spring Lake. His life was a testimony to his strong faith in Jesus Christ. He was a proud, hard working and honest man who always brought a smile to your face. His love of Harley Davidson motorcycles was replaced by his bicycle in later years. Wes was a life member of VFW Post 2326. His funeral was attended by the VFW Ritual Team and final military rites by the Post Honor Guard. May God bless and bring comfort to his family.

Thought for the day:

Someone once said, "Happiness is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it."

On the lighter side:

A retired VFW member decided to fulfill his latent desire to own a snazzy red convertible. Taking it out for a spin, hr revved it up to 80, then 90, then 100 mph. Suddenly he saw flashing lights behind him, so he supped it up to 110, then realized he better stop and take his punishment. The state trooper approached his window and said, "I go off duty in 30 minutes, if you can tell me a story I haven't heard from other speeders before, I'll let you go." The quick thinking old veteran said: "A few years ago my wife ran off with a policeman, and I thought you were bringing her back.' He got off free.

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

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 ★ Winner of March \$100 Meijer Gift Card is Martin Czinder ★  
 ★ Congratulations! ★  
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**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS**

Ladies Auxiliary, April 2011

Ladies Auxiliary News, May, 2011

The May flowers are all in bloom! We have finally left 'Old Man Winter' behind.

May 5, 6, and 7 are Buddy Poppy Days for the VFW. We are not sending poppies out in the mail this year because they always get crushed in the process. We do, however, still need your donation to enrich our Welfare Fund for our veterans. Any amount you can send is appreciated.

The Eighth District meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at the Wayland Post. New officers will be elected and installed. Dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m., followed by the 1:00 p.m. meeting.

Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m., our Post and Auxiliaries will have a joint Memorial Service to remember all the deceased members who have died this past year. A light lunch will be served.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 527 Taylor Ave. will host the Memorial Day Association's Annual church service on Sunday evening, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Parade time is Monday, May 30, at 9:00 a.m. in Grand Haven. The Harbor Trolley will pick up anyone who would like to ride in the parade. They will pick up at 8:45 a.m. on Columbus St. next to the VFW.



We had our membership banquet on April 9th. I want to thank everyone who took the time to come. It would have been nice to have a better turn out. I want to thank Jerry Tripp for being the MC. Congratulation goes to Sally Harmon for getting the National Home Life Membership and Sally Green for getting the Life Membership for the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

We are about 93% membership. If you haven't paid your dues you can send them to Meg Young or pay them at the Post. Dues are \$17.00. Please help us to make 100%.



Thursday Night  
 Burgers and Brats  
 Are Back!!

Beginning on Thursday June 2, 2011 "Burger and Brat Nite" during the summer out on the patio (inside if the weather is bad). Beginning on Thursday June 2, 2011 and each Thursday thereafter we will have cooked to order "Burger and Brat Nite" From 5-7p.m (Maybe longer if activity warrants) Bar will open at 3p.m.

The Menu:

- Burger or Brat w/your choice of 1 side- \$3.00
- Cheeseburger or Brat Deluxe (peppers and onions) w/ 1 Side \$3.50
- Extra Sides- \$.50
- Your choice of sides: Potato Salad

- Coleslaw
- Beans
- Chips
- Cookie (a dessert)

- Burger or Brat only \$2.00
- For the Little Kids 1 hot dog w/ 1 side \$1.50
- Hot Dog only \$1.00
- !!BEST DEAL!! 2 Burgers or 2 Brats w/ 1 Side \$5.00



**Charity Gaming Events**

This January, February, March and May, Post 2326 has sponsored the Charity Gaming events at Century Lanes in Holland as a fund raiser to pay our bills. The first three have had great success and each has brought in over \$4000 each. It has been brought to our attention that we can sponsor up to 4 weekends a year per license. The Post has one license and the Auxiliaries are eligible for 4 more each making it up to 12-16 total. The key requirement for these events are people, before we commit to more we would like to find 5 team leaders to staff the events. Each team leader would take 2 or more weekends and find enough help, 2 shifts of 2 volunteers each day for 4 days. As our supplier A-1 Bingo is opening a new facility the remaining license would be used at Alpine Road in Grand Rapids, unless a cancelation became available in Holland. If you are interested in becoming a team leader please call Ted Raggl at (616)520-1478 or Dan Raggl at (616)846-3946. These games are Texas Hold'em tournaments and cash tables where our function is to sell and cash poker chips. It is a 4 day event, Thurs. and Fri. from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sat and Sun from noon to 2 a.m. We will need volunteers for 2 shifts each day (approximately 6-7 hours), an early shift and late shift of 2 persons each. Members of the Post and Auxiliaries are eligible. We so far have approximately 20 volunteers but need more to cover all the events that will require 16 people per weekend. So if you would like to join in the fun and help the post contact either Dan or Ted Raggl