



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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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 club members,

Just to let you know we have new things to do at our club. We have a juke box, a nudge master, and an Atm. Our Ribfest is also coming real fast. So come on down, join the fun, or help us out. We can always use workers and you can have fun and work too. Elections for several positions are open. If you would like to get more involved in your club, the meeting is Wednesday, May 2. Our membership is going down. If you know of someone that would like to join, bring them down. Many of our citizens have come back from the war and it might be that all they need is an invitation.

Next month is the last full meal of the season. It is held the second Thursday of the month. Come on down and give a special thanks to our cooks. Then on to burgers and brats, which you might want to enjoy on our patio.

See you soon, Ted

### EVERY SATURDAY

**\$1.00 BEERS, \$1.00 WELL DRINKS AND \$0.50 HOT DOGS.**

### TS DINNER WINNERS

1. Janice Woirel
2. Ed Georgia
3. Bill Parks
4. Kathy Shippers
5. Judi Henshaw
6. Jack Maxfield
7. Audrey Katt
8. Judy Grant
9. Sally Harmon
10. Barb Frickman

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

### LAST DINNER OF THE SEASON

Back by popular demand, Root Beer Baked Ham, with baked potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert.

COME & JOIN US

MAY 10

Serving 5—7 pm.

## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

03/17 - We attended the funeral of past Women's Aux. President Lois Keift. We do not do the Military Rites, but attend in uniform to honor her work at the VFW.

03/29 - Chuck Nelson Funeral. Military Rites by both the VFW and the American Legion.

The Honor Guard and the Ritual Team will start to attend the funerals of our Post's deceased Presidents of the Women's and Men's Auxiliary, and the Dad's group. I need to be informed when one of these people pass away as I do not know who they all were. These people deserve to be honored for all the work they do at our Post. Without them, we would not have a VFW Post 2326.

Upcoming Events:

**May 18** at 2:00 p.m., at Robbinswood Living Center, we will be working with Hospice-of-Michigan and I think the Legion in honoring a living veteran/veterans that is/are living at Robbinswood. Details are not worked out as yet but it's a great program that Hospice has started. It's to HONOR a living person, not waiting till that person is deceased. A State Representative will also be attending. This was done in Muskegon last year. The honored veteran name was Gilbert "Bill" Perry.

**May 28** - The Honor Guard will again enter a float in both the Grand Haven and the Spring Lake's Memorial Day Parade. Jack Maxfield said that he will AGAIN let us use his old military ambulance and a trailer. Thanks in advance Jack. Jack is a great asset to our Post.

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This month's spotlight falls on...  
Mike Wallace.

Wallace, whose family's surname was originally Wallik, was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, to Russian Jewish immigrant parents, Frank and Zina (Sharfman) Wallace. His father was a grocer and insurance broker. Mike Wallace attended Brookline High School, graduating in 1935. He graduated from the University of Michigan four years later with a Bachelor of Arts. While a student he was a reporter for the *Michigan Daily* and belonged to the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity.

Wallace appeared as a guest on the popular radio quiz show *Information Please* on February 7, 1939, when he was in his last year at the University of Michigan. His first radio job was as newscaster and continuity writer for WOOD Radio in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This lasted until 1940, when he moved to WXYZ Radio in Detroit, Michigan, as an announcer. He then became a freelance radio worker in Chicago, Illinois.

Wallace enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943, and served as a communications officer during World War II on the USS *Anthedon*, a submarine tender. He saw no combat, but traveled to Hawaii, Australia, and Subic Bay in the Philippines, then patrolling the South China Sea, the Philippine Sea and south of Japan. Discharged in 1946, he returned to Chicago.

Mike Wallace died at his New Canaan, Connecticut residence, on April 7, 2012. He was 93.

Food for thought...

Like the caterpillar, man crawls for a while on the earth; he is then received by it, in the wooden chrysalis, the coffin, where he rests throughout the winter; in the spring he breaks through the shell and rises out of the cold earth, with new and unsullied beauty.

Jean Paul Richter (1763-1825)

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary News, May 2012

Welcome to the merry month of May! I don't know why it is called "Merry," but perhaps it is that in days of yore, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the children used dance and sing around the May Pole and everyone was happy.

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Eighth District Convention will be held at Comstock Post 6252. Election of officers will take place at the 1:00 p.m. meeting. Dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m.

Members of Post #2326, and the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries will hold their annual Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Post home. This is to honor all the members who have died this past year. The friends and families of deceased members are cordially invited to attend.

The Memorial Day Association will honor all the deceased Veterans of the Tri-Cities with a Sunday Evening service to be held at the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Savidge St. on May 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Dan Anderson will preside. The public is welcome.

The annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served at the Post and a trolley will be available at 9:00 for any one wishing to ride in the parade.

We extend our sympathies to the families of the following members who have passed away since our last news letter: Past President Lois Kieft, Elizabeth (Betty) Bennink and, Roberta Beekman.

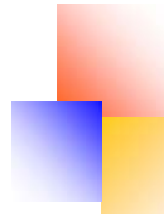
## MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

We still have members that are behind in their annual dues. In partnership with the Post we have elected to purchase a 10,000 pound truck of food. We will distribute this sometime in September the exact date and time to be announced in the near future. We will be needing help with distributing, clean-up, and a few other things. This will take Place at the Post. Please keep this in mind it is a great way of contributing to our Community.  
Thank-you

### **News from the Chaplain con't**

On the lighter side...

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial-a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"She responded, "Yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Williams, do you know the defense attorney?"She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to baby-sit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counselors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be in jail within 3 minutes!"  
God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting.



# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Pool League	4 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:30 PM Post Meeting	5 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	6 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	7 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
8	9 CLOSED	10 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Pool League 7 PM	11 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Men's Aux.	12 BAR OPEN 3-? PM  Chicken Dinner	13 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	14 BAR OPEN 12-5 PM
15	16 CLOSED	17 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Pool League 7 PM	18 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Ladies Aux.	19 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	20 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Euchre 6:30 PM	21 BAR OPEN 3-11 PM Karaoke 7:00-11:00
22	23 CLOSED	24 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  Pool League 7 PM	25 BAR OPEN 3-9 PM  7:00 PM Club Board Mtg.	26 BAR OPEN 3-? PM	27 <b>RIB FEST</b>	28 <b>RIB FEST</b>
29	30 CLOSED	<b>RIB FEST STOP INTO THE CLUB FOR DETAILS.</b>				