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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 "Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	3 Election Day Pool League	4 7:30 p.m. Post Meeting	5 Pre-Ribfrest Mtg. @ 7 Game Nite 6 - 9 pm	6 6:30 p.m. Euchre	7 CLOSED
8	9 "Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	10 Pool League	11 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	12 Game Nite 6 - 9 pm	13 6:30 p.m. Euchre	14 CLOSED
15	16 "Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	17 Pool League	18 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary	19 Game Nite 6 - 9 pm	20 6:30 p.m. Euchre	21 Bar opens at 3:00 Karaoke 7-11
22	23 "Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	24 Pool League	25	26 CLOSED HAPPY THANKS-GIVING	27 6:30 p.m. Euchre	28 Bar Open @ Noon Euchre @ 1:00
29	30	NOVEMBER 11 Ritual Team at Central Park at 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. followed by a chili dinner.				



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades/Sisters/Men's Auxiliary and Dad's.
I hope everyone is enjoying the fall, and are getting ready for winter.

Please help our Post celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. At 6 P.M.. We will have our annual Veterans Day program, and end up with a lunch that is always great. The Honor Guard will also do their ritual honoring our deceased veterans at the War Memorial in Central Park at 11 A.M.

Thank you Jerry Sias for volunteering to fill our open Jr. Vice Commander position.

Don't forget next year's dues are due by December 31, 2009. If you have difficulties paying your dues, please contact a Post officer. Without a current membership card, club use and privileges can be, and will be denied.

A few of us volunteers had the honor of entertaining veterans from the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and Hospital, both at the hospital, and at our club house. What a rewarding experience this was. We can always use volunteers when we do this again. This is what belonging to the VFW is supposed to be about; Veterans helping Veterans.

Hopefully, we will see many new faces at our Post functions. Were trying to be a more member and family friendly club. Volunteers are always needed for all types of projects. Our club is always in need of some type of repair - we can use your skills to work on them.

Have a great month. The goal of the month is to put the Ritual and Honor Guard Teams out of work. How do you help do this - Stay Alive.

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES
October

09/11 - Held a memorial ritual for the hero's of 09/11.

09/11 - Refolded an American Flag for a deceased veteran's daughter.

09/14 - Full Honor funeral for Robert VanderSchoor, along with the Ritual Team.

09/25 - Full Honors funeral for Jack Nickerson.

John "Dutch" Ringelberg has volunteered to join our team. Thanks John. We still can use several more volunteers to join our group.

The Ritual Team is also looking for members to join their group. You can call Porter Fletcher on information about this team.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Summer and fall has passed once again. Now is the time to enjoy the clear, crisp, cold days. Soon the dust and grime of the earth will be covered with a clean, white carpet of snow.

As we reflect back over the past year, we remember some hard spots, some good times, the loss of friends and loved ones. Isn't this a great time for us to have clear, crisp thought about our own conditions in life? The bad times in our own lives can be covered up with a clean white carpet. Just as the earth gets covered in snow, so can our lives be changed by Gods miracle.

Members of the VFW, led by Commander Schmidt, bid farewell to Grand Haven Police Officer Joe Schulte as he returns for a second tour of combat in Iraq. We pray for his safe return and will watch over his family while he is gone.

On the lighter side; three grizzled old veterans were heard talking down at the club. They had run out of heroic exploits of themselves to talk about, so one old vet says, "my grandfather, when only 13 years of age, was a drummer boy at Shiloh." The second one said, "if you think that's something, mine lost his life at Little Big Horn, with Custer." The third vet stated, " Well now, if my grandfather were alive today he would be the most famous person in the world." "Wow", exclaimed the other two, "what did he do?" "Oh he didn't do much, but if he were alive today he would be 165 years old."

God bless and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting 4 November, 2009.

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★ The winner of the Gas Raffle last month was ★
★ Bill Yedinak ★
★ Congratulations Bill! ★
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LADIES AUXILIARY
NEWS

November 2009

Let us not forget to turn our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st.

There will be an Eighth District meeting on Saturday, November 7th at the Holland Post #2144 located on West Eighth Street. Dinner will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. Meetings of the Posts and Auxiliaries will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Veterans Day is a day to honor all Veterans and we at our Post will observe the day with a special program at our club. How times have changed the way we do things. We old-timers remember when we formed a city wide parade lead by the High School marching band and marched to the corner of Second and Washington Street, had a prominent speaker and froze our fingers off holding the flags. Inclement weather was always a factor to deal with so now we meet indoors.

We wish to thank all the ladies who baked the cookies that we took to the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. The patients really appreciate them and the bananas, which we buy. Another event they really love is to be invited to our Grand Haven Post for lunch, which our Commander did on October 21st.

The mitten tree is up and waiting for your mittens. You may bring them in Monday through Friday after 3:00 p.m. or any time the club is open.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the nursing home on Make a Difference Day. The patients enjoy their treat and entertainment.

We lost three members of the Auxiliary since our last newsletter. Connie Weigel, Harriet VerWey and Helen Moser. Our condolences to their families. We also extend our sympathies to Ruth Ann Fett and Edna McCarthy, mother and grandmother of Linda Salatino who passed away in September and to Mae Buron whose husband, Louis also passed away in September.

Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE.

For those of you that like to play board games, we would like to invite you down to the club on Thursday nights this winter. We have a nice assortment of games and if you have any favorites, feel free to bring them along.

Yahtzee	Monopoly	Tripoli	Clue	Scrabble	Phase 10 card game
Jenga	Blurt	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Wheel of Fortune	Upwards	