

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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Ted Raggl Chairman Always Post Commander
Fred Lemieux Vice Chairman 3 yr. Term
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Terry Grotemat 1 Trustee 2 yr. Term
Blane E Shafer 2 Trustee 1 yr. Term
3 Trustee 1 yr. Term

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi VFW members,

Fall has arrived and along with that comes Indian summer (hopefully) and hunting. Both of them, my favorites.

Well if you didn't make it to our fish dinner, you really missed out on something delicious. Lee Almond and some of his friends caught, cleaned, cooked, and served an excellent Blue-gill dinner on October 16th. Then he donated the proceeds to our club. What a great bunch of people.

Just a reminder.....we have our District 8 Post Meeting at our club this November 3rd. This is a meeting held every three months. All the District 8 commanders and auxiliary leaders meet to discuss VFW business. Our auxiliary's (men and ladies) will be hosting a luncheon for this event.

Thanks to all.

Ted

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

09/07 - Several Honor Guard Members and spouses helped with the Food Truck project.

09/13 - Several Team members helped at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home bingo party. This is always a very rewarding experience. Every Post member and their family should attend one of these events. The veterans living there appreciate anything that brings enlightenment to their lives.

09/14 - Several of the team members attended the Veterans Pinning Ceremony at the Chestnut Fields Living Care Center. Mr. Gerry Tripp and Mr. Ron Bishop deserve a big thank-you for their part in this program. Also Mr. John Siemion has been doing an outstanding job taking pictures, and putting them on face book, etc.

09/20 - Military Rites for Veteran August Bross.

09/25 - We entertained approx. 70 veterans from the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and Robbinswood Living Center. For me, this is one of the greatest events Post 2326 does for our veterans. The volunteers that made this happen get my "Atta-boy" award. Again, if you don't take part in this yearly event, you're missing out in a Post project that makes so many veterans have a Very Good Day.

09/30 - Several of us did a Flag etiquette program for a scout troop from the 7th Adventist Church.

Upcoming Events:

11/05 - We have approx. 75 scouts plus parents coming to our Post for a Flag etiquette Program. This is on a Monday night at 6:30. It would be nice to have a full Honor Guard Team and Post members attending. We will be folding and retiring Flags.

11/11 - Will be firing in Central Park at 11:00 a.m. sharp, at the WWI Memorial.

11/12 - Post Veterans Day Program.

12/08 - Volunteers are needed to help the Salvation Army. Post 2326 volunteers are needed to RING the BELL at Wal-Mart on Dec 8, (a Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. I will have a list posted at the Post for sign-up times. Anyone one can help out. A great family project..

On Dec 31, 2012, I will resign from being the Honor Guard Commander. I plan on remaining on the team, but not leading it. We need someone to take over the duties of the Honor Guard Commander. I'll help him/her to the best of my abilities. If no one volunteer's, we'll be back to only doing Military Rites for our Post members.

I pick on this Navy Guy all the time, but our Post has such a great asset in our Chaplin, Mr. Jerry Tripp. He does more for our veterans than anyone in our Post. Tell him Thanks when you see him.

From the Quartermaster:

VFW (National) has raised the cost of annual membership dues to \$28.00.

For the remainder of those still behind on paying 2012 dues, we will honor the previous price of \$25.00.

For 2013 dues, please mail your checks for \$28.00 to:

Quartermaster
VFW Post 2326
20 North First St.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Thank you!

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

It's turkey time again and time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! For-

get your diet on "Turkey Day" and enjoy all the goodies.

Saturday, November 3rd our Post and Auxiliaries will host the Eighth District Meeting. We will be serving dinner at 11:00 a.m. Charge is \$7.00. Meetings will follow at 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome. Come and show your support.

Membership is on our mind again. Eleanor Meyer was the lucky winner of the early bird drawing. We are nearing the end of the year for your 2012-2013 dues. Send your \$18.00 to Meg Young at 1231 Marion Ave., Grand Haven, or drop them at the Post. See the calendar for times they are open. Cancer insurance for Life Members is \$5.00.

The Ward-Goff Scholarship winner was Nicholas Moore.

Veterans Day, which falls on Sunday this year, will be celebrated at the Post on Monday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

We have adopted a family through the Salvation Army for Christmas. Any donations of educational toys or arts and crafts suitable for a 3-year-old girl would be appreciated. We would also welcome non-perishable food items and household cleaning supplies.

Last call for mittens, hats, scarves, etc. for the Mitten Tree.

Remember to exercise your right and vote on Tuesday, November 6.

Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

We had two meeting this month. The Regular Men's and a meeting to discuss the dinners the club has on Thurs-

days. It was the consensus of those there to have a dinner once a month. The first one is Nov. 8 we are planning on serving Ted's Special Pancakes. These dinners are a joint effort The Post and both Auxiliaries.

Dues are coming up. The membership year is Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, renewal is \$16.00 Don't forget Veterans Day and the Chili after the service.

Volunteers are always needed especially for the dinners. Please call any of the Officers if you would be willing to lend a hand at any of the club functions. Phone numbers are on the front page, Thank You

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

No news from Jerry this month. We look forward to hearing from him for the holidays and new year.




I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving. I would also like to thank the Veterans and volunteers for all that they do for us. REMEMBER TO HUG A VET!!!!

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

NOV 1 —MEATLOAF & MASHED POTATOES				1	2	3
NOV 8 —PANCAKE DINNER				BAR OPEN 3—?	BAR OPEN 3—9	CLUB CLOSED
NOV 12—VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES WITH CHILI DINNER FOLLOWING				DINNER 5—7	EUCHRE 6:30 PM	DISTRICT MEETING
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	CLOSED	BAR OPEN 3—9 KANDU	BAR OPEN 3—9 POST MTG. 7:30 PM	BAR OPEN 3—? DINNER 5—7	BAR OPEN 3—9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	BAR OPEN NOON—5
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	BAR OPEN 3 - 9 VETERAN'S DAY	BAR OPEN 3—9	BAR OPEN 3—9 MEN'S AUX. 7:00 PM	BAR OPEN 3—?	BAR OPEN 3—9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	BAR OPEN NOON—11 KARAOKE 7—11 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	CLOSED	BAR OPEN 3—9 KANDU	BAR OPEN 3—9 LADIES AUX. 7:00 PM	CLOSED 	BAR OPEN 3—9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	BAR OPEN NOON—5
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	CLOSED	BAR OPEN 3—9	BAR OPEN 3—9 CLUB BOARD 7:00 PM	BAR OPEN 3—?	BAR OPEN 3—9 EUCHRE 6:30 PM	