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				1 Game Nite 6 – 9 pm	6:30 p.m. Euchre	3 CLOSED
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	"Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00		7:30 p.m. Post Meeting	Game Nite 6 – 9 pm	6:30 p.m. Euchre	Bar opens at 3:00 Karaoke 7—11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	"Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	Cabbage Roll Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary	Game Nite 6 – 9 pm	6:30 p.m. Euchre	CLOSED Private Party
18	19	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> Bar
	"Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00	All You Can Ea Fish Fry 4-7 pm \$7.00 per person	7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary	Game Nite 6 – 9 pm	6:30 p.m. Euchre	Open @11 am Euchre @ Noon Fundraiser Buffet Supper 5—6:30
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	"Show Me The Moola" 6:00 - 8:00			Game Nite 6 – 9 pm		CLOSED

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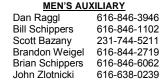
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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades/Sisters/Men's Auxiliary and Dad's.

To start, I want to *thank* everyone that worked on all the Post events this past four months. The profits from these events are what keep our Post financially solvent throughout the year.

If you can, support the sponsors of our raffle tickets. Without their support, our Post would have to pick up the cost of printing the tickets. Even a "thank you" note sent to them would be great.

On Oct 21, we will be **honored** to have as guests of our Post; 35 veterans and their caretakers from the Grand Rapids Veterans Home. They will arrive between 11:30 and noon they will have a lunch here, plus have some type of entertainment, such as bingo, etc... We will need volunteers to help us pull this off. What a great way to say "Thanks" to these disabled veterans. Some of these veterans will need one-on-one help. Once you do this, you will volunteer again. It makes you feel very humble helping these ladies and gentleman. You can call me if you want to take part in this very rewarding event. This is what the VFW is all about, Veterans helping Veterans.

If you're bored during the week days, join the Pinochle players that play cards daily during the week from 12:30 to 2:30. Call the Post during these times to ask about joining the group. Call 842-6210. One of the card players will talk to you. There is no commitment to be there every day. Also, the Bar is **not** open. Instead of being bored, join the group and have some fun. The Father's of VFW Veterans are also looking for new members a lot of them are card players. Call the Club during the afternoons, and ask for info on joining this fun group.

Members who haven't been here for awhile, come-on-down. See what we offer. If you don't like what you see, make suggestions on how we can improve. We will listen.

Have a great month. Keep safe and healthy.

## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES September

08/15 Full Honors funeral, along with the Ritual Team for A former Post Commander, Lloyd Beekman.

Still looking for new members for our Honor Guard. This is not a real time consuming position, but very rewarding. Call me if you are interested.



#### PATIO PARTY RECAP

As most of you know the post and WGHN teamed up and put on patio parties on Saturday nights, with live music, food and drink specials. The Post and the radio station consider them successful and plans are already in the works for next year. We had some great bands; however attendance wasn't quite as hoped for. After saying

that, I can't tell you how disappointed I am with the turnout of our post members and the members of our auxiliaries. These events are put on for all of your enjoyment, they are an opportunity for you to come down to the post, have a good time develop friendships and support the club rooms and the many activities we are trying to support as well and increase all of our organizations. It's this writer's opinion that if attendance and support does not increase soon, there isn't much sense to continue on. This support is not only for our events it includes attendance at meetings and stepping up at election time, our volunteering at functions, without being asked. Thank you for letting me vent. If anyone has an idea for helping increase membership please let one of your officers know.

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The winner of the \$100 Savings Bond last month was

Vicki Marshall

Congratulations Vicki

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

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS October 2009

Welcome to autumn and say farewell to the summer we never had. I can't remember ever having to turn the furnace on in August or to have to throw a comforter on the bed.

The Fall Conference (Pow Wow) will be in session from Thursday, October 8 through Saturday, October 10 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault St. Marie. All members of the VFW are welcome. This is a time to learn all about the programs we endorse. The National President will also be making her official visit to Michigan at this time.

Cabbage Roll lovers, plan on dinner Tuesday, October 13 from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost is \$7.00. Last year some people missed the day and moaned, so tell your friends.

The Mitten Tree is going up on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring your mittens in now and they will hang on the tree 'til December when the Goodfellows need them to distribute.

The Ward-Goff Scholarship program is underway and also the Jr. High Essay contest. Get your forms from the Counseling office. They must be turned in by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our annual fall fund raiser is being handled a little differently this year. Due to the high rates on printing and postage which cuts into our profits, we will not be sending out individual letters this time. Instead, we thought we would rely on your personal generosity to send in a monetary donation payable to the Ladies Auxiliary #2326. There will also be a buffet dinner served on Saturday, October 24 from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. A donation of \$6.00 would be appreciated. Anyone who would like to bring in a casserole, salad or dessert to complement the meat, potatoes, and vegetables furnished by the auxiliary will be welcome. Let us know if and what you plan to bring by calling Edna at 842-6586 or Anne at 842-8034. Please call by Tuesday, October 20. We also need hungry people to come and eat so bring your friends.

"Make A Difference Day". We will be entertaining the residents of the Sanctuary by the Shore (formerly Shore Haven) with treats and music. Help will be needed to hand out treats and napkins. Please show up at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 20. Please wear something halloweenish.

Auxiliary meeting night is Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm. We will have to elect a Conductress to replace Barb Frickman who is resigning for health reasons.

#### Membership

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues early, we will be doing the drawing for a free years membership at the October meeting. So if you want to get in the drawing you still have time to pay your dues. They are \$17.00 and can be paid at the Post or sent to Meg Young. We are just 50 members from being 100%.

Lee Alman will be doing a All You Can Eat Fish Fry on Tuesday, October 20, from 4pm to 7pm. The menu is coleslaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. The price is \$7.00. All proceeds will go to the Post after his costs. This will be a good time to come down and support the Post. Bring your family and friends it is open to the public.