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CLUB BOARD
Chairman Always Post Commander
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1 Trustee 2yr Term
2 Trustee 1yr Term
3 Trustee 1yr Term




COMMNDER'S CORNER

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

I am sorry I am missing in action this month. My deepest regrets.

Until next time don't to forget to KISS YOUR VET!!

Sam

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Post MTG. @ 7:30pm	2 CLOSED	3 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	4 CLOSED
5	6 LABOR DAY CLOSED	7  Taco's 5:30-7:30	8 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary MTG.	9 CLOSED Club Board MTG @7:00pm	10 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	11 Bar Opens @ 3:00 Riviera Yacht Club 6:00-11 P.M
12	13 CLOSED	14 Last Steak Dinner 5:00-6:30 P.M	15 7:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary MTG.	16 CLOSED	17 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	18 Bar Opens @ 3:00 Karaoke 7:00-11 P.M
19	20 CLOSED	21  Taco's 5:30-7:30	22	23 Dinner for American Legion Auxiliary 5:30 P.M	24 Euchre @6:30 p.m.	25 Omelet in a Bag 8:00-11:00A.M CLOSED 5-12 (PRIVATE PARTY) NO EUCHURE
26	27 CLOSED	28	29	30 CLOSED		

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

August

July 25 - Did the Military Rites for non-member Mr Jack DeBruyn.

July 29 - Did the Military Rites for non-member Mr Terry Eaton.

Up-coming event: We will be doing our 9/11 Memorial at the front of the Post at 10:00 A.M. Try to attend this, as we honor all the HERO'S of the tragic day. This memorial will only take no longer than 15 minutes.

The Honor Guard can use your help.. Our M1 Garand Rifles must be very clean to operate properly. If you have any of the following goodies you don't need, or have excess of, please donate the items to our group. This will keep our expenses down. What we need is:

Bore brushes in 30 cal. Both cloth & wire brushes are needed.

Gun Scrubber solvent/degreaser spray.

Gun solvent in liquid form

Gun oil in liquid or spray form.

Patches

We do not need any cleaning rods.

See you on 9/11, at the Post. We'll be there, rain or shine.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Today's spotlight falls on a member of the legendary "Flying Tigers". The name "Flying Tigers" evokes memories of the famous airmen of the "American Volunteer Group" (AVG) that fought with great distinction in the Chinese Air Force in Southeast Asia. The AVG never had more than 55 combat aircraft, capable of flight, and never more than 70 trained pilots at any time in their 7 months of service. The AVG lost only 8 pilots while being paid for 286 Japanese aircraft shot down and officially claimed as "kills". Many other Japanese "probable's" littered the jungle floor, but lacked the needed confirmation. These men were volunteers from the Army, Navy and Marine Corp. that fought for justice, honor, glory and money according to their own priorities. They were led by General Claire Lee Chennault, who had been in China since the mid-thirties. In China, equipped with P-40's he developed the basic fighter plane tactics that American fighter pilots would use throughout the war.

Tomorrow (14 August, 2010) I will conduct funeral services for one of the last few remaining "Flying Tigers" of WW11.

On the 11th of August, 2010, Anthony (Tony) J. Perry passed away, aged 94 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Euretta. Surviving are his children, Loretta (Gordon) Ihrig, James (Aimee) Perry, Mark (Mellisa) Perry, stepson Charles Young. Seven grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Tony proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, 407th Fighter Squadron, 372nd Fighter Group. The funeral service 14 August, 2010 at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Chapel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A word of wisdom...

"There is no guarantee on tomorrow or the next hour, just be sure to tell your loved ones when they leave for school, work, or play that you love them. If something should happen, you will have that peace that they knew you loved them."

On the lighter side...

The young man went to his preacher and said " I need you to pray for my hearing". The preacher placed his hands on each side of the young man's head and prays and prays. When he's done, he asks the young man " how's your hearing now?" "I don't know" say's the young man. "I don't go to Court until next Monday."

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Ladies Auxiliary, September 2010

Summer is winding down but you can still enjoy steak on the grill Tuesday, September 14 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$8 is requested and the public is welcome.

Students, Grades 9 through 12, if you are planning on going to college you will probably be interested in knowing that VFW has a scholarship fund available to you. You may participate in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest by writing an essay and submitting it locally to Post #2326 for judging. The winning essay will be forwarded to District 8. The District winner will be sent to the Department of Michigan and that winner will get to go to Washington, D.C. and compete for a top prize of \$35,000. The theme for the contest is "Does My Generation Have a Role In America's Future?"

Deadline to have your essay turned in to Post #2326 is November 1, 2010. John Kemme is the Post Chairman. Forms are available in the counseling office.

There is also a Patriot's Pen contest for Middle School students Grade 6, 7 & 8. The theme for this contest is "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" The deadline is also November 1st, 2010.

The Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will be our quests for dinner on Thursday, September 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Auxiliary meeting is 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September, 15. The District President will here to inspect our Auxiliary so chairmen please have your record books here by 6:30 p.m.

"Omelet In A Bag" breakfast will be served on Saturday, September 25th from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who worked through our Coast Guard week. You kept this place alive. We extend our sympathies to the following people who have lost members of their families this last month.

Faith & Tom Biros, Hazel Snyder, Barbara Booth and Nancy & John Boese. May they be comforted by their memories.



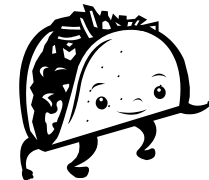
*The Post did very well during Coast Guard Festival. Thank you Commander Sam for hooking us up with the Coast Guard Festival Committee!

*Never enough thanks can be made to all the volunteers that worked during the festival and all those who work year around. Our hats off to you!!

*Thank you Don Armstorg for Corn and Potatoes

*Ted Raggl for use of the Pig Roaster for August 6th Pig Roast

* Thank You to all the Volunteers that helped with a Successful Pig Roast



TACO TUESDAY 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month Starting in September.

\$1.25 Each Taco

3 Tacos for \$3.00

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Served By John "Dutch" Ringelberg

Call for any questions 616-813-7883



We will be participating in the State's Charitable Gaming event "TEXAS HOLD'EM"

in Holland during 2011. This will be a great fund raiser for the Post. Stay tuned for more

Congratulations to
Ernie Schroeder Winner of
July wine raffle