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COMMANDER'S CALL



We continue to have great events at the Post. The comedy show was a very good night from what I have heard from those in attendance. My schedule will be easing up after some very long days at sea. Hopefully I will be able to attend future well orchestrated events like that one. Thanks, again, to Sheila van Dyke for putting on a great show and to those who set it up and made it happen.

Many of our friends from up north either have left or will be leaving shortly. I would like to thank them again for their support and friendship.



This will be the last month for nominations for next year's officers.



Please step forward and get involved. We have several key positions that still need to be filled.

We are at 90% on membership. We still need to improve. I am looking for folks to help recruit. We need a full press to get new members. As always, Active Duty military members are free for the first year. So I request all



members do what you can to promote the VFW and our Post. Get Motivated!! Thanks.

Now that I have time, the Post By-Law changes will be forwarded up the chain for approval and the three committees formed will happen.

See you at the meeting. Hopefully, I will see you before then!

Don



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Another busy month gone, they sure seem to be flying by.

It seems like I can't go into the Post to have a drink without someone coming up to complain about something. There are a lot of people who just sit in the Canteen and complain, but don't help out around the Post, so now is your chance to make a difference. This month is nomination of officers to run the Post for the next year and elections must be done by 1 May. We need new people to help out instead of relying on the same folks year after year. Please step forward and volunteer for a position to help our

Post.

I was out of town for this month's meeting, so I can't report on what was decided. I'll include anything relevant in next month's newsletter.

See you around the Post,

Ken



Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

Spring is almost here! And with spring, our winter visitors are going back home. They always bring us a lot of fun and help to our Post. They will be missed this summer and we'll look forward to them returning in the fall.

Once again, we had a major success with our Fish Fry and chicken grilled dinner. I've been off work due to my knee replacement, so I've been of little help. I have to give a huge THANK YOU to the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries. I appreciate them picking up my slack and giving all their help to make this such a success. I'm very proud of the auxiliary we have established and continued at our Post.

Our Fish Fry (and grilled chicken) dinner for April will be on the 8th. Tickets go on sale two weeks prior and I can't stress enough to buy your tickets early as we have been selling out.

We are also going to host Easter Dinner this year on April 24th. Kitty is our Master Chef and always comes up with a delicious menu. So get your tickets early and come celebrate Easter with us at the Post.

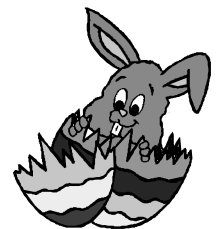
In our March meeting, we initiated Judith Schafer to

our Auxiliary. We are a hard working organization that has so much fun. Welcome, sister Judith!

We have our elections for our officers coming up in our next meeting on April 19th. We nominate and elect in the same meeting, so please be sure to attend. At this time, I have several things going on and will most likely pass down the position for President for the upcoming year. I have a lot of faith that we will have a great new President for our Auxiliary. We have some wonderful ladies in our organization with loads of talent and energy. I believe any woman would be proud to represent our Auxiliary as President of this Post.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

Jenny Freeman



Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

I'd like to thank everyone who came out for the Comedy Show on March 12th. If you couldn't make this one, don't miss next year's. The comedian was great, the food was outstanding and it turned out to be a great evening for all. This event, as you know, was to raise money for Ft. McCoy Veterans Home. I learned something about Ft. McCoy after getting into the event - it is the only Veterans Home in the country supported solely by a state VFW for that state's veterans. I'm glad we could do a little to help out.

As you can expect, putting on a show like this required more money than usual because the Men's Auxiliary had to provide a dinner, pay the entertainer and provide accommodations. Therefore, we had a rather small profit of only about \$200.00. Seeing that, the LAVFW decided to donate the dinner and that gave us a little more toward the dona-

tions. Two days later, the Men's Auxiliary voted to donate an additional \$400.00 toward Ft. McCoy to further raise the donation. As fate would have it, the General membership meeting was the next night and they donated \$500.00. Not only that, but one of the members donated an additional \$400.00 anonymously.

Although the outcome of this veterans event started with a modest outcome, it became a success because of great support and generosity of all our members. I am grateful and I'm sure the veterans at Ft. McCoy are, too.

Regards,

Bill McGrath



SPECIAL EVENTS—APRIL

We are having our monthly Fish Fry/Grilled Chicken Dinner on April 8th from 5-6:30pm with Rip Tide entertaining from 6-9pm. Come join us!

April 10th we'll be serving barbeque ribs for lunch from 1-2pm with karaoke from 2-5pm with Boogie Daddy. Tickets for this event is only \$7.00. Get your tickets early!

On Easter Sunday, April 24th, we will be serving Easter lunch. Times and ticket costs to be determined. Please

check out our bulletin boards for updates on this event.

We will be having a fund-raiser for the Lake City VA Home on April 29th. We will be having 'steak night' with entertainment by South Bound Band beginning at 5pm. Tickets for this event will be \$12.00. Be sure to support this worthy event.



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A Message From Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

The Canteen has had some really good days this month. The Fish Fry, Comedy Night, St. Patrick's Celebration and Lunch with South Bound have helped greatly.

When you are buying event tickets from the bar tender, please make sure you get the right ticket and pay the correct amount for the event that you wish to attend. Usually this is not a problem, but this past month we had (3) different events on sale at the same time.

I want to thank everyone who helped make Jerry and my 50th Wedding Anniversary such a wonderful party. We feel very blessed. The gold fish found a home and are doing well.

Until next time, smile! (it's good for your face), support

your Canteen and tip your bartender!!

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager





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Important Dates To Remember

- 4th - 5pm - Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 5th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting
- 8th - 5-6:30pm - Fish Fry/Grilled Chicken Dinner
6-9pm - Rip Tide
- 10th - 1-2pm - Barbeque Ribs Lunch \$7.00
2-5pm - Karaoke w/Boogie Daddy
- 11th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting
- 12th - 6pm - General Membership & LAVFW Meeting
- 24th - time-TBA - Easter Lunch - \$\$ - TBA
- 29th - 5-6pm - Steak Night Fund-raiser for Lake City VA Home w/South Bound Band
Tickets—\$12.00



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