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COMMANDER'S CALL



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**Hours of Operation
12 Noon to 9 PM
Monday – Saturday
2 to 10 Sunday**

IMPORTANT DATES

**Bingo Every Saturday
Men's Pool every Tuesday
Ms. Cues every Thursday
Cards every Thursday
Jam Session every Sunday
Ladies Drink Specials
every Wednesday
9 August – Hall Rental
10 August – Wings and
Bingo
12 August – Spaghetti
Dinner & Jam Session
14 August - House
Committee meeting
17 August – Steak or
Chicken Dinner & Music
21 August — General
Membership Meeting
24 August – Build-a-Burger
and Bingo
26 August – H'orderves &
Jam Session**

As I stated last month we are continuing to have money issues at the Post. We are looking at different options. One option and the most undesirable is closing the Post a few days a week. We need to figure something out quickly! Any ideas are welcome. We really don't want to shut the doors!!! The cause again is lack of patronage at events, at the canteen, and pulls tab sales. We need you to come out and enjoy this fine Post you have and bring a friend or two.

We have decided to open the Post on Sundays at 2pm. This will help are bartenders who work that day. This day typically runs until 11:30 or so, because of the jam session. This is a long shift for anyone! This should help out a bit. So please continue to support the event. It is one of the few days we do well currently.

Once again I would like to encourage our members to attend the monthly meetings. It isn't right that we have the same dozen or so folks make the decisions for 300 members. This is the time to bring up your concerns etc. Not in the canteen.

Once again we have several events scheduled this month and need help. It is the same few at each event. I would like to see new faces. It is so much easier to put on events when you have people to help and be involved with what the VFW is about. **Get Involved!!!** So your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. I am very proud to be a part of this organization, and I will do all I can to move us forward. Check the calendars for all the events.

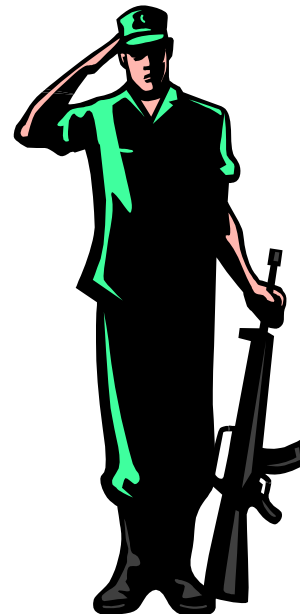
I am still looking for e-mail addresses to send out newsletters and calendars. If you have an e-mail address please forward to Post at post10555@knology.net I am trying to build an active data base of our members. Your info will not go beyond Post. See you at the meeting. Hopefully I will see you before then!



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Summer is definitely here, hot, humid and very poor Canteen sales. The VFW Fiscal year ended 30 June and we had a dismal year. Last year the post went in the hole over \$30,000. We cannot continue to operate like this. We either need to increase income or decrease expenses. Yesterday's (Wednesday) total sales at the Canteen were \$87.00, this doesn't come close to covering the expenses. We must make some changes, but are looking for your input. At the next house committee we will discuss this problem. One of the changes we're looking at is possibly closing the post some days during the summer months. We don't want to do this, but we **must** cut expenses. Please think about this and give us your input, we need help.

Another change we voted on at the last meeting was to open the Canteen at 2:00 on Sunday instead of noon. With the jam session Sunday night it just makes for too long a day for the bartender. We thought about splitting the shift, but no one wants to work Sunday during the day because there is very little business. The jam session is turning into a consistent money maker for the post so we want to keep them going.

On a sadder note, Walt has resigned as Post Manager, his real job is becoming more demanding. Billie is going to fill in, but over the next couple weeks we'll be looking to replace Walt. Good luck with your new job Walt.

In August we have a lot of events going on. Please come out and support these events, and bring a friend.

See you around the post.

Ladies Auxiliary News - Kitty Dye, President

The Ladies Auxiliary had a rather full house at the last meeting. It is good to see so many in attendance. We are sorry to say good bye to Rosemary Ferron who has resigned her post as Guard due to health reasons. Lynn Phelps was elected the new Guard. We will be doing a spaghetti dinner with the Post 8/12/2012 before the jam session. The cost is \$6.00 for spaghetti and meat sauce and garlic bread. We will probably be restarting the fish dinners in September. The National VFW Conference was the week end of the 21st. The Ladies Auxiliary was to vote on a proposal that will change The Ladies Auxiliary to The Auxiliary and allow eligible men to join. I will let you know what the vote was and if and when it will take place. Our focus this year is twofold, Veterans and their families and breast cancer. There is a lot of work to be done and we need all the help we can get. I want to thank the Ladies that participated in the July 4th celebrations.

Kitty Dye, President



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Men's Auxiliary Memo – Walter Rainey, President

While this last month has certainly been a very busy one for me , I would like to thank all the new officers for stepping up in my absence and keeping things in order. I look forward to things slowing down for me real soon. I know we have many things in the works and are looking forward to getting back to normal.

Walt

A Message From Post Manager - Walter Rainey

As many of you have heard this will be my last newsletter as post manager. While life spins off in new directions it is apparent that I no longer have the spare time needed to afford my duties. I would like to take this time to say thanks to all of you for making my time here not only special but very memorable, I am looking forward to my new career in the offshore oil industry. I will still be popping in on occasion to make sure that my replacement is in good hands, please afford them the same warmth that was given to me. For the good of the post may god bless you all.

From the Senior Vice Commander - Tracey Lopez...

It's certainly been a warm summer and hope everyone has been able to stay cool! It was such a rewarding feeling to go to Lake City last month! I could tell the veterans there were most of appreciative! And thank you to everyone who contributed their money, time, blankets, stuffed animals, etc. August is going to be another busy month, so please come out and support all of the events – we've got wings, a spaghetti dinner, a steak/chicken dinner and a build-a-burger – LET'S EAT!!! And, as always, we have Bingo and our Jam Sessions.

Hope to see everyone this month!!!

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