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COMMANDER'S CALL



First off, I would like to thank Ray for taking charge at the past meeting. Thanks for your dedication to the Post. I am still in Ft. Lauderdale and my return date is uncertain. Wally and Ken are keeping me informed on the happenings at the Post. Being relocated for a temporary period does not mean I am not involved.

I still encourage members to let me know of local events they may be involved with in our community. We can write reports on them and get credit at State headquarters. If you are involved in an event, I need the members involved, mileage and monies to support. You can call me at (850) 624-6336 or preferred e-mail at bdon520@knology.net. Any other concerns that you may have, I can be reached at those contacts or let one of the officers know and they can relay. We have a great place - let's keep it running smoothly and help those we are supposed to - the Veterans.

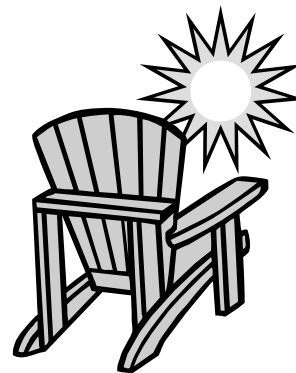
For those that have helped throughout the years, I can't say thanks enough! Please continue your support. We can't make it without you. More members should have your

dedication and I look forward to seeing them get involved as well.

Remember to support our events this month-the Fish Fry on the 20th, Wine & Cheese event on the 22nd, and our Neighborhood Get Together on Thursdays this month with day long happy hours and free juke box for the party. These get-togethers are a great way for us to get to know our neighbors in the area and make some new friends. Come out and join the fun.

See you at the meeting. I hope to be back soon! Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Don



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

As my first full month as Quartermaster draws to a close, I realize how much I still have to learn. Hurry home, Don.

I finally got my account to process memberships the day before the monthly meeting, so I'll be getting them processed as soon as I can get time. I appreciate everyone's patience on this.

After I get the memberships caught up, I'll turn my attention to getting caught up with key cards for the door. This is something I've still got to learn to do, but it's high on the list. So again, please be patient and I'll get them done as soon as I can.

The new cash registers are up and running. The bartenders are still learning the key locations, but overall they are doing a great job. We now have accountability for all the liquor and beer sold in the Canteen, so we'll be able to maintain an accurate inventory. A special thanks to Kitty for learning how to use the new registers and getting the bartenders trained.

At last night's meeting, the points for Post volunteer service program was abolished. At a previous meeting, a number of changes to the Volunteer program were passed:

- Membership of the Volunteers is limited to 300 members not including members in the Panama City Beach area.
- All events being held in the Post will have tickets for sale behind the bar no later than 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Volunteer dues will be \$30.00 per year with membership running from 1 July to 30 June. This membership includes a key card.
- No memberships less than one year are authorized.
- If someone is eligible to join the VFW, Men's or Ladies Auxiliaries, they cannot be volunteer members.

A committee was also formed to investigate a Local Volunteer organization separate from the Winter visitors.

A reminder that all Post financial records are available for any VFW member in good standing to review. Just contact me if you are interested in looking at them.

See you around the Post...

Ken

Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Foreman, President

This past month has been a very busy month. Carol, our Treasurer, and I went to Orlando for the State convention to receive the All State award. I want to thank everyone that helped Betty, our past President, in getting this great award. I hope to get the same support this coming year.

There are many programs that the State has for us to do, and I would like for us to focus on the VFW-PAC which stands for Political Action Committee. The sole purpose is to support candidates in congress that support the VFW views. The funds that they receive help lobby congress for such benefits as the Tri-care, GI bill and VA claims. I am hoping to raise enough monies to make a difference.

In the July meeting we initiated 2 new members, Katie Cureington and Carolyn Beaudette. Welcome ladies to our family. I hope you will find friends and joy out of this wonderful organization.

We have 2 upcoming events for August. On the 20th, we will be having a fish fry and on the 22nd, we are having a wine and cheese event. Please come out and enjoy. Tickets will be on sale at the canteen.

Until next time,

Jenny Foreman

Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

If you are picking up the newsletter at the Post and not receiving it at home, that means we don't have your correct address. If that's the case, you not only don't receive the newsletter, but you won't receive your membership renewal. Let us know if your address changes.

Our latest event was the fish fry and it was great! We teamed up with the LAVFW for the first time and the dinner was a very successful team effort. So much so, that we intend to do it again on August 20th and perhaps in September. If you didn't attend, you missed an outstanding dinner of perfectly cooked filets, Jackie's homemade hushpuppies, Kitty's coleslaw slaw along with fries and onion rings. Bear once again did the cooking, slaving over three cookers with the outside temperature near 95 degrees.

There was one minor problem caused by me (again). We

had a little food left over, so Kitty suggested we feed it to the family of raccoons out back. I instantly gathered up all the leftovers and set the stuff out on the edge of the woods. No sooner had I come back to the kitchen, I was approached by Jackie asking me where I put the hushpuppies as she was going to freeze them for the next fish fry. OOOOPS! Oh well, I'll do better next time. Get your tickets for the fish fry early. You won't be disappointed.

Until next month,

Bill McGrath

PS: Hey, Jackie! Hope Bill does the clean-up next time, too. Yum, yum...thanks for the hushpuppies!!

Signed - Raccoons

Musings From The House Committee Chairman - Jim Foreman

Can you believe it's August already? For August, we have a Fish Fry and a Wine & Cheese event. We've also elected to continue our Neighborhood Party on Thursdays through August. The times have changed and in August it will be from 3-7pm with a special HAPPY HOUR for everyone ALL DAY LONG! Please come out and join the fun and meet our neighbors and let them see how friendly and nice our Post is.

Bid sheets will be hung on the bulletin board for our 2 cash registers we just replaced. Bids will be accepted till next general meeting and then awarded to the highest bidder.

With the exception of 2 paid positions, canteen manager and janitor, we are a volunteer organization, but somehow end up with the same faces. We have over 300 members, LAVFW & Men's Aux., so how about stepping up and let us see some new faces. Webster says 'volunteer' is to offer freely.

Remember to buy your tickets early for our events as it helps in controlling costs & planning the right amount of food.

Please remember we still have our suggestion box in the canteen and they are read. See you around the Post.

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A Message From Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

Well July has been hot, that's for sure, and August will probably be the same. We have cool air, cold drinks and good company.

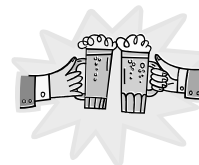
We have been hosting Commerce Park Block Party of Thursdays and the membership has decided that every Thursday in August will include friends and neighbors of Commerce Park. Drinks will be \$.75 off, \$.75 for 12 ounce drafts and \$.50 off all other beers.

Ladies pool is also on Thursdays from 1-5pm or until their games are finished.

The canteen has new cash registers. They are quite detailed, so be patient. The bartenders have a lot of new things to learn.

Come by and enjoy your Canteen!

Kitty Dye, Manager





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Important Dates To Remember

7th - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke
10th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting
14th - 3-6pm - Rip Tide Band
16th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting
17th - 6pm - Gen. Membership & LAVFW Meetings
20th - 5-6:30pm - Fish Fry w/Boogie Daddy
Tickets \$7/Adv. & \$9/at the door
21st - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke
22nd - 2-4pm - Wine & Cheese Event
Tickets \$5.00
28th - 3-6pm - Rip Tide Band
Thursdays - Day Long Happy Hour
3-7pm - Neighborhood Get Together
Free Juke Box/Drink Specials
Saturdays - 1pm - Bingo with \$1/hot dogs



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