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Hours of Operation
12 Noon to 9 PM
7 DAYS A WEEK

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3rd-5pm-LAUX Fish Fry
- 5th-1pm-LAUX Wine & Cheese Party - \$5.00
- 8th-12pm-VOL Beef on a Bun - \$5.00
- 10th-6pm-VOL Italian Night w/Dinner & Variety Show - \$12.00
- 12th-1pm-MAUX Lunch w/ Russ - \$6.00
- 13th-4:30-Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 5:30-Officers Meeting
- 14th-5pm-House Com.Meet
- 6pm-VFW Valentine Dinner & Dance - \$12.00
- 18th-1pm-MAUX German-fest - \$12.00
- 19th-2pm-MAUX \$1 Hot Dogs & Free Movie - "The Hangover"
- 20th-6pm-MAUX Meeting
- 21st-6pm-General & LAUX Meetings
- 25th-3pm-Bop & Shag
- 26th-1pm-Caribbean Sunday w/Steel Band



COMMANDER'S CALL



We made 100 percent last month. Well done to all involved! We will have to complete the rest of the required programs and we should have a good shot at All-State.



As many of you know, we are going to be revamping the newsletter. We are asking to get e-mail addresses from all of our members. This will allow you to receive colored newsletters and cut down on the cost of printing and mailing. For those that do not have computers, you will continue to get them through the mail.



We have a full month of events scheduled at the Post. Check your calendars or the marquee out front.

I ask that our members police those who come through our doors. If they have a door card, it is a good bet that they are a member. If they don't, welcome them and politely ask to see a membership card. Remember a member of the VFW, LAUX and MAUX can have as many guests as they want. On Wednesday, the back hall is rented, so



only a member and one guest. Any additional will have a small fee.

Somebody has borrowed several long tables. If you have done so, please bring them back. We need them for events.



Do something positive for the Post and the Veteran!!!

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

Don



Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

As everyone knows, the VFW is a private club that you must be a member or guest to use. Part of our responsibility is to ensure everyone entering has a valid membership card with them when they come into the Post. During normal times, it's the bartender's responsibility to check membership cards. However, during busy times, we try to have someone helping them. We have decided that on Saturdays during bingo, the organization that is doing hot dogs will also check membership cards. So everyone is on the same page, a VFW, MAUX or LAUX member can bring in as many guests to the Post as they want. The person that brings in guests must remain present while the guests are in the Post and that person is responsible for the guest's actions. The volunteers are not allowed to bring in guests; they must have a membership card. On Wednesday, the volunteers rent

the hall for their function. They check cards of folks entering their function. They have agreed that VFW, MAUX & LAUX members can come into their function with one guest.

This morning we were setting up for the Burns' Supper tomorrow night and noticed a number of the long tables are missing. If you have borrowed tables for something, please bring them back. The round tables look nice, but if we have a function with 100 or more, we need the long tables to get that many people in.

See you at the Post,

Ken



Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

I'm getting ready to go down to the mid-winter conference. Jo Seale made the most beautiful boutonniere and corsage for the poppy contest. Last year Jo won 1st place for district and 3rd place in the state. We're hoping all the hard work that went into making them this year will get her 1st place. The winner of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen wear the 1st place winner to the banquet. Jo does a wonderful job each year. We are very lucky to have someone so talented to do our poppy displays. Thanks, Jo!!



We had a nice turnout for our fish fry. On our silent auction, we're going to hold another one during the next fish fry, Feb. 3rd. We can still use donations for it - it's a great way to earn money for Veteran & Family Support. I thank the team that gives it their all to make



your fish fries such a success. I'm a proud member of the LAUX and the work I personally put in comes from the heart. I know what I do for the VFW makes a difference in many veterans lives. I've seen how the money we raise helps veterans and their families. What we do as members of this organization should come from the heart. I hear some complain of the price of a fund-raiser, but you should remember where the money goes. It will warm your heart. If you're not here to make a difference you really need to re-read the words you said and agreed to when you did your initiation. As members of the VFW, it would be nice to see you come and support our events.



God bless,

Jenny Freeman



Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

On Jan. 20th, the MAUX and our northern visitors sponsored the very first Movie Night at the Post. We served three versions of tacos, Spanish rice and even added hot dogs for those who oppose spicy food. Everything was a dollar with rice added for free. We had a great crowd, 50-70 who enjoyed a great meal and about 40+ who stayed for the movie. Although we made a meager profit, I feel the event was an outstanding success. The increased attendance resulted in drastically increased sales at the Canteen. Therefore, we feel confident the event financially supported the Post and must be continued. Thanks to all who made this a success.



We have scheduled Russ Chandler, one of our favorite entertainers, for a performance on Feb. 12th at 1pm. We'll also provide you with a great lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and slaw for only \$6.00. Come out and enjoy!

The MAUX is also hosting our first "Germanfest" on Feb. 18th. We'll open the Post at 12pm with 1 free keg of real Ger-

man beer. There'll also be German pretzels with brown mustard. At 1pm, we'll serve authentic Knockwurst & Bratwurst along with German sauerkraut, potato salad and rolls. We're asking for donations of dessert by our members. In addition to lunch, we'll have an "Oompha" band to add German music and entertainment for your pleasure. Don't miss this - it'll be great fun and tickets are only \$12.00.



Our next event will be Caribbean Sunday on Feb. 26th. This will be the same as last year, but with a new band. If you like island music and steel drums, do come to this event. In addition to entertainment, we'll serve an island lunch of marinated chicken, black beans and rice and more. This event is also \$12.00 per ticket, so get them early.



Until next time....

Bill McGrath

Musings from the House Committee...

Well we have a full month ahead of us for February. There's a lot going on, so don't miss out on all the fun. Please see the calendar and bulletin boards for all the events and any changes that may take place.

I would like to see more members attending our meetings. Remember, if you have any suggestions or think something should be changed, the meeting is where you can make a difference in your Post.

For all who have not renewed your membership, please

take the time to do this. This Post is for you!!

We could also use some additional member volunteers to help out at our events, so if at all possible, give a little of your time and you'll be surprised at how much fun it can be.

See you next month,

Rob



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A Message From Post Manager - Walter Rainey

Well I've almost been too busy to comment, but that's what we like here - busy!! We had a great increase in business on Movie Night and I hear we're having another this month. So come on out and see the free movie and have a drink in the Canteen.

We still have Bingo on Saturdays at 1pm, so come on in and enjoy the fun. Our bartenders are here to serve and the more people in the Canteen, the better they like it.

See you at the bar,

Walt





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