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## COMMANDER'S CALL

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well, here we are in 2011! I wish everyone a prosperous New Year. We have a big month scheduled in entertainment. We are going out on a limb trying to get interest up for the Post. A special thanks to our Men's Auxiliary and the Volunteers for their support in setting up these events. Please do what you can to help make these great events and have fun.

We are at 82% on membership. We need to improve upon this in a big way. The goal is to be at 106% by February for the Post to be a shoo-in for All State. A reminder that all 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.

We also need folks to help at the Airport Welcome Center. I will be getting a schedule from the volunteer coordinator and will post it on the Post bulletin board for sign-up. We had another trip to

the Lake City Veterans Home on the 4th of December. We heard great stories about the visit and hopefully it inspired our continued participation. A heartfelt Thanks to Tommy, Carol, June, Wally and Pat.

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

Don



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## Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a safe and Happy New Year. There are a lot of events coming up in the next couple of months, so keep an eye on the bulletin board at the Post and check the calendar on our web site, [www.vfwpost10555.com](http://www.vfwpost10555.com), for the latest information.

A couple of things came up at the general meeting that I want to share. As everyone is aware, the old points system was discontinued and at this month's meeting, a motion was passed that everyone must use the points by 1 April, 2011. After 1 April, the points will no longer be any good. If you want to know how many points you have, just contact me at

the Post and I'll look them up for you. Everyone should remember the bartender is in charge of the bar at all times. If they feel you've had your limit, they have been authorized to bar you from the canteen until the House committee meets to discuss the situation. After the House committee meets, they will make recommendations that will go to the general membership meeting and the final disposition will be voted on at that meeting. We want this to be a friendly place to visit, so please, no business in the canteen. If you have a gripe, bring it to the general meeting. See you around the Post.

Ken

## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

Our bake sale for Prostate Cancer we had last month was a great success. I really was overwhelmed with all the baked goods everyone brought for the sale. A lot of work for such a good cause! I never imagined the response that we received. I can't thank each of you enough for your time and the donated bakery goodies. THANKS!

Along with the Men's Auxiliary, we hosted the Christmas Party for *Toys for Tots*. We had such a good time and provided many toys for children that may not have had a Christmas this year. We also lifted the worry from the parents - knowing that their kids *could* have a Christmas. Thank you all for your donations for this event.

January 29th is our fundraiser for Prostate Cancer.

This will be a fashion show with the clothes provided by Dillard's. The theme is *'Putting on the Ritz'*. This is going to be a fabulous event. Arnold High School Band and Dance Crew will be performing *"New York, New York"*. This is an event you don't want to miss. Tickets will be sold for \$12.00 and everything we make will go to Prostate Cancer. Get your tickets early as I predict the tickets won't last very long. I appreciate everyone's hard work to make this a successful event for Prostate Cancer. Thank you again for making this happen.

See you around the Post,

Jenny Freeman

## Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

Welcome Back to all our northern friends! We are doing something different with events and entertainment this year - we're maxing it out for your enjoyment. We loaded January with lots of dining and entertainment. Please come out and experience the cuisine, some new entertainers, old entertainers and a lot of smiling friends. Here are most of the events: 8th - the return of Italian Night, followed by Russ Chandler on the 9th, then the Fish Fry on the 14th, Burns Supper on the 22nd, Caribbean Sunday on the 23rd and finally, the fashion show on the 29th. Folks, that's a lot of entertainment! Remember, this year all tickets go on sale two weeks prior to each event, so get your tickets early. I'm going to post the events on the bulletin board with the date the tickets become available. In addition, I'll print the same information on hand-outs you can take home with you, so you'll be able to get event tickets before they run out.

The Men's Auxiliary events are the *Fish Fry* on the 14th. Anyone who has been to one will get tickets very early. We have *Rip Tide* back to entertain us - this band is a favorite.

Next on our list is *Russ Chandler*. He's been here be-

fore and has gathered quite a following. This year he'll be here on a Sunday afternoon (9th) and we'll be serving you a fine barbeque lunch with sides for only \$5.00. What a bargain!

Next is the really big one: *Caribbean Sunday*. Get out your flowery shirts, straw hats and shorts (if warm enough) and come to our island party. This is the first ever Island event at the VFW and we've pulled out all the stops. We've got *Steve Youngblood*, an island entertainer from Pier Park who has provided island music for the Parrot Head convention and other beach activities in our area. Along with the entertainment, you get an Island lunch of marinated chicken, rice, sauces and sides. It doesn't stop there! We're also rolling out two kegs of beer and an Island spiked punch. Get this! **All this is ONLY \$10.00.** So mark your calendar for a fun Sunday lunch on **January 23rd from 1-4pm**. Watch the bulletin board for the day these tickets go on sale and get them early!

Bill McGrath



Sunday, January 23rd, is  
***Caribbean Sunday***  
***1-4pm tickets \$10.00***



Sunday, January 9th,  
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## A Message From ..... Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

It's hard to believe that another month has passed. Things at the canteen have picked up since the arrival of our northern friends, though not as much as last year.

Miller Lite on tap has done very well and we will soon have Yuengling on tap. Our call coconut rum is now Parrot Bay. We still have several keys and a watch in our found box. The keys were found last year.

At the Christmas Party, cigarette butts and ashes and a dirty tissue were placed in the tip jar at the door service area. I would hope that none of the members of this Post or their guests would do such a thing. Your bartenders work very hard and tips are their only compensation.

Until next time, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager





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### Important Dates To Remember

3rd - 3pm-Volunteer Meeting  
8th - 5pm-Italian Night - \$10.00  
9th - 1pm-Lunch with Russ \$5.00  
11th - 5pm-House Committee Meeting  
14th - 5pm-Fish Fry/Music w/Rip Tide \$8.00  
17th - 6pm-Men's Auxiliary Meeting  
18th - 6pm-Gen. & LAVFW Meetings  
22nd - 6pm-Burns Supper—\$20.00  
23rd - 1pm-Caribbean Sunday w/Steve  
Youngblood—tickets \$10.00  
29th - 5pm-Fashion Show—tickets \$12.00  
Wednesdays - 2pm-Big AI & Meat Raffle



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