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COMMANDER'S CALL



THANK YOU

First and foremost, I would like to thank all those that have stepped forward to take a position in the Post. The Post needs more folks to get involved.

We have a severe deficit on the Saturday clean-up crew. We need to resolve this as soon as possible. Ideas are welcome. It is disheartening for the same few that do show up. We need your involvement!



I am also looking for ideas to get more folks to the Post. We have a great organization and it's time to help us help ourselves and the veterans that need it.



We have several great things coming up as far as entertainment and events: the 4th of July picnic (on the 4th, of course!); the Fish Fry on the 10th and the Steak



Dinner on the 23rd. Get your tickets early for the latter two and save money. It also helps us to plan the food. All of these will have great entertainment, too!



Please come out and support them.
See you at the meeting.

Don



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Hello from your new Quartermaster. We're starting the New Year off with some changes. I attended a course of instruction for new Quartermasters recently and learned that we are required to have a monthly inventory of everything sold in the Canteen and the trustees must audit the inventory quarterly. Since we don't currently do a formal monthly inventory we have had to institute one. Kitty has been doing a monthly inventory of the liquor, but that is all. The first step was to purchase a new cash register system, which was approved at our last meeting. Our current registers will tell us how many well drinks, domestic beer or any other category, but not how many well scotch or how many Bud Lights we've sold. This new system will help us maintain accountability of each individual item sold in the Canteen. The new system is scheduled to be installed on July 1st.

I'm still in the turnover stage and Don is helping a lot, thanks Don.

If you have something to say about how the Post is run, please bring it to the meeting, not the Canteen. And remember, the bartender has the authority to suspend anyone from using the canteen for inappropriate behavior. This suspension will be from the time of the incident until the House Committee meets to take action on the incident. The House Committee can then overturn the suspension or make a recommendation on the length of the suspension that goes to the general membership meeting.

See you around the Post,
Ken

Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

Well, this was my last meeting as President. We approved Mary Slocumb, Francis Whitfield and Ester Hedbawny for membership. We also initiated Mary Slocumb, Francis Whitfield and Elaine Lipay into the Ladies Auxiliary.

The fish fry went very well. I want to thank Kitty Dye, June Marginot, Jackie Foreman, Mary Kilzer, Dave Kilzer and Steve Jones and all others that helped out. We voted to have one fish fry each month through September. We will be doing this with the Men's Auxiliary. The next fish fry will be July 10th following bingo. Tickets will be on sale in the canteen.

Jo Seale made a beautiful Buddy Poppy sculpture to

send to the Convention. It was truly exceptional, representing a helmet on the butt of a rifle between a pair of boots.

I want to thank the Ladies who braved the heat Saturday to sell poppies. We made over \$300.00.

Carol will be bringing Cancer Pins back from Convention. They tend to sell out quickly, so if you want one, contact Carol.

Your new officers take office after the Convention. I'm the Conductress, so be sure to bring your cards and dollars to the meeting.

Betty Sharpe, President

Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

Last year the Men's Auxiliary had 53 total members. Unfortunately, 13 of those were dropped for non-payment of dues. Virtually all of those dropped moved and left no forwarding address. As a result, we were down to about 40 members. Please, if you move, let us know your new address. Without a forwarding address, you will never receive the membership renewal notice and will eventually be dropped from the roster.

However, we have some good news, too. Our membership is now up to 56. That's a significant gain considering the number of members removed from the roster. If you know of a member who has moved and did not receive a renewal notice, please let me know.

On June 11th, the VFW had a Fish Fry dinner with entertainment. "Bear and Company" purchased the fish and did the breading and frying while the Ladies Auxiliary did the side dishes. Wow! What a job! The fish was excellent, the sides were great and the entertainment was most enjoyable. There was, however, one bad food moment. When I took the first bite of mashed potatoes I exclaimed to my

wife: "OH MY GAWD! WHAT DID THEY DO TO THESE MASHED POTATOES!! My wife clearly informed me with her best southern drawl: "Those are cheese grits - get over it Yankee!" Hmmmm, I wonder if gravy would help.

As a result of the success of the Fish Fry, we agreed at our last meeting to help fund another Fish Fry. I talked to Kitty about joining with the Ladies Auxiliary and with Bear to do this again. We'll have a Fish Fry on Saturday, July 10th, at 4pm. All the groups will help out and split the funding. Of course, we'll need your help in cooking, running food and clean-up. Please let me know if you can help out.

As with the Fish Fry, we need everyone to come out and participate in all the events sponsored by our VFW. Remember, for any event to be a success, We Need You!

Until next time...

Regards,
Bill McGrath, President

Musings From The House Committee Chairman - Jim Foreman

This month we are having a neighborhood party every Thursday. We are inviting anyone who works in our complex by from 3-6pm with a special happy hour. Please come out to meet and greet our neighbors.

Our dumpster is for Post trash only. Please refrain from putting your household trash in it.

Don't forget most events have a limited amount of tickets, so buy them early and save money.

Don't forget to support our newsletter advertisers and to thank them for their support.

See ya around the Post,
Jim



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A Message From Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye



Beginning July 1, we will be having the Beach Commerce Park Block Party every Thursday from 3pm—6pm. There will be special drink prices. Ladies Pool is on Thursday also.

We will be getting new cash registers. These will be Point of Service registers to help with the inventories that are required by the State.

The microwave popcorn is doing well and is much more sanitary than the machine.

Until next time, don't forget to tip the bartenders, and don't forget the suggestion box. The House Committee does read your suggestions.

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager





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Important Dates To Remember

- 3rd - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke**
- 4th - 2:30-5:30pm - Entertainment w/Harry Reid**
- 3pm - 4th Picnic w/BBQ pork sandwiches, chips & beans \$3.00**
- 10th - 3-6pm - Music by Al Gouge**
- 4-6pm - Fish Fry - tickets \$7/Adv; \$9/door**
- 13th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting**
- 17th - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke**
- 19th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting**
- 20th - 6pm - General Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings**
- 23rd - 5-6:30pm - Steak Dinner \$10/Adv; \$12/door**
- 6-9pm - Entertainment by Randy Watson**
- 31st - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke**
- Thursdays - 3-6pm - Neighborhood Party**
- Saturdays - 7-9am - GI work party**



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