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Ray Seale, Junior Vice Commander

Ken Waringa, Adjutant

Ken Waringa, Quartermaster

Meyrle Pepler, Judge Advocate

Tom Welch, Chaplain

Dick Myers, Surgeon

Rob Smith, Trustee 3 yr.

Ken Gregory, Trustee 2yr.

Fred Niederberger, Trustee 1yr.

Dale Kiel, Service Officer

Ray Seale, Membership Chairman

Jim Foreman, House Committee Chairman

COMMANDER'S CALL



We have a busy couple of months coming up at the Post. The District meeting will be here on the 7th and the LAVFW has planned a good meal. The State Commander will be in attendance, so if you want to hear his thoughts or just want to ask a question please show up at 11am.

We have started poker on Sundays at 2pm. Check the calendars for all the events.

The elections are complete and officers are as follows:

Commander - Don Buchanan

Sr. Vice - Wally Stacy

Jr. Vice - Rob Lopez

Quartermaster - Brian Freeman

Chaplain - Tommy Welch

Surgeon - Jim Phelps

Judge Advocate - Meyrle Pepler

3rd yr. Trustee - Dick Gribble

2nd yr. Trustee - Rob Smith

1st yr. Trustee - Ken Gregory

I still need a Service Officer and Adjutant. If interested in those positions, please let me know.

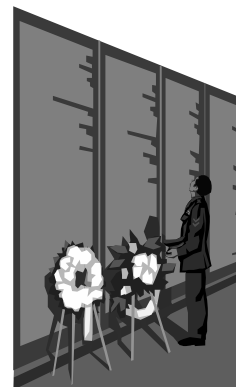
We are still at 90% on membership. We need to improve on our process to recruit for next year which starts in July. I am looking for folks to help recruit. We need a full press to get new members. As always Ac-

tive 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. Get Motivated!! Thanks.

The revision to the Post By-Laws are at the National level for approval. We will keep you updated.

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

Don



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

I'd like to congratulate Brian Freeman for taking the Quartermaster position for the next year. My job precluded me from taking it for a second year, but I have offered to be Assistant Quartermaster this year. Like me, Brian has a full-time job and the duties of Quartermaster are just too many to do the job justice when you hold a full-time job as well. Brian and I have talked about a division of duties, so hopefully between us, we'll be able to better serve the Post.

There is a lot in the works right now. We are looking into making some changes to the Post to allow access to both restrooms from the hall without entering the canteen. This will

also include expanding the canteen by closing in the carport area.

There are some Post policies in the works that will define use of the hall, janitorial duties, yard care, and canteen manager duties. Once the policies are written up, they will be brought to the general membership meeting for approval and then posted. We are trying to standardize how things are done around the Post.

See you around the Post,

Ken

Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

We had a really nice turnout once again for our fish fry. However, our Easter lunch was a little disappointing with the amount of tickets that were sold. Our Ladies Auxiliary works very hard on every event we sponsor. We give up our time with our families to come and cook for our VFW family. So bring your friends and family to our events at the Post. Experience the love that goes into our lunches and dinners - it's really something special.

We had elections at our last meeting. We had some new members who stepped up and took some officers' positions. Once again, I was nominated and elected as President for another year. I'm very excited to work with the new officers to show them the ropes and how our Auxiliary runs. I have a great deal of confidence in our new officers and

know that this new year will be a great one. I'm so very proud of how far we have grown in this Auxiliary. I know with the teamwork we have established, we will only get better.

We are having our Fish Fry for May of the 13th. Remember we also sell chicken for those who don't eat fish. Get your tickets early.

If anyone has any ideas for upcoming events you would like to see happen, please contact me.

See you around the Post,

Jenny Freeman

Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

I regret to inform our Men's Auxiliary members of the passing of Harold "Mokie" Bruske. Mokie was responsible for bringing the Men's Auxiliary to our VFW Post. He was the driving force in the formation and served as the president until he relocated. He will be missed. Our condolences go out from all our members to his family.

I just got back in town returning from a two week vacation and I'm catching up on what's going on at the Post. As a result, I don't have a lot to report. However, one thing needs attention. We continue to plan events at the Post. With our northern friends gone, attendance has dropped dramatically. That is to be expected. However, we need you to come out and support these functions as there is a great deal of money expended to provide food and entertainment for our members.

For example, when we (MAUX) put on a dinner we must invest money in food, sell tickets to recover our investment, and with a little support, make a small profit. If we provide entertainment, we do not pay for that as the VFW does. In order for the VFW to recover their investment, there must be significant canteen sales. Obviously, if only a few people show up, we (the MAUX) will recover our in-

vestment as we sell tickets and know how much food to purchase. However, the VFW expects the increase in canteen sales to offset their investment in the entertainment and thereby make a small profit for the Post. As you can see, if we don't have a reasonable attendance at our sponsored events, the Post may lose money and in the future lose some of the great entertainment we've enjoyed. Sooo.. come out and support your Post and enjoy the food and entertainment. You can't get better food, entertainment and friendship on the beach for our price.

Also, please try to purchase your event tickets early. That allows us to predict the amount of food we must purchase in advance and not have to wait until the last day due to late ticket sales.

Thanks for your support.

Bill McGrath



New Officers—LAVFW

President - Jenny Freeman

Sr. Vice - Jacki Foreman

Jr. Vice - Maddy Niederberger

Secretary - Kitty Dye

Treasurer - Carol McDonald

Conductress - Jo Seale

Chaplain - Gail Ulchinsky

Patriotic Instructor - June Marginot

Guard - Rosemary Fearon

Historian - Mary Kilzer

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A Message From Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

Well, you can certainly tell that most of the snowbirds have gone. We have been relatively quiet at the canteen.

For those who are into counting calories, we now have Bud Select 55. The beers of the month in May will be Sam Adams lager and lite.

Until next month, smile and tip your bartender.

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager





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Important Dates To Remember

1st - 1pm - Loyalty Day Flag Ceremony
7th - 11am - District Meeting
3-6pm-Kentucky Derby w/Riptide
8th - 1-2pm - Mother's Day Lunch - \$5.00
w/Hank Shepard - Ladies free
9th - 5pm - Entertainment Committee Meet.
10th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting
13th - 5-6:30pm - Fish Fry Dinner \$9.00
16th - 6pm - Men's Aux. Meeting
17th - 6pm - Gen. & LAVFW Meetings
28th - 10:30am-Bus trip Mystery Cruise \$25
Saturdays - Hot Dog Days sponsored by our
Post & Ladies Aux. & Men's Aux.



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