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COMMANDER'S CALL



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Hours of Operation
12 Noon to 9 PM

Post Activities

Bingo Every Saturday
Men's Pool every Tuesday
Breakfast every Wednesday
Ms. Cues every Thursday
Cards every Thursday
Jam Session every Sunday
Happy Hour all day every Wednesday
2 Nov – Wings and Bingo
6 Nov – Election Day
9 Nov – Fish Fry & Music
11 Nov – Veteran's Day Flag Retirement & Sloppy Joe's
12 Nov – Veteran's Day Parade
13 Nov – House Committee
16 Nov – Burgers & Bingo
18 Nov – Bar-b-que sliders
20 Nov – General Membership Meeting
22 Nov - Thanksgiving
25 Nov –Hors d'oeuvres & Jam Session

We will be having a Flag retirement ceremony on the 11th. The LAUX and VFW will be cooking Sloppy Joes and Fries. We also have the parade on the 12th. This is in observance of Veterans Day. This is a big day for the Post our Senior Vice Tracey Lopez is a key note speaker. This year we recognize our female veterans. So come out and support her and our other Veterans.

It is your right to get out and vote this month. Please do so, we will buy a drink for you and the Ladies will be doing dogs for those that come in with an "I voted sticker".

I would like to encourage all members to jump in and help out at events. If we have something on the calendar, jump in and help. **I should not have to beg to get you out here to help the Post.** We have at least 4 events a month that require your assistance. The same few are getting worn out. **So I need your support!!! Review our calendar and reply to what date you can support.** This is a major issue that we need to get our arms around. We have hot dogs at least once a month and 2 Friday events, and at least 1 more event in a month. When you get the calendar review it and reply to bdon520@knology.net on the events you can help with. During any event whatever you can do will help. Setup, clean up, 50/50 whatever you can do. We need you NOW!!!

Comrades the push is on again for membership. We need all the continuous members to get their renewals in. If you know someone that is eligible, invite them in, show them around and see if you can get them to join. There is a big push by State to maintain those which we already have on the roles. As always active duty personnel get one year free.

I am still looking for e-mail addresses to send out newsletters and calendars. If you have an e-mail address please forward it to the Post at post10555@knology.net. The email is only used for Post purposes I am trying to build an active data base of our members. Your information will not go beyond Post and we do not send junk mail.

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

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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

This year has just flown by. Our Northern friends are returning and the Post is getting busier again. There are a lot of events going on so come out and lend a hand if you can, but also come out and have fun. I was at another veteran's organization the other day and was talking to a guy that told me he doesn't come out to our post anymore because it's not friendly. We did hear that for a while, but I think we are turning that attitude around. If you see someone come in that you don't know, say hi and ask them how they are doing. Please make them feel welcome.

As everyone should know, Billie is our Post manager. We pay Billie to be the Post manager so please let her do her job. The bartenders work for Billie, so if you have an issue with a bartender, please bring it to Billie's attention. Also, if you want a particular bartender to work a function or event, don't go to the bartender, go to Billie and make the request. Let's let Billie do her job. If you don't feel Billie is responding to your request, bring it to the attention of the House Committee. Remember, there is a chain of command, so let's use it.

I'm going to be traveling quite a bit during the Month of November so Tracey will be filling in for me in my absence. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Plans are already being made for our New Year's Eve party and other events throughout the month of December, it looks like it's going to be a busy winter so keep an eye on the calendar and come out and support your post.

Ladies Auxiliary News - Kitty Dye, President

The Auxiliary meeting this month was really nice. We approved three new members and initiated two. We also had a guest, a Life Member from Virginia. This has been a very busy month. We did Gumbo and Hush Puppies during one of the Jam Sessions with the Post. We also did a fish fry and of course there was Fall Round Up. The Auxiliary prepared the finger foods for the Post Halloween Party. We will be giving free hot dogs on Election Day from 4-8 P.M. if you bring in your "I voted sticker". You have to ask for them. I checked with the Board of Elections and they should be available at the early voting sites and on Election Day. We will be having a fish fry 10/09/12 with Robin Ray providing the entertainment and Sloppy Joe's and Fries on 11/11 with the Post for the Jam Session. There will also be a short Veterans Day Ceremony with a Flag Retirement. The Ladies Auxiliary will again be doing the Toys for Tots Christmas Party and Dance on 12/08 from 6-9 P.M., admission is a \$5.00 unwrapped gift or a \$5.00 donation to Toys for Tots. Please plan to attend and make this a great party.

Until next time, enjoy this glorious weather while it lasts. Oh, almost forgot, we wore our decorated pink bras while serving food, for breast cancer awareness.

Kitty Dye, President

House Committee Chairman – Rob Lopez

Greetings from the House Committee! November is again a busy month as we start to welcome our Northern friends back! The Thunder Beach events went very well this year and Congrats to the MAUX for the excellent breakfast that they provided? Just a reminder that the MAUX will be having breakfast this month on Wednesdays, 7-10 am for only \$6. I would also like to invite everyone to the post for the Veterans Day celebration on 11 November! Our Senior Vice, Tracey Lopez is also the guest speaker at the Bay County Veteran's Day Parade so please come out and support.

Senior Vice Commander – Tracey Lopez

It's getting to be that time of the year when our "Northern friends" will be joining us and we look forward to welcoming them back!!! November is going to be another busy month, – November 6th is Election Day, the 11th is Veteran's Day, the 12th is the Bay County Veteran's Day Parade, and the 22nd is Thanksgiving. We've got wings and a build-a-burger, so please come out and support these events, as well as the MAUX and LAUX events. And, as always, we have Bingo and our Jam Sessions. I look forward to seeing everyone this month!!!

A Message from Post Manager – Billie Jones

Happy November to all, can you believe that this year is almost over. Time goes by fast when you are having fun.

Welcome back to our northern friends, there will be some new faces and of course re-connecting with all the old ones.

October was a busy month at the post, hope you had a chance to attend some of the events and if you were not November promises to be as busy and offers you many great opportunities to come out and have fun.

One new event will be the Wednesday morning breakfasts, great food at a reasonable price. Wednesday is also "Hump Day", which means "Happy Hour" prices all day long. Everyone is having a great time at the Sunday "Jam Sessions", so get your dancing shoes on and come on out.

Be sure to check your November calendars for all the upcoming events, we will be open on Thanksgiving at 12PM, so save some room for a "cold beverage".

Remember that our bartenders are volunteers and please treat them with courtesy and respect.

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