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COMMANDER'S CALL



The month of October is going to be very full with special events - the Fish Fry on the 15th, Oktoberfest on the 17th, and the Halloween Party on the 30th. We are also starting NFL Sundays from 12 noon to 4pm complete with Happy Hour and \$3.00 hamburgers and chips. So come on out and have fun with the rest of us at your Post.



We need to work on building our membership as we are well behind other Posts in the District. This is a significant part of the view of our Post with State and we need everyone's help to increase our membership.

The district meeting this month is in Port St. Joe on October 16th. Please attend if you can.

I still need your support on getting information on community involve-

ment. We need your help to keep the Post in good standing. We have a great place, so let's keep it running smoothly and help those we're supposed to - the Veteran.

I should be back on the 6th. Thanks for all your support while I have been gone and thank you for all you do!!

See you at the meeting (I hope soon!).

Don



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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Our monthly meetings seem to be getting longer and longer, but we always get a lot accomplished. I have received a lot of questions about the volunteer points. The motion that was carried at the meeting is that anyone with points will keep what they have to a maximum of 300 points. Those with over 300 points will be reduced to 300 on the books. From now on there will be no more accumulating of points. You can spend the points in the VFW catalog or for membership. If you want something out of the catalog with your points, please see me and I will order the item for you and deduct your points.

We received the request from Bay County to participate in the Veterans Day parade again this year, so plan on coming out and supporting the parade.

In accordance with the VFW By-Laws, the Quartermaster is the only person authorized to spend funds for the Post. I understand the bartenders were previously authorized to give up to \$25.00 to a veteran in need. This practice must be stopped immediately. If someone in need comes into the Post looking for a hand-out, please, the bartender **must** call myself or the Commander for authorization prior to giving out **any** money.

There are several new events coming up in the near future, so keep an eye on the calendar, web site and bulletin boards.

See you at the Post,
Ken

Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

The wine and cheese party that we have for a fundraiser for the VFW-PAC was a great success. I never imagined how many donations of cheese, wine and gift baskets for the raffles that we would receive and was overwhelmed with all the support I received. I can't thank everyone enough who donated their time, energy and money to make this such a successful event.

We have three events that we're sponsoring this month. With help from the Men's Auxiliary, we're having a fish fry

on October 15th. Again with the help of the Men's Auxiliary, we are having an Oktoberfest on October 17th. Tickets are \$12.00 and will be sold at the bar. On October 30th, we're having a Halloween Costume Party. I hope we have a great turnout for these events. Come on out and take advantage of the fun we'll all have this month.

See you around the Post,
Jenny Freeman

Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

A quick "shout-out" to the Ladies Auxiliary...well done on the August wine tasting! That was a **class act** and what a bargain at \$5.00 (wine, cheese & homemade finger food). I had six of Jackie's cheese toast. Someone please tell her I didn't feed it to the raccoons.

Don't forget to get your Fish Fry tickets early. We had to turn away several walk-ins last time because the food was gone. A new addition was Bear's gumbo and that we'll surely have again...yum, yum!

We've got the go ahead for a Big event in October - the Post's first ever Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 17th at 1pm. The event will be another combined effort by all the VFW groups. Each group will get 20 tickets. Here is what you get...2 free kegs of German beer, a free inscribed Oktoberfest glass mug, a German lunch, and last of all a German band (you may have seen them at the Houfbrau Haus at Pier Park). We'll have 20 additional tickets available at the bar, but these are overflow tickets and you will NOT get a free mug with these tickets, so please see your group leaders for tickets and get yours early. This is going to be FUN!

The new event planning committee is functioning very well. We've projected events all the way into March. If you

have an idea, just let one of us know and we'll discuss it. We've had two good suggestions already - a Daytona 500 party (now on the agenda for February) and another for a "jam session" on Sunday afternoons. We'll try this event, but decided not to put it on the schedule this month as we felt there wasn't enough time to advertise the project and firm up the planning.

Once again, let me comment on email for those of you without computers. While visiting the Post, check the table next to the computer. I'm printing all the group emails sent to members and leaving a copy for you to read.

Until next month....

Bill McGrath



Musings From The House Committee Chairman - Jim Foreman

Fall is in the air and it's time to get out of the house and come to the VFW.

Starting with our October 12th House Committee meeting, we will be having closed meetings! House Committee members, canteen manager or assistant, president or one member appointed by the president of each organization, will be allowed to attend. Of course, VFW members may attend, but will not be recognized or make any motions.

Starting Sunday, October 3rd, we will have NFL Sundays. There will be food involved and HAPPY HOUR from noon till 4pm. Come by and grab a bite to eat and watch the games on the Big screen. Also this month we'll be having a fish fry, Oktoberfest and a Halloween party, so buy your tickets early.

See ya around OUR Post!

Jim

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A Message From Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

Well the last month has been interesting to say the least. I have heard comments that range from: "The canteen is an unfriendly place.", "This is the strictest canteen I have ever been in." to last night's comments from some VFW members from Huntsville, AL that this is one of the nicest and friendliest canteens they have been in. Now that should make you proud.

We did lose a dear friend of the canteen and member of the janitorial team, Dillard. He really loved the canteen and loved to dance. He died peacefully in his sleep from a heart attack. I would like to thank those who donated money to his son to take Dillard back to Kentucky for burial.

The Friday Fish Frys have certainly brought a lot of peo-

ple in that generally do not come in on Fridays. Also the Post is going to start doing Sunday afternoon sports on the big screen. We will be doing Happy Hour on Sunday from noon till 4pm and burgers & chips will be for sale.

We are phasing out Mich Ultra draft beer to be replaced by Miller Lite. Members who are dark beer drinkers can let me know, either by comment box or a note to the bartender, how they feel about exchanging Amber Bock for Yuengling on tap. Thanks for another great month and please remember the bartenders are not paid, they work for tips.

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager



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Important Dates To Remember

2nd - 3-6pm-Boogie Daddy
9th - 3-6pm-Al Gouge
12th - 5pm-House Committee Meeting
15th - 5-6:30pm-Fish Fry-5-8pm-South Bound
16th - District Meeting Port St. Joe
3-6pm-Boogie Daddy
17th - 1-4pm-Oktoberfest - Tickets \$12.00
2-5pm-Music by Randy Watson
18th - 6pm-Men's Auxiliary Meeting
19th - 6pm-Gen.Membership & LAVFW Meetings
23rd - 3-6pm-Free Juke Box
30th - 6-9pm-Halloween Party w/Boogie Daddy
Saturdays - 1pm - Bingo
Sundays - 12-4pm-NFL Sundays w/happy hour



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