

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WHITELAKE POST 3256

AUGUST 2006 NEWLETTER

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Commander's Corner

Comrades,

The first thing I would like to do is thank Norm Mikkelsen for his hard work as Commander for the last 4 years. He has led our Post to be one of the best in the State as shown by all of the awards we have received. We shouldn't forget that behind a great man there is always a great woman. Thanks Val!

I want to thank you all ahead of time for the help and direction I know I'll need in the coming year. With all of us working together, it will be a very successful year for our Post.

We had a great turnout for the Asparagus and 4th of July Parade. A lot of fun was had by all participants, so please consider coming out next year or others coming this year. Thanks to all who worked on the 4th of July luncheon. It was great!

Our Post has the best Women's Auxiliary in the State and without them we wouldn't be the same Post. As you can already see they are making some changes in the entryway and the canteen. We have a new and very energetic Women's Auxiliary and we will continue to see great things from them. A big thanks Evelyn.

Our new and upcoming Men's Auxiliary has already sponsored many events which have contributed to the operation of the Post. Mark assures me they will continue to help on our dinners and other functions as needed. Thanks Mark.

I will have a Commander's suggestion box made up and all good suggestions will be considered. Please Brothers and Sisters if you have a complaint bring it to a meeting. Discussing it in the canteen is neither the time nor the place. We cannot continue allowing this to take place. It does nothing but cause hard feelings.

We have new people with new ideas and a great amount of enthusiasm in the In-House Committee. Your new Chairperson and Post Jr. Vice Commander Bob McConaughy will be directing all maintenance, new ideas and suggestions for the betterment of our Post

Without our money-making events, we could not keep the lights on. We need your continued support by volunteering to help. If you want to help but don't know whom to contact, write your name and phone number on a piece of paper and put in the suggestion box.

I have been kind of long winded so I'll close by saying, keep our soldiers and their families in our hearts and prayers and wish them a safe and speedy return home.

May God Bless our Brothers and Sisters.
Vic - Post Commander

Attention – Attention!

Monday, August 7th, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

The Post, Women's and Men's Auxiliary are hosting 35-45 Veterans from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans for lunch and bingo and live entertainment. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon with some Vets who aren't as fortunate as we are.

The lunch will consist of pork loin, creamed potatoes, peas, applesauce, dinner rolls, and homemade pie. If you would like to have lunch with the Vets there is a sign-up sheet in the Post clubroom and there will be a small fee of \$4.00 for the lunch

Women's Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Sisters:

Thank you to all that participated in the July 4th parade, the luncheon, and the fun "shirt auction" that followed! We raised \$169.00 towards flags to pass out next year. A special thanks to those who donated the shirts.

August 7th we will be hosting Veterans from the G.R. facility-they will be here from noon until mid-afternoon. If you have time stop in and just say "Hello" it means so much.

We now have red and navy blue Ladies Auxiliary Shirts available-there is a sign up sheet in the clubroom, or just call me 894-8704, if you are interested in ordering one. The cost is \$15.00. XX and XXX are an additional \$3.00.

I have received a few recipes for our cookbook but still need many many more!!!

The new cancer pins are in, if you would like one contact June Russell.

Also, if there are any members that have not received there membership pins please let me know. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, don't forget, if you need a ride, just call!!!

Assisting our Veterans,
Ev Lovejoy
Ladies Auxiliary President

Men's Auxiliary News

Dear Membership,

Welcome to our new treasurer, Jim Hughes. With his many years as township supervisor, he will be an asset to our Men's Auxiliary.

Our Money raffle is 10 Sundays in a row, October 8th thru December 10th. Tickets are \$20 and only 300 tickets will be sold. The odds are great! The first 9 Sundays have 3 winners each. 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$50, and 3rd-\$25. The last Sunday has 6 winners. 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$100, 4th-\$100, 5th-\$50, and 6th-25. If you win anytime, your ticket goes back in for the rest of the weeks. With only 300 tickets sold – this is an odds on favorite raffle. For tickets look to Men's Auxiliary member sellers or the canteen in the clubroom. Good luck!

Until next time, don't forget sunscreen.

For God and Country
Men's Auxiliary President
Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

p.s. Thank you Paul VanBeukering for taking pictures at the 4th of July Parade.

DON'T FORGET

This year the Ladies Auxiliary will be putting together a VFW Cookbook to sell as a fundraiser for our Post. The Cookbook will include Historical information about our Post. We **NEED** your help! Please get out your old recipe boxes, books, or memories and send us your best. If everyone could just send in at least five of their favorite recipes (MORE would be even better) we could have a great cookbook to offer the community. Some of you members that live out of town and want to help your Post, this is an excellent project! In this book we will include information about the history of our Post and let the community know about some of the great work we do for our Veterans and our community. If you have a story or recipe to share contact **Ev Lovejoy** (231-894-8704), **Bette Bloomberg** (231-894-6902), or send the information to:

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Deadline for information: September 1st, 2006 for a December 1st Sale date

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4 Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	5
6	7 Lunch with Vets from the GR Home 11:30 – 3:00 In-House 6:00 PM	8	9 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	10 Men's Aux 6:00 PM	11 Shrimp Boil / Chicken Strips 5:00-7:30 PM	12
13	14	15	16 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	17	18 Steak Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	19
20	21	22	23 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	24	25 Baked Chicken Dinner 5:00-7:30 PM	26
27 <i>Hi Dad!</i>	28	29	30 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	31		

- August 7th: Lunch with the Vets from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- August 25th: Baked Chicken Dinner only \$7.
- This year we will be having Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post!!! Watch your newsletters for more information!!!!

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE RADA KNIVES FOR SALE-GREAT GIFTS!!!FOR INFORMATION-SEE JUNE RUSSELL

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