

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE LAKE POST 3256 & AUXILIARY**

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I hope that everyone has been staying warm. It has been a dangerously cold January for all of us.

I want to thank Tom Lovejoy for taking over as Assistant Quarter Master, again, Thanks Tom.

The Post still has a lot of unpaid members. There is a list in the Club Room. Please look it over and try to help to get them to pay their dues. We need 22 more members to pay their dues so that this Post can be 100% in Membership. Every Post should try to be 100% in Membership, It means that the Post as well as the organization, is at least staying even, but not growing. To be a VERY GOOD POST, we need to grow and take in new members. I know that there are Veterans out there. They just need to be asked, please ask them to join our Post.

With winter being here, most things are on hold until spring, i.e., new carpet in the Club Room, siding on the outside of the building, and numerous other things that are still in the talking stage. We need to make sure that our Post Home remains in good shape.

We had an outstanding Fish Fry for January, thanks for all of the help. I know that the Auxiliary would appreciate help also, for the Bake Sales that they have for the Fish Fry's. With many members in the South, their donations of baked goods are down also. Fish Fry customers have become very used to the homemade pies, desserts, etc. Baked items can be brought to the Post any time the day of the Fish Fry, up to about 6:00pm. We can and do, all work together. Maybe if the weather is good in February, we can have another good turn out. The Fish Fry brings the Post much needed funds, along with the other Friday night dinners.

Remember to report any volunteer work you do to me so that we may take credit for it.

The next District 12 Meeting will be held on February 12, at Post 3195, on Airline Road in Muskegon, The VFW meeting starts at 1:00pm, with a Dinner at 11:30 am.

Take care and keep our Service people in your hearts and prayers.
Norm

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary Sisters,

Here we are again at the beginning of a new month. What do I have to share with you this month? Well how about THANK YOU!!! Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues for the 2005 year and for the new members who have joined our auxiliary making our membership at 100%!!!! Yeah you should all be very proud. Thank You treasurer Val for staying on top of things. We are moving along very nicely with all our programs and the requirements for the year. Couple things to share. There is a new Junior Girls unit that has formed in Newaygo. Anyone wanting to sign up a daughter or granddaughter can contact myself and I will pass on the necessary paperwork. The girls have to be between the ages of 5-16yrs and have the same requirements to be an auxiliary member. They are going to meet the first Saturday of the month, at the post home. From here it is only 30-35min to there not that far to take these young ladies to get them exposed to our great organization. Their future is in all of our hands and we all should take an active role in helping to mold the future of this organization.

~ This newsletter is coming to you after I have gone and attended the mid winter conference in Lansing. Some of the things I can report to you that happened there was that for PAC a "tree" raffle was held. Our district had Air Force.

There were many other themes including other branches of the service. Something else that was done at this convention was after the meetings on sat everyone gathered together to make valentines for the veterans. Since I am writing a few days prior to the event I am not sure if these are going to go overseas...or to one of the vet centers. I will let you know later.

~ Please do not forget the bake sale the first Friday of the month at the fish fry. We need more options at our bake sale. Thank You to all who help put on these dinners every Friday night and make things look so easy. You do your post proud. As promised I will now list some of the donations made so far this year. Junior Girls-2 projects \$25.00 ea

Youth Activities 2proj. \$25.00ea - Hospital 5proj. \$25.00 - National Home 3proj. \$110.00 total -Patriotic art escrow \$50.00 - Cancer-\$1000.00

Next District Meeting is Feb 13th held at Post 3195 Grand Haven Rd. The VOD and Patriots Pen dinner/awards will be at 11:00am then lunch cost \$5.00 and meeting at 1:00pm

Don't forget your "sweetheart" on February 14th, Happy Valentines Day!

God Bless You and God Bless the USA
Respectfully
Wendi Hall President

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Membership,

At our last meeting we were considering new food type functions this year for moneymakers, and could use your input for ideas and your help putting these functions together. Remember, many hands make for lighter work.

Once again, I will remind those of you who did not pay your dues yet to please do so. We need these revenues.

Our next meeting is 2-10-05, please try to attend..

Happy Holidays!
For God & Country,
Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

INTERNET NEWS

I found a wonderfully done "A History - White Lake Post 3256 and Auxiliary" booklet written by Bethel Eddy. It is the story of the first 50 years of the Post, spanning 1935 - 1985. I will make a downloaded copy of it available on our website at www.vfw3256.org available within the next couple weeks.

Best Regards,
Cheyney Rushing

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<i>February 2005</i>						
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 In-House Meeting 7:00 PM	8	9 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	10 Men's Aux 7:00 PM	11 Shrimp Boil & Chicken Strips 5:00-7:30	12
13 Setback Tournament Starts 1:00 PM	14 St. Valentine's Day	15	16 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	17	18 Steak Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	24	25	26
27	28					

-- REMINDER: There will be no bands for the Shrimp Boil in February or March. We will start it again in April.--

Attention Card Players

Mark your calendars! The annual 10-week Set-Back tournament will start Sunday February 13th at 1:00 PM. Please come early the 1st week for registration. --Juls & Mark Riggs