

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays. I know that it can be a very busy time of the year. We all need to step back, sometimes and do nothing. It helps us to get charged back up.

I want to thank all of the members of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary, for all of the work you have done in this past year. It takes all of us working together to have the Post that we do have.

I can tell you that when we have visitors from other Posts and we show them around the Post, they are very impressed with what we have. So we, too, can very very proud of what we have.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the life blood of the VFW. There is a list of Members that have yet to pay this year's dues, posted in the Club Room. Please take a look at it. If your name is on the list, please pay your dues. If someone you know has their name posted on this list, please ask them to stop in and pay their dues. To the Ex-Members, that have not paid dues in a few years, we need to get you reinstated. Remember, the more members that we have, the more voice we have in Washington.

The Army Navy game party was great. We had a good crowd and lots of great food. We had key chains and pens from both the Army and the Navy, to pass out. We also had a few Navy cups. We tried to make sure that everyone, in attendance, received something. Next year we will try to have some more things to pass out.

I want to thank all of the Members that have helped out with the funerals that we have had this past year. Also, thanks to all of you that have participated in the parades and the special programs that we helped with.

The end of January, the State will hold it's Mid-Winter Convention in Lansing. This is when we honor the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pens students and honor the Teacher of The Year, with awards, as well as Convention business.

Remember, if you volunteer to do something or help someone out, PLEASE, write it down and let me know. Include the time that it took you, miles you drove, dates of when things happened, dollars spent and a short note telling me what you did. Thanks.

We are looking for an assistant Quarter Master. If you are interested, let me know.

Bless our Troops, Norm

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

Happy New Year!!

*As you know this is the time of year when all of our Auxiliary dues must have been in for the ensuing year. Time has now passed when those 5 members that are left unpaid will no longer have cancer insurance or club room privileges. I hope that these few members will still pay their 2005 dues but keep in mind that the deadline has now come to pass when you must also include an extra \$1.25 as per National requirements. We all did great, getting most of the dues, done ahead of the deadline and I am very proud and happy for all of us. I would like to say a big Thank You to the Treasure Val Mikkelsen for the great job she did in trying to get these dues in to Dept. for the earlier deadline. It doesn't just take one or two ladies to make this auxiliary run smoothly; it takes a lot of people, working many dinners, bingo, funeral lunches etc so at this time I would also like to say a big Thank You to all those fine ladies that help out in so many areas.

I was very pleased to see the great turnout for the Christmas party after our last meeting. Come on ladies keep coming we need your input. It is your auxiliary! If you have cares or concerns about our auxiliary then you need to come to a meeting and share these feelings, who knows there may be others that feel the same way but are also shy about speaking.

The kids Christmas Party was to say very entertaining with all the little ones playing with the windup toys on the table -GREAT idea! Kudos to Vic Patton and Harriet Winger, and their crew for a good time. I was asked to mention the fact that Wed. morning Bingo could use some kitchen help. This is the time of year when yes the roads get bad and people get ill but Bingo must still go on. If you can help please show up or let June Russell know if you can be a back up person. We took the time recently to make all our suggested donations for the year and over the next couple of months I will try to include a handful each month so you can see what great work this auxiliary is doing.

In January we will return to our two meetings a month, the second and fourth Wednesday's at 7:00pm.

Lets all continue to have a safe and blessed holidays and New Year. Please do not forget all the men and women serving overseas but especially our favorite engineering unit. Remember without them over there, we may not have had as nice of a Christmas here.

God Bless each of you and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully and Loyalloy Yours,
Wendi Hall President

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Membership,

Thank you everyone who participated in our money raffle. We paid out \$2600.00 in cash prizes and appreciated some capitol to help get us up and running. Thanks again to the post for sponsoring this fine function.

Our next meeting is 1-13-05. Once again I will remind you that membership dues must be paid by 12-31-04, or lose clubroom privileges and status as a member in "Good Standing." Enquire in clubroom.

Happy Holidays!

For God & Country,

Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

This is the end of 2004. The Post did very well and we accomplished a lot last year. The New Year brings more improvements:

1. The Bar top in the grill room will be refinished in January.
2. New carpeting for the Clubroom in February.

These are the first projects for the new year. I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday.

Scott Russell

INTERNET NEWS

Check us out on the internet at <http://www.vfw3256.org>. It's a work in progress. If you have any suggestions for the webs site, please e-mail quartermaster@vfw3256.org.

Best Regards,
Cheyney Rushing

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<i>January 2005</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 In-House Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7 Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	8
9	10	11	12 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	13 Men's Aux 7:00 PM	14 Shrimp Boil & Chicken Strips 5:00-7:30	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	20	21 Steak Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	22
23	24	25	26 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	27	28	29
30	31					

--There will be no bands for the Shrimp Boil in January, 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