

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WHITELAKE POST 3256

JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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## From the Commander

Post Members,

First things first, Thank you for your support as the new Commander. Saying that, I do believe Norm Mikkelsen is the longest continuous commander in post history. Therefore, I have a lot to learn from Norm and any other feedback from Post members would be appreciated.

There is a lot going on at your Post. First, there will be NO Fish Fry in July. July 4th meet at the Post at 9:00 A.M. for the Parade. A luncheon will follow the parade for those who participate. Then July 26th is Michigan Day at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. If you have the opportunity to go it is quite special and there will be an open house for anyone that would like to participate.

There will be no meeting the third Wednesday of July and August. Please keep in mind the meeting dates as I would like to see more members participating. The meetings are the first Wednesday only, the next two months.

We have a new member, Rex Funnell, welcome to our Post. Our new Post Historian is Ron Falconer. Assisting him will be Joe Bruesch. Post Adjutant is Mike McPheron for the summer then a winter replacement will be needed. The new Service Officer is Leonard Ervin.

Please call the Post if you have questions regarding a veteran or a veteran's spouse. We will get referrals and get back to you. There is no longer a VFW State Representative in Western Michigan. We need to let our state know this is a BIG mistake.

I am looking forward to our member participation this year. It will be fun and rewarding.

Bless Our Troops and Post

Tom Lovejoy  
Commander

## Men's Auxiliary News

Dear Membership,

Welcome our new member, Todd Pierce!

We helped out with the Asparagus Festival parade this year and had a good time doing it. Hope to have more people involved next year.

Don't forget the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Be at the club at 9:30 if you can.

Our next meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

For the good of all,  
Paul

## Women's Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Sisters,

Hello!!! Let me start by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to be your Auxiliary President. (Lots of people to thank this first letter) Thank you to Gail for her work last year and for making the transition into the next an easy one. Thanks to the members that have taken offices or chairmanships this year--we have a GREAT year ahead of us!!

As some may know this year coming up is the 75th Anniversary of our VFW. We have some good ideas of how to celebrate and would like any and ALL input. As years go by precious history sometimes gets forgotten--WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!! In the next few weeks we will be contacting some of you for help. Nothing major!!! Just some conversation and sharing your "memories". We have one of the best Posts in the state and we are going to make sure it stays that way!!

Make sure you read your newsletters because there are going to be good things happening this year. We had a good turnout for the Asparagus Parade and don't forget the 4th of July Parade. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!! After the parade there will be the annual "T-Shirt" auction and a Pie auction with the proceeds going toward the purchase of the small flags we hand out at the parade.

This year we want to get our "next" generation more involved!! Once you take that first step and join in any of our "traditions" you will be hooked!!!! We are a wonderful family to be a part of.

A special Thank You to Wendi and Brittany for their exceptional work and time that they put in making sure our fallen sisters were remembered on Memorial Day. NICE JOB!!!

Ok--bent your ears long enough for the first newsletter--- Please join us at a meeting!!! Need a ride call me 894-8704 or call the post and leave a message 894-6064.

Assisting our Veterans

Ev Lovejoy  
Auxiliary President

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<b>JULY 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM  Post Meeting 7:30 PM	2	3  No Fish Fry	4  Independence Day
5	6  In-House 6:00 PM	7	8 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM  Women's Aux 6:30 PM	9  Men's Aux 6:00 PM	10  Shrimp/Chicken 5:00-7:30 PM  LIVE MUSIC!	11
12	13  Nacho Grande 3:30 – 7:30	14	15 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	16	17  Steak Dinner 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	18
19	20	21	22  Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27  Nacho Grande 3:30 – 7:30	28	29  Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	30	31	

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