

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I hope that everyone is staying well, so that we can all enjoy the summer.

The Post is looking for a Service Officer. Some of the duties of a Service Officer are helping a Veteran get the correct paperwork done and knowing just where to go find it. Help take Veterans to Grand Rapids Veteran Center or Battle Creek or Ann Arbor. The Post does pay for mileage. A lot of the time, there is not much to do. If you are interested, please let me know.

The new carpet is in the Club room and looks GREAT!

The Bike Rodeo went great. There were between 300 and 400 kids that took part in the Rodeo. Bike helmets were given out and Bike Rodeo T-shirts. There were also Hot dogs, pop, popcorn and ice cream. Six new bikes were given away plus numerous other door prizes. All of the kids had a great time and can hardly wait until next year.

As Commander of this Post, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Auxiliary President, Wendi Hall. She has been just notified that she has been selected for All-State Honors as this years President. There are about 300

Auxiliaries and Presidents in the State, and every year the State Picks 30 Presidents and their Auxiliaries as the top ones in the state. This is a great honor for any President, to know that through her hard work, leadership, dedication and the cooperation and work of the fine members of her Auxiliary she has been awarded this honor. To my belief, there has only been two Auxiliary Presidents to be awarded this honor, from Auxiliary #3256. It gives me GREAT PLEASURE to know that one of them is my wife and the other one is my daughter. Good going Punkins'. I love ya.

The Post also had another OUTSTANDING year in Community Service and Youth reporting. The only down fall is we are STILL NOT 100% IN MEMBERSHIP, YET. It may be to late on the State Level to be awarded the All State Commander/Post award, but we still can get credit for 100% in Membership on the National level, but time is running out. We only need 7 of you to pay your dues, and there are about 15 of you out there that still have not paid them. WE NEED YOU TO DO IT NOW!!!

May we all stay well,

Norm

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary Sisters,

Here we are again in another month. One, that for many, starts weekends away and vacations. For others, it is an end to one type of life and a beginning of another; especially in the case of the local graduating classes. For the Auxiliaries, a time of reflection of the past business year and the anticipation of a new year and what lies ahead.

A few words on this past year: To wrap up the last few events I would like to say WOW for the great turn out for the Bike Safety-Rodeo held at our post with the Police Dept. We estimated about 400 children and adults attended this event. We even ran out of popped popcorn again this year but the kids waiting in line didn't seem to mind too much. Next year I guess I will have to start popping about 3:00 to keep up with demand. It was a lot of fun and next year I hope we can get a few more members to come on out and help out.

The next thing I would like to mention is that from the last reports I heard the Relay for life team sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary brought in about \$3000.00. My thanks seem not adequate for what you ladies have done for the American Cancer Society. I even got there in time before the rain on sat to take a spin around the track a couple of times after Department pre-planning meeting.

One other thank-you I would like to mention is to Treasure Val Mikkelsen, for all her many, many hours spent trying to update and go over the membership standings so that pins were able to be given out at the appreciation dinner.

We know there were a few little hiccups in a few cases but I believe that next time around the records will be less confusing to check.

I would now like to take minute to say how proud I have been to serve this past year as your president. I hope that I have made the right choices and decisions for the betterment of the Ladies Auxiliary. I would like to say thank you to all my officers and chairman for the great work they have done this past year and I know they will continue to do so in the future. I would now like to announce that by all your hard work and dedication to the programs and principles of the Ladies Auxiliary our Auxiliary has made Auxiliary Achievement Award. This award is presented only to 30 Auxiliaries in the state out of almost 400 state-wide.

You ladies should be very proud of Auxiliary #3256, I know I am.

Over the next month after the "new year" starts we will be bringing in, hopefully, about 6 new members, wives from the National Guard Unit. We have paper work we are waiting until the new business year starts July

1, for their dues. I would also like to say that a third generation Auxiliary member will be joining the auxiliary the first meeting in June. Welcome to my daughter Brittani. And thanks to you for all your help this year so that I could see to me presidential duties.

God Bless You all!

Thank You

Wendi Hall

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Membership,

We had elections and installation of officers last meeting. All officers retained their positions with exception of our trustees trading spots.

Officer positions are as follows:

President: Mark L. Riggs Sr.
Sr. Vice President: Paul VanBeukering
Jr. Vice President: John Gillan
Treasurer: Rickie Moneyhun
Chaplain: John 'Pete' Hudak

3 Year Trustee: Pat Temberg
2 Year Trustee: Mike Hudak
1 Year Trustee: Frankie Ward

The position of secretary is appointed, not elected, and is not yet determined at this time.

Come join us for burgers on Sundays 3:00 to 5:00. You can't beat the price and the atmosphere.

For God & Country,

Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

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<i>June 2005</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	2	3 Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	4
5 Hamburgers 3:00-5:00 PM	6 In-House Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	9 Men's Aux 7:00 PM	10 Shrimp Boil & Chicken Strips Live Band! 5:00-7:30	11
12 Hamburgers 3:00-5:00 PM	13	14 U.S. Army Founded (1775) Flag Day	15 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:30 PM	16	17 Steak Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	18
19 Hamburgers 3:00-5:00 PM Father's Day	20	21	22 Aux Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 7:00 PM	23 State Convention	24 State Convention	25 State Convention
26 <i>Hamburgers 3:00-5:00 PM</i> <i>State Convention</i>	27	28	29	30		

A BIG THANK-YOU to Ernie Quinton and crew, Randy & Sue Burgess, Rita Van Dyke, Priscilla Clementon, Rickie Moneyhun, Vic & Joyce Patton for cooking and selling burgers on Sunday to purchase the wide screen TV in the Club Room. Also, thanks to everyone who donated soup on Sundays and helped with all the raffles. And, thanks to Brunswick Bowling and Billiards for donating the Armed Forces Viz-A-Ball bowling balls.