

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WHITELAKE POST 3256

MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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From the Commander

Post Members,

It is time for warm weather and I am sure you agree we have had enough rain for another month or so.

May 13th will be our Poppy Day as we are "Grandfathered" in by the City of Montague. The signup sheet is in the canteen. Remember, the revenue goes toward our relief fund and to our members and community needs.

May 30th is the Memorial Day Parade. We start at the Post at 9:30 A.M. We begin at the WWII monument on Dowling St at 10:00 A.M. Then, on to Memorial Field at 10:30 A.M. Next, we meet the American Legion Post #69 on the causeway at 11:00 A.M. for a ceremony including a guest speaker and the High School Bands. This is a great community event, please try to attend.

There is a District Meeting in Manistee May 15th at 1:00 P.M. with nominations and elections. Your votes do count. For directions call me or Norm Mikkelsen.

We will be placing the flags in the cemeteries on May 27th. Call Bob Dahl or myself if you would like to assist.

Future dates to keep in mind: June 18th is the Annual Arts and Crafts Festival of White Lake. July 4th the parade starting at 9:30 A.M. The Post Fire truck, 2 jeeps and the Duce and a half will be running and ready to ride through Whitehall and Montague-Great Fun.

Your new Post Officers for 2011-2012 are:

Commander	Tom Lovejoy
Sr. Vice Commander	Norm Mikkelsen
Jr. Vice Commander	Jerry Doran
Quartermaster	Cheyney Rushing
Chaplain	Lynn Nelson
Judge Advocate	John Graham
Surgeon	Jim Treptow
3 Year Trustee	David Paul

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Bob Dahl who will retire this year as trustee. Bob has been Officer of the Day and trustee for many years and has represented this Post as a very devoted and respected officer. It would be impossible to name all of the members that have gone above and beyond the call of duty for our Post, but please know you are appreciated. Thank you from this Commander.

I would also like to thank Vern Hajdu and Kevin Johnson for the extras they have done this month to keep the post in good working order. And a special thanks to Wayne Aebig his tireless dedication to completing the back area by the garage, it is greatly appreciated and the new river out back will be named "Aebig Falls".

We have lost two members this past month, Elde C. Woller and Bob Medema, both life members that were very active in our post history and will be missed.

Bless Our Troops and Our Post

Tom Lovejoy
Post #3256 Commander

VFW 3256 on Facebook

In addition to the website, we are also on Facebook. Search for 'VFW 3256' or click on the link from our webpage at www.vfw3256.org and become a fan!

Women's Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Sisters-

Hopefully the weather is starting to take a turn towards Spring!!!

We had a nice turn out for our first Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Lisa & Linda for putting that together and of course to all the kids that made such nice pictures & cards for us to send to the V.A. Home in GR.

The Auxiliary elections were held and the results are as follows:

President	Ev Lovejoy
Sr. Vice President	Gail Crane
Jr. Vice President	Brittani Hall
Treasurer	Linda Meier
Chaplain	Delores Dehoff
Conductress	Wendi Hall
Guard	Bette Bloomberg
Trustees	Jen Imbult/Gail Craine/Ann Ward

Thank you to all that took offices and those that are taking chairmanships. I look forward to a busy and successful year.

This month we have Buddy Poppy Day on the 13th. Sign up in the clubroom if you can help out.

Relay for Life will be serving Chili Dogs at the Post on Saturday May 14th from 2-5 pm. If anyone is collecting money for the Relay for Life, it needs to be turned in by Monday May 16th to Rita VanDyke or leave it in the canteen for her.

May 15th is the District 12 meeting in Manistee.

The Memorial Day ceremony is this month-Please try to attend, if you are able to walk with us contact me at 894-8704.

Just a reminder of a couple of things coming up--June-Asparagus Festival Parade-4th of July Parade (we may have a bicycle decorating contest for the kids-more info to follow) Flea Market at the Post Saturday July 23rd. Keep these dates in mind!!!

Past Commander / Past President Appreciation Dinner coming in October. More information to follow.

See what I mean?--a busy year.

The auxiliary voted to enroll with the National Cancer Insurance, the rate is the same, the claims will be handled through National instead of our auxiliary. If you have questions please call. This will not be in effect until after July.

Our sympathies go to Robin Falbe and Pat Russell for their loss. Bob Medema was a great guy and will be missed.

Until next month--

Assisting Our Veterans

Ev Lovejoy
Ladies Auxiliary President

Men's Auxiliary News

Hey Guys,

We have a new member, Raymond Pawlowski. So If you see him, please welcome him.

The meeting was good with some officers missing, which didn't help with nominations. Next meeting we will complete installations.

Hamburger Sundays are done now, with a big thank you for all our workers and members who came in hungry.

Some of our upcoming events are Pizza Night April 29th, Golf Outing July 16th at Old Channel, Poppy Sales, and the Memorial Parade.

We voted to match last year's donation to Relay for Life and are still looking for donations and help to re-roof the pavillion

For the good of all,
Paul

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MAY 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 In-House 6:00 PM	3	4 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	5	6 Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Women's Aux 6:30 PM	12	13 Poppy Sales Shrimp Dinner 5:00-7:00 PM	14 Relay for Life Chili Dogs 2:00-5:00 PM
15 District Meeting Manistee	16	17	18 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Men's Aux 6:00 PM	20 Steak Dinner 5:00-7:30 PM Karaoke	21
22	23	24	25 Bingo 10:00-2:00 PM	26	27 Nacho Grande Dinner 4:00-7:00 PM	28
29	30 Memorial Day and Parade	31				

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