

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE LAKE POST 3256 & AUXILIARY
NOVEMBER 2005**

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. It sure has been great.

Both at Pow Wow (Department of Michigan Fall Conference) and at the Big 10 Conference, they have been stressing that we need to sign up new members and to make sure that we keep the continuous members. There are a lot of eligible members out there; we just have to ask them.

As I have been saying, Life Membership will be going up next year. It will be anywhere between a 50% to 100% increase. SOOOO now is the time to get that Life Membership.

We could use more help on some of the dinners that we do. If you have a little time to spare, let us know. The dinners help keep the Post doors open.

Please, do not forget to honor our Veterans on Veterans Day. All are welcome to attend the White Lake observance of Veterans Day, at the American Legion Post, in Whitehall, on November 11, at 10:30 am.

The latest word is that the 1436th National Guard Unit may be returning in January. We will be having a welcome home event for them; however, the planning is not complete, at this time. I will let you know more information as the time comes closer and final plans are made.

I want to thank all of the Comrades and Sisters who volunteer their time at the Post Home. It shows that you care. Also, thanks to all who helped work on the Fish Boil to raise money for hurricane Katrina relief.

If you are a continuous member, and have yet to pay your dues, PLEASE get your dues in NOW, before the Holidays get here. I

would like the Post to be 100% before the end of the year. We can do it. Just get the dues in.

Thank you,

Norm

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

We would like to welcome Carrie Thomas to the Ladies Auxiliary. She is our newest member.

Thanks to all who worked or attended the Enchilada dinner.

The Auxiliary has started a new project to raise funds for Relay for Life. We are collecting returnable bottles and cans. There is a box in the back porch by the kitchen to deposit them in. Please pitch in a few returnables to help a good cause.

We are in need of a few good women or men to help run the bingo kitchen on Wednesday mornings. If you could spare a few hours a month, please let me know.

Please remember our Veterans on November 11th, Veteran's Day. Let them know they are appreciated.

There will only be one meeting in November, it will be held November 9th at 7:00 PM.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Autumn Wishes,
Bette

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Membership,

At the time you get your newsletter, we will have had our Halloween Swiss Steak dinner party with Ed & Jan karaoke

afterwards. I'm sure it was a great time – great food and costumes. I'll let you know next newsletter who won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for best costume. At any rate, I want to thank our Men's Auxiliary Advisor, Larry Painter, for chairing this function. He is truly an important asset to our organization. We're grateful for his input.

Our Freezer Raffle is 11-13-05. We only printed 500 tickets, so if you got one – Good Luck! We appreciate your support.

In an impromptu meeting of five officers to make a quorum to vote – we voted to split the shipping costs of 162 packages to our National Guard Engineer Company 1436th, with the post for Care Packages donated from our Ladies Auxiliary. God Bless all involved. We hope to see them all home safely for Christmas. Here's hoping!

Until next time – enjoy this fine weather while it's here.

Welcome new members: Brad Hysell, Larry Pawlowski, and Clint Sietsema.

For God & Country,

Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

THANK-YOU FOR KATRINA RELIEF

Just wanted to thank everyone who helped on the Fish Boil. We served 320+ and made \$3700 for Katrina relief. The Salvation Army, Red Cross, and International Aid all received equal amounts. Special thanks to White Lake Sports Fishermen, Muskegon County Ducks Unlimited, Orchard Foods of Spring Lake, and Weesies of Montague for donating their time or material.

Vic Patton
Sr. Vice.