

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed this summer. Other than the lack of rain and the hot temperatures, it hasn't been a bad summer. Now is the time to get the Voice of Democracy Programs in the schools. Hit it as soon as school opens, if not before. The dinners have been going good. If you would like to help out, please let us know. We are still looking for some one to take over the Chairmanship of the Fish Fry, the first Friday of the month. Doug Loy will show you what has to be done. It is not that hard. It takes just a few hours the first of the month.

It is time to get your dues in, if you don't have a Life Membership. At the National Convention, they did vote down the Life Membership increase, but it lost by only 200 votes. They did not like the cost of living increase that was included every year. When they take that part out, it will pass and the Life Memberships will go up considerable. So, you will have until December of 2006 before the increase will go into effect.

National did make a mistake on the dues notices. If yours says 2005 and you have already paid your 2005 dues, it is ok to

send it in to National for your 2006 dues card. When they read the bar code, it will read 2006. They are working on straightening it out by the next dues notice.

We all can be proud of the National Outstanding Community Service Award that was given to our Post and Auxiliary. Usually only one Post/ Auxiliary, per state wins this award. You can see it is very hard to receive this award. It was an honor to accept this award at the National Convention.

Thank you to all who helped.

Norm

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

We have several new members. Welcome to the Auxiliary: Jamie Rase, Sharon Kamrowski, Pamela Alvesteffer, Mary Forton and Brittney Hall.

The two projects for August were to send packages to our Adopt-a-unit in Iraq. The other project was the yard sale to benefit Relay for Life. Both were accomplished! Thanks to everyone for your donations and your time helping with these projects.

September 11th, the District meeting will be held at the Post. Wendi Hall, our last year's Auxiliary President, is now the District President. Come and support her at the meeting.

We are still having the bake sale the first Friday during the Fish dinner. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day.

Sincerely,

Bette

MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Membership,

We voted to run a raffle for a small upright deep freezer to be drawn on 11-13-05, two days before opening day of rifle season. Tickets available as soon as possible.

Also, we are having a Halloween Costume Party 10-29-05. Our advisor, Larry Painter, will chair this function, and we are looking for volunteers to help get us through the food end of this, and then enjoy E&J Karaoke in costume. It should be great fun. Please come help support this event.

I forgot to thank Mike Hudak for chairing our 1st annual golf outing last month. I'm

still hearing what a great time it was, and I'm sure it will be much bigger next year.

Burger Sundays are on hold for now. More on that at a later date.

There was a fine Veteran's Salute at the Muskegon Air Fair this year, honoring all veterans and a certificate of appreciation to all Korean War Vets. It was a fine ceremony. On the back of the program it reads: "If you can read this program, thank a teacher. Because it's in English, thank a veteran!"

For God & Country,

Mark L. Riggs Sr., American

V.F.W. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES – The Post is having a FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL!!
September 10th from 9:00 AM to ?
Games with prizes for the kids, tournaments and Bingo for the adults, 50/50s, Pig Roast with all the Fixin's!!!
(Adults \$5.00 for the Pig Roast – kids under 10 FREE.) Games and Tournaments Free. Stop into the Club to see details. Let's all try and get together for fun and socializing with our comrades. We have one of the nicest Posts around-let's enjoy it together!!!!