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Beach Nite: 23rd

Commander

Fellow Comrades & Sisters,

My year as your Commander is coming to an end. We will open **Nominations** for Post Officers during the first Meeting of the month, April 12. **Nominations** and **Elections** will be held on the 26th. If you want to run for a

Post Position, let one of our current Officers know your interest.

Comrades: If you have NOT renewed your MEMBERSHIP for 2010, as of the 31st of December 2009, you are NOT A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. Please renew your MEMBERSHIP NOW. The Post Membership stands at 94.00% as of 16 March. We still need 77 Members for 100%.

For the past year I have asked to see more of our members at the Post Meetings. I will continue to ask each of you to attend at least one of our two monthly meetings. We need your input on how to make our Post the best in the State.

During the 2nd Meeting of the month, we have been conducting the **VFW Obligation** and presenting the Cross of Malta to our new POST MEMBERS who are in attendance – meetings will start at 7:30.

The **Volunteer of the Month** is **Margaret Leaver.**

“Together We Can”

... Bill Holtzner
 Commander
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APRIL, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 9 Robert E. Lee Surrenders (1865) 10: ASPCA Founded (1866) 13: Thomas Jefferson Born (1743) 19: First Boston Marathon (1897) 23: Wm. Shakespeare (1564) 30 Louisiana Purchase (1803)			WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	1	2	3
				April Fools Day	GOOD FRIDAY	2:00-4:00 pm CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY N.A.R.T.U. PWP Dance
				Remote Control Club	6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
EASTER No Breakfast Maharlika	7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg.	7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH		Rifle Club Civic League	6:30-8:00 pm SPAGHETTI Dinner PremiumBlend in Canteen	DeStress Vets Riders Function
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	7:30 PM POST MEETING	7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club		Income Taxes Due Alhambra	6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER Tim Hopkins in Canteen	6:00 pm Jr. Girls Parents Dinner
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit Jolly B's		7:00 pm B.O.D AM: CWA/RMC	Post/Aux Hosp.Visit		BEACH NITE Ocean Breeze Entertainment Burgers & Fries	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 MAY
9:30-1130 COOTIE BREAKFAST Jolly B's	7:30 pm POST MEETING				KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH Burgers & Fries	May Day



Senior Vice-Commander
Comrades & Sisters,

Jeanne and I wish all a **Happy Easter** and best wishes for the coming month. The month of April has a historically significant holiday, **Patriots' Day**. This civic holiday commemorates the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord which were the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

Unfortunately, the holiday is only observed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Maine, which was once part of Massachusetts. (In Wisconsin, it is a public school observance day.)

Since 1969, the holiday has been observed on the third Monday in April. Previously, April 19 was the day the observance of the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord took place.

On April 19, 1775, "the shot heard around the world" began when about 700 British army regulars, under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith, were given secret orders to capture and destroy military supplies that were reportedly stored by the Massachusetts militia at Concord.

The Patriot Colonials had received word weeks before the expedition that their supplies might be at risk and had moved most of them to other locations. They also received details about British plans on the night before the battle, and were able to rapidly notify the area militias of the military movement.

The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising at Lexington (who fired the first shot is still a mystery that remains debated). The militia being outnumbered, fell back; and the British Army proceeded on to Concord, where they searched for the supplies.

At the North Bridge in Concord, several hundred militiamen fought and defeated three companies of the British Army. The outnumbered regulars fell back from the Minutemen after a rather intense battle in open territory. More militiamen arrived soon thereafter and inflicted heavy damage on the regulars as they marched back towards Boston. The

American Revolutionary War had begun!

On April 19, 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant and members of his cabinet joined 50,000 people to mark the 100th anniversary of the battles. The sculpture by Daniel Chester French, *The Minute Man*, located at the North Bridge, was unveiled on that day as well.

If your **Annual Membership** has expired, or it is getting close, renew now! If you know of a Comrade who has let his their membership lapse, contact them and encourage them to renew as well. We need less than 80 renewing or new members to reach 100%. If you are not a Life Member, please consider a Life Membership. Fees are as follows and can be paid through a 12- or 24-month payment plan:

Here are the **Life Membership** Fees:
 Up to age 30 . \$425 31-40 410
 41-50 375 51-60 335
 61-70 290 71-80 225
 81 & over 170

Please note, however, that the 24-month payment plan will no longer be available after June 30, 2010 – so take advantage of this option before it ends!

... *Bob Clinebell*
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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had another Comrade who passed away: William Earl Jones. Also Doc Bruner's wife, Rose; and Glenn Gregoire's wife passed away..

Sick Comrades are: **Richard Crockford, Jim Messersmith, Richard Baker, Gary Messersmith, Harold Lockie**, (the gunner), and **William "Bill" Chadwick**.

Sister **Eleanor (Sue) Eckley** has passed away also. Sisters who are doing better are: **Theresa Hilbert** and **Patty (Poo) Baines**.

Let's keep all of these Comrades, Sisters and their families in our prayers and thoughts.

Also, keep all of our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way in our hearts and prayers.

God Bless, and keep everyone safe.
Leonard F. Horsfall

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters & Conrades,

THANK YOU to all the Comrades and Sisters who made our **St. Patrick's Day Parade** and **Fun Day** so successful! I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful a day I had; and I'm sure that those who attended felt the same way!

The "bar dancers" raised \$1,044.00 for **Cancer Aide & Research!** Unbelievable! I'm still smiling! If you were not able to attend, mark your calendars now for next year!!! You don't want to miss this great day!

Hopefully, you will receive this before our next **Meeting** on **April 5**. It is time for **Elections** and we would love to see you at the Meeting to help in the election of officers for next year. Please remember, this is not a popularity contest. These positions are very important to our Auxiliary; and if you truly believe in what our purpose is, then you should consider running for office, or at least supporting someone who does. Ladies, we don't want to just "fill the chairs". We want ladies who are willing to do the work and support our organization.

WE NEED HELP!! This month's **Steak Dinner** will be on the *first Friday*; and our **Hospital Visit** will be on the *third Wednesday*. I cannot stress enough how badly we need your help. So please mark your calendars with these dates and come out and support both our Auxiliary and our Vets with your time and energy. You will not regret your decision!

The **Children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on April 3 at 2:00 – ages 0 to 13. Please bring the "kiddies" out for a fun afternoon. Any help with refreshments would be appreciated as we seem to have as many adults as children snacking.

Ladies, as previously reported, we made our 100% Membership. However, please know that just because we made it, we do not need to stop! Our Vets need our numbers so that we can have more votes on the "Hill". So please, if you know of anyone who is eligible, sign them up! Let's support our Vets every way we can.

Think about **Life Membership**. It's the best way to go!

Life Membership rates are as follows: (Attained Age as of December 31 of the year applying:

Thru 20 \$220	21-25 210
26-30 200	31-35 190
36-40 185	41-45 175
46-50 170	51-55 160
56-60 150	61-65 140
66-70 130	71-75 115
76-80 95	81-85 75
86-90 60	91 & over 50

If you are sick, or if you know of someone who needs our support, please do not hesitate to call our Chaplain, **Judy Lasseter**, or myself and let us know. We want to help; but we can't if we don't know. We want to help but we can't if we don't hear from you.

Keep your calendar handy for any important dates I have not mentioned.

Remember, "*Together We Can*"

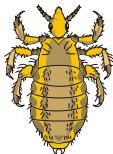
... *Liz Wilson*
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Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

Congratulations to all the elected Officers for 2010-2011. Your new Seam Squirrel is **Phil Durbin**; Blanket Bum is **Rich Crockford**; Hide Gimlet is **Dick Helm**; and the CCDB is **Gordon Dodson**. The rest of the positions will be announced at our next Scratch. I'm asking all of you to give Phil all the support you possibly can during his term as Seam Squirrel of the best Pup Tent in Virginia.

Over the past few months, attendance at our **Cootie Breakfast** has been very poor. We are spending a great deal of money to purchase food and time for preparation of the meal, with very little return for the effort. The money we make is used to support our Hospital programs. If attendance does not improve in the next month or so, we may be forced to do away with the Cootie Breakfast. If anyone has any ideas on what I can do to improve the Breakfast, please let me know. We really need everybody's support here.



Please continue to remember our servicemen and women serving at home and abroad in your daily prayers.

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Thanks for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at the **Scratch** on April 6, and our Breakfast on April 25.

May God Bless You; and **God Bless America!**

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Don Scholten*
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M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

We will be canceling our first **Breakfast**, since it is on Easter Sunday.

Our **Scratch** is on the front calendar.

Thanks again for all that you do.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Sincerely,

... *Patty Poo Baines*

From the Canteen

Canteen Hours

Mon thru Thurs - 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Fri & Sat - :10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Sun & Holidays - 10 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We will have **FREE** Pool, Juke Box and Darts, \$5.00 Pizza will also be available on Wednesday Nights.

Premium Blend will be in the Canteen on the 9th; *Tim Hopkins* will be in the Canteen on the 16th. Bring your sunglasses and tanning lotion on the 23rd for our **Beach Nite** with *Ocean Breeze*; and the **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for April will be on the 30th.

Don't forget: Entertainment every Friday Nite this month. We need your support to make this work in the Canteen.

In the **Bar**, we now have Cheeseburgers in addition to our Hot Dogs and Pizza.

There are a few lockers available at \$5.00 per year. **Locker Dues** are due July 1st.

Help! Help! Remember we are not a bank; please try to keep your checks and big bills (100s & 50s) to a minimum; we have an ATM machine for your convenience.

We are being overwhelmed with members' bottles and have ran out of room. Some members have **3, 4** and even **5 bottles**—this is **NOT** acceptable. We will start dating bottles and any bottle left over 60 days will be disposed of. There are still lockers available @ \$5.00/year.

Looking forward to your patronage,

... *Phil & Bill*

Veterans Affairs

Identity Theft

Here are 4 simple tips to help you safeguard your personal information and prevent thieves from using it to profit at your expense:

1) Guard your photo ID & Social Security Number: If identity thieves get either of these, it makes their job that much easier. This is particularly problematic for active duty service members and military retirees and their dependents because their Social Security Numbers are on their ID Cards. Fortunately, DoD finally realized this threat and will be masking all but the last 4 numbers when you get your ID card renewed. Full transition is expected to take 3 or 4 years.

If your driver's license, ID card or passport gets lost or stolen, immediately report it to the proper authorities and strongly consider putting a fraud alert or credit freeze on your account.

2) Fraud Alert or Credit Freeze: These drastically can cut down the potential for identity theft, as they make it much harder for thieves to open accounts in your name. Fraud alerts usually are good for 90 days, but active duty servicemembers can request them for up to 12 months and remove their names from 3rd-party mailing lists (to help prevent fraud while deployed). A credit freeze freezes credit completely and prevents the opening of new accounts. They cost \$10 a credit bureau to start (and stop), unless you already have been a victim of identity theft.

3) Shred it! A large percentage of identity theft occurs because people throw away preauthorized credit card offers and other direct mail containing sensitive bank account or credit card information. Failing to shred these documents is an open invitation for problems. Buy a shredder—preferably a micro-cut one—to ensure enterprising thieves can't piece documents back together. Place it next to where you sort your mail so you'll remember to shred these documents.

4) Stop the Junk Mail: One way to be kind to your shredder is to cut down on the amount of junk mail you receive. Visit the Direct Marketing Association at www.dmchoice.org to select what mail - and e-mail - you do and do not want to receive, and go to www.optoutprescreen.com or call 888-567-8688 to remove your name from a list of pre-selected credit card offers with the 3 major credit bureaus.

Junior Girls

Dear Sisters & Comrades,

Thanks to the ten Girls who showed up for the **Parade** – we had a good time. The rain stopped and we did it. Thanks to all the adults who helped us out, especially Past Commander **Don Scholten** for the truck – the Girls liked riding in it.

We have a few things in the works. The first Saturday in April is our **Meeting**; we will meet at 12 o'clock because we must have **Elections** and the **Children's Easter Party** is at 2 o'clock; so come prepared to stay for the fun. Older Girls, please be ready to help with the games – egg hiding, etc.

The third Saturday, we will be having a **Parent Appreciation Dinner**. **Mary** and **Gary** have agreed to do the shopping and cooking for this (turkey dinner). It will be at 6:00 p.m. We would like the Girls to be there at 5:00 p.m. so parents can hang around or leave and come back. Girls need to come with all their gear for the **Sleepover** this same night.

We have sent invitations to the District Commander and President, the State President, and the Post Commander and President. These will be our special Guests.

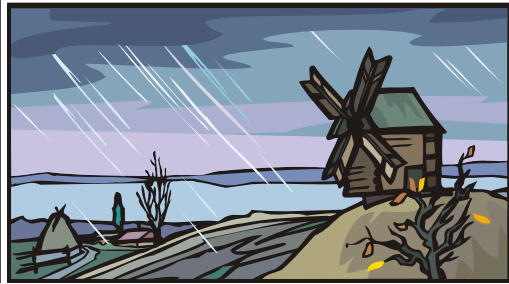
Mary Messersmith said that any of the older Girls who want to help with cooking are welcome to help – just let (Mrs. Gloria) know.

Elections are important, so please, even if you cannot stay for the Easter Party, come to this Meeting for your Election of Officers.

As always, call us if you have any questions or concerns.

... *Margaret Leaver*
Advisor - 572-6024

... *Gloria Klinefelter*
Assistant - 282-6803



Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
April, 2010:

West, Robert E.....	35
Hamilton, Richard L.	30
Hansen, David F.	30
Guenther, Harold E.	25
Kuhn, Byron D.....	25
McClure, Van M.....	20
Rummells, Robert A.....	20
Schmidt, Paul N.....	15
Hogan, James J.	10
Scholten, Donald H., Sr.	10
Williams, Dennis E.....	10
Kern, Greg R.	5
... <i>Richard Crockford</i>	

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