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Miss VFW Contest (13th)


Commander
 Fellow Comrades & Sisters,
 Last month was busy. We had our Winter Council Meeting, and the USO Elvis Fund Raiser. I thank all of you who supported these events.
 On the 13th, the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Miss VFW Pageant. This

is a Cancer Fund-Raiser and only happens every few years. Please come out and support your Post.
 The Post dinner will be Fish and Shrimp on the 12th.

 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 91.00% as of 19 January. We still need 113 Members for 100%.

FEBRUARY, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg.	2 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	3	4 Remote Control Club	5 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	6 N.A.R.T.U. 3:00 p.m. Junior Girls PWP Dance
7 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST Maharlika	8 7:30 PM POST MEETING	9 7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	10 Coin Club	11 Rifle Club Civic League	12 6:30-8:00 Post Dinner SHRIMP & FISH PremiumBlend in Canteen	13 MISS VFW CONTEST
14 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST Valentine's Day U.F.A.S.	15  Presidents' Day	16 CWA/RMC 7:00 pm B.O.D. Shrove Tues	17 Post/Aux Hospital Visit Ash Wed	18 Alhambra	19 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen	20 ELVIS CLUB PWP Dance
21 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit Jolly B's	22 7:30 pm POST MEETING	23 AM Fleet Reserve	24	25	26 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH	27 9:00 am Distress Vets
28 9:30-1130 COOTIE BREAKFAST Jolly B's Purim	MARCH 1	2	3 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	DATES TO REMEMBER: 4: 1st US President elected (1789) 6: Elizabeth II ascends throne (1952) 8: U.S. Boy Scouts (1910) 12: Abraham Lincoln born (1809) 17: LENT BEGINS 22: George Washington born		

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 *Gloria Klinefelter*.
"Together We Can"

... *Bill Holtzner*
 Commander
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Senior Vice-Commander
 Comrades & Sisters,

It seems as if we were just welcoming in the New Year and here it is already the second month of 2010. One of the big events of February is Groundhog Day which is celebrated on the 2nd. This observance is also known as Candlemas and has its roots in Biblical times.

According to the Law of Moses, parents were obligated to bring their first-born son to the church and make an offering to God. This usually took place when the child was 40 days old. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus, an old devout Jew

by the name of Simon held the baby Jesus and said this child would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles".

During medieval times, there was a superstition that all hibernating animals came out of their caves and dens on Candlemas to check on the weather. If they could see their shadow, this meant that winter would go on for another six weeks. If they could not see their shadow, spring was just around the corner.

The early German settlers (Pennsylvania Dutch) brought their custom of watching the hibernating animals to the United States as a sign of spring. The hibernating animal they chose to watch was the Groundhog! Of course, the most famous Groundhog of all is Punxsutawney Phil. Phil has been predicting the weather since 1887; but unfortunately, Phil has been correct in predicting the weather only 28% of the time.

If your Annual Membership has expired, or it is getting close, renew now! If you know of a Comrade who has let his or her membership lapse, contact them and encourage them to renew as well. If you 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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Junior Vice Commander
Comrades ;& Sisters,

February is already here! It is time to plan that special day next to your loved one on St. Valentine's Day. Please say a prayer for all of our service members who are away from their loved ones while they help defend our nation. We love them and wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.

The month of February marks the anniversary of the following events in naval history:

* On February 15, 1898, an explosion onboard the USS Maine (ACR-1) sinks the ship and kills 266 sailors in Havana, Cuba.

The event would precipitate the Spanish-American War and would make famous the rallying cry of "Remember the Maine, to Hell with Spain!"

* On February 18, 1846, a general order on Port and Starboard was issued. The general order was promulgated by the United States Navy Department, and simply reads as follows:

"General Order: United States Navy Department; *Washington, February 18, 1846.* It having been represented to the Department, that confusion arises from the use of the words "Larboard" and "Starboard", in consequence of the similarity of sound, the word "Port" is hereafter to be substituted for "Larboard". George Bancroft."

[The Honorable George Bancroft was the first appointed Navy Secretary under President James K. Polk in March, 1845.]

* On February 19, 1945, Marines landed on Iwo Jima under cover of naval gunfire support. Five days later, on 23 February, Marines and a Navy Hospital Corpsman would raise the American Flag on Mt. Suribachi. This event would become an indelible iconic image of World War II after it was photographed ;by AP photographer Joseph J. Rosenthal.

* On February 20, 1962, Lt. John Glenn, USMC, becomes the first American to orbit Earth. His flight onboard the Friendship 7 (Mercury 6) consisted of three orbits in 88 minutes at 17,544 mph with a recorded highest altitude of 162.2 statute miles. The USS Noa (DD-841) would perform the recovery operations for the return capsule.

* On February 23, 1919, the USS Osmond Ingram (DD-255) is launched. It is the first Navy ship named for an enlisted man: Gunner's Mate First Class Osmond Ingram of Alabama. While serving onboard the USS Cassin (DD-43) off Ireland on October 16, 1917, the ship was attacked by the German submarine U-61. After spotting an incoming torpedo, Petty Officer Ingram realized that the torpedo would hit near the area where depth charges were kept. He immediately took action to attempt the release of the depth charges prior to the torpedo hit. The eventual explosion would kill Petty Officer Ingram. For his determined, albeit unsuccessful, actions in helping protect his ship at the cost of his life, Petty Officer Ingram was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

* On February 28, 1893, the USS Indiana (BB-1) is launched. This is the first true battleship of the U.S. Navy.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Juan R. Gonzalez
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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a few more Comrades who passed on: *Paul M. Stillwell, William A. Tubbs,* and *Robert W. Chetister, Sr.* Also, Charles Quillin's brother "*Harold*" passed away.

Sick Comrades are: *Darryl Moyers, Steve Lasseter* and *Richard Rippy.* All these Comrades had some type of surgery, and all are now at home and doing well. Let's keep everyone in our prayers for a quick recovery.

Sick Sisters are: District President *Georgette Dausey,* broke her arm; *Pam Case* broke her ankle; others are *Donna Fearn, Margaret Williams, Jeanne Clinebell, Donna Horsfall,* and *Theresa Dodson* now home following surgery. Shortly thereafter, her brother passed away.

Let's keep all of these Comrades, Sisters and their families in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery.

We also want to keep our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way keeping our great country safe in our hearts and prayers.

God Bless, and keep everyone safe.

... *Leonard F. Horsfall*
Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters & Conrades,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

This month is fairly quiet – just our normal functions that you can review by looking at the calendar.

However, make sure you mark your calendars for the MISS V.F.W. PAGEANT being held February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to come out and support your favorite "Miss" and don't miss out on this great evening of fun and laughter.

WE NEED HELP!! This month's Steak Dinner will be on the first Friday; and our Hospital Visit will be on the third Wednesday. We cannot do these programs alone. There is a lot of work that goes into both. It takes more than just the normal three or four who participate.

So please mark your calendars with these dates and come out and support both our Auxiliary and our Vets with your time and energy. Trust me, you will have a great time and your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about either program, just give me a call and I'll be happy to answer them.

Ladies, as previously reported, we made our 100% Membership. However, please know that just because we made it, we do not need to stop!

Every member counts when the VFW goes to Capitol Hill and lobbies for our Vets and their rights. The more members we have, the more votes the VFW has; and there is a lot of legislation coming before Congress that affects our Vets. 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.

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

Come out and join us when you can; and don't forget to give your someone special an extra hug on Valentine's Day.

Remember, "*Together We Can*"

... *Liz Wilson*

Auxiliary President

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Junior Girls

Dear Sisters & Comrades,

The Junior Girls are growing by the day and we are proud to say we now have 27 members, and most are very active.

We are the only Junior Girls unit in the State that has this many Girls; and we have been active for over eleven years. We all should be proud of this as these Girls are our future Auxiliary members.

We have five already in the Auxiliary, and a couple more will be moving up in the next six months. So we are maintaining the membership — as these Girls move up, we look for others.

The Girls will have a regular Meeting this month at 3:00 p.m.

A reminder to the older Girls: if you need anything from us for school, community service, etc. for your files, please let us know.

The Girls will be participating in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. More info

will be out later on this for the Girls.

We have been very busy and continue to do things for our Veterans. Valentines were made by the Girls for the VA Hospital patients.

Until next month,

... *Margaret Leaver*

495-8261 Advisor

Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

Starting this month, the Cootie Breakfast will e held on the LAST *Sunday* of each month. The time will remain the same: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Reminders of this change will be posted on the marquee in the Canteen.

Cooties, I need your help: elections for the Officers for 2010-2011 are coming up in March. You have to be a 3rd Degree to hold an elected office. If you have a desire to run for an office, let your intentions be known NOW., Please, don't wait until the last minute. You can inform me, *Rich Crockford*, *Gordy Dodson* or *Charlie Walden*.

I have a couple of important dates that were put out at the Grand Scratch on January 16, 2010:

Pup Tent #1 (Post 3160) will host Cootie Fun Day on Saturday, March 6, 2010. NITS, be ready to receive your 3rd Degree work. Festivities for Fun Day will start at 9:00 a.m. Additional information and instructions will be provided at our Scratch on February 2.

Pup Tent #5 (Post 3219) will host the Joint Installation of Officers for the year 2010-2011. Social Hour will begin at 4:00 p.m. Additional information will be provided at our Scratch on March 2.

Please check out the calendar on the front page; there's bound to be something there to interest you.

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Scratch on February 2 and our Breakfast on February 28.

May God Bless You; and God Bless America!

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Don Scholten*

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

Our next Meeting, February 9, 2010, will be our Election of Officers for 2010-2011. The rest of our schedule is on the front calendar.

We can always use help at Breakfasts, Steak Night; and goodies and help at our Hospital Visits.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Loyally,

... *Patty Poo Baines*

From the Canteen

Comrades & Ladies,

Canteen Hours

Mon thru Thurs - 2:00 - 10:00 pm

Fri & Sat - 10:00 am - 2:00 am

Sun & Holidays - 10 am - 10:00 pm

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 12th; *Ocean Breeze* will be in the Canteen on the 19th; and our Karaoke Birthday Bash for February will be on the 26th.

Don't forget the Miss V.F.W. Contest on the 13th. Come out and see these lovely "Ladies".

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 1.

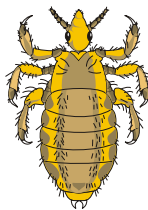
Help! Help! Remember we are not a bank; please try to keep your checks and big bills (100s & 50s) to a minimum; we have an ATM machine for your convenience.

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.

Thanks to *H.E. Lindstrom, Jr.* and *John McGowan* for their generous donations.

Looking forward to your patronage,

... *Phil & Bill*



VFW Riders

Valentines & Shamrocks

We held our meeting at Post 3219 last month and nominated our 2010 officers. Nominations are as follows; *President: Doug Miller, First Officer: William (Shep) Sheppard, Master at Arms: Sam Lavender and Steve Goldstein, Secretary: Joelle Miller, Treasurer: Jody Wooten, and for Chaplain: Rhonda Leaver and Tim Lavender.*

Remember, nominations will remain open until voting at our next meeting on the 4th at Post 3160 commencing at 1900. I would remind everyone that, in order to vote, we must be members in good standing not only within the Riders but with the VFW as well.

"How Dry I Am" may not be popular on St. Patrick's Day. But here's to no rain until after the parade. I hope we see a lot of comrades along Granby Street as we rev up some noise for all those little Leprechauns along the way.

Remember, the gas caps belong on top.
Randy Schilling

Quartermaster

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

Name	Years:
Hanson, Donald N., Sr.	55
Abrams, James R.	25
Meade, Dorsey W.	25
Tillett, George T.	25
Litterini, Lawrence G.	20
Montalvo, Roy.	20
Pearsall, James E.	20
Alexander, David C.	15
Bagley, Howard L.	15
Barker, Peter R.	15
Halvorson, James M.	15
Privott, Irvin R.	15
Rowe, John W.	15
Thomas, Malcolm E.	15
Helfer, Matthew E.	10
Hepner, Robert E.	10
Wood, William A.	5
February, 2010:	
Suhoski, Joseph E.	30

Husband, James E.	25
Adams, David E.	20
Allen, Kenneth R.	20
Frykman, Gary L.	20
Kennedy, Wayne V., Jr.	20
McBee, James I.	20
Bigland, Harold T.	15
Cerny, Danny J.	15
Flowers, William A.	15
Genera, Ferrnando	15
Jamison, James R.	15
Powell, James E.	15
Vince, Victor J.	15
Girardin, Nelson C.	10
Alvaro, James j.	5
Helm, Richard E.	5
Hoff, Matthew V.	5
Soncrant, Kevin R.	5
<i>... Richard Crockford</i>	

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