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ST. Patrick's PARADE & Party (13th)

Commander
 Fellow Comrades & Sisters,
 Last month was busy. On the 13th, the Ladies Auxiliary held the **Miss VFW Pageant** – a *Cancer Fund-Raiser*. If you didn't attend, you missed one heck of a show. To those VFW members who dressed as our Ladies, I commend you.

The support you have shown for this program was outstanding and supports the Motto *"Together We Can"*. Again, thanks for a job well done!
 Don't forget the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on the 13th. This is always a day to remember. Information on meeting times will be posted at the Post.

Our **Second District Meeting** will be held in Franklin [Post 4411] on the 27th: Lunch at Noon and the Meeting at 1:00. Please support your Post by attending this Meeting.
 A *Special Thanks* to **Eric Mallet** – your support after the **Super Bowl Party** was appreciated by Phil an myself. For those of you who don't know, Eric cleaned all the dishes and the kitchen after the game. Thanks for your support.

MARCH, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	1 7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg.	2 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	3 "Star-Spangld Banner" made NATIONAL ANTHEM	4 Remote Control Club	5 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	6 N.A.R.T.U. Noon: Junior Girls PWP Dance
7 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST Maharlika	8 JOB FAIR 10:00 - 5:00 Congressman Nye 7:30 PM POST MEETING	9 7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	10 Coin Club	11 Rifle Club Civic League	12 NO DINNER PremiumBlend in Canteen	13 10:00am ST.PATRICKS DAY PARADE Corn Beef & Cabbage & Party in CANTEEN
14 2:00 am DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	15	16 CWA/RMC 7:00 pm B.O.D.	17  St.Pat's Day Post/Aux Hosp.Visit	18 Alhambra	19 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER	20 Sub Vets PWP Dance Spring
21 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit Jolly B's	22 7:30 pm POST MEETING CORPORATE MEETING	23 AM Fleet Reserve	24	25 7:00 pm AWARDS NIGHT	26 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH	27
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:30-1130 COOTIE BREAKFAST Jolly B's	29 7:00 PM JOINT MEETING Passover	30	31 Eiffel Tower (1889)	DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: Peace Corps (1961) 4: American Automobile Assn: (1902) 5: Boston Massacre (1770) 6: Fall of the Alamo (1836 12: Girl Scouts (1912) 19: Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)		

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 93.00% as of 15 February. We still need 91 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.

Because of the Miss VFW Pageant, having talked with Liz, we decided that all of the VFW Members who dressed as a Lady for this event will be our **Volunteers of the Month: First Come, First to Park.** I am sure that each of you

will have a chance to use the parking space a few times during the month: **Jeremy G., Craig D., Ron R., Eric M., Howard B., Bob S., Bob L., and Dean B.** Thanks again, Comrades.

"Together We Can"

... *Bill Holtzner*

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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Don't forget that **Daylight Saving Time** (DST) returns on Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 a.m. It's that time again to turn our clocks forward one hour. *Spring Ahead!*

The United States adopted DST in 1918 following the lead by many European countries after Germany and its World War I allies instituted the concept of DST on April 30, 1916 as a means to conserve coal during World War I.

Modern day DST was first proposed by the New Zealand entomologist, George Vernon Hudson, in 1895. Hudson's shift-work job gave him leisure time to collect insects, and made him aware of the value of after-hours daylight.

An English builder and outdoorsman by the name of William Willett also conceived DST in 1905 during a pre-breakfast ride, when he observed – with dismay – how many Londoners slept through a large part of a summer day. An avid golfer, he also disliked cutting short his round at dusk. His solution was to advance the clock during the summer months, a proposal he published two years later.

Another prominent person who suggested DST, although in a satirical way, was Benjamin Franklin. During his time as an American envoy to France, he anonymously published a letter suggesting that Parisians economize on candles by rising earlier to use morning sunlight. This 1784 satirist proposed taxing shutters, rationing candles, and waking the public by ringing church bells and firing cannons at sunrise.

Even further back in time, ancient civilizations were known to adjust daily

schedules to the sun. Daylight was divided into twelve equal hours, regardless of the length of the day, and each daylight hour was longer during the summer.

Starting in 2007, most of the United States and Canada observe DST from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November – almost two-thirds of the year. The 2007 U.S. change was part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Since Willett's day, the world has seen many enactments, adjustments, and repeals of DST. Opposing factions continue to debate and make their arguments for and against the DST concept.

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. We need less than 100 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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Junior Vice Commander

Comrades ;& Sisters,

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

§ March 3, 1871, the Navy Medical Corps is established.

§ March 3, 1915, the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is established.

§ March 5, 1942, the Name "*Seabees*" and their insignia are officially authorized.

§ March 7, 1958, the USS GRAYBACK is

commissioned – the first submarine built from the keel up with guided missile capability. It would launch a Regulus II missile on September of the same year. The Regulus II had a 2,910-lb. Warhead which could travel 570 nautical miles at Mach 2.

March 15, 1947, Ensign John W. Lee becomes the first African-American officer commissioned in the regular Navy. He was assigned to the USS KEARSARGE (CV-33).

March 21, 1917, Loretta Perfectus Walsh of Philadelphia, PA, becomes the first Navy petty officer when she is sworn as Chief Yeoman. This followed her enlistment in the U.S. Naval Reserve on March 17, 1917, becoming the first female allowed to serve in any branch of the Armed Forces in a capacity other than a nurse. She is buried at Olyphant, Pennsylvania. Her monument reads:

"Loretta Perfectus Walsh

April 22, 1896 - August 6, 1925

Woman and Patriot

First of those enrolled in the United States Naval Service

World War 1917-1919

Her comrades dedicate this monument to keep alive forever memories of the sacrifice and devotion of womanhood."

... *Juan R. Gonzalez*
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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a couple of Comrades who passed away: **James F. Dock, Jr., and Peter J. Decker.**

Sick Comrades are: **Steve Lasseter, Gordy Dodson, Bob Lucier, Charlie Quillan, Dick Helms, Ernie Fearn and Darryl L. Moyers.**

Sick Sisters are: **Tammy Pietrantonio, and Melva Leitowski.**

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

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,

OH MY GOSH! If you missed the **MISS VFW PAGEANT**, you missed one of the funniest nights of the year! "Thank You" to all the Comrades and Sisters who made this night so special! Your hard work surely paid off! We raised approximately \$3,200 in our quest to assist the Department of Virginia in their efforts to stamp out cancer! Congratulations to our own **MISS HOLLY WOULD** {also known as Ron Riffle) for being crowned **MISS VFW 2010**. I am still laughing!

The **District 2 Meeting** will be held March 27 at Post 4411 in Franklin. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon with the meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. Ladies, this is where we learn so much!! I can honestly say I have never been to a District meeting where I did not learn something! Please plan to attend. If you need a ride, or directions, don't hesitate to give me or one of your line officers a call. We'll be glad to help out.

Also, for those of you who don't know, our District 2 President this year is **Georgette Dausey**, and she will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

WE NEED HELP!! For this month's **Steak Dinner** and our **Hospital Visit**, 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!

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*

Auxiliary President

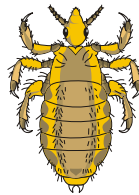
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Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

I have just a few lines to let you know about some important events for this month. **Election of Officers** for 2010-2011 will be conducted at the **Scratch** on March 2. I'd like to see all you Cooties at this important function.

Saturday, March 6 is **FUN DAY** at Pup Tent #1 (Post 3160). Festivities will start at 9:00 a.m. Pup Tent #1 will be serving breakfast and lunch at \$5.00 each. Breakfast will stat at 9:00 a.m.



On March 20, 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.

At 7:00 p.m. on March 25, VFW Post 4809 and its Ladies Auxiliary will have their **45th Annual Community Activities Awards Program**. They will be honoring a few of our Outstanding Public Servants for 2009: a Teacher of the Year for 2009; and the winners of the 2009 VFW Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Contests. This is a very important Community Service Project for the VFW. I encourage all MOC and MOCA members to attend this event. You won't regret the time you spend here.

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 March 2 and our Breakfast on March 28.

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,

Congratulations to our new Officers for 2010-2011. To our current officers, thank you for all your help this past year. I hope that our new slate of officers will continue the good work this next year.

Our Installation will be March 20, 2010 at the Phoebus Post.

Our Schedule for the month is on the front calendar.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Sincerely,

... *Patty Poo Baines*

President

Quartermaster

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

Pittman, Gurney N., Jr.	40
Collins, Lee E.	35
Bensley, George L.	30
Kelly, Joseph A.	25
Doyle, Ronald C.	20
Hemelrick, James F.	20
Knox, John H., Sr.	15
Lombardo, Michael	15
Lonecke, Edward W.	15
White, Harley T.	15
Aranas, Jose M.	10
Dreblow, Charles L.	10
Jaskowiak, Frank E.	10
Schubert, Steve E.	10
Dimon, Paul C.	5
Kindred, Jerry B.	5
Lamb, Cheryl M.	5
Sherbrook, Jeffery A.	5
Somero, Roger R.	5
Troisi, Robert C.	5
Wilson, Harold D.	5

... *Richard Crockford*

Junior Girls

Dear Sisters & Comrades,

Everything is going great with the Unit. The Girls' next **Meeting** is March 6 at 12:00 Noon. This may be an inspection meeting as the Department President is looking into trying to make it. When the Unit is being inspected, it is vital for all Girls to attend, so we will notify them for sure before the Meeting.

The Girls will be participating in the **Saint Patrick's Day Parade**. What to wear, time, etc., will be discussed at this March Meeting.

We have a new member; and at the same time we had one of our Girls reach the age of 16, so she is now a helper. Congrats to **Michelle** for joining the Ladies Auxiliary.

Michelle is one of several – **Karissa, Jessica, Amanda, Brittney, Ann Marie, Christina** – who all belonged to Junior Girls at one time and went on to the Auxiliary; this shows they are growing up with the VFW. Some may not be as active right now as we would want; but in the future, it is our hope they will

remember all they have experienced and become active Auxiliary members.

The Unit sent Valentines to the VA Patients this past month. They signed them and taped lollipops to each one – it was a **National Salute to Veterans Week** gesture on their part.

See you all soon.

... *Margaret Leaver*
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Advisor

From the Canteen

Canteen Hours

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

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 12th; and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for March will be on the 26th.

Don't forget the **St. Patrick's Day Party** after the Parade. We will have corned beef and cabbage, karaoke, and of course, *green* beer. Our quarterly **Pull Tab Drawing** will also be held that day. Come

out for a lot of fun and be Irish for a day!

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.

The **Annual Corporation Meeting** will be held March 22, 2010, following the Post Meeting..

Looking forward to your patronage,
... *Phil & Bill*

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