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Honoring the Dead by Serving the Living with our Comrades and Friends

Commanders Corner



Comrades,

Hi there. So it is now September, school is starting, membership again, and we will be looking forward to our new newsletter format next month. So lets get started.

Membership, it is now time for our yearly members to stop in and renew their membership for the new year. We look forward to seeing old friends; and while I am on the subject of old friends I would like to talk about post activities. Let me warn you this is going to become a reoccurring theme. Membership involvement. Summer is drawing to an end and fall and winter will soon be upon us, usually this means a pick up in the canteen business but what is really needed is participation and ideas. So many VFW post are falling by the wayside because of lack of member participation and I really don't want to see that happen to our post. That is not saying our post is in jeopardy, it is not and I want to make that clear but I also do not want to wait until that happens to sound the alarm because at that point it will be to little to late.

Now for a word on safety. With school starting I would like to remind everyone that means the return of school buses and kids walking to school. Sometimes in the dark. Kids do not realize that they can not be

seen when they wear dark clothes and play around as they walk to and from school. I would also like to remind our comrades that you can not pass a school bus when it is stopped and its lights are flashing. I know this sounds like a stupid thing to remind people of but I see it happen at least twice a week. A bus is stopped, dropping off kids, and an oncoming car will just ignore it and go whizzing by. Lead by example.

Next thing on the list is the new newsletter format. Next month our newsletter will be expanded to a quarterly format. While this will reduce our cost of printing and distribution it also means that planning will have to be done three months at a time. That little detail means that membership participation and ideas become a crucial need. Planning meetings are held the forth Monday of the month at 7PM, everyone is invited and urged to attend. The more people we have planning, the more ideas we have to draw on, and the easier it becomes to accomplish the purpose of the VFW and its auxiliaries. With all this being said, God bless and be safe.

Laura Honomichl, Commander

Men's Auxiliary



I am writing this for our newsletter again to let our members know what our Auxiliary is doing. We are changing our meeting time from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm but the

meetings will still be held on the third Mondays of each month.

We are still doing fish fry's on the first Friday of each month.

President "Boomer" plans to hold an election at one of our next meetings and we still need a Senior and Junior vice Commander.

Thanks, Eddie Crislip, Adjutant

VFW National Convention GM-UAW Donates \$150,000 FOR VFW Programs

ORLANDO, Fla., Aug. 19, 2008--Cal Rapson, director of United Auto Workers' Veterans Department, accepted the Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal of Merit on behalf of UAW and Diana Tremblay, vice president of General Motors North America's Labor Relations, accepted the same award on behalf of GMNA. They were on hand to present a \$150,000 check for VFW's Unmet Needs, Military Assistance Program, Operation Uplink and Voice of Democracy. GM also gave away a brand-new Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid. Some 20,000 veterans work for GM/UAW, as well as 300 reservists and National Guardsmen, whose difference in pay is made up by GM when they are mobilized. Rapson outlined his department's activities. UAW employees designed a special award to recognize VFW's long-time contributions to veterans. UAW members also built a house at VFW's National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

From the Canteen



Cliff Arnott

The post Quartermaster kicked off College Football Saturdays this year which began on August 30th. The canteen opens at 11 am every Saturday and

besides featuring Large Screen TV (high definition of course), we have \$1 drinks and food specials during UM and EMU games.

We recently installed fountain pop service as a way of providing additional carbonated beverage services, eliminating the need to purchase and return beverage containers, and contain costs. We now have Coke, diet Coke, Sprite, diet Sprite, diet Lemonade, and Vault.



We welcome Chantal Whitman to our certified bartender staff. Chantal has been with us for a seemingly very short period of time but we have received

very positive feedback from our members and guests. Chantal was born in Detroit, MI, was raised in Liverpool, England, came back to the states as a teenager and was an administrative assistant for 15 years prior to joining us on a volunteer basis. Come on in and meet Chantal who normally prefers to work weekend days.

Member News

We recently learned that Guy Stewart, life member of post 2408 and formerly of Ypsilanti passed away at his Florida home.

Rodney Robertson, Charter Member of our Men's Auxiliary to 2408 and son of life member, Robert Robertson passed away August 13, 2008.

Bobby Gardner is recovering from colon surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Bobby is also a member of the Men's Auxiliary.

Past Commander, Terry Lamb was in a serious auto accident on August 26, 2008 and as of the writing of this

newsletter, is being treated in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.

Our prayers and thoughts are with our comrades and their families.

VFW National Convention

A Letter to Veterans

Note: The following letter is from Gen. George Casey, who was to address convention delegates during the VFW's 109th National Convention in Orlando but was unable to attend because of Tropical Storm Fay.

Aug 27, 2008

To Those Who Have Served: A Letter to Veterans

I am sorry that the storm has kept me from connecting directly with you – the courageous men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Each of you has placed this Nation's security and the freedom of others before your own lives. You are, indeed, a national treasure. Today, I had wanted to salute you and to tell you about your Army.

As we approach another anniversary of September 11th, it is useful to reflect on why our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are deployed in harm's way. We are at war against a global extremist terrorist network that attacked us and is fixed on destroying our way of life. This foe will not fade away nor will it give up easily. We are engaged in a long war and the stakes for our country are high. At this hour, a new generation of American heroes has taken up the fight in defense of our values and ideals. They are deployed to defeat our enemies before they can attack us again at home. Your Army is a hugely resilient, professional and combat-seasoned force that has been stretched by the demands of the current conflict. We will do what it takes to win and to preserve this magnificent force.

And you, as Veterans, are doing your part. You are lending your criti-

cal voice. By coming together – from all Services and so many different backgrounds – you are part of the national dialogue on the state of the America's military and its role in 21st Century conflict. You do so with a level of credibility and wisdom that few can match.

For the last 35 years, the ranks of this Nation's Armed Forces have been filled entirely by volunteers. You know well the importance of sustaining an All-Volunteer Force – a force that has come to embody American resolve to defend freedom and protect liberty around the world. Your voice here will help secure this heritage and ensure that we maintain the same quality servicemen and women tomorrow that we have today.

You also know that today's troops are tomorrow's Veterans. The U.S. Army takes this responsibility to you and today's Soldiers seriously. To that end, we are working hand-in-hand with the right people, including health care specialists, Veterans Affairs, and others to provide the care, benefits and support you so deserve. Together, our mission is to get this right.

And so we move forward. We are in an era of persistent conflict where success is dependent upon our whole Nation working in concert. Your participation in this collaborative process counts immensely. And, by using your voice here and in your communities, you not only serve the living, but you honor the fallen and safeguard their proud legacy.

May God bless you.

George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army

VFW Talk Radio

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Football Saturdays with Tailgate Grill and drink specials starts August 30th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Labor Day</u> 7pm Ladies Aux	2	3	4 7 pm Euchre	5 5:30pm Fish Fry 8:00pm Live Band	6 9:00am Community Meeting 11am Football Sat. 1:00pm 40&8 Poker 7:00 pm Euchre
7 10 am District Mtg. Carlton	8 7pm Post Meeting	9	10	11 7 pm Euchre	12 5:30pm Steak Dinner 8:00pm Live Band	13 9:00am Community Meeting 11am Football Sat. 7:00 pm Euchre
14	15 6pm Men's Aux	16	17	18 7 pm Euchre	19 5:30pm Ladies Aux Dinner 8:pm Live Band	20 9:00am Community Meeting 11am Football Sat. 7:00 pm Euchre
21	22 6pm House Mtg. 7pm Planning Mtg.	23	24	25 7 pm Euchre	26 5:30pm Guest Chef 8pm Live Band	27 9:00am Community Meeting 11am Football Sat. 7:00 pm Euchre
28	29	30				