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Newsletter

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

*From Post Commander
Laura Honomichl*

Comrades,

I hope that everyone has a better year than the last no matter what that may bring. We have a lot of things going on this month. Winter conference, district meeting, and then of course our own fund raising plans which include a pancake breakfast, and a pizza night (everyone likes pizza). I would like to invite everyone to come out and join our planning meetings, details can be found on the monthly calender enclosed. I would also like to inform people of a few ways that they can donate to the post.

If you happen to have a car running or not that you would like to have removed from your property call Charity Motors at 313-255-1000. They will come out and tow your vehicle for free and give you a receipt for the full market value. That's your tax deduction. You just tell them that you would like a portion of the sales of the vehicle to go to VFW 2408 in Ypsilanti. When your car

*From Ladies Auxiliary
President Colleen Wolf-
Duranso*

Hello Sisters

Happy new year. The holidays are just flying by and it seems like just a couple of months ago it was fall. I hope you all have this years dues paid, it was due in December, The next few months are very exciting at the VFW. The packages were sent out, and there are a lot of exciting things happening soon, check the calender at the VFW for more details. We have a very exciting meeting coming up in January, we are voting on 3 open offices, Senior Vice, Chaplin and 3rd year trustee, I hope you can all make the next meeting to vote in new officers and help with the plans for the coming year.

I want to take a moment to thank the ladies who continually help with the dinners and events for the Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU!!!!. Thank you also for your continued support for our troops and the various programs that we need to fulfill in order to keep going. I pray that you all have a safe and happy new year and that this coming year

*From the Men's Auxiliary
President Bart
DeRossett, Sr.*

Greetings and Happy New Year.

I want to wish everybody happy new year and pray that this is good year for all. Well we are starting fresh with renewed hopes. As the year ended so does the time to pay your dues. If you forgot this is a friendly reminder to be in good standings. We have some new Auxiliary members who are Patrick Lynn, Jason Blanchard, and Jim Wolfe. I bid you all welcome and as I learn more about my job and we strive to work better together, our organization will get stronger and stronger.

Thanks for all the help with dinners and of course we do have more auxiliary dinners planned for the entire year. Please come out and join us for good food and fun. Until next month.

Bart Lee DeRossett, Sr.
President, Men's Auxiliary

From VFW National

The large funding bill that Congress sent to the president's

or truck is sold 70% of the selling price comes directly to the post.

Another way to give is remember us in your will or life insurance policy. I know that this may sound morbid but churches and other non-profit agencies have been doing this for years. Talk to our resident insurance lady or your own for details and ways that you can claim your insurance premiums as a tax deduction.

Come out and support the post, see what is happening and get involved. I am not asking for a long term commitment from every member but I am asking for a re commitment to our veterans, soldiers and the community. If all you can give is one afternoon a month we will take it. If time is a problem and you only have a few minutes each week we can find a way for you to be involved. We need everyone, from someone to make phone calls to check up on our older veterans to people to help come up with ideas, plan out the logistics and then of course the most important and hardest to find workers to see things through to fruition.

Remember, if it wasn't for the worker bee we would never taste honey.

May God bless you and keep you all safe, happy and healthy.

Commander
Laura Honomichl

Dues Reminder

Please don't forget to pay your annual dues. For those who are unaware, dues can now be paid directly to the National Headquarters and membership cards will be mailed back directly from that office. 2008 Dues are now past due. If there are questions, please call the post at 734-482-6299.

far surpasses the last one. Please keep those in charge in your prayers, and try to think of some new ways we can get the attendance up in the Can-Tina, leave your ideas for me or Cliff Arnott behind the bar, we will give each idea serious consideration. It has been approved for me to attend the next conference so I will be reporting on that in Feb. God Bless you all.
Colleen Wolfe-Duranso

From the Canteen

As can be seen by reviewing this month's calendar, we are bringing more events, on more convenient days and times for our members and guests. Some examples include breakfasts the first Sunday of each month, a new Ladies Fellowship night, Pizza night, children's movie day, and we are looking to start up Nintendo Wii league bowling (sign up at the bar). To top things off, so to speak, our post is sponsoring a full Prime Rib dinner this month which will include a generous portion of Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Salad, and Dinner Roll. If you have not been to the canteen and enjoyed a very good dinner lately, give us a try on Friday, January 18th at 5:30 pm.

Super Bowl XLXX Party Details

Date: February 3, 2008
When: 3 pm until 9 pm
Special Drink Prices
Door Prizes
Large Raffle prize; 32 inch flat screen television
Tickets \$10.00 each
Tailgate food supplied
Licensed by State of Michigan

desk included a sizable \$2.9 billion increase for veterans health care and benefits. There is an additional \$3.7 billion in potential veterans funding - funding that would fully meet the needs laid out by the VFW as part of the Independent Budget. *VA will receive this funding, however, only if the president declares it "emergency spending."* Without that declaration, VA will not get that additional increase.

Action Needed

You must contact the president to ask him to release the "emergency" funding for VA.

The current increase, while appreciated, is not enough, and VA must have the additional \$3.7 billion to fully meet the needs of veterans.

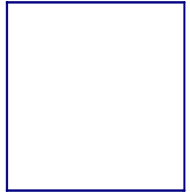
The additional \$3.7 billion (for a total increase of \$6.6 billion) would allow VA to:

- Hire additional claims processors and train staff to reduce the ever-growing disability claims backlog
- Treat the tens of thousands of returning service members who put their lives on the line in Iraq and Afghanistan, providing them with all the health care they need, including full mental health coverage and treatment for traumatic brain injuries and other war-related illnesses and disabilities.
- Care for the hundreds of thousands of sick and disabled veterans from other conflicts, particularly as many of them grow older
- Begin construction and improve maintenance on a number of VA health care facilities, expanding access and ensuring that veterans receive care in clean, safe, and comfortable locations that meet their needs.

How to contact the president:

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Years Day Open at 10 am Bloody Mary's and Prosper Brunch</i>	2 <i>Dollar Day Member Appreciation</i>	3	4 <i>5:30 pm Fish Fry</i>	5
6 <i>Open at 7 am Pancake Breakfast Mimosas and Bloody Marys after noon</i>	7 <i>6 pm Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting</i>	8	9 <i>Dollar Day 6 pm Ladies Fellow- ship Night</i>	10 <i>Men's Auxiliary Business Meeting</i>	11 <i>5:30 pm Chicken Enchiladas Dinner</i>	12 <i>January Birthday Party 4pm Pizza Night</i>
13	14 <i>MLK Day 7pm VFW Business Meeting</i>	15	16 <i>Dollar Day</i>	17 <i>7pm Planning Meeting</i>	18 <i>5:30pm VFW Prime Rib Dinner</i>	19 <i>2pm Children's Movie Day, Hot Coco and Popcorn provided</i>
20	21	22 <i>7pm House Commit- tee Meeting</i>	23 <i>Dollar Day</i>	24 <i>Winter Conference</i>	25 <i>Winter Conference 5:30pm Italian Dinner</i>	26 <i>Winter Conference</i>
27 <i>Winter Conference</i>	28	29	30 <i>Dollar Day</i>	31	<i>Super Bowl XLXX Party February 3, 2008 3 pm until closing</i>	