

C. Robert Arvin VFW #2408 Ypsilanti MI.

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Ladies Auxiliary meeting 6/7
VFW meeting 6/10
Men's Auxiliary meeting 6/12



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Ladies Auxiliary election results

The C. Robert Arvin VFW Post 2408 Ladies Auxiliary elected new officers for the 2007-2008 year on May 7, 2007. New officers will be installed on Saturday, May 19 and will begin their terms on Sunday, June 24. Election results:

President: Colleen Wolfe-Duranso;
Sr. Vice President: Donna Baumgart;
Jr. Vice President: Linda Harrington;
Treasurer: Anita Berrey;
Conductress: Phyllis Kuchnicki;
Guard: Theresa Caudill;
Chaplain: Norma Gaedt;
Trustees: Patty Bradley-Diehl, Carol Sweeda



Voice of Democracy award update

Jane yang won the VOD award this year and her sister won last year. This is an update from her, to us. We all wish her the best because her generation will pick up where our generation leaves off.

Hi Mr. Arnott!

I just wanted to tell you that I will be studying chemical engineering at Princeton University next year. Please extend my thanks to everyone at Post 2408, as I could not have paid for my education without all of your generous support. Thank you so much for everything you have done for myself and Lin in the past few years.

Have a wonderful day!

~Jane

Men's Auxiliary action update

Men's Auxiliary meetings are set for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Our group is starting a pool torment as a way of promoting positive relations between the three Vet organizations in the area, the American legion, the Am Vets and the VFW Men's Aux. There will be 3 brackets, men's, ladies, and mixed doubles. We will be practicing at all 3 locations on a rotation. We are planning on trophies as well as cash prizes for the winners.

Practice up and come out.

C. Robert Arvin remembered



Captain Bob Arvin graduated from Ypsilanti High School as Valedictorian in 1961. Bob had captained the wrestling team and quarterbacked the "Braves" football squad. In addition, he had been student council president, president of his class for one year and the 1961 Michigan 154 pound wrestling champion. He became a plebe at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in July of 1961. The following summer, at

Camp Buckner, New York, he distinguished himself by winning both the Triathlon (swimming, cross country and rifle) and "Recondo" competitions; in the latter, a hand to hand combat pit fight, he was the last man standing among better than 700 classmates. In his remaining years at the Point, he became Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander, captained the wrestling team, and graduated 44th in a class of 596, and won the Varian Award for highest military efficiency.

As a 2nd Lieutenant, Bob completed "Ranger" and "Airborne Jumpmaster" schools. He was attached to the 505th Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. Lt. Arvin went to Vietnam and served as military advisor to the 7th Battalion of the 8th Vietnamese Airborne Division in Thua Tien Province on June 1, 1967. He was wounded in the left arm in September 1967 by enemy fire and after a short period of recovery went back in action. Lt. Bob Arvin and his men were ambushed by Vietcong forces on October 8, 1967, and Bob was killed in that action at the age of 24. The much decorated hero was survived by his wife of fourteen months, Merry Lynn, his parents, and brother David. He is buried at West Point. On February 25, 1989, West Point dedicated their gymnasium and re-named it the Arvin Gymnasium.

Captain C. Robert Arvin Educational Fund

On June 15th, 2002, the VFW Post 2408, Ypsilanti, Michigan celebrated its' 70th Anniversary and dedicated the Post in honor and memory of. Captain C. Robert Arvin. The Post also established "The Captain C. Robert Arvin Educational Fund" to insure that his legacy to this community would continue to live-on through the youth of each generation by recognizing and encouraging the young men and women of Ypsilanti to pursue academic excellence, develop leadership skills, and perform selfless service to the community in the manner exemplified by Captain Carl Robert Arvin.

Commander's Corner

Hello And Greetings!

It has been an interesting last 9 months. I am proud to have been your Commander.

The Post is improving every day! In case you didn't know, we now have Club Keno. It's Fun and you could Win!

I would like to thank my Sr.Vice, Jr.Vice, Quartermaster, Adjutant and all the trustees for all their hard work. Also, thanks to Dutch and Joe for the News Letter. And, by the way I would be totally remiss if I didn't give strong thanks to the Men's and Women's Auxiliary's -We Work Together. I am very proud to have been the Commander when our post received the honor of our 75th Anniversary. June brings a new Commander and Board of Officers. All for the Better I am sure. Also June 14th (a Thursday) is Flag day-Please fly your Flag.

Again I thank you for your support

-Commander Terry Lamb

LADIES AUXILIARY 2408

**JUDY ARNOTT
PRESIDENT**

Greetings to everyone!

As you all know by now the Ladies Auxiliary held its' annual elections at our last meeting on May 7th. I want to thank all the members at the meeting for a great election turn out. I'm sure the officers you have chosen for this next year are going to do a great job for you. Don't every hesitate to contact any officer if you need a ride to a meeting or have something you would like brought to the floor if your not able to be there.

I want to also thank everyone for your participation in the Poppy drive this year. I'm sure the Poppy chairman will let you all know we are all pleased with donations. As always we hoped it would be more, but we appreciate every penny that goes toward helping someone in need.

Please stay turned in to your newsletter for all the latest action at the post and new messages from all of us in the coming months.

KEEP UP ALL THE GOOD WORK.

Thank you in advance for your attention to our mission. God Bless you and all our Veterans.

Men's Auxiliary election results

**President—Chuck Hurdon
SR. Vice—Keith Mathis
Jr. Vice—John Murrey
Treasurer—Shawn Baumgart
Advocate—Edward Chrislip
Trustee, 1 year—Michael Galvin
Trustee, 2 year—Dave Bruemmer
Trustee, 3 year—Bart Derossett, SR.
SGT. of Arms—John Coffey
Historian—Joe Lucker**

LOCAL HERO WHO HELPED OUR POST RETIRES



On 3/23/07 Ypsilanti Fire Chief Jim Roberts retired. He was honored with a dinner that included several



presentations. On behalf of VFW Post #2408 he was presented with a plaque. That plaque was provided by contributions from 10 members of our Post who are as follows:

**Helen Vezina
Al Baker
Terry Lamb
Dutch Jordan
Cliff Arnott**

**Robert Robertson
Mike Galvin
Carl Holquist
Ernie Mansfield
Richard Diehl**

Beyond his vast public service and position as Ypsilanti City Fire Chief, Chief Roberts is a decorated Vietnam Vet. serving with the 82nd Airborne, Special Forces, He seldom speaks about his past. That quiet pride shines brightly within his office. Like all of us, the memories linger

but the focus is current.

Fire Chief Roberts was instrumental in our Posts recent reconstruction. With his effort our Post was able to stay open every day during that event.

We would like to extend our gratitude and an open invitation.

To stop in anytime, where the beer is cold, the folks are friendly and the chairs are comfortable.

Poppy Update

Just a short note to say thank you to the few people that helped during poppy days

**Dutch Jordan Harlan Berrey,
Eddie Crispin Dave Johns
Judy Arnott Joe Lucker**

The Air Force ROTC and all of our local businesses

Still we did not do as good as we should have.

WE NEED YOU.

The proceeds all go to the relief fund. The National Home for Children, the Christmas cheer fund and any special, authorized by national.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !

VFW election results

**Commander Laura Honomichl
SR. Vice—Terry lamb
Quarter Master—Mark Honomichl
Post Advocate—Chris Tramp
Chaplain—John Sebestyen
Surgen—Frank Olech
Trustee, 1 year—Tim Willibey
Trustee, 2 year—Al Baker
Trustee, 3 year—Robert Robertson
House Chair—Terry Lamb
Service Officer—RodneyHopkins
Officer of the Day—Hal Hagadorn
Commission service Officer—Darwin Jordan
Hospital Chair—Albert Toncevich**

JUNE 2007


| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Rummage Sale 12 PM.—dark Chicken Dinner 5:30 — ? | 2 Rummage Sale 12 PM.—dark |
| 3 | 4 Ladies Aux Meeting @ 7 PM | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Fish fry Dinner 5:30 — ? | 9 |
| 10 | 11 VFW Meeting @ 7 PM | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Burning Ceremony 6 PM. Men's Aux Meeting @ 7 PM | 15 BBQ Rib Dinner 5:30 — ? | 16 |
| 17 Father's Day Event Call for details | 18 Planning Meeting @ 7 PM. | 19 | 20 State Convention | 21 | 22 Steak Dinner 5:30 — ? | 23 Car wash 12—5 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Flag Day | 28 | 29 Pork Loin Dinner 5:30 — ? | 30 Family Fun day call for details |
| CALL THE POST AT (734) 485-6299 | Lunch special 12 -3 \$1 beers 12-3 | Lunch special 12-3 \$1 beers 12-3 | Lunch special 12-3 Drink specials | Lunch special 12-3 \$1 beers 12-3 | | |

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