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## Newsletter

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

### *Commanders Corner*

Comrades,

March, spring thaw (hopefully) will bring warmer weather, but it also brings nominations for elections 2008-2009 officers. The next two meetings will decide the direction of the VFW for the year to come. All 2408 VFW members are highly encouraged to participate.



Spring also brings membership. If you have not already paid your dues please see your friendly bartender and she/he will issue you a receipt upon payment for your 2008 membership. Our quartermaster will be working diligently to make sure these are processed in a timely manner.

Calling all members, we have been involved in a poker event in Ann Arbor and volunteers are needed. The time slots are 5PM to 2AM, Monday through Thursday. I realize that this is a long shift, but the more members we get to sign up, the shorter the shift gets to be.

Two VFW members have to be on premises during the entire event in order for us to complete our obligation. Our first week was very successful. The sign up sheet is

posted on the board.

For our members that have not been in to visit us in a little while, you should stop by, we have been working on giving the inside a well deserved facelift. The place is looking good and for that I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few people; Kat, Louis, Ernie, and Shane. I would also like to thank Eddy, the happenings of the last couple of months have put a kink in his being able to clean up the place properly but he has managed with a few hiccups. Not the least of which being the passing of Raymond Kark, not only his landlord but also a family friend.

Our post charter was draped last month as we mourn the loss of Bob Reed, a life member of our post. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our comrades from the American Legion 282. Although the circumstances that have brought you into our midst are regrettable we are more than happy to be able to return the favor of offering you a home.

Our hearts and our prayers go out to you, our brothers and sisters.

Laura Honomichl  
Commander

### *Ladies Auxiliary President*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you well and ready

for a few more weeks of winter (according to the groundhog) as it has been very cold and snowy.

If any of you need information on any

auxiliary programs or just wish to say hello, My number is

734-945-7637. As most of you know our American Legion Post 282 brothers and sisters will be using our facilities for meetings as their building burned. Please make them welcome and I ask all our members for their prayers for them at this trying time. St. Patrick's Day will be here soon and I hope every one will come out for that event. Again I encourage everyone to please consider your membership as a commitment also, we need you and your help to continue our programs and abilities to help our veterans. I hope I can count on all of you to assist us in the Poppy Drive this year, this is how we are able to afford the programs we have and keep everything going. Please volunteer.

Thank you, God Bless and keep you safe.

Colleen Wolfe Duranso



## Men's Auxiliary

Hello friends and fellow members. We got through another month but we are all sharing the tragic loss of the American Legion post home in Ypsilanti. I am also a member of the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and feel special sense of loss. I helped hang a lot of the drywall in the new bar area.

But on with business of our VFW Men's Auxiliary. We have approval for a Nascar firecracker 400 raffle and event. We are looking forward to these events and our Auxiliary will be planning other events before then. I will be passing around the newsletter to other officers until April elections. So friends have a good year.

President of the Men's Auxiliary  
Bart Lee DeRossett Sr.

## From the Canteen

In February, our Friday evening meals brought us the ever popular Catfish and then Chicken Enchilada's, and on the 15th we enjoyed Parmesan Shrimp with pasta, and finally we wound up the month with Corned Beef and Cabbage. We would like to thank Bart DeRossett, Sr. again for the Men's Auxiliary meals, Donnie Burton, and Carol Sweda, and Kevin Perkins and of course Anita Berrey and Colleen Wolf Duranso for the Ladies Auxiliary meals.

In March we will be having a Nascar Party every Sunday, except Easter Sunday, of course, because there is no race that day.

In February we added new game machines for the amusement and entertainment of our members and their guests.

If you have suggestions for food items that we do not now offer, please let us know. Current suggestions include the addition of Sushi which can be served at the bar anytime.

And one new suggestion that we

have already approved includes, believe it or not, haircuts on Saturday afternoons between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm with our licensed professional hairstylist, Nichole Hawkins. The haircut is \$10.00 (male or female) and is first come, first serve. Call the bartender to sign up or just come in and put your name on the list.

So come on in and have a meal, a drink, a haircut, play some games, or just visit and have a good time. Remember, if we don't have it, and you want it, we will try to do it, if we can.

## From VFW National

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is urging House leadership to adopt the Senate version of the Protect America Act to safeguard Americans from future terrorist attacks and to protect third parties from frivolous lawsuits.

"Americans are protected from illegal search and seizures by the Fourth Amendment, but critical legislation is now being delayed because some would extend these same constitutional protections to those who want to harm America," said VFW National Commander George Lisicki.

"There are people who kill without conscience, who represent no country, and who have no agenda other than the total destruction of our country," said Lisicki, a Vietnam combat veteran from Carteret, N.J. "These terrorists have no privacy rights, as it relates to the aiding and abetting of future attacks, and the thought of giving them the right to sue their phone company for a privacy violation is asinine."

President Bush signed the Protect America Act into law last year to modernize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. FISA was originally passed to define domestic intelligence activities, but after Sept. 11, 2001, it was amended to include terrorist groups, and the procedures by which physical and electronic surveillance was conducted and collected within the U.S. and overseas. Due to a built-in sunset clause, the Protect America Act ex-

pired on Sunday, despite the Senate's passage of an updated version Feb. 12. A House attempt to push through a three-week extension failed. The sticking point is the Senate version includes telecom immunity provisions.

"The thought of granting the right to sue to non-Americans who continue to plan mass murder is disgusting," said Lisicki, who lives in northern New Jersey, just a few miles from Ground Zero. "American telecommunications companies who voluntarily cooperate with the U.S. government must be protected from frivolous lawsuits."

Lisicki is now calling upon all VFW members to contact their representatives to pass the Senate version of the Protect America Act. "he stressed. "We need put an end to this lunacy and get back to the business of safeguarding America."

## VA Hospital Donation

Pictured left to right above, Helen Vezina,



Colleen Wolf Duranso, and Teresa Caudill. Helen Vezina recently completed work on a blanket that she is donating through the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Services Office at Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Last year, Bob Vezina passed away and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a World War II hero.



Robert Vezina

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|  |   |  |   |  |  | 1<br>3:00 pm Schneider<br>Wedding and<br>Reception                       |
| 2<br>3:00 pm Nascar Party<br>UAW-Dodge 400               | 3<br>6:00 pm Ladies Aux   | 4<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 pm Wii Bowling  | 5<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 Legion House                         | 6<br>6:00 pm Euchre                        | 7<br>5:30 pm Catfish<br>Dinner         | 8<br>8 am Breakfast<br>2 pm Haircuts \$10<br>Call bartender              |
| 9<br>1:00 pm Nascar Party<br>Kobalt Tools 500            | 10<br>7:00 pm VFW   | 11<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 pm Wii Bowling | 12<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 pm Legion<br>Exec Board             | 13<br>6:00 pm Euchre                       | 14<br>5:30 pm Cheesy<br>Chicken        | 15<br>2:00 pm Kids Easter<br>Party and<br>Member Birthday                |
| 16<br>1:00 pm Nascar Party<br>Food City 500              | 17<br><b>St. Patricks Day</b><br>Celebration<br>6:00 pm Men's Aux | 18<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 pm Wii Bowling | 19<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>6:00 pm Legion Aux<br>7:00 pm Legion 282 | 20<br>6:00 pm Euchre<br>7:00 pm Planning   | 21<br>5:30 pm Ham Dinner               | 22<br>2 pm Haircuts \$10<br>Call bartender                               |
| 23<br><b>Easter Day</b>                                  | 24  | 25<br><b>Dollar Day</b><br>7:00 pm Wii Bowling | 26<br><b>Dollar Day</b>   | 27<br>6:00 pm Euchre<br>7:00 pm House Mtg. | 28<br>5:30 pm Steak<br>Dinner — Legion | 29<br>2 pm Haircuts<br>Call bartender<br>6:00 pm Texas<br>Holdem Jaycees |
| 30<br>1:00 pm Nascar Party<br>Goody's Cool Orange<br>500 | 31  |  |   |  |  |  |