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VFW Post 280

**AN ALL-AMERICAN POST
Columbia, Missouri 65201**



Commander's Notes

Comrades,

Since I will be starting my fourth year as your commander next month, I was thinking about what we have accomplished in the past and what we need to accomplish in the next year. While I was at the State Convention, I met a young woman veteran who proudly said that she was the Junior Vice of her post, but in the same breath she told of the struggle that she had in getting accepted as a member of the same VFW post even though she was a combat veteran. I told her that she would have never had that trouble at our post, but are we practicing what we preach? I can remember some of the things that have happened at our post over the years. A few years ago we were told we weren't a friendly post and we didn't get along with the Ladies Auxiliary and there was a lot of infighting. These are a few of the things that actually happened at our post. In the last two years things have really gotten a lot better. We all work together and most of these issues are behind us. Part of the principles that the VFW was founded on are: **"Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America."** This is part of what our post was founded on. It does not say that you have to be white or black, male or female. As long as they meet the requirements of membership, they will be welcome here at our post.

The next month will be very busy for us here at the post. The Honor Guard will be posting colors at Missouri Theater on July 2nd for all branches of service. On the fourth of July, we will have our usual **Steak and Catfish** dinner and dance with entertainment provided by Hambo. The first keg of beer will be provided by your Commander. The National Convention of the VFW will be held in St Louis this year on the 19th-23rd of July. This will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to attend. On August 3, our first District 2 meeting for this year will be held in Eldon with the School of Instruction starting at 9am, lunch at noon and business meeting at 1pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn what the VFW is all about outside of the canteen and bingo.

In closing, I still need your support. We still need volunteers in all areas. All I'm asking of you is four hours a month to help at the post. We need your help with Bingo on Thursdays and in the kitchen on Fridays and Saturdays. I want to thank the volunteers that have worked with us in the past and I need your continued support. Last year there were 74 people who donated their time to the post. A special thanks to all of you who volunteered. We still need your help.

Yours in Comradeship,
Don Briggs, Commander

Quartermaster's Notes

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped out at the Post and the Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Drive. We can always still use more volunteers so if you have any time you would like to donate, please contact myself or the Commander and we can find a job for you, even if it is for a few hours a week or month.

We are starting a new year and this year, I would like to see us work on our membership throughout the year instead of pushing at the end of the year to meet a quota. Membership is vital to keep our organization alive and our voice strong in legislation to fight for our rights and benefits. If you know of a veteran that qualifies to be a member or a member that has not paid their dues, bring them in and encourage them to join. Let's keep our Post and the VFW strong!

Thank you all for what you do!

Your Quartermaster,
Kim Wischmeyer

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty."Louis D Bandeis

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

On May 11th, the family of Jane Jeffries hosted a surprise 95th Birthday Party for her. Many of us see her every Wednesday evening at the post and were very honored to help her celebrate. Good food and conversation was enjoyed by everyone. Jane has been a life member of our auxiliary for 34 years. Jane, best wishes in the years to come!!

Thanks to all who helped with the Buddy Poppy drive on Memorial Day weekend.

Our National Convention is July 19-23 in St. Louis. Ladies Auxiliary District 2

I HEAR America Singing

I HEAR America singing, the varied carols I hear;

Those of mechanics—each one singing his, as it should be, blithe and strong;

The carpenter singing his, as he measures his plank or beam,

The mason singing his, as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work;

The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat—the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck;

The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench—the hatter singing as he stands;

The wood-cutter's song—the ploughboy's, on his way in the morning, or at the noon intermission, or at sundown;

The delicious singing of the mother—or of the young wife at work—or of the girl sewing or washing—Each singing what belongs to her, and to none else;

The day what belongs to the day—At night, the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,

Singing, with open mouths, their strong melodious songs.

By Walt Whitman

meeting is August 3rd in Eldon at 1pm with lunch starting at noon.

We have decided to put off our bake sale until this fall. I will try to let everyone know the date so you can contribute if you would like. This will probably be our major fundraiser for this year.

Our dues notices have been sent out. Please consider paying your renewal as soon as possible. And to those of you who have already sent yours in, thank you for your continuing support. And as always, thanks to all our life members.

Again I want to thank all of our mem-

bers who have volunteered their time at the post this past year. On May 18th the post held an appreciation dinner for all volunteers and vendors who have helped at the post or participated in the construction project. Everyone was given a Certificate of Appreciation, enjoyed a BBQ meal and music. (We still need volunteers, please consider giving a few hours.)

Don't forget our meetings are the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm. Please let me know if you need a ride. Hope to see there.

Janey Hurt, President
573-445-4005

Canteen Corner

Check out Friday Nights! Now serving Steaks and Catfish EVERY Friday night followed by entertainment by Hambol! We have the ambiance and good food! Also, don't forget that we have short order menu on Thursday during the first half of bingo (usually 4:30 - 8pm) and is

a great way to grab a quick burger and socialize. We also will have a great breakfast with a new "kitchen sink" omelet. Also, there's the bottomless coffee for those who aren't morning people! Of course, this is the best place to visit any time! Remember, this is **YOUR POST!!**

As we start a new year, our donation requests and lists start over. To become a Newsletter Booster, please send \$25 donation to Quartermaster Kim Wischmeyer. Your donation and assistance with the publication of the monthly newsletter is appreciated.

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Canteen Corner

July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Canteen Open Tues-Fri 3-10p Sat 8-11am 5p-MN Closed Sun-Mon		1	2 Dinner 5-7 Spaghetti with Meat sauce Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	3 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	4 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	5 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
6	7	8	9 Dinner 5-7 Country Fried Steak Shuffle Board Tournament	10 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	11 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	12 Breakfast 8am - 11am No Dance (Hall Rental)
13	14 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM Post opens at 5pm	15	16 Dinner 5-7 Open Faced Turkey Sandwich Shuffle Board Tournament	17 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	18 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	19 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
20	21	22	23 Dinner 5-7 Fried Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	24 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	25 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	26 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Faded Youth 7:30-11:30
27	28	29	30 Dinner 5-7 Meat Loaf Shuffle Board Tournament	31 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30		

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	2 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
3	4	5	6 Dinner 5-7 Pork Loin Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	7 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	8 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	9 Breakfast 8am - 11am No Dance (Hall Rental)
10	11 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM Post opens at 5pm	12	13 Dinner 5-7 Chicken Parmesan Shuffle Board Tournament	14 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	15 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	16 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
17	18	19	20 Dinner 5-7 Beef Tips And Noodles Shuffle Board Tournament	21 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	22 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	23 Breakfast 8am-11am Dance Midnight Ryders 7:30-11:30pm
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