

MAY-JUNE 2014



# VFW Post 280

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



## Commander's Notes

Comrades,

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully we will have mild weather this year. The last two months have been hard on us here at the post. We lost our Tuesday night bingo and that makes things a little bit harder, but when one door closes another one opens. We are going to start renting the hall on Friday evenings after the meal and Sundays. We are still having Wednesday dinners, Bingo on Thursday and Catfish and Steak on Friday. We are still able to keep our head above water.

We held our annual elections of Post officers and the Ladies Auxiliary. I was re-elected as your commander. This will be my 4th year as Commander and this will be my final term. I'm going to retire in July 2015. I feel that we have some excellent officers coming up through the ranks.

Listed below are your new post officers:

Commander - Don Briggs  
SR Vice - Mike Lancaster  
JR Vice - Joe Trumble  
Quartermaster - Kim Wischmeyer  
Chaplain - Dannie Weddle  
Trustees - Joe Terrano, Tim Terrell, Larry Lammers  
Judge Advocate - Culin Klein  
Adjutant - Mike Hurt

Since we have finally completed the three year construction project on the post, we are going to have an awards banquet for the 74 volunteers and the 7 vendors that were part of the project. It will be held on the 18th of May at 6:30 in the evening. I want to thank everyone for their help and patience through this transformation.

In closing I want to say that I'm looking forward to the next year and with your continued support I know it will be a great year for Post 280.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Don Briggs, Commander

## Quartermaster's Notes

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped out at the Post. 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 always working on membership. 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. This is what gives us strength in legislation to fight for our veterans benefits. It is up to each and everyone of us to help make our Post grow and succeed.

**Thank you all for what you do!**

Your Quartermaster,  
Kim Wischmeyer

## Message From Bingo Chairman

The Post Bingo is in trouble due to lack of help and sales. The customer base has dropped over the last couple of years and average about 75 to 80 people every Thursday. That volume will increase around the time that the weekly Progressive reaches peak for payout. That is just a short term for influx of income.

We need the following help to do business on any night:

1 cashier, 1 caller, 2-4 floor-walkers, 1 bonanza sales person/cashier, 1-2 front door packet sales person, 1 pull-tab sales person, 1 horserace sales person (1hour).

That is a minimum of 8-11 volunteers. The majority of the help comes from the Ladies Auxiliary. Out of the Post's 600 members, we currently have less than 10 members that volunteer.

I am asking for volunteers to assist 1-2 Thursday nights a month from 5:30-10:00pm. I can guarantee all the soda, tea and water you can drink and lots of fun with friends and customers. Please check your schedules and help as Bingo helps support our Post.

Thank you, Dannie Weddle, Bingo Chairman

**Ladies Auxiliary Notes**

Our election of officers for 2014/2015 was held last month:

- President - Janey Hurt
- Sr. Vice President - Virginia Riehn
- Jr. Vice President - Laurie Cox
- Treasurer - Rebecca Strauss
- Chaplain - Elaine Wehmeyer
- Conductress - Marjorie Audsley
- Guard - Bonnie Trombley
- 3 yr. Trustree - Laurie Cox
- Secretary - Linda Bennett

Thanks to all who accepted an office and committee chairmanship. I think we are going to have a good year. And I would like to thank all my officers and chairman who worked with me last year.

On Saturday, April 5, after having a nice breakfast at the post, several of our sisters met to make bunnies (out of wash cloths) to be given as tray favors for our patients at the VA Hospital on Easter. We had a great time making them, laughing a lot and they even turned out cute. Thanks to Linda Ben-

nett and Diana Hatfield for the idea and supplies. We are planning another similar project before the Fourth of July.

We are still planning a bake sale sometime soon. This will be one of our major fund raising events. I do hope we can count on several of you to make some delicious goodies. We will try to call many of you for a donation. Thanks in advance if you donate.

Our Buddy Poppy drive is going to be Memorial Day weekend. Please let us know if you can help for an hour or so.

I would also like to thank all of you who have donated desserts to the post during these last ten months. Whether it was for our dinners, items to sell at bingo or auctions, they were all greatly appreciated. We are now having free desserts (when available) on Wednesday nights in our canteen for our members. Any items would be appreciated.

Again, thanks to all who have volunteered at the Post. Even though we have hired a few people we still need

your help.

We have several events coming up in the next few months. Sunday, May 4 is our District 2 meeting in Rolla. As usual lunch is at noon with the meeting to follow. We are asked to bring a side dish. It will be election of officers for the next year. Department Convention is June 13, 14 & 15 in Springfield, MO. National Convention is July 19 - 23 in St. Louis, MO. Please let me know if you need more information about any of these events.

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

I would like to thank all of you for letting me be your president this past year and for entrusting me with this position for another. We have plans to complete many more projects this year, with our youth and our veterans.

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! Remember, this is **YOUR POST!!**

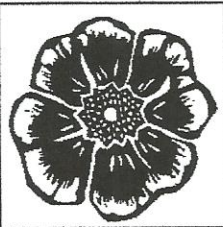
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- Terry Bickford
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- Diana Hatfield
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- Skip Yates



*Poppy Drive*

*May 23 & 24*

*Volunteers needed*

*Please sign up in the Canteen*

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# Canteen Corner

# May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Canteen Open Tues-Fri 3-10p Sat 8-11am 5p-MN Closed Sun-Mon</b>				1 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	2 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	3 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
4	5 <b>*Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7PM</b>  Post opens at 5pm	6	7 Dinner 5-7 Beef Stroganoff Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	8 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	9 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	10 Breakfast 8am - 11am  <b>No Dance (Hall Rental)</b>
11	12	13	14 Dinner 5-7 BBQ Pork Steaks Shuffle Board Tournament	15 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	16 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	17 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
18	19	20	21 Dinner 5-7 Chicken & Dumplings Shuffle Board Tournament	22 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	23 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b> <i>Poppy Drive</i>	24 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Diamond Horse 7:30-11:30 <i>Poppy Drive</i>
25	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	27	28 Dinner 5-7 Fried Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	29 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	30 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	31 Breakfast 8am - 11am  <b>No Dance (Hall Rental)</b>

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Dinner 5-7 Subs Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	5 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	6 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	7 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
8	9	10	11 Dinner 5-7 Mexican Night Shuffle Board Tournament	12 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	13 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	14 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Southern Justice 7:30-11:30
15	16 <b>*Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7PM</b>  Post opens at 5pm	17	18 Dinner 5-7 BBQ Ribs Shuffle Board Tournament	19 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	20 <b>Steak &amp; Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30</b>	21 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
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29	30					

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