

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013



# VFW Post 280

## AN ALL-AMERICAN POST

### Columbia, Missouri 65201



### Commander's Notes

Comrades,

The past 2 months have been very busy at the post. Between the hall rentals, dances, bingo and illnesses we are meeting ourselves coming and going. But things are looking up and we will have a full crew and a full head of steam for the upcoming holiday season.

Our Honor Guard is still quite busy. They have conducted 8 funerals in the past 2 months and have performed a POW/MIA ceremony at the Harry S Truman VA hospital. The Honor Guard received an award from the *State of Missouri* for performing 68 military funerals in the past fiscal year. This does not include any other ceremonies that they have taken part in. **A job well done.**

Our bingo is doing quite well. Our champagne glass jackpot is at **\$6,000** and could go at any time. We are expecting 140 players plus. Come in and play bingo. You could be our next big winner.

There are several big events coming up in the next 2 months as listed below:

On the 8th of November our Honor Guard will be conducting a Flag Ceremony at Boone Landing. November 8th and 9th, we will conduct our **Buddy Poppy Drive**. Please sign up in the canteen to volunteer 1-2 hours. *November 10th* is the Community's recognition of Veterans Day with the Parade downtown. Our Honor Guard will be firing at the court house at 11:00am that day. **November 11th** is a busy day as we celebrate Veterans Day. We will start with our *Annual sausage and pancake breakfast* from 6:30 to 9:30. The Honor Guard will be conducting a *flag ceremony* at the Conley Road Wal-Mart at 9:30. At 1:00, we will conduct a *POW/MIA ceremony* at the Post. *Lunch* will be served after the ceremony. There will also be music from the *Big Band* era following lunch. All of our Veterans Day activities/events are **FREE** to veterans! On the 13th of November, a **Veterans Job Fair** will be held from 1 to 4. On the **Thanksgiving Day**, dinner will be served to any veteran at no cost from 1 to 5. Volunteers and donations would be appreciated.

December 11th, we will have our annual **Christmas Potluck** and will also award our Patriot Pen, Voice of De-

mocracy and Teachers awards. Donations of ham or turkeys are needed. *If your last name starts with A-N, bring a vegetable or salad. If your name starts with O-Z, bring a dessert.* There will be a special guest from the North Pole for the children. On **Christmas Day**, dinner will be served for any veteran at no cost. Donations and volunteers would again be appreciated.

On **New Year's Eve**, there will be a Dance with snacks, party favors, champagne toast and breakfast. Tickets are: \$15 each or \$25 per couple. Watch for flyers in the canteen to announce the Band.

**CATFISH CORNER DINNERS ARE COMING TO THE VFW IN 2014. WATCH FOR IT.**

In closing, I want to thank the volunteers that have been with us over the past 4 months. Everyone has been doing an **excellent** job and your continued support is needed. As you can see, we still need more volunteers and support.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Don Briggs, Commander

### Quartermaster's Notes

We are planning Poppy Drive November 8 and 9 and need lots of help.

Prices are going up on membership dues January 1st, so let's beat the rush or take advantage of the Life Installment Plan.

We are the community pillar so let's show them.

Thanks to all who have helped out at the Post. There are a lot of things to still be done. If you have any time you would like to donate, please contact myself or the Commander and we can work it out for you; whether it's sitting and prepping silverware, cooking, washing dishes or sitting at the door for dances and events.

Thank you all for what you do!

Your Quartermaster,  
Kim Wischmeyer

**Ladies Auxiliary Notes**

Two More months have passed and we are still helping the Post as volunteers. I would like to again thank all the Auxiliary members who have volunteered. Because of our participation, the Post and Auxiliary are working together as one. Way to go ladies! Our hall rentals are way up and we have many ideas for new events in the canteen and hall to bring in more members. Because of your participation, we will continue to prosper. If you can volunteer a few hours, please let me know.

We did send \$5 per member to the Cancer Aid & Research Fund. If any Life Members would like to make a donation, it would be very much appreciated. As stated before, we do not receive any annual money from our Life Members, just our yearly renewals. You can send any donation to Rebecca Strauss, 904 Bourne Ave, Columbia, MO 65203.

Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already. We are shooting for 100% membership this year. If you know of anyone who would be eligible to join please encourage them to do so. We would like our membership to increase this year. And thank

you to all our Life Members.

From our Legislative Chair, Virginia Riehn, regarding the government shut down: I would like to say the shut down was averted for this deadline. The legislation passed by Congress only delayed having to come to an agreement and pass a continuing resolution. **It is time for all of us to telephone, e-mail, fax or snail mail Missouri's members of Congress and ask them to perform the duties for which they were elected.** Remember members of congress were elected to serve their constituents and that is us. The shut down has caused needless stress, pain and caused financial woes to an untold number of citizens, including our veterans. These are difficult times, not just for veterans, but all America. Please pray for all veterans, families and our elected officers. Please contact me if you would like more information.

November 8 and 9 will be our Buddy Poppy Drive. Please let me know if you can work a one hour shift either of those days.

On **November 11**, we will honor our Veterans with Pancake and sausage

breakfast, POW/MIA ceremony and lunch. Big Band Swing music is planned for 2-6pm. I am asking the Ladies Auxiliary member to **donate a dessert**. The meal will be provided by the Post and prepared by Post and Ladies Auxiliary members.

**December 11** will be our Holiday Dinner. Santa will be there giving out goodies, so bring your little ones. We will announce the winners of the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Young American Creative Patriot Art Contest. As usual, we bring sides according to our last names. A thru N bring salad/vegetable and N thru Z bring a dessert. **Donations of hams and turkeys would be very much appreciated.** Entertainment is planned for that day too. Again the meal will be prepared by Post and Ladies Auxiliary members.

Please see the calendar for events and times, as they have changed.

Don't forget—our meetings are the **second Monday of each month** at 7:00pm at the Post. Please plan to attend.

Janey Hurt, President  
573-445-4005

**Canteen Corner**

A lot has happened in the canteen with everyone working together and we continue to fine-tune everything. Please take note of times on the calendar for dinners. Also,

we would like everyone to know that on Wednesdays and Fridays that we will be opening up the hall along with the canteen for seating. This is for everyone's comfort and convenience. Remember, this is YOUR POST!!

**In Loving Memory**

Izetta Triplett, age 105  
Robert E Lee

**In our Prayers**

Sharon Herbert  
Bill Drummond

We extend our prayers and wish a speedy recovery to those ill or hospitalized

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# Canteen Corner November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Canteen Open Tues-Fri 3-10p Sat 8-11am 5p-MN Closed Sun-Mon		 REMEMBRANCE	 Veterans Day		1 <b>Steak Night</b> 5:30pm - 8pm	2 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
3	4	5 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	6 Dinner 5-7 Stuffed Chicken Breast Shuffle Board Tournament MCL meeting 7pm	7 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	8 <b>Homemade Pizza Bar</b> 5:30-8:00pm  **Poppy Drive	9 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Midnight Ryders 7:30-11:30pm **Poppy Drive
10	11 Breakfast 6:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-2:00 Band 2:00-6:00	12 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	13 Dinner 5-7 BBQ Ribs Shuffle Board Tournament	14 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	15 <b>Steak Night</b> 5:30pm - 7pm	16 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
17	18 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM  Post opens at 5pm	19 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	20 Dinner 5-7 Fried Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	21 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	22 <b>Italian Night</b> 5:30-8:00pm	23 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Faded Youth 7:30-11:30pm
24	25	26 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	27 Dinner 5-7 Taco Salad Shuffle Board Tournament	28 <b>No Bingo</b>  Thanksgiving Meal 1-5pm	29 <b>Potluck Night</b> 5:30-8:00pm	30 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Hayla's Heaven 7:30-11:30pm

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	4 Dinner 5-7 Ham & Potato Casserole Shuffle Board Tournament MCL meeting 7pm	5 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	6 <b>Steak Night</b> 5:30 - 8:00pm	7 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
8	9 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM  Post opens at 5pm	10 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	11 <b>Holiday Potluck</b> 5:30-9:00pm Shuffle Board Tournament	12 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	13 <b>Homemade Pizza Bar</b> 5:30-8:00pm	14 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Michael's Country Classics 7:30-11:30pm
15	16	17 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	18 Dinner 5-7 Pulled Pork Shuffle Board Tournament	19 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	20 <b>Steak Night</b> 5:30 - 8:00pm	21 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
22	23	24 MCL/40&8 Bingo Bonanza 6:30 Bingo 7:00	25 <b>Christmas Meal</b> 12:00-6:00pm	26 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	27 <b>Mexican Night</b> 5:30-8:00pm	28 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Midnight Ryders 7:30-11:30pm
29	30	31 <b>No Bingo</b>  New Years Eve Party 7:30pm—1:30am	 Suzanna Guiting			

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