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Commander's Corner

I can't believe it's April already, where is the time going? I hope everyone is letting go of their winter blues as spring is upon us, sort of. The 70 degree and rain one day and 30 degrees and snow the next is kind of odd but this is Ohio and the weather here never has been what one could call consistent.

Now that we are getting some decent weather we are going to attempt some much needed outside repairs to our Post. We already have a long list of things that need done, but if you have an idea, put it in writing and put it in the mail box outside my office. As well as ideas, any physical help will be greatly appreciated.

There are many events in the month of April. It is time for election of officers for the 2008-2009 VFW year. If you are interested, please attend our next meeting, Tuesday April 8th.

May 1st was designated Loyalty Day by Congressional Act 85-529 in 1958. District #11 will hold their Loyalty Day parade on April 26 at 10:00 am in Sunbury, Ohio. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Something else to put on your calendar is Memorial Day weekend. That will be a very busy weekend. If you are available, the Color Guard would be grateful for the help. There are a number of shoots scheduled as well as placing Flags at Veterans graves.

Thank you for supporting our Post and our canteen.

Please keep our troops in your prayers.
GOD bless America.

Yours in Comradeship,
Commander Ed



Ladies Auxiliary President

I hope everyone survived the big snow weekend. Our monthly dinner was snowed out so make sure you come see us April 4. We will be having meatloaf, au gratin potatoes plus a dessert for \$7.00.

We will be holding an election for Guard at the next meeting, April 10. We will also be holding elections for all officers for the 2008-2009 year.

Please come out and support our Auxiliary. We need more members to attend meetings and hold offices. We have meetings once a month (the second Monday).

We need more members to help with the programs we do to help the Veterans and our community.

District #11's Testimonial will be held at our Post on May 3rd. Our own Auxiliary member Fran Trimmer is the District Auxiliary President. Please come out and show her our support.

The Testimonial Dinner is \$15.00 and main entrees will be Roast Beef and Lasagna. If interested in tickets or helping, please call Anna Clendenen at 740-964-6863.

Our prayers to all those overseas and anyone sick or who have lost loved ones.

Mary Shop

Auxiliary President
614-402-7993





Color Guard

Your Color Guard has been very busy this past month with military funerals, the monthly Color Guard steak dinner on the second Friday of the month and participating in many community activities.

Many of our Color Guard members are retired and volunteer often. The other members have not reached retirement age or are still working because of the changing economy, these individuals are to be recognized, as they are balancing their family life, volunteering and still holding down a full time job. Please thank each of these members for all they do. Sometimes we take these Veterans for granted.

This Color Guard is the true meaning of what our organization stands for, showing respect and recognition towards our fellow Veterans, children and families.

Many thanks to each of you for volunteering. If any of our Veteran members would like to be a part of this elite group, please contact the Post at 614-861-3891 and you will be contacted by one of our Color Guard officers. We also meet on the first Monday of every month.

May GOD bless all of our Veterans serving in harms way, and also the Veterans around the world, protecting all of our freedoms that we take for granted.

Gary M. Pfaff Color Guard Captain

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our April Dinner will be a choice of Meat Loaf or Salmon Patties w/ cream peas on April 4th. Please stop in for dinner and support the Auxiliary. Fran Trimmer will be making the meat loaf and Faye Bolles will be making the Salmon Patties.

On Friday April 4th, in addition to our monthly dinner, we will have our annual Patriotic Art Judging. Those of you who have helped us pick a winner in the past know what a great job our high schoolers do with their artwork. Please be sure to come out and vote for your favorite picture. The winner will be advanced to further competitions and the opportunity to win more money and scholarships.

We will hold ELECTIONS at our April Meeting. We

need our Auxiliary Sisters to come to our meetings, take part in the organization and help us grow.

Please be sure to plan on attending the Testimonial Dinner for Fran Trimmer on May 3rd.

We are collecting Campbell Soup Labels (bar codes). Tyson Chicken (bar codes) for National Home and coffee, playing cards, word puzzles and toiletries for the V. A. Hospital.

We also send coupons to the military commissaries, so bring these to the Post please.

Ladies Auxiliary Publicity Chairman

Canteen

April showers bring May flowers, we hope so! Here are some things we have in store for our members. The canteen will be serving fish baskets Mon. Through Fri. From 11am to 2pm. The cost will be \$4.00. We will try to add to the menu as product comes available.

The Canteen staff will be doing breakfast in the first part of the month to raise money for the Tiki bar we are going to try. We want to have it for the nice weekends in the spring and summer, look for the dates posted in the Canteen. If anyone has any decorations or patio furniture for a donation will be appreciated. Also if anyone has any suggestions or wants to help will be a great plus in getting this done, we need to get started ASAP!

I would like to thank everyone who entered the Chili Cook Off. A big hand to Marcie and Markie Pheister. We could not have done it without them. I hope everyone had fun and got full.

I am sorry to tell everyone that Kim will be leaving us soon. She has taken a job to help further her schooling. We will miss her and wish her good luck! The rest of the staff will be working extra till we can find a new employee. Please remember that it is the members that make our canteen survive, so thank each and everyone that comes in. The whole Post needs you.

Please pray for our TROOPS!












- Terri Wilhelm (Canteen Mgr.)
- Cheryl Zollars (my helping hand)
- Jennifer Justice (my other hand)
- Kim Evans (will be missed)
- Kevin Fry (Our new addition)





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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  Ladies Aux. Dinner— Meatloaf or Salmon Patties \$7 | 5 |
| 6 | 7  Color Guard Meeting 1930 | 8  Post Member Mtg— ELECTIONS 1930 | 9  House Committee Mtg. 1930 | 10 | 11  Color Guard Steak Cook Out \$10 | 12 |
| 13 | 14  Ladies Aux. Meeting ELECTIONS 7:30 PM | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  Mens's Aux. Fish Fry Mtg follows ELECTIONS | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  Canteen Dinner TBA | 26 Loyalty Day District #11 Sunbury, Ohio 10:00 AM |
| 27  V A Hospital Visit Leave Post at 12:30 PM | 28 |  | | 30 | |  |

Service Officer

I will be around the Post to help answer questions about benefits for Veterans, Spouses and Widows, the VA procedure and help with claims. If I don't have an answer, I will get it. I can be reached at 614-276-8594 H or 614-506-1974 C.

Mike Moehl

Men's Auxiliary News

The Men's Auxiliary would like to thank the Post for their support for our Friday night Fish Fry.

As always, we are looking for members. Please contact David Bolles at 614-496-6028. Dinner will be April 18th with our monthly meeting and elections to follow.

Tony Mossor, Mens Auxiliary President



Poppy Sales

Volunteers will be needed to help sell Poppies in May. Please contact Gary Pfaff or Terri Wilhelm to get all the details for the days you are needed and where you are needed.

National Military Services (VFW Support)

The VFW provides numerous services to military servicemembers and their families.

The three main efforts of the VFW Military Services department are:

- *the Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- *Operation Uplink and *Unmet Needs.

Each program has a focus of support: MAP has helped fund Farewell and Welcome Home gatherings for military units worldwide.

Operation Uplink provides free, pre-paid phone cards to servicemembers.

Unmet Needs can give a one-time grant up to \$2,500 for qualifying service members and their families experiencing financial hardship.

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