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Commander's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying Spring and the warm weather and plants that it brings.

Now that I have your attention turned to renewal, I hope everyone has taken notice of the changes in the Post. We corrected the lighting issues, painted the ceiling and walls and put new carpet in the canteen.

This is just the start of long needed maintenance around the Post. We have plans to clean up the store rooms, fix some exterior issues, get the doors fixed, etc. We WILL be needing volunteer assistance in these endeavors. If you have time please help with these projects as they come up.

Alan Smith (Cruiser) is not able to get around as much as he used to and misses chatting with people. If you get a chance give him a call and say "hi" 614-863-1305.

The ELECTION is held for the new slate of officers this month. Please make every effort to attend this months Post meeting. Now is the time for those who would like to get involved to take a turn. And for all those who 'TALK THE TALK TO WALK THE WALK'.

Nominations are still open for any eligible Post member to run for any position for the next slate of officers.

Here are the nominees so far:

- Commander – Larry Brown
- Sr Vice - John Johnston
- Jr Vice - Keith Steimle
- Quartermaster – Bob Kaplinsky
- Judge Advocate – Gary Pfaff
- Surgeon – Steve Trimmer
- Chaplain – Russ Bradshaw
- 3 yr trustee – Alan Perlman
- 1 yr trustee – Roy Cox (to fill vacant position)

House Committee – Mike Moehl, Ty Thomason (protem remainder of this year), Keith Steimle, John Johnston.

To celebrate the mortgage being paid off, we will be having a mortgage burning party on 18 April starting at 1700 till.....? There will be fliers around the Post with more information.

Our Post web master, Howard Jefferson, has done a great job with our website and it is about ready to go live. One of the benefits of having this site is getting information out in a more timely manner. This will allow you, if you choose, to get the Newsletter online (and save the Post the mailing expense). More on this later when we go live with the site.

I would like to thank everyone who helped paint, move furniture, fix lights, etc. Without you we could not get things done around the Post.

I would also like to thank everyone involved in the Wednesday and Friday - dinners, delicious as usual.

Buddy Poppy sales will be second weekend in May, look for sign up sheets mid April.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. 7 APRIL- 1900 HRS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1 April – April fools
- 5 April – Palm Sunday
- 6 April – ARMY Day
- 9 April – National Former POW Recognition Day
- 9 April – First Day of Passover
- 10 April – **Good Friday**
- 11 April – Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire
- 12 April – **Easter Sunday**
- 15 April – Income Tax Day (BOOOOO HISSSSSSSSSSSS)
- 19 April – Orthodox Easter
- 24 April- Arbor Day

Alan Perlman, Commander





Ladies Auxiliary President

Another year is coming to an end. We will be holding elections at the April meeting for the 2009-2010 year. Please make sure you come to the meeting. It is very important that we get more members to come out to attend meetings and to help with our programs.

The National President will be making her yearly visit on April 26. There will be a reception for her here at our Post from 6-8pm. We would like to have a great turn out for her. It is especially important that we show her that our Auxiliary stands behind her. We will be having an aisle of honor for her where we present the American flag and our banner. Please attend and meet her. I have been told that she enjoys meeting the ladies.

Our April dinner will be salmon patties and or beef patties plus creamed peas and a dessert for \$7.00. This dinner proceeds will be going to Dottie's chairmanship, the Cancer aid and research program.

The Easter Egg hunt for Reynoldsburg that we sponsor will be held on April 11 at Huber Park. We will need help at 12 to set up. Hope to see you all there.

The District 11 Testimonial will be held at the Paul S. Lawrence Post on April 25 at 6pm.

Our hope and prayers go out to all of our men and women in harms way.

Mary Shop 614-402-7993



Canteen Manager

April 9th is POW recognition day, wear a POW T-Shirt.

Join us for Easter Dinner on Sunday April 12th at 2 PM, The Post will provide the meat, please bring your signature dish to share. I will have a sign up sheet in the Canteen.

Wednesday Cooks: Ladies Aux. Nancy Cox, Men's Aux. Beer, Brats and Burgers, Chef Bob, and Color Guard. We have a 5th Wednesday in April, need a volunteer!!

April 18th will be our Mortgage Burning Party. I need ideas and volunteers. David & Faye have volunteered to DJ, we need members to join us on this fun night to celebrate the end of a very long struggle. CALL ME!

Terri Wilhelm-Canteen Mgr.

Men's Auxiliary

The Men's Auxiliary is pleased to announce our new membership drive campaign. Please help support your Post by referring a friend or acquaintance to the Men's Auxiliary. To qualify, they must be a blood relative of a service member who served in a war zone during any war time, and have a valid copy of that relative's DD214 to prove it.

This is how it works:

1. Anyone who refers an applicant that qualifies for Auxiliary membership and is accepted for membership will have their name placed into a quarterly drawing to receive a \$25.00 gas card.
2. A \$25.00 drawing will be held for each quarter and a separate \$50.00 "End of Year" drawing for a total of 5 drawings, worth a total of \$150.00. Because we are starting late this year, 2009 will only have 3 quarterly drawings for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.
3. All persons who are eligible for the quarterly drawings will be automatically entered into a separate "End of Year" drawing for a \$50.00 gas card.

Please take advantage of our membership drive and refer a new member.

Beginning in April we will now be offering Beer & Brats for \$1.00 and Burgers for \$2.00 on the second Wednesday of the month. Our Fish Fry will continue on the third Friday. See you at the Post.

Ron Stake—President



Saturday, April 18, 2009

Burn the Mortgage Party

Volunteers and Ideas needed

Call Meg at 614-634-6114

VFW Post 9473 website— www.VFWPost9473.org

The website will have: Electronic issues of the newsletter that is currently mailed to you, contacts, Resources, and links to Veterans related sites,

Our VFW Post can provide a range of services to the outside customer, and benefit both the Post and community.











Please help me make the most of our website.

Thank you, **Howard Jefferson HTJEFFERSON@ieeee.org**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Join us for food and fun on Wednesdays	2	3  Ladies Aux. Salmon Patties & Cream Peas	4
5	6  Color Guard Mtg.	7  Finance Committee Mtg 1900 Hrs.	8  Beer, Brats or Burgers Men's Aux. Nite	9  House Committee Mtg 7:30 PM	10  Color Guard Steak Cook Out	11  Reynoldsburg Community Easter Egg Hunt
12  Attend the Church of your Choice Then join us for dinner at 2 PM	13  Elections Ladies Aux Mtg 6:30 PM	14  ELECTIONS Post Member Mtg	15 Chef Bob (You know it'll be good)	16	17  Men's Aux Fish Fry Mtg follows	18  Party Party Mortgage Burning Party
19	20	21	22 Color Guard	23	24 Canteen Dinner Menu to be announced	25
26 VA Hospital Visit <i>Please attend Ladies Aux. National Pres at OUR Post 6 PM</i>	27	28	29 Join us for food and fun on Wednesdays	30		

Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Grant Information

Part 2: When will an application for a grant not be accepted?

1. If the member has not been a member for one full year before treatment. This applies to reinstated members also.
2. If current dues have not been paid and received at National Headquarters before the application is made. This problem is encountered most often when dues are not paid early enough to allow processing by Department and National. **EARLY PAYMENT OF DUES IS VITAL FOR THIS REASON.**
3. If member has already received TWO previous grants.
4. Member is deceased
5. After 12 months have passed from date of last surgery, treatment or diagnosis.

WHERE DO I GET GRANT FORMS? Please contact Anna Clendenen at 740-027-4644 or 614-774-9374 as soon as possible so we can get this form to you.

WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DO I NEED? NONE! (As long as physician has completed the lower portion of the application.)

PLEASE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CONTACT ME TO OBTAIN THE GRANT FORMS. GET THE FORM TO YOUR PHYSICIAN, AS SOON AS THE PHYSICIAN HAS THE FORM COMPLETED, SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION FORM! THE SOONER THE FORM IS RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, THE SOONER YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR GRANT.

Ladies, please also let your family members read this article!! It is very beneficial that everyone understands what needs to be done in order for you to obtain one of the great benefits of your membership!

Thanks for taking the time to read this very important newsletter article. I just hope that this will help everyone understand more what real need there is that the Auxiliary Officers know what is happening to all our members.

Also, I hope you also now know why it is important to pay your member dues as soon as possible!

If you have any questions in the meantime, please call me at 740-927-4644 or 614-774-9374 or you can email to:
amclendenen@columbus.rr.com **Anna Clendenen**

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