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Commander's Corner

First, I would like to apologize for the July newsletter being delivered late. I will try my best to see that it does not happen again.

The Canteen opening hours will be changing starting the first full week in August. The opening time Sunday-Thursday will be 1300, Friday -Saturday opening will stay the same for now. Closing will not change., after 2100 it is the discretion of the bartender to determine based on occupancy.

Post Members voted to authorize an Early Bird drawing for life membership(s). All continuous dues members who pay their dues by 31 October will receive an entry. Number of winners To Be Determined.

We will be accepting resumes for the Canteen Manager position. Resumes must be received No Later Than 22 Aug 08, so the House Committee has time to review them.

The Post has hundreds of members and the meetings only seem to attract the same 15-20 the second Tuesday of each month. It is your Post. I know there are many good ideas out there that we do not hear about if you do not come to the meetings. Please take 2 hours a month to help make the Post a better place for all.

August dates to remember:

4 August-Coast Guard Day

6 August-anniversary of the USA dropping the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima

7 August-Purple Heart Medal established in 1782

14 August Japan Surrenders ending WWII 1945

Please remember those who are currently in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan, those who are serving our country in other places around the globe and our Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.

**Alan Perlman
Commander**



Annual Post Picnic August 9, 2008

1 PM to 6 PM

Raffle tickets available at the Post Canteen.

\$5 donation for 6 tickets.

\$300 First Prize

Join us for food, fun & prizes

Kids games from 2pm to 3 pm



Ladies Auxiliary President

At the next C of A meeting we will learn what our chairmanships and projects for the coming year will be. I will need help with these activities and I encourage you to come to the August Meeting on the 11th and see what chairmanship or committee interest you. I don't need one person to do every project, I need one person to do EACH project. We have many members and I am sure each of you have certain things you like to do. Why not see if you can incorporate what you like to do into one of the Ladies Auxiliary worthwhile projects.

We always need help with Community activities, V A Hospital, Cancer Aid & Research, National Home, Make a Difference Day, Stand Down, POW/MIA Vigil, Veterans Day, etc. There are many opportunities out there.

It is time to start paying the 2008-2009 dues. We will have a table at the picnic where you will be able to pay them. The date for the picnic is August 9, 2008.

Our National Home Ohio Day caravan is August 2nd. If anyone is interested in going please let me know.

Mary Shop

Auxiliary President 614-402-7993



Sr. Vice Commander

Hi everyone, I would like to reemphasize what the Commander is saying on the early bird special in which the winner will receive a free lifetime membership. I encourage all of you that are eligible to participate.

Also, I want to repeat there are only a handful of Post members who attend our Post meetings regularly. If you would like to have your voice heard, you must attend the meetings and voice your opinions on issues. This way there will be more input from membership on every decision.

We will be striping the parking lot and also painting the interior of the Post. We will be putting back up our military era gear and getting rid of the commercial stuff that is up on our walls.

I want to thank all of the people who help out and volunteer in their spare time to make this Post a success.

Bless those who are in Harms way.....

Senior Vice Commander Larry Brown

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our August Dinner will be a choice of shredded BBQ beef or shredded chicken sandwich and a salad bar & dessert for \$7. Please stop in for dinner and support the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary thanks all who helped with the Department Dinner reception on June 29th and a very special Thank You to several members of our Post Color Guard for manning the grill for us. Working together, we made a great team. Thanks, guys.

At our July meeting we draped the Charter for Mary Overly and Elsie Beane.

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.

Ladies Auxiliary Publicity Chairman

Color Guard

Time marches on, as does your Post/District/State Color-Honor Guard.

We have been very busy doing the District and State Programs, Posting the Colors at the District Meeting the first part of June and finishing with the State Convention from June 24th thru June 29th. The duties and obligations of these members require a lot of volunteer time, dedication, and commitment. The Pride and Honor of these Color Guard Members has earned them, (and deserved) the respect and recognition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars members of the State. I personally want to thank each of you for all that you give to insure that all of our military Veterans are recognized and remembered as the Hero's they are, serving in the Past, Present and those who will follow, to protect the freedom's we enjoy.

This year will be the last year (08-09) we will be serving as the State Color Guard. We will be taking a break in Leon Johnson's term as State Commander (09-10), he has asked his District #2 Color Guard to take over the duties as the State Color Guard, but as I understand, we have been asked to resume these duties in (10-11) for incoming State Commander Sam Compton.

Those serving as your Post Color Guard have also been very busy. We received the honor of leading the Fourth of July Parade. This was welcomed, as Reynoldsburg did not have a parade in 2007. Thanks to all that participated, the Parade was well represented by all of the "War Veterans" from all wars, especially World War II, Alan (Cruiser) Smith, Ed (Falcon) Lechtanski, and all of the others, again thanks for all that you have done to preserve our freedoms.










We always need help, please consider joining this great group of Veterans, as we are always needing your help. We work hard and play hard, but we always get the job done with a great deal of pride, honor and dignity.

May God Bless all of our Veterans, their Families and Loved Ones as they serve throughout the world



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Annual Post Picnic—Saturday August 9th. 1 PM to 6 PM Raffle Tickets available at the Post for a \$5 donation 1st Prize \$300, 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize \$50. As in past years, we need to sell tickets to purchase Picnic Supplies, please donate!</p>					1  Ladies Aux. BBQ Beef or Chkn Sand. Salad Bar \$7	2 National Home OHIO Day
3	4  Color Guard Mtg. 7:30	5	6  House Committee Mtg.	7	8  Color Guard Steak Nite	9 Annual Post Picnic 1 PM to 6 PM
10	11  Ladies Aux. Mtg. 7:30 PM	12  Post Member Mtg. 7:30 PM	13	14	15  Mens Aux. Dinner & Mtg.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Canteen Dinner TBA	23
24  V A Hospital Visit	25	26	27	28	29 Fifth Friday up for Grabs, plan it, cook it, & deal with it. Let Terri know.	30 NOON Ohio State Football at the shoe Youngstown
31						8-30 game on Big 10 Network

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**

Canteen

Just want to start by saying Thanks for all the help from the Volunteers who gave to us thru their hearts.

Remember that Aug 9th is the Post picnic. We need everyone to bring those wonderful side dishes. The side dishes make the picnic. We are starting a sign up list in the canteen.

The Ladies Auxiliary will fix baked beans and potato salad. (yum- yum).

Don't forget we have Wednesday drawings now. Drawing at 8 PM. Hope to see you all.

Please pray for our troops.

**Terri Wilhelm, Canteen Manager
And Staff**

Men's Auxiliary News

David Bolles recently resigned the office of treasurer. David also was our cook for the Fish Fry. I would like to thank him for his service to the Men's Auxiliary and the Post. Please join me in wishing David all the best.

Members please plan to join us for the Men's Auxiliary Fish Fry August 15th from 6 to 8 PM. Our monthly meeting will follow. Come out and meet your fellow members.

The Men's Auxiliary needs more members. Please tell your family and fiends. Being a member is a great way of showing support for our troops and our veterans. Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473 is a great asset to the community. With your support we can be even greater.

**Ron Stake
Men's Auxiliary President**



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