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Commander's Corner

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ON 6 JANUARY 2009 AT 1930 AT THE POST.

THIS WILL CONSIST OF ALL ELECTED POST OFFICERS AND ALL PAST COMMANDERS. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT INITIAL MEETING. THIS MEETING WILL BE TO SET UP BY-LAWS, RULES, POSITIONS AND SUB COMMITTEES.

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy, safe Christmas and New Year. Good luck to your favorite football teams as the Bowl and playoff season is here.

I am sure most of you are aware of the generous donation that the Post recently received. This donation was given to us with the stipulation that a Finance Committee consisting of elected Officers and Past Commanders be set up to oversee the disbursement of these funds.

All Post members will be welcome at these meetings, to give input, make suggestions, etc, but the final say on any expenditures will be made by the committee. This is not being done to hold control. It is being done to ensure that there will be funds available to keep the Post a viable, living organization long after we are all gone, as well as honor the wishes of our benefactor.

The first meeting will be an organizational meeting to set up by-laws, rules, sub committees, designate positions, and so forth.

This first meeting will be on 6 January 2009, at 1930 at the Post.

We are starting a new year with new opportunities and challenges ahead, lets all work together to make this a successful year.

With that thought in mind, it is time to start thinking about nominations for officers for 2009-2010. Nominations will be taken in March and April and the election will be in May.

January dates to remember:

- 1-8 LOTS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES
- 1-New Years Day
- 2-Run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes day
- 16-National Nothing Day & Shipwrecked in Margaritaville Party at the Post Canteen
- 19-Martin Luther King Jr, Day
- 21-National Hugging Day (for a certain Color Guard member)
- 24 - Beer Can Appreciation Day

Alan Perlman, Commander



Ladies Auxiliary President

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday. It was a busy month. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Baskets. Thanks also to the Color Guard for coming to the V A Hospital to help us.

The Christmas Party for the kids was a great success. Thanks to Fran Trimmer for her hard work.

Mid Winter Conference is coming up on January 22 to 25th, 2009 in Independence Ohio. Please plan to attend. Our next Aux. Mtg. is Monday, January, 12, 2009.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to John Hart on the passing of his wife, Billie. Also to any others who have lost family members. Also keep Virginia Houser and Betty Custer in your prayers, They both had surgery recently.

Thank you,

**Mary Shop 402-7993
Auxiliary President**





Color Guard

This time of the year is Joyous, everyone is going about getting ready for Christmas and the Holidays, each in their own way, pageants, choirs, and religious programs happening all around us, and preparing for all of our family gatherings.

But for some, this year as in the past several years, especially now during the Holidays, many have loved ones serving in the Armed Forces around the World, (most in Iraq and Afghanistan), are thinking about those Sons, Daughters, Mothers and Fathers, who will not be with us during this Holiday season.

Those of us who are Veterans or the Family of a Veteran, have all been in this situation while we were serving our enlistment in the Armed Services. The emptiness is ever more present, as there is a void that has to be filled, although you may have received a letter, e-mail, CD, or a phone call from your loved one, the reality sets in and we realize that these Veterans are serving in harms way to protect our Freedoms and Certain Rights that have been given to us, (taken for granted most of the time). The same reasons are why the United States Military is serving in many Foreign Countries around the World, serving as peace keepers, preventing aggressive terrorism, and to help initiate a form of Democracy, allowing a Nations Voice to be heard.

There is a sense of Responsibility and Obligation to insure that these families do not go thru this alone. We need to do all that is physically possible to support them in any way we can and let them know that we as Veterans and families of Veterans are their extended Family, Remembering that this is the Oath and Obligation we all took at one time.

May each of the Military families be truly Blessed and the Will of God be our blessing, bringing Home our Loved Ones Safe and Sound, our Prayers and thoughts will always be with you and your Loved ones. May God Bless the United States of America.

Gary Pfaff
Color Guard Captain

Men's Auxiliary

Happy New Year from the VFW Post 9473 Men's Auxiliary. All members should have paid there 2009 dues by now. If you haven't please get it in right away. Membership cards will follow soon.

I would like to thank the Post for including us in the program for the Anniversary Dinner on December 7th. We were honored to participate and also to reflect on this important date in history.

As we honor all our veterans it is especially important to honor those who fought in World War II. Their ranks may diminish but their courage and commitment to our freedom does not. Please join me in thanking them for their sacrifices.

Our meetings will continue to follow the Fish Fry the third Friday of each month at approximately 8:15 PM. Come for the dinner and stay for the meeting. I hope to see you at the Post.

Ron Stake
President



Canteen Manager

We are looking forward to a great NEW YEAR! 2009 brings us opportunities to plan fun events to bring the Post members together to enjoy their canteen. If you have an idea, please feel free to talk to me about it and be prepared to help plan the event if we decide to implement your idea.

On January 16th, please join us for our Beach Party. "Shipwrecked in Margaritaville" is our theme for the evening. The attire is shipwrecked.... Dress the way you think you would look if your ship wrecked on Gilligans Island. This is a good opportunity to get another wear out of that torn shirt or pair of jeans. (Pirates Welcome). DJ David & Faye will entertain for the evening.

Look for another Souper Saturday in January. We will post flyers around the Canteen.

We need more volunteers to cook a meal on Wednesdays. This is becoming a vital part of our Canteen Week and we need helpers.









God Bless Our Troops.

Terri Wilhelm
Canteen Manager



January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  Aux Nite—Beef N Noodles For Cancer Research	3
4	5 Ohio State Buckeyes VS Texas Longhorns	6 THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ON 6 JANUARY 2009 AT 1930	7 	8  House Committee Mtg 1930	9  Color Guard Steak Nite	10
11	12  Ladies Aux. Meeting 7:30 PM	13  Post Member Mtg. 1930	14 Brats & Beer	 Friday 16th Men's Aux Fish Fry and Mtg Nite	16 Shipwrecked in Margari- taville!! Beach Party DJ David &	17
18	19	20	21 Chef Bob	22	23 Mid Winter Conference in Independence, Ohio January 22nd thru 25th	24
25  VA Hospital Visit	26	27	28	29	30 Canteen TBA	31

Ladies Auxiliary Youth Chairman

Hello, hope everyone had a good holiday and enjoyed yourselves.

As stated before, my "Special Project" for the Youth Program is to collect the General Mills Box Tops for Education. I am placing a challenge to all our members to bring in or send me their box tops and I will be awarding a gift to the one that collects the most. I will collect them during January and February, awarding the gift at the end of March.

If you can not bring them in you are welcome to send them to the Post, Attention: Ladies Auxiliary, be sure you have your name and address or phone number on your entries in case you win.

THANK YOU in advance for your support to our Youth Program.

Fran Trimmer
Youth Chairman

Post 9473 Service Officer

With the election over a new president elected we as Veterans must join together and let our elected officials know how we feel about the VA system and what improvements we need.

Our voice must be heard not only for us but our troops coming home. Did you know approximately 36% of the returning Vets don't know where to go or who to contact for basic assistance and end up homeless or even commit suicide? Its true. Please help me help them and you.

If you know of a Veteran or family of a Vet that needs assistance or information give me their information or have them call me at 614-506-1974 and I will get them the assistance they need or at least get them the information they need.

Mike Moehl

Friday, January 16 , 2009

BEACH PARTY!

THEME: Shipwrecked in Margaritaville
Your costume is easy, come dressed as if you were shipwrecked on Gilligan's Island. Dirt, grime, rips, tears are all OK!! Time to kick back, enjoy good food, drink and PARTY!

D J's David & Faye entertaining with your favorite tunes

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