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Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a joyous New Year. We were really busy last month with our FRG Groups coming in, the Christmas parties and collecting for the Toys for Tots program. I want thank all of you for the help. Come on down to the Post for SOUPER SATURDAY 1-9-09, second week in January.

Well winter is here and I would like to give you some Safe Driving Tips. Make sure your car is winterized. Keeping your car in good condition decreases the chances of being stranded in cold weather.

Have a mechanic check your antifreeze, oil level, wipers, ignition system, thermostat, lights, exhaust system, heater and brakes. If necessary change to winter grade oil. Make sure your tires have adequate tread. All weather radials are usually adequate for most winter driving conditions.

Make sure your cell phone is fully charged, in case you become stranded you can call for help. Have a windshield scraper and a small broom in your car for snow and ice removal. Plan long trips carefully, try to travel during daylight hours,

Call the state highway patrol for the latest road conditions and let someone know of your destination, your route, and the time you expect to be there.

If you get stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

Important Dates in January

1 January= New years day

18 January= Martin Luther King's Birthday

20-24 January= Mid Winter Convention, Columbus Ohio

27 January 1973= Signing of the Peace Accords (Vietnam)

Have a safe one....



Yours in Comradeship, **Larry Brown**

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that this New Year will be even better!

Due to the 1st of the month following on New Years day, there will be **no** Ladies Auxiliary dinner this month!

At the last Ladies Auxiliary we accepted. 3 new members, they are Cecelia Behrens, Janet Loughry & Carolyn Peterreit.

One of our new members, that we accepted last month, was able to attend our meeting. Welcome Suzanne Lawrence, very glad you could make it. Hoping other members will make plans to attend the next Ladies Auxiliary meeting. Start your new year out with a bang.

We voted to send a \$25.00 phone card each to two female soldiers stationed in Iraq. Names were given to us by "Support the Soldiers" Profits from the December, 2009 dinner of \$115.00 will be sent as a donation to the VFW PAC Fund. We are also making a donation of \$425.00 to the Cancer Aid & Research Fund.

A very special "Thank you" goes out to Nancy Cox for doing the Children's Christmas party she worked very hard on this and to the volunteers she had that were her helpers.

We would also like to thank the Reynoldsburg VFW Color Guard for going to the December Hospital visit with us. They purchased apples and socks to give to the patients.

Dates to remember

January 9, 2010 – the District #11 Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Banquet will be held at our Post starting at 4pm.

January 11, 2010- Ladies Auxiliary meeting @ 6:30pm

January 21-24 2010 – the Dept of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn off Sinclair Rd. in Columbus, Ohio.

Circulating around the post is copies of the National Home for Children's labels that are being collected, pick up a copy and continue to bring those in those items for them.

Thank you goes out to all the Ladies for your support in 2009. Let's continue the love and support for our veterans and each other making 2010 the BEST ever!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA and our troops, continue to PRAY for them.

Ladies Auxiliary President

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Color Guard

Hope that everyone had a great Holiday. Now that we have started a new year, it's time that we settle in and remember why we joined the VFW and Color Guard.

We all have different reasons why we joined. Some joined to buy cheap drinks, or a quiet place to come to. It's funny the longer that we are here the more we want to get involved, to help our Veterans. The Color Guard is a good example.

We as a unit our top responsibly is to bury our American heroes, and give them the honor that they deserve. We also want to help the post in any way that we can. It is up to all of us as post members to help our members, their families, fellow veterans and post any way that we can. If you are a member that hasn't been around the post for awhile stop in and support **your Post** and our members.

Dates to Remember for January

Jan. 4th Color Guard meeting 7PM

Jan. 8th Color Guard steak night be at post by 5PM

Jan. 9th Dist. VOD Banquet be at Post by 3:15 PM (DRESS uniform w/white field scarf)

Jan. 12th Post meeting 7:30 PM

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You can call our XO Gary (Jaws) Pfaff @ (614) 861-2968 or myself at (740) 862-4404 or email tracks024@yahoo.com.

Semper Fi, Steve (tracks) Trimmer Captain

Greetings from the #9473 Men's Aux.

Last month the Men's Auxiliary five year anniversary was recognized at the Post Anniversary Dinner. District Commander John Amburgey, Post Commander Larry Brown and others expressed their appreciation for our efforts at the Post.

We've grown our membership and now have a banner, flags and poles. We have participated in the Fourth of July Parade, POW/ MIA Vigil and the Founders Day Ceremony. We have been asked to and will attend the House Committee meetings. We've made contributions to the Post and the community when the need arises.

Your Men's Auxiliary is an active participant of VFW Post 9473. Please consider joining in our efforts. We need your help and welcome all to further Veterans causes.

Please remember that if you have not paid your dues pay as soon as possible. Your key cards will not work unless your dues is current.

I want to wish all a Happy New Year and I hope to see you at the Post.

Ron Stake President



Canteen Manager

Prepare yourself for the frigid temps, come down and get warm with us, we are serving hot cocoa along with our pizzas, subs.

Our annual Souper Saturday will be January 9, 2010. Please bring your favorite soup and join us for the fun and camaraderie.

2nd Wednesday is beer and brats, 4th Wednesday is wing night, I still need someone to step up to cook up their specialty for us on the other two Wednesday nites.

Don't forget our Queen of Hearts drawing on Tuesday nights.








The Canteen will be serving Cabbage Rolls for our dinner on January 29.

Terri Wilhelm—Canteen Manager



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 GO BUCKS Post Home closed on New Years Day	2
3	4  Color Guard Mtg 7 PM	5 Tuesday Nites are Queen of Hearts Drawing	6	7	8  Color guard Steak Nite	9 SOUPER Saturday Dist. #11 VOD Dinner
10	11  Ladies Aux. Mtg 6:30 PM	12  Post Member Mtg 7:30	13  Beer & Brats nite	14	15  Men's Aux. Fish Fry Mtg to follow	16
17	18	19 	20	21 Mid Winter Convention	22 Mid Winter Convention	23 Mid Winter Convention
24  V A Hospital Visit	25	26 	27	28	29 Canteen serving Cabbage Rolls	30
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2010 Ladies Auxiliary Membership Dues

As of December 31, 2009, we still have a very large quantity of members who have not submitted the \$17.00 for their 2010 membership dues.

If you did not receive the "Dues Reminder Notice" sent out in August 10, 2009 we are sorry that you did not get that notice.

We need your 2010 membership to ensure that the Auxiliary can continue to work for the best interest of our veterans and their families and to be an advocate for our veterans' rights and entitlements.

So please make those checks out to LAVFW #9473. The dues amount again is \$17.00 and send them to Anna Clendenen, Treasurer, 208 Winter Green Loop, SW, Pataskala OH 43062, or drop the check off at the Post home. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-740-927-4644 (Home #) or 1-614-774-9374 (Cell #) or by e-mail at amclendenen@columbus.rr.com.

If you are no longer interested in belonging to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, please write us a short note of explanation or give me a call so that we can make sure that you are taken off our roster.

Just remember you or the Veteran that gave you your eligibility may one day need help and without paid members, this organization will no longer be able to exist to help you!

Sisters, also we need you to do us a favor. When we send out dues reminder letters or make calls to our annual members, we unfortunately then are informed by the family members of the death of one of our much cherished members. I try to watch the notices in the Columbus Dispatch, but I do not always have the time to read it them every day. Please remind your family members of your membership to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and to let us know of your illness or passing. In addition, we need to know as soon as possible of an address change. We really want to make sure that you receive your Post newsletter and your National Magazine.

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