



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

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## Post 1461 Message

November/December 2007

### ★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Men's Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Poppy Sales**

Sign up sheet on bulletin board in the lounge.

Please help out this worthy cause.



**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sock Hop \$7.00 per person**

Food from 5-7:00, Dancing 6-10:00

Come with us back in time for a fun filled evening.



**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Feather Party**

Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.

Starts at 5:00 pm



**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans' Day Parade**

Line up at 9:00 am. Step-off at 9:30 am.

Parade starts at Parking Lot #5 between Main & Whitney Blvd.

Men's dress – Service uniform or gray slacks, navy blazer and tie.

Ladies' dress – Navy slacks, white blouse & shoes. If cold, white sweatshirt.

Please join us and support our Veterans.

In case of inclement weather, service will be held at VFW.

Serving Hots and Brats at 5:00 pm.

Lounge open normal hours.

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Meeting**

Post and Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm

The post will be nominating and electing a new Surgeon at this meeting. Please be sure to attend.

**Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Men's Paid-Up Membership Dinner**

Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Please try to pay your dues before then.



**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Lounge hours 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Free Appetizers. First Tom & Jerry

FREE with any food donation to the needy Christmas baskets.



**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Feather Party**

Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.

Starts at 5:00 pm



**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast**

8:00 am til 11:00 am

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

Adults - \$5.00 • Children 12 and under - \$2.00

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Birthday/Anniversary Bash**

Starts at 5:30 pm in the Lounge.

Sign up at the bar & bring a dish to pass.



**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Children's Christmas Party**



1:00 to 3:00 pm for members' children and grandchildren ONLY. You MUST sign your children/grandchildren up at the club by November 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets on the shelves in the entryway.

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K-Mart**

Please consider taking a little bit of your time to raise money for the less fortunate. Sign up sheet in the lounge.



**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting**

Post and Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm



**Friday, December 14th – Feather Party**  
 Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.  
 Starts at 5:00 pm

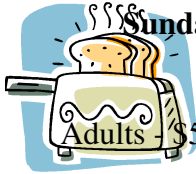


**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**  
 Club will be OPEN normal hours.



**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Baskets**

For those in need – we will be collecting dry goods and canned foods in the Lounge between Thanksgiving and Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We NEED VOLUNTEERS to help fill and deliver baskets.



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**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

Lounge closes at 4:00 pm



**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

CLOSED



**Friday December 28th – Feather Party**  
 Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.  
 Starts at 5:00 pm

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
 New Year's Eve Party**

Toast in the New Year at the Club with FREE champagne, party favors and hot and cold snacks.



Our deepest condolences are extended to the families and friends of the following deceased:

- Comrade Dale Blake
- Comrade George Lee
- Comrade John Revolinski
- Comrade Larry Grunwald
- Comrade George Pickett
- Sister Rose Cook
- Sister Bonnie Jury (Past President)

**75-1 Club is now the 85-1 Club**

If anyone is interested in signing up for the next **85-1 Club**, inquire in the Lounge. It's the best deal in town.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

You "join" by paying \$30. Then every Friday a name is drawn. If you are present, you receive \$20; if you are not present, you still win \$5. At the end of 25 +/- weeks, you and a guest will enjoy a dinner consisting of steak, baked potato, salad and dessert. Before dinner you will be served delicious snacks, dips, cheese and relish trays and an open bar for 1 hour. After the steak dinner, each person attending will be given 3 drink tickets to be used that evening.



What a great way to have an evening out and possibly win some of your \$30 back.

The next dinner will be Saturday, April 12, 2007.  
 Cocktails at 5:00; Dinner at 6:00.

- Commander – Greg Kelm
- Ladies' Aux President – Mary Taylor
- Men's Aux President – Martin Johnson
- Bar Manager – Dolly Hamill



Don't forget to bring your Campbell's Labels for Education in to donate for the VFW National Children's Home.



If you know anyone in the hospital, let us know.  
 Men's Hospital Chairman  
 Gordy Hammond 815-547-6501  
 Ladies' Hospital Chairwoman  
 Betty Lundvall 815-399-3030

Don't forget to check out our website. This is where you will find updates to Post 1461 news and current events and links to other important information.



<http://www.vfw1461.com>

#### A Word about Checks

A bounced check will have your name(s) placed on the "DO NOT CASH LIST" posted on the cash registers. The club does not have the time to chase down bad checks. Please do not take your frustrations out on the bartender on duty if your check is not accepted. The bartenders are following the directives of the Executive Board on check cashing policies. The only person who can cause your name to be put on the list is the person who writes the check.

Of course, if there is a banking error, and we know they occasionally do make errors, this will not apply. The post has absolutely no problem with the 99.9% of the good members who write checks.

**New Policy: No more than 3 checks will be cashed from the same person or bank account in any one day.**

Due to the increasing cost of liquor and liquor taxes, the increase in utilities, and the cost of just keeping the club running, there will be a small increase starting November 1<sup>st</sup> on the higher priced mixed drinks and shots. It has been a long time since we have increased the prices on drinks, and even with this small increase, the prices at the club are still the best deal in town. The prices of bottled, canned and draft beer will remain the same. Some mixed drinks and shots will remain at \$1.50.

#### Commander's Message:

*The Support the Troops project is still going strong. Through October 12<sup>th</sup> we have shipped over 2,200 pounds of items to the troops. It is very important that you keep the club updated with any new names of soldiers from our area who are in Iraq or Afghanistan. It is equally important to know the month of their return. Postage is over \$1 per pound, and recently we have received a couple packages back because we did not know the soldiers had returned home. We cannot afford to waste our postage dollars.*

*If we get enough people to participate, we will be having a big Super Bowl party at the club on the Sunday of the game. Those who choose to come to this event should have a very good time. More information to follow.*

#### Volunteers Needed:

*We still need help with Bingo on Sunday afternoons. If you are able and would be willing to help with bingo selling tickets from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm, or passing out money from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm, it would be greatly appreciated. If you could help just a few times a year, it would be a great break for the people who help almost every Sunday all year long.*

*The same request also applies to feather parties, dinners we serve, breakfasts once a month, kids' Christmas party, picnic, men's night, Auxiliary functions, etc., etc.*

*I would like to say "thank you" to all the people who do step up when we need help. Without you, we would not have a club.*

*Greg*

#### Thursday Night Suppers

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Baked Chicken - \$7  
 Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Pork Roast - \$7  
 Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – No Supper  
 Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Supper  
 Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Prime Rib - \$9  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Pork Ribs - \$7  
 Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Baked Chicken - \$7  
 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Beef Tips/Noodles - \$7  
 Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – No Supper

Meals are served from 5-7:00 pm unless sold out before 7:00.

Commander – Greg K  
 Ladies' Aux President – Ma  
 Men's Aux President – Martin  
 Bar Manager – Dolly Hamill



# November

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>   | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i>   | <i>Fri</i>  | <i>Sat</i>                   |
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|   |  |            |            | <b>1</b><br>Men's Aux Meeting<br>7:00 pm<br>Baked Chicken<br>Supper 5-7:00 | <b>2</b><br>Poppy Sales   | <b>3</b><br>Sock Hop 5:00 pm |
| <b>4</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>Pork Roast Supper 5-<br>7:00                                   | <b>9</b><br>Feather Party 5:00 pm                                     | <b>10</b>                    |
| <b>11</b><br>NO BINGO<br>Veterans' Day Parade<br>9:00 am                          | <b>12</b><br>Post & Ladies' Aux<br>Meeting 7:00 pm | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>No Supper   | <b>16</b><br>Men's Paid-Up<br>Dinner<br>Cocktails 6:00<br>Dinner 7:00 | <b>17</b>                    |
| <b>18</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm  | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Thanksgiving<br>Open 10-6:00<br>No Supper                     | <b>23</b><br>Feather Party 5:00 pm                                    | <b>24</b>                    |
| <b>25</b><br>Breakfast 8-11:00<br>Bingo 1:00 pm<br>Birthday/Anniv Bash<br>5:30 pm | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>Prime Rib Supper 5-<br>7:00                                   | <b>30</b>   |                              |
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# December

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|  |   |   |            |  |                                    | <b>1</b><br>Children's Christmas<br>Party 1-3:00 pm |
| <b>2</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Men's Aux Meeting<br>7:00 pm<br>Pork Rib Supper 5-<br>7:00 | <b>7</b>                           | <b>8</b><br>Salvation Army Bell<br>Ringing          |
| <b>9</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm  | <b>10</b><br>Post & Ladies' Aux<br>Meeting 7:00 pm        | <b>11</b>                                 | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>Baked Chicken<br>Supper 5-7:00                            | <b>14</b><br>Feather Party 5:00    | <b>15</b><br>Fill & deliver<br>Christmas Baskets    |
| <b>16</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>                                 | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>Beef Tips/Noodles<br>Supper 5-7:00                        | <b>21</b>                          | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b><br>Breakfast 8-11:00 am<br>Bingo 1:00 pm<br>Birthday/Anniv Bash<br>5:30 pm | <b>24</b><br>Christmas Eve<br>Lounge closes at 4:00<br>pm | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day<br>Club Closed | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>No Supper   | <b>28</b><br>Feather Party 5:00 pm | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30</b><br>Bingo 1:00 pm   | <b>31</b><br>New Year's Eve<br>Party                      | <b>Jan 1</b><br>Club Open Normal<br>Hours |            |  |                                    |   |

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