



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Post 1461 Message

March/April 2009

★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

Thursday, March 5th

Men's Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nomination of Officers for 2009-10 Year

Sunday, March 8th

Remember to change your clocks at
2:00 am
Spring Forward !!



Monday, March 9th

Post and Auxiliary Meetings
7:00 pm – Please try to attend
Nomination of Officers for 2009-10 Year

Friday, March 13th – Feather Party

Meat raffles in the Lounge with
benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.
Starts at 5:30 pm



Scholarship applications for children and grandchildren of paid up members, who have been members for at least one full year, will be available in the Lounge March 13th. *These scholarships are awarded one time only per recipient, with the number of awards dependent upon available funds.* Thank you for participating and making this program available to our high school seniors. Applications must be returned by Monday April 20th.

Saturday, March 14th

St. Patrick's Day Party
5 – 7:00 In the Lounge
Corned Beef & Cabbage \$6.00



Sunday, March 22nd - Breakfast

8:00 am till 11:00 am
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Adults - \$6.00 • Children 12 and under - \$2.00



Sunday, March 22nd -

Birthday/Anniversary Bash

Starts at 5:30 pm in the Lounge
Sign up at the bar and bring a dish to pass.

Friday, March 27th – Feather Party

Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits
going to the Scholarship Fund.
Starts at 5:30 pm



Thursday, April 2nd

Men's Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm
Election of Officers – Please try to attend.

Friday, April 3rd

Men's Paid-Up Membership Dinner

Cocktails – 6:00 pm
Ham Dinner – 7:00 pm
Games to follow



Friday, April 10th – Feather Party

Meat raffles in the Lounge with benefits
going to the Scholarship Fund.
Starts at 5:30 pm



Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday

NO BINGO – CLUB OPEN

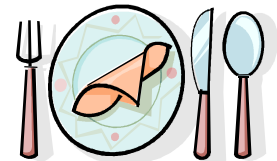


Monday, April 13th

Post and Auxiliary Meetings
7:00 pm – Please try to attend
*Nomination and Election of officers for the
2009-2010 year.*

Saturday, April 18th

**Ladies' Auxiliary Cancer
Benefit Dinner**
Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner
Serving 5 to 7:00 pm



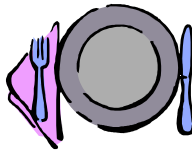
All Auxiliary members will receive tickets to buy for yourself or sell to someone else. Please send your donations in as soon as possible. Deadline for tickets is April 11th.

If you don't receive tickets or if you need additional tickets, please call Evie Rickelman at 815-547-5989.

Dinner is Reservation ONLY



Friday, April 24th – Feather Party
 Meat raffles in the Lounge with
 benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.
 Starts at 5:30 pm



Saturday, April 25th
85-1 Club Dinner
 Cocktails at 5:00
 Dinner at 6:00

Sunday, April 26th - Breakfast
 8:00 am till 11:00 am
 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT



Adults - \$6.00 • Children 12 and under - \$2.00



**Sunday, April 26th -
 Birthday/Anniversary Bash**

Starts at 5:30 pm in the Lounge
 Sign up at the bar and bring a dish to pass.



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

Comrade William Thomas
 Comrade Gordon Spangler
 Comrade Terry Osterberg
 Comrade Robert Tucker
 Comrade Milton Nelson

Sister Helen Kjos (Past Ladies' President)
 Sister Ruby Cooper

85-1 Club

The next dinner will be Saturday, April 25, 2009.
 Cocktails at 5:00; Dinner at 6:00.



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. See
 the newsletter first – always posted on the
 website before being mailed out.
<http://www.vfw1461.com>



Remember, bring in your old cell phones and chargers. They
 will be sent to Cell Phones for Soldiers and turned into phone
 cards for overseas troops. (cellphonesforsoldiers.com)



Thursday Night Suppers

March 5 – Pork Chops \$7
 March 12 – Beef Stew \$5
 March 19 – Fried Chicken \$7
 March 26 – No Supper

April 2 – Lasagna \$7
 April 9 – Chicken & Dumplings \$5
 April 16 – Meatloaf \$7
 April 27 – Scalloped Potatoes & Ham \$5
 April 30 – BBQ Ribs \$7

Suppers served from 5-6:30 or until gone



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Commander – Greg Kelm
 Ladies' Aux President – Mary Taylor
 Men's Aux President – Brian Harbison
 Bar Manager – Dolly Hamill

Commander's Message

I am honored and proud to say our Post, with the continued support from other organizations and individuals have now sent over 14,000 pounds of care packages to our well deserving men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately there was recently an unexpected \$1 increase per package (from \$10.95 to \$11.95). Presently, our shipping funds are in pretty good shape, again, thanks to all of our tireless supporters. At \$1 per pound shipping dollars can be used up quite quickly.

Our Post has seen some pretty significant increases in the price of items we buy and services we use, just as in our homes and families. Your E-Board is continually looking at ways to save your Post money. The board and I thank everyone who donates time and work around the club. We truly try to save dollars when we can, and still maintain our Post to high standards.

Our second Super Bowl Party was a huge success again this year. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped. We will be looking forward to having an even better party next year.

Many organizations lose good members every year, ours is no different. It is important to have a steady influx of new members every year. For example, if you know of a woman who would qualify for our Ladies' Auxiliary, please try to recruit her to our organization. The Ladies' Auxiliary will help you. We have a relatively young, but growing and very hard working, Men's Auxiliary. If you know someone who may be interested in joining them, please introduce him to one of the men's auxiliary officers/members.

Our Club members are also one of the biggest assets we have. There are people, whether they are Men's Auxiliary, Ladies' Auxiliary, Club, or Post, who will come down at a minute's notice and do about any job imaginable, from hanging drywall, raking up and hauling away sticks, filling holes in our lot by hand, to mopping up overflowed water by the gallons. This list is truly never ending.

Our offer is still on the table to pay the first year's dues for any qualifying VFW Post member. Hopefully they could see what we really do first hand: supporting the troops, Honor Guard, Salvation Army, Cancer Society, Food Pantry, Scouts, Christmas Baskets for people in need; and hopefully they would come to our annual payers' suppers, our Christmas Party, our Summer picnic, Ladies' Auxiliary suppers, our scholarship awards night, Veterans Day parade and party, Memorial Day parade and party, July 4th celebration, etc.



MARCH 2009

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1 Bingo 1:00	2	3 Veteran Employment Rep Here 2:30-4:30	4	5 Men's Aux Meeting 7:00 - Nomination of Officers Pork Chop Supper 5:00 pm \$7	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Bingo 1:00 	9 Post & Ladies' Aux Meetings 7:00 - Nomination of Officers	10	11	12 Beef Stew Supper 5:00 pm \$5	13 Feather Party 5:30	14 St. Patrick's Day Party - Corn Beef & Cabbage 5-7 pm \$6.00
15 Bingo 1:00	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Veteran Employment Rep Here 2:30-4:30	18	19 Fried Chicken Supper 5:00 pm \$7	20	21
22 Breakfast 8-11 Bingo 1:00 Birthday/Anniv Bash 5:30	23	24	25	26 No Supper - Cooks on Vacation	27 Feather Party 5:30	28
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12 Easter Sunday No Bingo Club Open	13 Post & Ladies' Aux Meeting 7:00 - Election of Officers	14 Veteran Employment Rep Here 2:30-4:30	15	16 Meatloaf Supper 5 pm \$7	17	18 Ladies' Aux Cancer Benefit Dinner 5- 7:00 pm
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