



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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POST 1461 MESSAGE

March/April 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 1st
Men's Auxiliary Meeting
Nomination of Officers • 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 9th
Feather Party
5:00 p.m. in Lounge • Meat Raffles
Benefits going to the Scholarship Fund



Sunday, March 11th
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring Ahead One Hour

Monday, March 12th
Post and Auxiliary Meetings
The Post will be holding Nomination of Officers
7:00 p.m. - Please try to attend!

Saturday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day Dinner IN THE LOUNGE
Corned Beef and Cabbage
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
\$7.00 per person

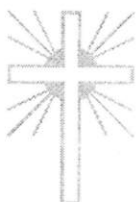


Friday, March 23rd
Feather Party
5:00 p.m. in Lounge
Scholarship forms for children and grandchildren
of paid-up members will be available in
the Lounge March 10th.
*These Scholarships are awarded
one time only per recipient.*
Thank You for participating and making this
program available to our youth.
Forms must be returned by Monday April 9th.

Sunday, March 25th
Breakfast
8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.
All-U-Can-Eat
Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 & under \$2.00

Sunday, March 25th
Birthday/Anniversary Bash
Starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge
Sign Up at the Bar & Bring a dish to pass

Thursday, April 5th
Men's Auxiliary Meeting
Election of Officers • 7:00 pm



EASTER • Sunday, April 8th
NO BINGO
CLUB WILL BE OPEN!!!

Monday April 9th
Post and Auxiliary Meetings
Post and Auxiliary will hold Nominations and Election
of Officers for 2006-2007 starting at 7:00 p.m.
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!

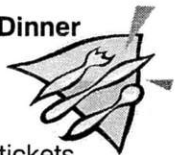
Friday April 13th
Feather Party
5:00 p.m. in Lounge
Meat Raffles - Benefits going to the Scholarship Fund

Friday, April 20th
Men's Paid-up Membership Dinner
Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.
Ham Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
Games to follow.

Sunday April 22nd
Breakfast 8:00 am till 11:00 am
ALL-U-CAN-EAT
Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under \$2.00

Friday April 27th
Feather Party
5:00 p.m. in Lounge
Meat Raffles - Benefits to Scholarship Fund
Scholarships will be awarded and food served.
Last Feather Party until fall.

Saturday April 28th
Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Benefit Dinner
Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner.
Serving 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



All Auxiliary members will receive tickets
to use yourself or sell to someone else.
Please send your donations in as soon as possible.
Deadline for tickets is April 21st.

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

Dinner is Reservation ONLY
Band - Dale Rhode Crossroads - starts 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, APRIL 29th
Birthday/Anniversary Bash
Starts at 5:30 in the Lounge
Sign Up at the Bar & Bring a dish to pass

Announcements



Effective 2/12/07:

All new membership applications for club (social) members will be presented to the Executive Board

on the monthly meeting night (second Monday of the month) for approval or denial into the Boone County Veterans Club. This is the same procedure that is followed for all other members.

NEW VFW CHECK CASHING POLICY

- No checks will be cashed from non-members
- No check will be accepted for over \$100
- No post-dated checks will be cashed. Checks will be deposited on the next banking day.
- Check It (Rockford Mercantile) will be collecting all NSF & closed account checks returned to the club, and they will be charging a minimum of \$25 per check for their services to the check writer.

If you know anyone in the hospital, let us know.

Men's Hospital Chairman
Gordy Hammond 815-547-6501
Ladies' Hospital Chairman
Betty Lundvall 815-399-3030



Reminders



Several people have not finished paying for the 75-1 Club dinner. Please keep paid up so you will be in all remaining Friday night drawings to maybe win back some of your money.

It is not too late to still attend the 75-1 Dinner. The cost is only \$30 per couple for a great steak dinner, appetizers before dinner, open bar for one hour before dinner and drink tickets afterward only good for the night of the 75-1 dinner, APRIL 14th. You must be paid up in full in order to attend the dinner.



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

Comrade Earl Stroup
Sister Lucy Porter
Comrade Lennart Nelson
Comrade Robert Roenneburg
Sister Hilma Keator
Sister Frances Marchese
Comrade Stanley Winchester
Comrade Frank Rulison

Commander's Message

First I would like to say congratulations to Evie Rickelman for all her hard work on the Ladies' Auxiliary membership drive. Evie was recently recognized by the Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary for all her hard work. Great Job Evie!

A you see, the club is in the process of many ongoing repairs. I truly appreciate your understanding that there may be a little noise and the smell of fresh pain to contend with. Hopefully, we will soon have the dance hall painted. I am hoping to get an unused part of the basement repaired so it will be available for smaller private parties. (Some of you remember it as the Elks' Room). Our membership is the greatest resource of knowledge for the benefit and betterment of our club, so please keep making the great suggestions you have provided me with. Most of you see me from time to time at the club, and I am looking for a place to put a suggestion box. Any suggestions?

I have asked before, and I will again: we usually play Bingo here at the club every Sunday. We have a great group of members that show up every Sunday and help, but we are still short handed when it comes to having a person to help pass out money to the lucky winners. Right now, I have Chuck E. (when he has a Sunday off), Betty L, Jack L and Larry G, (when he has a Sunday off). It is unfortunate with a club our size, that occasionally one of the players cannot play bingo because there is no one here to pass out the winnings. I also need people to call back numbers from the basement. So... if you could possibly help just a couple times a year, it would really help the club out. Call me @ 815-544-6200 or talk to me at the club.

As mentioned above, nominations for officers are in March, and elections are in April. If you like the direction the club is going in, it is important that you vote! If you don't like the direction the club is going in, it is important that you vote!

Lastly, "thank you" to all of you who help with so many things here at the club: the feather parties, The Sunday breakfasts, the Lions' suppers, the Coon Creek Casters' meals, Sunday Bingo, the birthday bashes, selling tickets at events, restocking the bar for the bartenders, funeral luncheons, the picnic, the kids' Christmas party the daily cleaning, making repairs, the Thursday night suppers, the funeral detail, keeping me informed if something needs attention or fixing, picking up supplies that the club may run out of, and on and on and on.

And a special thanks to all our bartenders, who go above and beyond the call of duty to help make our club work.

And last but certainly not least, I want to say "Thank you" to everyone who comes down to the club to support the feather parties, the breakfasts, the suppers, and all other events. It is because of our members and a great bunch of volunteers that our club is a success.

Greg

Commander - Greg Kelm
Ladies' Aux President - Rita Frank
Men's Aux President - Martin Johnson
Bar Manager - Dolly Hamill

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 March 2007				1 Men's Aux Meeting 7:00 Baked Chicken Dinner 5:00	2	3
4 Bingo 1:00	5	6	7	8 Lasagna Dinner 5:00	9 Feather Party 5:00	10
11  Daylight Savings Time Spring Ahead Bingo 1:00	12 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	13	14	15 Ham Dinner 5:00	16	17  St. Patrick's Day Dinner Lounge 4 - 7:00
18 Bingo 1:00	19	20	21	22 No Dinner	23 Feather Party 5:00	24
25 Breakfast 8 - 11:00 Bingo 1:00 Birthday Bash 5:30	26	27	28	29 Prime Rib Dinner 5:00 \$7.00	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo 1:00	2	3	4	5 Men's Aux Meeting 7:00 Chicken & Dumpling Dinner 5:00	6	7
8  Club Open No Bingo	9 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	10	11	12 Salisbury Steak Dinner 5:00	13 Feather Party 5:00	14
15 Bingo 1:00	16	17	18	19 BBQ Rib Dinner 5:00	20 Men's Paid-up Dinner 6:00	21
22 Breakfast 8 - 11:00 Bingo 1:00	23	24	25	26 Fried Fish Dinner 5:00	27 Feather Party 5:00 Last one till fall	28 Ladies' Auxiliary Cancer Benefit Dinner 5 - 7:00
29 Bingo 1:00 Birthday Bash 5:30	30	April 2007 				

Our troops in Iraq need some very basic items. Post 1461 is looking for items to be donated to send to the troops and places that will allow us to place a container to collect items. Some items needed are: eye wetting drops, saline nose drops, Chapstick, lotion, unscented baby wipes, shampoo, beef jerky, slim jims, fruit roll ups, Gardettos, AA & AAA batteries, pens, pencils, twin sheets, hand held games, etc. A full list is posted in the VFW lounge.

Call Chuck McGee for containers.

815-544-8921



Also, wounded soldiers recovering from injuries would really appreciate receiving "Get Well" or "Thinking of You" cards. Send cards to:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20307-5001

Thursday Night Suppers

Serving from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
(or until food is gone)

Take-Outs Welcome

March 1 - Baked Chicken \$6.00

March 8 - Lasagna \$6.00

March 15 - Ham \$6.00

March 22 - **No Supper**

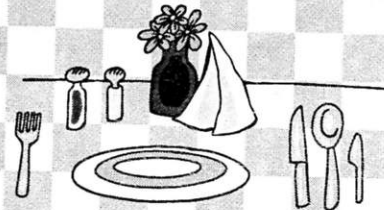
March 29 - Prime Rib \$7.00

April 5 - Chicken & Dumplings \$6.00

April 12 - Salisbury Steak \$6.00

April 19 - BBQ Ribs \$6.00

April 26 - Fried Fish \$6.00



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