

NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER - Glen Hoffer

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LADIES AUX. PRES. - Dorothy Adams

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Dear Members,

This will be my last newsletter, after serving as Post Commander for two years. We will start July with a new Commander. I would like to thank everyone who helped during my two terms to improve the post and community. I would also

hope that you give the new Commander the same or even more help during his time in office.

One thing that I am going to do, now that I have a little more free time, is finish a project that I started. That is make up a hand out of how the Post and Canteen work, this will be for new members but there might be some things that older members are not aware of. Things like, the daily sign in book (how it works). Why guests are not allowed to spend any money. Volunteer chips (how do you get them and what are they good for). Blood bank (how to use it if it's needed). What can you get when you donate blood? Being able to buy flags from the Post. Also if you are a Veteran and need to file a claim (where do you go to get help). These are just a few of the things that a member of the Post or canteen should have knowledge of.

One more thank you is needed and that is to the Ladies Auxiliary for all the support they have given to the Post and Community over the years. Most of all for the Valentine day cards and for making afghans and lap covers (for those in wheelchairs) for the Veterans in the long-term section at the VA Medical Center.

Again thanks to everyone for your support and may God bless you and may He watch over the troops and soon bring them home safe and sound.



Serving the Post and Community
Glen J. Hoffer, Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Sisters,

By the time this newsletter reaches you the entire auxiliary's end of the year reports will have been finished and mailed to district president, Betty Palese. Thank you for all the hard work and the donations.

There was a good response for kitchen items for the Ronald MacDonald House and Hope Lodge. We are still collect soda can tabs and shiny newspaper and fliers. The newspapers can be put in the bin at your grocery stores. You can weigh your papers on the bathroom scale. Let us know how many pounds and your mileage.

The Ham Dinner information is in this newsletter. We need your help and baked goods to make this a successful fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Hope to see you there.

Election of officers will be held at our auxiliary meeting on April 19th. Come out and vote for your candidate. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Your continued **HELP IS NEEDED!** We can only participate in as many VFW programs as we have volunteers for. Perhaps with your time and expertise we can support a new VFW program.

Remember to continue to pray for our service men and women. Also pray for our government that they make all the right decisions and bring our troops home soon.



Bless America! Keep her safe!

Dorothy Mae Adams
Ladies Auxiliary President

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Many articles throughout this newsletter are about fundraising activities such as the Ladies Auxiliary Ham Dinner, the Post's 15-week Raffle and Picnic, the Buddy Poppy distribution, the Chicken BBQ sale, and the new Summer Raffle and Picnic. While fundraising is important to the financial survival of our Post, Auxiliary, and Canteen, it is equally important that we share comradeship as VFW Canteen members. Please support as many of our fundraising activities as possible. The funds raised enables the Post, Auxiliary and Canteen to provide the many programs for our members, Veterans, Community, and Youth.

During the past three months our VFW Post has supported the youth and community through the VFW Patriot Pen essay contest and the VFW National Home for Orphans. We have also sponsored youth baseball and softball teams in both East and West Hanover Townships. We have provided for birthday parties for Veterans at Lebanon VA Medical Center, and supported our deployed service members through the mailing of care packages. We have contributed to the USO and to the VFW "Operation Uplink" for the distribution of phone cards to our deployed and hospitalized Veterans.

During the next three months, we will be providing the youth with the Community Easter Egg Hunt, and supporting our Veterans at the Lebanon VA Medical Center at Senators' baseball games and cruises on the Pride of the Susquehanna. Additionally, we will be distributing Buddy Poppies on Memorial Day weekend and can surely use a few hours of your help. Also, on Memorial Day the Post Honor Guard will be rendering honors to our fallen comrades at the Post and at each of the four cemeteries in East Hanover Township.

As always, I ask you for your support through our various fundraisers as well as through your personal donation of your time. The survival of our Post depends on both.



**Yours in Comradeship,
Tom Gordon, Quartermaster**

CANTEEN UPDATE

Dear Members,

June is right around the corner which means the 15 week picnic is just about here. If anyone would like to volunteer a couple of hours in the kitchen see Greg or myself.

Recently we started a Saturday afternoon beer special from Noon until 2 PM. We are offering domestic bottled beer for \$1.00. The kitchen is open so come out and have a burger and a beer for lunch.

For those who haven't noticed, policies have changed and we have discontinued the use of the guest sign-in book.

I want to thank everyone who came out for the Super Bowl Party, everyone had a good time.

As always see Greg or myself with any questions, ideas or complaints. And thanks you for all your support in keeping the Canteen as successful as it is.

Kenneth Straub, Canteen Manager

ACTIVE MEMBERS DEATH BENEFIT

Each Active member should have received an updated Death Benefits card via a separate mailing. We are also updating our files to ensure we have verification of your membership eligibility on file. If you receive a request for this information, please help us up date our files. If you did not receive your benefits card please contact the post.

POST NEWSLETTER

We are now publishing an edition of our post newsletter in full color in a pdf format. It is available on our website. If you are capable of retrieving this edition and no longer require the mailed two color edition send us an e-mail. We will remove you from our newsletter mailing list. This will save us some money. We are also looking at some software that will allow us to send out e-newsletters. We envision these being sent out as reminders and when ever something happens. Let us know if you would be interested in this service so we can start creating a e-mail database. Send your request to vfw9639@paonline.com

15 WEEK RAFFLE / FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser is already in full swing. Drawings are being held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. Come out to the drawings and try to punch out your own number. The final drawing will be at 3:00 PM at the raffle picnic on June 3, 2007. The picnic is for raffle ticket holders only. As I am writing this article there are still a few remaining tickets, but they will not last long. This raffle is the post's biggest fundraiser.

Food will be served from Noon until 5:00 PM. No food will be served during the raffle drawing. We ask that you take all you can eat, BUT eat all you take. Please, No Tables Reserved unless you stay with the table.

**ALL UNSOLD TICKETS
ARE THE PROPERTY OF POST 9639**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/7 - Easter Egg Hunt - 1 PM Start
- 4/13 - VAMC Senators Baseball Game
- 4/14 - Road Clean-Up - 9 AM
- 4/15 - Dauphin County Meeting - Gratz - 2 PM
- 4/16-20 - Salute to Hospital Volunteers
- 4/19 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 4/21 - Soft Ball Season Opening Ceremony - 9 AM
- 4/24 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 4/26 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 4/28 - Picnic Woods Opening - 9 AM
- 4/29 - 18th District Meeting - Mechanicsburg 2 PM
- 5/9 - Veterans River Boat Cruise - 10 AM
- 5/12 - Auxiliary Ham Dinner - 4 PM - 7 PM
- 5/13 - Mothers Day
- 5/17 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 5/24 - Place Flags at Cemeteries 6 PM
- 5/24 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 5/25 - VAMC Senators Baseball Game
- 5/26-28 - Poppy Fund Raiser - All Weekend
- 5/28 - Memorial Day Ceremonies & Celebration
- 5/29 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 6/3 - 15 Week Picnic - Noon - Canteen Closed
- 6/13 - Veterans River Boat Cruise - 10 AM
- 6/13 - Road Clean-Up 6 PM
- 6/16 - Chicken BBQ
- 6/17 - Fathers Day - Hug your Father
- 6/21 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 6/21 - VAMC Senators Baseball Game
- 6/26 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 6/28 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BUDDY POPPY FUNDRAISER

During this upcoming Memorial Day weekend we will be asking our members to volunteer their time to distribute **Buddy Poppies** to the public at K-mart, Wal-Mart, and Sam's Club. Let us know if you can help with this Fund raising project. The Buddy Poppy distribution is the Post's second largest source of income to support our Veterans' programs.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE VETERANS

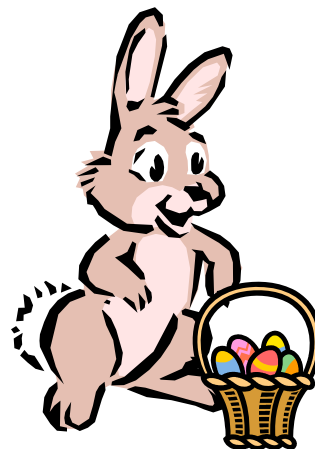
Participants meet the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Carlisle Elks. For more information Call Ralph Gamber 533-7382.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

April 7th
1 PM Start



Gates at the Picnic Grounds Open At 12:30



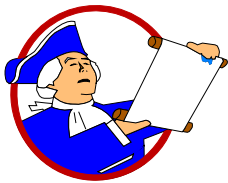
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PRIZES FOR SPECIAL EGGS!



Ladies Auxiliary Ham Dinner

May 12, 2007

4 PM to 7 PM

Adults \$7.00 Kids (4-12) \$4.00

Under 4 Free

“Come Out and Enjoy a Great Dinner”

2006 SINGLES POOL LEAGUE

After a long hard struggle the following is the final outcome of the 2006 Singles Pool League Competition. The **FIRST** place winner was Gary Koons, the **SECOND** place winner was Dave Knerr; and the **THIRD** place winner was Carl (Muggs) Bower.

The 2007 Doubles league is in it's 10th week of a 15 week schedule and to say the competition is tough is an understatement. Play is Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. The last night will be April 10th, stop in and check out the competition.

The sign up sheet for the 2007 Singles League will be posted in the canteen sometime in August. We'll put a reminder in the next newsletter, plan now to join in the fun.



Dauphin County Highway Maintenance

The post has again signed up to support the PENNDOT Adopt-A-Highway Program. For many years, several of our post members have been getting their exercise by walking the roads of East Hanover Township. This is not for pleasure but to keep the Township free of trash. Our Post is responsible for maintaining Jonestown Road, a Township road, the entire width of the Township. We also maintaining two state roads. They are, Sandbeach Road from Allentown Boulevard to Jonestown Road and Manada Gap Road from Jonestown Road to Ridge Road. Anyone needing exercise can join us 4 times a year when we go for our walk.

\$10 SUMMER RAFFLE & FAMILY PICNIC

This year we are rolling a raffle into our family picnic. We are printing 1000 tickets. There will be 50 prizes drawn and each ticket will have three chances to win. If you are interested in selling these tickets contact one of the canteen officers. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

CHICKEN BBQ & BAKE SALE



Saturday

June 16th

\$6.00

1/2 Chicken
Baked Potato
Roll & Butter

10:30 AM Until Gone

HERSHEY ENTERTAINMENT & RESORTS

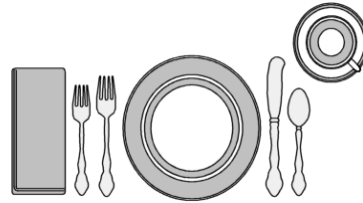
The Post has again registered for the volunteer help program with Hershey Entertainment and Resorts. Most volunteers are needed at Hershey Park, but sometimes some are needed at the Giant Center, the Stadium, and High Meadow Campground. If you are interested in receiving a free voucher for a park day-pass, contact the post to find out when help is needed and when vouchers are being awarded. A voucher is usually awarded for a single shift of 4 hours, some shifts are 8 hours and award double vouchers. There will be shifts available through out the summer and fall. The work is in the Food Service areas. You will get a voucher and the Post gets your wages. If you are working at the Giant Center you will be issued a parking pass, to park behind the Giant Center and enter the staff entrance.

Upcoming Friday Night Specials (subject to change)

Check The Menu Board for Daily Specials

- Apr 6 - Chicken Cordon Bleu / Seafood Fettuccini
13 - Stuffed Cabbage Rolls / Broiled Tilapia
20 - Baked Lasagna / Filet Mignon
27 - Baked Meatloaf / Lobster Ravioli
May 4 - Rib eye & Shrimp / Smoked Turkey over Filling
11 - Chicken Pot Pie / Salmon Cakes
18 - Stuffed Peppers / Broiled Seafood Platter
25 - Greek Chicken / Steak & Lobster
Jun 1 - 16 oz Porter House / Baked Haddock
8 - BBQ Ribs / Broiled Salmon
15 - Sicilian Meatloaf / Shrimp Scampi
22 - Beef Tips over Noodles / Broiled Crab Cakes
29 - Prime Rib / Shrimp & Broccoli Alfredo

**COME OUT & ENJOY
A GREAT MEAL**



Kitchen Hours

- Tue & Wed
5 PM to 9 PM
Thursday
4 PM to 9 PM
Friday
4 PM to 10 PM
Saturday
Noon to 9 PM
Sunday
9 AM to 12 PM
4 PM to 8 PM

The origin of "TAPS" — Author unknown

In case you ever wondered where "Taps" came from and the words to it. We have all heard it many times but few know it's origin or the words. In 1862 during the Civil War, Union Army Capt. Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing, VA. The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land. During the night, Capt. Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay wounded on the field. Crawling on his stomach through the gun fire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When he finally reached his own lines he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier - but the soldier had died.

Suddenly, the captain went numb with shock. In the dim light he saw the face of the soldier - his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and, without telling his father, enlisted in the Confederate Army. The heartbroken father asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. That request was turned down because the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, however, they said they would give him one musician. He chose a bugler, whom he asked to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

That music was the haunting bugle melody we now know as "Taps".

TAPS Lyrics

**Day is done. Gone the sun,
from the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well. Safely rest, God is nigh.
Thanks and praise, for our days,
'neath the sun,'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.**

America is number One thanks to our Veterans

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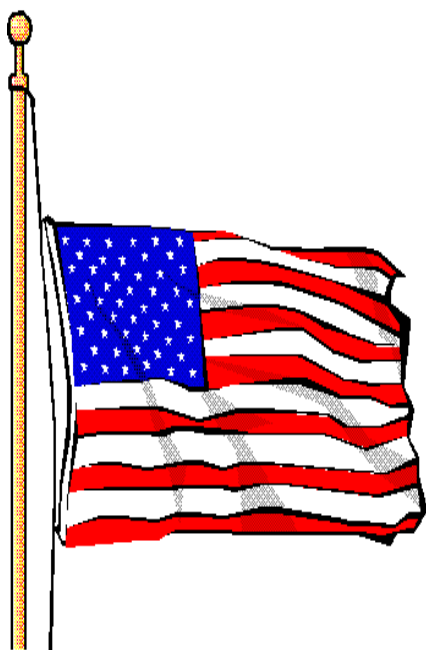
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Lest We Forget

Departed Comrades - Sisters - Post Members



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