

# NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER - Glen Hoffer

1st Qtr 2006-2007

LADIES AUX. PRES. - Dorothy Adams

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Dear Member,

I wish to thank you for all the help and support you have given this past year. I am again asking for your help and support since I will be your commander for another year. I would also like to thank everyone who did anything to help make the post and the community better. I saw some great jobs

done by quite a few people. If you could not help this past year maybe this year you might have a few minutes to help in some way. To find out what is going on, check the new bulletin board at the daily sign in book. Without your help and support the post could not survive or be able to provide all the great programs that we do.

I would like to again thank everyone who took part in my survey and I hope the changes made took care of some of the problems and suggestions that were expressed.

I would also like to apologize to any one who came into the club in mid April early May to eat and could not get served. We had a little problem where some people would sit at the bar for some time then want to order food one or two minutes before the kitchen closed, so we did a fifteen-minute last call. After hearing your complaints this was stopped. Please note the new hours for the kitchen effective July 1st. So if you were one of those people give us another chance and I am sorry for the inconvenience.

As commander of the Post I get into the canteen quite often during the month, but most of the time it is on the off hours. My time is spent going to VFW county, district, post, board of directors meetings, officer's classes, post audits and liquor control board classes. Since I may not be here when you have a problem or a suggestion, I am asking that you fill out a suggestion form which are located on the tables and place it in the suggestion box located in the main lobby.



Serving the Post and Community  
Glen J. Hoffer, Commander

## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Sisters,

Welcome to the new VFW year (2006-2007). Membership is the most important program at this time. We have lost many of the sisters through death this past year. We must make those members up on the membership in order to become 100%. It must be done no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

The department must have all membership dues in so they reach national before Christmas. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

While we are waiting for Fall Conference you all can help us with Community Service reports. Just let us know what you have done, your hours, and your mileage. We can report anything done since May 1<sup>st</sup>. Drop your information off at the post home the next time you come in for dinner. Ask the bartender to put it in the auxiliary mailbox. It doesn't need to be a long report. Reports are due every month.

Thanks to all who helped with the ham dinner. The baked goods were great. Those who worked the dining and kitchen areas did a fine job. Thank you! Thanks to Ken and his staff for their support. We really appreciated it. To the members and friends who supported us: Thank You!

All members are always welcome at the auxiliary meeting. We meet at 7:30 P.M. in the post home on the third Thursday each month.

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers. We hope they will soon be home for good. Kiss a veteran and try visiting the veterans in the VA Medical Centers and nursing homes.

God Bless America!!!! Keep her safe.



Loyally,  
Dorothy Mae Adams, Auxiliary President

## QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

It's time to take **Pride** in our accomplishments during the past year under the leadership of Commander Glen Hoffer, and to look forward towards the upcoming year. During the past year we have not only provided benefits for our Post members, but additionally, we have provided benefits to our Youth and to our Community, as well as Veterans outside our community. I wish to address a few of the benefits we provided and activities that we supported during our past year, so that you may see just how involved we are, and how beneficial we are to our local Community.

### Post Veteran Members Support:

- Veterans' beneficiary Death Benefits
- Veterans' burial Honor Guard
- Flags for Veteran's gravesites
- VFW magazine and newsletters

### Veterans Support:

- Buddy Poppies
- VAMC Veterans' River Cruises
- VAMC Veterans' Birthday Parties
- VAMC Senators' Baseball Games
- VFW National Home for Orphans
- Scotland School for Veterans' Orphans

### Deployed Soldier Support:

- Adopt-A-Unit program
- Care packages for deployed soldiers
- Operation Uplink – Phone cards
- USO

### Community and Youth Support:

- East Hanover Youth Baseball and Softball
- West Hanover Youth Baseball
- East Hanover Youth Football
- East Hanover Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Grantville and Ono Fire Companies
- Grantville Food Pantry
- Adopt-A-Road clean-up
- Arthritis Foundation
- American Diabetes Association
- Hospice of Central PA

These are but a few of our programs that allowed us to achieve **ALL-STATE HONORS** this year.

### Be Proud and Support our VFW Post!



**Yours in Comradeship,  
Thomas Gordon, Quartermaster**



**Support Our Troops**



## CANTEEN UPDATE

Dear Members,

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the 15 week picnic. I think the picnic was successful again this year.

At the request of our members we will be changing some of our Kitchen hours starting July 1st. We hope this better suits your needs. Tuesday and Wednesday hours will be 5 PM to 9 PM. and Thursday hours will be 5 PM to 10 PM.

Our membership is increasing, which is good for the canteen. We are as you know a members only club, but we are always accepting new members. Bring in your friends and get them to join so they can come out and enjoy a good meal and become part of our family.

We are always looking to improve our canteen and the best way to do that is to get feedback from the members, so please feel free to offer any ideas that you think could be helpful. As always Greg and I are more than willing to listen.

I would again like to thank the staff for all their hard work, without them the canteen would not be doing so well.

Kenneth Straub, Manager

## Past Commander Haines

Past Commander Dennis Haines was attending the Rolling Thunder concert at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC on Memorial Day. To his surprise singer Nancy Sinatra presented him with the Bronze Star that he earned while serving in Vietnam 38 years ago, but never received.

## Dates to Remember

- 7/4 - Fly Your Flag
- 7/12 - Veterans River Boat Cruise - 10 AM
- 7/16 - Dauphin County Meeting-Hummelstown-2P
- 7/20 - POST Auxiliary Meeting -7:30 PM
- 7/25 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 7/27 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 8/6 - 18th District Meeting - Gratz- 2 PM
- 8/9 - Veterans River Boat Cruise - 10 AM
- 8/13 - Family Picnic- Canteen Closed - 12-6 PM
- 8/16 - Road Clean-Up - 6 PM
- 8/17 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 8/24 - Active Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 8/29 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 9/13 - Veterans River Boat Cruise - 10 AM
- 9/21 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 9/26 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
- 9/28 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM

## Post Officers 2006 - 2007

Commander..... Glen Hoffer  
Senior Vice Commander..... Frederick Hechler  
Junior Vice Commander..... Mike Kreiser  
Quartermaster..... Thomas Gordon  
Adjutant..... Ted Zimmerman  
Judge Advocate..... Dave Kyle  
Chaplain..... John Learn  
Surgeon..... Richard Adams  
Trustee 3 Year..... Clifford Kreiser  
Trustee 2 Year ..... Gary Shuler  
Trustee 1 Year..... Ray Carter

## Post Auxiliary Officers

President..... Dorothy Adams  
Senior Vice President..... Edith Clemson  
Junior Vice President..... Linda Smith  
Treasurer..... Georgia Giddings  
Secretary..... Georgia Giddings  
Chaplain..... Arlene Hetrick  
Conductress..... Edith Shuler  
Guard..... Terry Hechler  
Trustee 3 Year..... Linda Morrow  
Trustee 2 Year..... Jeannine Spitler  
Trustee 1 Year..... Diane Suhr

## Canteen Board of Directors

Chairman..... 3 Yr Clarence Klinger  
Vice Chairman ..... 2 Yr Lloyd Eshleman  
Recording Secretary ..... 4 Yr Randy Eckert  
Member ..... 1 Yr Richard Grubb

## Canteen Family Picnic

August 13, 2006

Music by from 1- 5 PM  
"Jay and the Jingos"

BBQ Chicken Noon - 2 PM  
Sandwiches 3:00-5:00 PM

Deadline for tickets is 6 August 2006  
Adults 10 and above \$8.00  
Children 4-9 \$4.50  
Under 4 Free

Canteen Will Open at 4 PM

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED

In the Quartermaster's Report I have listed many of the programs our Post supports. As members of this fine organization, we should all be proud that we provide support to our veterans, current military service members, our community, and our youth. To this end, I ask that ALL members of this fine Post help support the programs through our various fund-raisers. The four main sources of income for the Post's programs are:

- **Annual 15-week raffle and picnic**
- **Monthly Post raffle tickets**
- **Buddy Poppy donations**
- **Annual chicken barbecue**

You may purchase raffle tickets from various members of the Post or at the Post Canteen. You may also donate to the Buddy Poppy program throughout the year in the containers at the Canteen, or you can mail donations directly to:

**VFW Post 9639**  
**Attn: Quartermaster**  
**8926 Jonestown Road**  
**Grantville, PA 17028**

Please support these fund-raisers or make donations to ensure the continuation of our Post's many programs. Thank You for your support.

Tom Gordon, Post Quartermaster

## Post Auxiliary Member Receives State Award

Sister Beth Hoffer was the recipient of the Annual Emergency Medical Technician Gold Medal Award. The award was presented to her at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Pittsburgh on June 22. The Department of Pennsylvania, Veterans of Foreign Wars, makes several awards annually to deserving community minded persons who stand out in their career field. Congratulations Beth.

## Armed Forces Day

The Post participated in this years Armed Forces Day program at East Hanover Elementary School. We collected 151 pounds of goodies to be sent to the troops overseas. The students in two classrooms prepared personal letters and drawings that were included in some of the 14 boxes that were packed. We have asked one of the military units if they would make a formal "Thank You" presentation to the students upon their return.

## Buddy Poppy Distribution

During this past Memorial Day weekend, 14 Post members volunteered their time to distributed approximately **3,500 Buddy Poppies** to the public at K-mart, Wal-Mart, and Sam's Club. During the four day weekend the distribution of Buddy Poppies to the adults and flags to the children brought in approximately \$4,000 to support the Post's programs. The Buddy Poppy distribution, during Memorial Day weekend and Veterans' Day weekend, is the Post's second largest source of income for our programs.

**Thank You** to the 14 volunteers who gave of their time during this holiday weekend in support of the Post, and **Thank You** to all who donated and wore the Buddy Poppies in remembrance of our fallen veterans.

## Hershey Park

The Post has again registered for the volunteer help program at Hershey Park. 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 we get 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.

If you receive a purple voucher with a blue snowflake on it, you should redeem that voucher with one of the F&B representatives when you check in for your shift. You will be given an orange voucher which is good until July 31, 2007. Remember the regular purple voucher must be redeemed at guest services by July 31, 2006.

## Bucket Truck Needed

Our volunteer painters could not reach the top of the flag pole. We are looking for someone with access to a bucket truck to finish the job.

## The Easter Bunny Arrives



Miss Bunny arrives with the assistance of the fire department. Miss Bunny also wishes to thank the 19 volunteers who signed in at this years Community Easter Egg Hunt.

The volunteers logged in excess of 100 hours getting everything ready. There were 181 children ages newborn to 10 years old in attendance. The youngsters gathered 190 dozen plastic eggs filled with candy, plus each age group had a dozen prize eggs. The bunny's helpers made sure every child received candy, coloring books, colors, and if they did not do too well, some more eggs. Thanks to everyones generosity the event did not cost the post anything. Thanks to all who donated cash or purchased raffle tickets for the bike. The bike was won by Mary Gamber

## 15 Week Raffle and Picnic

The weather could not have been nicer for our annual 15 week picnic. The raffle was a sell out and a great success, we realized \$9,930.81 profit. We are already thinking about next years raffle. If you have any ideas or want to assist with the function let us know. This raffle is our single biggest fund raiser and goes a long way to further our VFW programs.

## Post Supports Lebanon VAMC 5 K Run



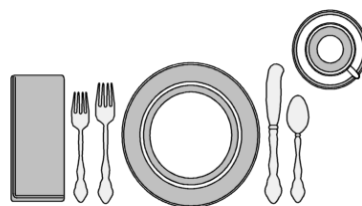
Post Auxiliary President Dorothy Adams and Past Commander Randy Eckert provide support to the annual Lebanon VA Medical Centers 5K Run. This year the weather was beautiful and a record number of participants attended. Greg Kerek Jr carries the colors through the race.

## Upcoming Friday Night Specials (subject to change)

Check The Menu Board for Daily Specials

Jul 7 - Chicken Cordon Bleu/ Filet Mignon  
14 - Stuffed Cabbage Rolls/ Broiled Flounder  
21 - Shrimp & Chicken Alfredo / BBQ Ribs  
28 - Broiled Cajun Tuna / Baked Lasagna  
Aug 4 - Broiled Seafood / Stuffed Pork Chops  
11 - Seafood Alfredo / Baked Meatloaf  
18 - Chicken Supreme / Shrimp & Black&Gold Steak  
25 - Steak Pizzolla / Stuffed Peppers  
Sep 1 - 16 Oz T Bone Steak / Broccoli Stuf Chix Breast  
8 - BBQ Pork Tenderloin / Chicken Pot Pie  
15 - Broiled Salmon / Pot Roast  
22 - NY Strip Steak / Vegetable Lasagna  
29 - Cajun Catfish / Swiss Steak

COME OUT & ENJOY  
A GREAT MEAL



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

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery



In 1976 a section of Fort Indiantown Gap was selected as the national cemetery for the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania donated land for the 677 acre site to the Veterans Administration. Since it's inception 26,000 veterans have been buried here. Indiantown Gap ranks among the 20 busiest national cemeteries. Late in 2000 the cemetery switched from the flat grave markers to the upright markers. This makes it

more obvious as you drive through this beautiful cemetery just how many veterans are buried here. The Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial was built here and dedicated on Oct 7, 2001, and is the largest monument on the cemetery grounds. It is 107 feet wide by 360 feet long. Its design evokes the ruins of a war-torn building centered in a land of solemnity” Every year the Sunday before Memorial Day and the Sunday before Veterans Day there is a memorial ser-



vice presented by the Veterans Service Organizations. The cemetery also takes advantage of these two patriotic holidays to present its Avenue of Flags. The flags used for this display are all burial flags donated by the veterans loved ones to be used for this purpose. This year small flags were also displayed for every service man and woman who has died in the gulf region. Post Active and Associate members are eligible to be buried here. For more information go to: <http://www.cem.va.gov>

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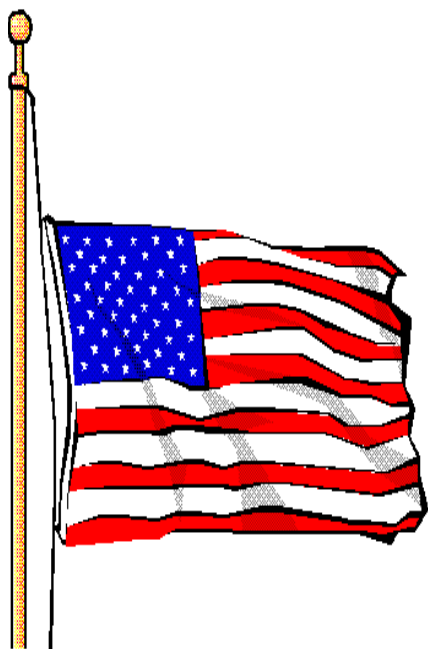
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# Lest We Forget

Departed Comrades - Sisters - Post Members



David A. Balmer  
Morris J. Cochran  
Gerald L. Good  
Stanley H. Goss  
Christian H. Hershey  
Victoria L. Hodnett  
Jack L. Houser

Richard M. Kane  
Arthur L. Leshner  
John C. Rhine  
John H. Rodemaker  
Augustine Sacehet  
Mary E. Wise  
Alfred L. Yingst