

NEWSLETTER

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LADIES AUX. PRES. - Linda Smith

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Dear Members,

Another summer has pasted and I hope everyone had a good one. With September starting that means the start of another football season. I would like to encourage members to come out to the Post to watch games with family and friends.

This newsletter is in a little different format. Inside there will be a lot of information covered. Topics dealing with the Clean Air Act, which impacts smoking in private clubs, new house rules, and upcoming events. So please make sure you take the time to read the articles in this newsletter.

I would also like to thank all those who helped out with functions this past summer. Without volunteer help it would be difficult for the post to have functions. Again thanks to all that have helped and showed support.

Remember to check your flags outside. If you replace a flag you can bring your old one's out to the post and we will dispose of it the proper way for you. Let's continue to give the flag the respect she deserves.

I would still like to encourage our younger active members to come out to the monthly Post meetings. They are the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Everyone enjoy the upcoming holidays and be safe. Remember our troops in your prayers that they are protected and return home soon.



Fred W. Hechler, Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Sisters,

Fore!!!! That's right. This years programs/events have teed off so be sure to mark your calendars!

We start off with the October 23rd Halloween Parade. Not only does the Post color guard lead the procession, but we also do a float to pass out treats.

Our first fundraiser is our October 18th Ham Dinner. We will need baked goods and wait-staff. Room preparation starts around 9:00 that morning. All help is appreciated! We need to ensure that this major fundraiser does well so that the Auxiliary can continue to support our Veterans and their families.

The most pressing programs right now are: Membership (be sure to pay your dues ASAP); Voice of Democracy; Patriot's Pen; and, the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

VOD is a patriotic audio essay scholarship competition for students in grades 9-12. Patriot's Pen is a patriotic written essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The Teachers Award program was developed to recognize teachers that "teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively". What a wonderful program to recognize truly dedicated American teachers! For more information, contact Richard or Patricia Grubb (chairmen) or any Post / Auxiliary Officer.

Prior to starting our December 18th meeting we will hold a Potluck to celebrate our Sisterhood and the Holidays. PLEASE join us!

In case I miss you – Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukah, Joyous Kwanza, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May you always have love to share
Health to spare, and
Friends that care.

Linda Smith, President

VFW Post and Canteen Members,

As Quartermaster, (Chief Financial Officer) of both our VFW Post and the Post Canteen, it is my responsibility to share with you the financial condition of both the VFW Post and the Post Canteen. As most of you know, the VFW Post and the Canteen are two separate legal organizations, therefore requiring two separate sets of financial records.

The funds generated by the VFW Post's annual fund-raising efforts are used for our Veterans' programs, as well as our programs that support our Community and Youth. Therefore, our support for these programs is dependant upon the amount of income generated by our fund-raising efforts. The VFW Post operate on a fiscal year to coincide with the election of our VFW Post Officers. The Post's funds fluctuate from a high point of approximately \$20,000 to a low point of approximately \$9,000 annually, with funds being depleted throughout the year as the various programs are provided, and revenues are received throughout the year from the various fund-raisers. The Post's financial account is audited by the Post's Trustees on a quarterly basis. Generally, the Post's funds are highest at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st, since it is right after two of our biggest fund-raisers, the Memorial Day weekend distribution of Buddy Poppies and our 15-week raffle and picnic. This year there will also be Post expenses for roof repairs on our Post home.

In regard to the financial condition of the VFW Post Canteen, I must inform you that the Canteen has operated at a loss for 12 of the past 18 months. These losses are primarily due to the increased cost of utilities, insurance, and other operating expenses, coupled with the significant reduction of our patrons playing Small Games Of Chance. The Canteen's Board of Directors have attempted to hold down the prices of both food and drink in the Canteen to encourage our members to come and share their comradery and friendships. In the coming months, the Canteen Board of Directors will continue to monitor the financial condition of the Post Canteen and make those decisions and changes necessary to keep the Post Canteen open for our members. As a member, please utilize the Canteen and help support our VFW programs.



Be Proud and Support Your VFW
Tom Gordon, Quartermaster

Dear Members,

Come out and enjoy some of our new fun nights;
Monday Night Football - Coors Light drafts on special during the game. Enter to win a T-Shirt.

Select Wednesdays - will be Clam night or Peel-n-Eat Shrimp night.

Thursday - Yuengs & Wings enjoy a cold Yuengling Draft on Special with your favorite wings.

Also, check our exciting events listed below.

Don't forget that you can plan your own party in our banquet room. See me for our great rates.

October 24th

DJ Lanny

10PM—1 AM

Request Your Favorite Song
Sing A Long
Play Games

November 15th

DJ Scott McFadden

Music, Dancing,
Karaoke

In the banquet room 8-11PM

VFW Post Membership vs. VFW Canteen Membership

The Veterans Of Foreign Wars **Canteen** has been established to provide a place in which our military Veterans can enjoy comradeship and friendship.

While **membership in the Veterans Of Foreign Wars** (VFW fraternal organization) is restricted to military members that meet specific foreign service, **membership in the VFW Canteen** has been graciously extended to members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary; individuals that have served in the military but do not meet the specific requirements for active membership in the VFW, as Associate members; and individuals that have not served in the military but believe in the purposes of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars, as Social members.

The specific purposes of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars are; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to perpetuate the memory and history of our Veterans; to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States of America.

We hope that ALL our members believe in these purposes and enjoy comradeship and friendship in our Canteen.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 20th

12 PM to 1 PM Ages 10 and Under

All children attending the Christmas Party MUST be pre-registered by December 1st.
See a bartender to register.

Chances on a Wagon Full of Toys
\$1.00 per chance or \$5.00 for six chances

Ladies Auxiliary HAM DINNER

Oct 18, 2008
4 PM -7 PM

Adults \$7.50 Kids (4-12) \$4.50
Under 4 Free

Come out an enjoy a great Ham Dinner



Dates to Remember

10/4 - Woods Close - Up - 9 AM
10/16 - POST Auxiliary Meeting -7 PM
10/18 - Fall Road Clean-Up - 9 AM
10/18 - Ladies Auxiliary Ham Dinner - 4 PM
10/19 - Dauphin County Council Mtg - Steelton 2 PM
10/23 - Halloween Parade - 6 PM at Post
10/23 - POST Active Meeting - 7:30 PM
10/24 - DJ Lanny 10 PM - 1 AM
10/28 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
Nov - Sign up for the Children's Christmas Party
11/2 - 18th District Meeting - 2 PM - Mechanicsburg
11/4 - Election Day - GET OUT and VOTE
11/8-11 - Buddy Poppy Fundraiser - All Weekend
11/11 - Veterans Day - Fly your Flag
11/15 - DJ Scott McFadden - Karaoke - 8-11 PM
11/20 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
11/25 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
11/26 - POST Active Meeting - Wednesday-7:30PM
11/27 - Thanksgiving - Canteen Closed
12/1 - Decorate Canteen for the Holidays
12/7 - Pearl Harbor Day - Flay your Flag
12/17 - POST Active Meeting - Wednesday-7:30 PM
12/18 - POST Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
12/20 - Children's Christmas Party - 12-1 PM
12/24 - Christmas Eve- Canteen open 11AM - 6 PM
12/25 - Christmas - Canteen Closed
12/30 - VAMC Patient Birthday Party - 2 PM
1/1 - Happy New Year - Canteen Closed
"Peace, Good Health and Much Happiness"

15 WEEK RAFFLE / FUNDRAISER

Hey, it's almost that time again. We anticipate having the 15 Week Raffle tickets available by Thanksgiving. As always tickets will be distributed to those people who sold them last year. We may be able to accommodate one or two new sellers this year, so if you are interested contact either Randy Eckert or Lloyd Eshleman.

Your help is needed!!!! Our National Home for Veterans Children, is currently collecting **Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education**. If you use Campbell soups or any product that has the Box Top for Education square on it, PLEASE, cut it out and put them in the drop off box I will have at the post Home.

Thank you for your help with this project. If you need more information, feel free to contact me at 717-540-3701. Terry Bell, Veterans & Family Support Chairman

BUDDY POPPY DISTRIBUTION



During this past Memorial Day weekend, 16 of our members volunteered their time to distributed approximately **3,500 Buddy Poppies** to the public at the Harrisburg K-Mart, Wal-Mart, and Sam's Club. During the Memorial Day weekend the distribution of Buddy Poppies to the adults and American flags to the children brought in \$5,050 in donations. The Buddy Poppy distribution, during Memorial Day weekend and Veterans' Day weekend, is the Post's second largest source of income to support our Veterans' programs.

Thank You to the 16 members who volunteered their time during the Memorial Day weekend, and **Thank You** to all who donated and wore the Buddy Poppies in remembrance of our Veterans.

We will be distributing Buddy Poppies again on Veteran's Day weekend, November 8th through the 11th, and another 8 volunteers would surely help lessen the workload. If you would be willing to donate a two or four hour block of time during any of these four days it would greatly help this program, please call Quartermaster Tom Gordon at 534-2478 for details.

\$10 SUMMER RAFFLE & FAMILY PICNIC

We again had a successful family Picnic. Many thanks to all those who helped with this years event. With the raffles the canteen realized \$937 profit. We used these proceeds to make some improvements to the canteen. We want to recognize the following businesses for their contributions of prizes for our raffle.

Crossroads Café
Holiday Inn, Grantville
John M. Herr & Sons Feed Mill
Jonestown Bank, Grantville
Ono Volunteer Fire Company
Ron's Beer Depot
Scottish Heights Golf Club
Seaman's Market
Wachovia Bank, Harrisburg

These businesses supported us, now let's support them.

National Patriotic Contests under way

VFW Post 9639 is participating in several national contests. They are Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teaching. Entries **MUST** be submitted by November 1, 2008, at the VFW post. The Chairman is Richard Grubb (Jr. Vice)

The **VOICE of DEMOCRACY** (VOD) contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Public, Private, Parochial High schools, or those in Home study are eligible. An original (your voice) 3-5 minute essay on a Cassette/ CD and a typed essay is needed. This year's theme is "*Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans benefit today's Youth by...*". Prizes are \$ 100, \$75, and \$ 50 for Post's 1st, 2nd & 3rd place entries.

The **PATRIOT PEN** program is for students in grades 6 thru 8th in (again) Public, Private, Parochial High schools, or those in Home study. This year's theme is "*Why America's Veterans should be honored.*" An essay is of 300 words to 400 words is used to apply. Prizes are \$75, \$ 50, and \$ 25 for Post's 1st, 2nd & 3rd place entries.

VFW **HONORS AMERICA'S TEACHERS** thru nominations (on a typed (or printed) separate piece of paper) of 350 words or less. Teachers in the following groups will be judged separately: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Please cite how the individual instills a sense of national pride in students.

Application forms will be available at our area eligible schools. They may also be obtained at the Post, or by contacting the project chairman at 545-0559 or rgrubb7cav@verizon.net . Any questions may be addressed to him.

Winners are awarded various items. VOD-State at least \$10,000, National up to \$30,000. Patriot Pen - National up to a \$10,000 Bond. National Teacher- monies for professional development and funds to the school.

All National winners will get a trip to DC.

NOVEMBER 4th GET OUT AND VOTE!

The continuation of this great Nation depends on the willingness of its loyal citizens to be involved and elect leadership with the values that we possess.

Upcoming Friday Night Specials (subject to change)

← **Check The Menu Board for Daily Specials** →

Oct	3 - BBQ Ribs / Stuffed Chicken Breast
	10 - Baked Meat Loaf / Chicken Marsala
	17 - Baked Haddock / Rib Eye Steak & Shrimp
	24 - Stuffed Peppers / Swiss Steak
	31 - Garlic Roast Pork / Broiled Salmon
Nov	7 - 16 Oz "T" Bone Steak / BBQ Ribs
	14 - Shrimp & Chicken Alfredo / Broiled Crab Cakes
	21 - Stuffed Cabbage Rolls / Coconut Shrimp
	28 - Chicken Cor Don Bleu / Broiled Catfish
Dec	5 - BBQ Ribs / Broiled Seafood Platter
	12 - Seafood Alfredo / NY Strip Steak & Crab Cake
	19 - Smoked Pork Chop / Chicken Supreme
	26 - Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms / Filet Mignon



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



Honor Our Veterans Every Day



Everyday is Memorial Day. In un-American sounding places like Iwo Jima, Chosin, Khe San, Mogadishu and Ramadi, America's fighting men and women have fought, bled, and died. Memorial Day is the day when the nation remembers it's war dead, Veterans Day is the day the nation honors those who returned.

The official Veterans Day observations take place in November, why should we wait for the parade to thank our Veterans for his or her service? Veterans did not wait to heed to the call of duty. They did not shun danger, nor responsibility. Most probably did not even pause to question why they were needed. They went, they fought (many still do in Iraq or Afghanistan), and they returned home, all changed by those experiences they faced. Home can and never will be quite the same after combat.

All Veterans, whether they carry visible wounds or not, have sacrificed much. They have lost much and have gained a few things too, like friendships and brotherhood. It is important to remember that soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guard do not choose the time and place of their service, they just choose to be there when needed.

So whether it is Memorial Day or Veteran's Day officially, unofficially or not at all, take the time to please remember a Veteran. A simple thank you, a prayer, a letter, a package, or someone to talk with...whatever it is so long as we remember them. It will never be enough to fully pay the debt owed to our Veterans, but it will be a start. It will be a sign that no matter how much the Veteran has changed, or how much their homeland has changed, they are welcomed back. It will be a special memorable day for them. And let us not forget the Veterans that didn't make it home, we must remember their families, their loved ones that they have left behind on their own.

Everyday they must live without their loved one.
Everyday, to each of them, is Memorial Day.



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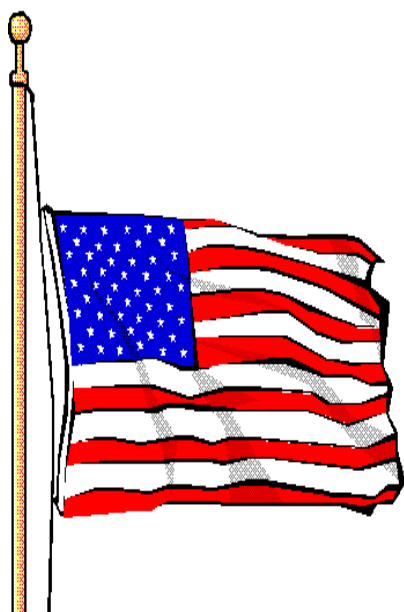
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Lest We Forget

Departed Comrades - Sisters - Post Members

Granville W. Cooper Jr.
Gertrude M. Dupler
Samuel J. Kinsey
Salvatore P. Penna
Joseph Pozoic Sr.
Kenneth D. Rodemaker
Charles A. Schaffner



America is number One thanks to our Veterans

TO: All VFW Post members, Ladies Auxiliary members, Associate members, and Social members of Eshleman-Pankake-Wolf Post 9639 Canteen

SUBJECT: **Pennsylvania's Clean Indoor Air Act (Act 27 of 2008), and draft of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post Home/Canteen Rules**

FROM: Fred W. Hechler, VFW Post 9639 Commander

DATE: September 10, 2008

The Pennsylvania **Clean Indoor Air Act** was signed into Law, with an effective date of September 11, 2008.

The following excerpts are from a letter I received from VFW State Commander Larry Wade.

...all VFW Posts have to choose between allowing smoking ... or choosing to be a smoke free facility. Choosing to allow smoking would ... place restrictions on when you can hold publicly advertised events and when you can lease your facilities for private functions.

The law classifies VFW posts as private clubs, which can get an exemption to the law to be classified as a smoking establishment. Act 27 states that private clubs "must take and record a vote of its [Post] officers under the bylaws to address smoking in the private club's facilities.

[If the Post membership votes to remain a smoking establishment] No public event that is advertised as a club sponsored event can be held while smoking is allowed in any part of the post facility [this includes banquet room use for; wedding receptions, wakes, birthday parties, Ladies Auxiliary ham dinners, or other events open to the public to support our VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary]. No part of the post facility can be leased or used for an event...while smoking is permitted anywhere in the building....

At the Post membership's monthly meeting, on August 28, 2008, the VFW Post membership discussed the letter from the State Commander and Tabled the decision on whether to request an exemption to be a Smoking establishment until the full Post membership was notified through the quarterly newsletter, and has the opportunity to vote on this issue at the next Post membership meeting. Therefore, in compliance with this newly enacted state Law, **our Post Home/Canteen is automatically rendered a Smoke-free facility, effective September 11, 2008.** The vote on whether the Post membership wants our VFW Post to be a Smoking establishment or a Smoke-free facility will be made by the VFW Post (Veterans) membership at the October 23, 2008 meeting.

Additionally, on the reverse side of this letter is a copy of the proposed Post Home/Canteen Rules for consideration by our Post Membership. We currently have no written Rules Of Conduct for our Post Home. These 10 Rules have been drafted for our Post, and have been extracted from the House Rules of the 30 VFW Posts in Dauphin, Lebanon and Cumberland Counties. It is the belief of the Post Canteen Board of Directors that a written set of Post Home/Canteen Rules will establish acceptable conduct for all members and guests in our Post Home. We wish to ensure that the Shellsville VFW remains "family friendly" for our members and guests. The final ratification of our Post Home/Canteen Rules will be at the October 23, 2008 VFW Post (Veterans) membership meeting.

ESHLEMAN-PANKAKE-WOLF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 9639

POST HOME/CANTEEN RULES

1. **Membership cards must be shown upon the request of the Canteen Manager, Bartender, or Server.**
2. **Members must purchase all food and beverages for their guests, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests.**
3. **Children of members or guests must be seated with and under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian.**
4. **Children and guests under 21 years of age are not permitted to sit at the bar, and must vacate the VFW Canteen by 10:00 PM.**
5. **Members and guests are not allowed behind the bar or in the kitchen.**
6. **Smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited in the Post Home/Canteen.**
7. **Profanity or the use of racial slurs, boisterous conduct or the harassing of members, guests or staff is prohibited.**
8. **Arguments of politics, religion, or VFW Post Home/Canteen policies are prohibited.**
9. **Verbal threats of violence or fighting while on VFW Post property are prohibited.**
10. **Any member found in the possession of illegal drugs, while on VFW Post property, will have their membership immediately terminated.**

Members violating any of the VFW Post Home/Canteen Rules listed above will be subject to disciplinary action, by the Board of Directors, to include suspension of Canteen privileges or permanent termination of Canteen membership.

The Canteen Manager or Bartender on duty has full authority to enforce these Rules, and has been granted the right to refuse service to any member or guest. Any member or guest who is denied service must immediately vacate the Canteen and VFW Post property.

Membership in the VFW Post Canteen is a Privilege, not a Right! Please show respect to the other Members, Guests, and the Staff. Disagreement by a Canteen member with any Post Home/Canteen rule or policy is to be addressed at a monthly Canteen meeting, or monthly Board of Directors meeting, and not in the Canteen among members, guests, or staff.

**DRAFT for final review and
Adoption at the October 23, 2008 VFW Post Meeting**

VFW Post 9639 Canteen Inc.

HELP WANTED

The Board of Directors
are accepting applications for the positions of

Lead & Line Cooks

Background in Food Production
Current PA Drivers License required
Clear Criminal Record required
Pay based on experience
Clear Drug test required
Mostly evening hours
Veteran preferred

Send or e-mail your resume to the attention of:
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