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Commander's Message

FROM THE COMMANDER....

Well Comrades, it's that time again, As always I would like to give 'tanks' to all the volunteers that help with all the functions held at the Post. If you are interested in volunteering at any function, simply show up! Don't wait on a call, we would love to find a spot for you. If you like to be part of a project, see me, I will find something you can do. We still need someone to keep track and order supplies for our functions. If this sounds like something you can do or want receive more information about it, our Sr Vice Larry will gladly meet with you! Danielle, our bar manager, does the ordering for the bar, assists with the other ordering as needed, along with hall rentals. At of our last meeting it was voted on that Danielle will now be under the direction of the Commander rather than the House Committee.

For those who attended our first Post Town Hall Meeting a few months ago, I shared that I would like to see our Post shine and go for All-State. I wanted to let the Posts of Iowa take notice of Post 788; that we are still the biggest and the best. Our insurmountable obstacle of achieving All-State has been the membership requirement. If you go into the lounge and look at the Post flag you will now

see a green streamer. This is the award for achieving over 100% in the membership requirement. One of our remaining issues to complete is presenting the awards to police and fire departments. The awards look great. Our thanks to Stot for that! The other requirement needed is for our Post to have members in attendance at the next district meeting. That meeting will be at Post 788 on April 29th. I would like as many Post members as possible to attend. I feel confident we will be successful in achieving All-State but will not be celebrating until all is finalized. Why this happening is because Post 788 has the best damn volunteers in the state. Along with members cooking, printing, mailing, scheduling and planning, there are so many hands working behind the scenes to make all this possible. It all takes dedication. We all have a picture of the best volunteer at the Post. Just look in a mirror. IT'S ALL OF YOU!

Yours truly
Rich Penrod (Bubba)
Post 788
Commander



FIGHTING TO FEED OUR VETERANS

Items to be collect for April and May:
CEREAL - CAN FRUIT -- TOILET PAPER
Many THANKS to all our VFW members and Auxiliary members who donated items to the "Fighting to Feed our **Veterans** Bazaar"
We raised \$2100.00 and this was donated to the Linn County **Veterans** Food Bank.
Looking forward for our next "Bazaar" in November of 2017! Adrienne K. Walls,
Ways and Means [319-329-4105](tel:319-329-4105)

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS.

**Saturday May 20th
11a – 2p**

Post 788 will be hosting a **Tribute to Vietnam Veterans**. This is open to **ALL** Vietnam **Veterans** and their families. We will have a free luncheon for all attending. There will also be free raffle for the **Veterans**. Most importantly this will be a great opportunity for these **Veterans** to come together to enjoy the comradery that can only be understood by those who were there! Please help us get the word out. RSVP no later May 17th than to Rick Martin 319.389.5160 or rickmartin412@aol.com



Please remember we accept food donations for the Linn County Veterans Affairs Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the red tote in our Post foyer!

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VFW AUXILIARY

What a strange winter we've had here in Iowa. I think we're all anxious for warmer weather! The Auxiliary membership is very close to 100% so I am urging ALL of you to talk to every eligible person and sign them up AND contact members who haven't paid their 2017 dues. Thank you to several new members that have come to recent meetings and, of course, thank you to our members that attend on a regular basis. We need everyone's input and help for the many activities and functions that go on at our post. The best way to involve yourself with the VFW is to attend meetings and volunteer when you can. Many thanks to all of our members that have helped in ANY way - many hands make light work! The fish fries, breakfasts and other events would not happen without all the volunteer help you give! Mark April 29th on your calendar and plan to attend the District Meeting at Post #788. We are asking members to contribute a dessert for the luncheon. An awards ceremony for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen participants is in the works for April 23rd. Please watch for more details! If you really want to become more active in this organization, consider running for an office for the 2017/2018 year. Char Schneider will be our State President and we are so proud of her! As always, thank you for your unwavering support and I look forward to seeing you at the Post. Proud to represent you,

Mary Bryan 😊
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TAPS

January

- Dale W. Bishop 01-05-2017
- Russell Anthony 01-04-2017
- Robert Valley 01-18-2017

February

- Verlyn "Bud" Beck 02-05-2017
- Lynn B. Kehm 02-09-2017
- Thomas J. Mallory 02-10-2017
- Jerry O. Shaffer 02-17-2017
- Wallace N. Smith 02-24-2017
- Rudolph Lnenicka 02-26-2017
- Keith F. Roth 02-26-2017



The Post depends on its' membership to assume leadership roles. Both the Post and the Auxiliary will be holding elections of officers at the **April** meetings. At these meetings, we will also be presenting the various programs that are the true essences of who we are. There is so much more to our Post than holding dinners and meeting friends for drinks. We have such a wide variety of programs. There is truly something for everyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of our **Veterans**. This is a call to action! Now is your opportunity to be more than a card holding member...be an ACTIVE member! PLEASE attend the April meetings to discover the programs you can become involved in.

Our programs are WHO WE ARE!

Club Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2pm to 8pm
Wednesday – Thursday	2PM to 9:30PM
Friday & Saturday	Noon to?

HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE

The VFW Hall is available for wedding receptions, reunions, anniversaries, birthday parties or any kind of special event. Available at a discounted price for members. For information, please contact Heidi at the Post at 319-364-7752

Linwood Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placement

Post 788 has proudly facilitated the honoring of our **Veterans** resting at Linwood Cemetery. We will be placing flags on the graves of these noble men and women on Saturday May 27 beginning at 8am. We will regroup on Tuesday May 30th at 8am to bring the flags back in. We need just as many hands to bring them in as we do to put them out! If you are interested in being part of this tradition of paying respect to those who served our country, please contact Sherry Peterson 319.721.6158 or my3sonsRsoldiers@gmail.com



On April 23rd Post 788 will be honoring the youth who entered the VOD and Patriot's Pen essay contest. We encourage Post and Auxiliary members to attend. Your participation will serve as a display of support to these children as they, in their own words, express themselves in regards to patriotism, democratic ideas, and principles. This was a highly attended function in past years. Please join us as we strive to continue to be the pillar of Americanism. We are hoping to have Post members as table hosts again this year. Being able to sit and speak with **Veterans** is a unique experience for many of these children. Imagine the thrill the children will feel to see a strong Post presence at this event! We will need a head count for the dinner. Please RSVP by April 17th if you would be willing to donate a couple hours of your time to make this an impactful evening for these young patriots! RSVPs to Sherry Peterson my3sonsRsoldiers@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY UPDATE

Expenses are rising! To save on printing and postage, at the March Post meeting, it was voted that after this month, all those living outside of a **50-mile** radius of the Post will no long be receiving printed copies of the newsletter. You may subscribe or view the newsletter online at

<http://www.vfwpost788.org/newsletter>

We encourage as many members as possible to assist us in saving cost by subscribing to the digital version rather than printed copies.

Save a tree, save a buck!

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Marines 7pm	5 NO BURGER OR BINGO Card Drawing 7:30PM	6 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	7 FISH FRY 5-7PM \$9	8
9 BRUNCH 9AM-noon \$9	10	11	12 Auxiliary Mtg 6 PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	13 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	14 FISH FRY 5-7PM \$9 Karoke in Lounge 7-?	15
16 EASTER 	17 Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	18	19 Tenderloins & Fries 5-7PM \$7.00 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	20 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	21	22 Cooties Visit IA Vets Home Spring Carnival
23 Voice of Democracy Banquet 5- 7pm RSVP → 30	24	25 Eastern Iowa Honor Flight ETA 10 PM	26 Card Drawing 7:30PM	27 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	28	29 2 nd District Meeting at Post 788 11AM Cooties 9AM

NEED MORE INFO? Check the website: www.vfwpost788.org

May 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 House Committee 6pm Marines 7pm	3 Pork Sandwich Dinner 5-7PM \$7.00 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	4 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	5	6 Kentucky Derby Party Potluck 4PM
7	8	9	10 Auxiliary Mtg 6 PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	11 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	12	13 ♂ Vietnam Vets Tribute 11-2
14 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 9AM-noon \$9	15 Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	16	17 Tenderloins and Fries 5-7PM \$7.00 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	18 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	19	20 Preakness Potluck 4pm
21	22	23	24 Easter IA Honor Flight ETA 10PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	25 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	26	27 8AM Flag Placement @ Linwood Cemetery Cooties Meeting to follow
27	29 Memorial Day Potluck 11-2	30 8AM Flag Removal @ Linwood Cemetery	31 Card Drawing 7:30PM			♂ Armed Forces Day

Events are open to the public unless noted, or if held in the lounge.