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Commander's Message

FROM THE COMMANDER....

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Dear Comrades,

We are approaching Poppy Distribution Days. The donations received from our Poppy Program go directly to our 'relief fund'. These funds are used solely for Veterans support and relief programs. This is a major fundraiser to support on relief fund. We need members to volunteer just a few hours on either Sept 8th or 9th to distribute the poppies and accept the donations. There will be sign-up sheets in the lounge!

There was good feedback on our Shameless Nights. In response to that feedback, we will be showing Shameless every Friday night beginning in August, showing two episodes a night. See you there!

Another change to our schedule is Basket Dinner Night. The Basket Dinners will be in place of our Burger Night. More details inside this newsletter!

I would like everyone to read the piece 'Do You Just Belong?'. We are in need to ACTIVE members. Members to help at our functions, help facilitate our programs, attend our meetings, etc. Not sure how you can help? Just show up to a function, there are members to help show you around, help you get acquainted with the needs of the functions. Please don't wait to be called. Just show up! We will help you get started! Want to know about our programs? Go to

www.vfw.org! Have questions? Ask a Post officer, go to Facebook and send us a message OR show up!

**Tanks and see you at the Post,
Rich 'Bubba' Penrod, Post Commander**

DO YOU JUST BELONG? by Joseph Servocky

Are you an active member
the kind that would be missed
or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
to help the work along
are you satisfied to be
the kind that "JUST BELONG"?
Do you ever go and visit
a member that is sick
or leave the work to a few
and talk about the clique?
Think this over, member,
you know right from wrong
are you an active member
or do you "JUST BELONG"?



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Club Hours
Sun/Mon Closed
Tues – Thurs 2p- ?
Fri – Sat Noon - ?

VFW AUXILIARY

Welcome to a new year with the Post 788 VFW Auxiliary!

This past year we welcomed in new many members including, for the first time, male relatives of our Veterans!
So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? Auxiliary members join to honor the service of our family members who've served our country. At our last meeting, we had 18 out of over 400 members present.

So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? We understand that some of our members live out-of-state or in outlying areas. We appreciate your encouraging support via your continued membership. We also recognize that some of our members are no longer able to physically attend meetings. We are grateful for the contributions you make by clipping coupons, making financial donations, sending desserts, etc.

So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? To those in the area who are able to attend – we are grateful that you continue your membership however the Veterans in our area are in need of more from us than to 'just belong'. During their time deployed, our Veterans served 24/7. Our Veterans have needs 24/7. We truly need members at meetings to help us strategize on how we can best meet those needs! It takes YOU!

So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? We hope you will show your support to the organization by contributing in some fashion to our upcoming events. Additionally, we ask that you come to our next meeting to learn more about the programs the Auxiliary is supporting this year.

So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? Studies show that members shy away from meetings because they fear they will be pressured into over-committing. We want to assure you that, as much as we need the extra hands, you will not be pressured! We are merely requesting the opportunity to expose you to the fabulous programs and get some fresh eyes on what we have queued up for the year!

So where are the members of the VFW Auxiliary of Post 788? Our upcoming Patriotism and Painting event is a great ice breaker for new attendees to get to know other members. Our Garage Sale is fabulous opportunity to clear out your clutter and aid in providing scholarships to Veterans.

We hope when you read the submission on Commander's page you will realize that to 'just belong' is not nearly as productive as being an 'active member'!

Loyally Submitted

Adrienne K. Walls

VFW Auxiliary President

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The Auxiliary Garage Sale

DATE: Friday Aug. 8th Noon to 5 PM and August 19, 2017 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. to 3 PM

We would like for our members to donate NEW or SLIGHTLY USED ITEMS to our garage sale. **The proceeds for this event will be going to Kirkwood Foundation for (2) \$500.00 Scholarships for Veterans.** That should make you feel proud that you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Your items may be dropped off starting Friday August 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions or would like to have your items picked up from your home please call Adrienne Walls.

FIGHTING TO FEED OUR VETERANS

ITEMS TO BE DONATED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Paper towels - Bath Soap – Shampoo

Please place your items in the red tub in our foyer

TAPS

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Jack K. Homan | 05-22-17 |
| Charles R. Gray | 05-24-17 |
| Romaine W. Thornton | 05-27-17 |
| William D. Jensen | 05-29-17 |
| Robert M. Evans | 06-01-17 |
| Robert J. Vosdingh | 06-05-17 |



Post Luau

Sat., Aug. 26th 2pm - ???

Back by popular demand is our Post Luau Potluck. Last year the lounge was full of people, food, and fun. The Post will be providing pork sandwiches. Bring your favorite dish to share and throw on your coconuts, grass skirt or Hawaiian shirt. This is a great event! We hope to see you there!

SHORT ORDERS

you're only steps away from tasty

WEDNESDAY AUG 2/SEPT 6

Basket Dinners

5-7pm

You will have your choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, chicken tenders, shrimp, fish sandwich, or patty melt. All baskets will come with fries/\$8, no substitutes. The baskets are made-to order, please be patient ☺



NICKELS FOR THE NURSERY!

You will find baby bottle banks in the bar. The money we raise will go to the VFW National Children's Home to purchase diapers, baby formula and wipes. Your nickels, dimes and quarters will add up to support the babies of our Veterans and active duty military. Your spare change will make a huge difference in those little lives!



Patriotism and Painting

September 26th 6pm

Let's paint the town!!! Mad Art Parties will supply the brushes, canvas, paints, easels and local Artists and you take home a Masterpiece. A little nervous to paint? Don't be! No talent or experience is necessary. Our talented instructors will guide you step-by-step. You will be amazed at your very own work of ART. Bring your friends and have a great time doing something fun, creative and exciting!! Approximate session time is 2 hours. Sign up at the bar or call Sherry Peterson 319.721.6158

Cost \$40 Deadline: Sept 18th Capacity 20
Checks made out to VFW Auxiliary Post 788



The VFW Auxiliary is proud to announce the "**Homecoming Party**" for our very own Charlene Schneider. She is our newly elected State Auxiliary President for the upcoming year of 2017 - 2018. The VFW Auxiliary will be hosting her "Homecoming Party" on Saturday August 12, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm in our hall!

BUDDY POPPY DISTRIBUTION DAYS

Fri. & Sat., Sept 8 & 9
SIGN UP IN THE LOUNGE!



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 on rentals Tuesday through Saturday. Member discount only applies to personal events. There is no discount for Sunday or Monday rentals. Sunday and Monday rentals must be approved by the Commander or Sr Vice.

For information, please contact the Post at 319-364-7752

August 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | 1 Marines 7pm Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 2 Basket Dinners 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 3 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 4 Coast Guard Day Shameless 6-8pm | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 9 Auxiliary Mtg 6 PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 10 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 11 Shameless 6-8pm | 12 Char's Homecoming 11-3 |
| 13 NO BRUNCH | 14 Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair | 15 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 16 Tenderloins 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 17 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 18 AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE 12-5 Shameless 6-8pm | 19 AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE 9-3 |
| 20 | 21 Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM | 22 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 23 Card Drawing 7:30PM | 24 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 25 Shameless 6-8pm | 26 Cooties 10am Post Luau Potluck 2-? |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 30 Card Drawing 7:30PM | 31 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | | |

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

Sept 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| ★ Gold Star Mothers Day | | | | | 1 Shameless 6-8pm | 2 VJ DAY IA VS WYOMING 11 AM |
| 3 | 4 LABOR DAY | 5 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge House Committee 5pm Marines 7pm | 6 Basket Dinners 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 7 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 8 Poppy Distribution Shameless 6-8pm | 9 Poppy Distribution IA VS IA STATE FOOTBALL 11AM |
| 10 BRUNCH 9AM-noon \$10 | 11  Patriot Day | 12 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge | 13 Auxiliary Mtg 6 PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 14 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 15 Shameless 6-8pm | 16 IA VS N. TEXAS 2:30PM |
| 17 | 18 Air Force Birthday Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM | 19 National POW/MIA DAY Taco Tuesday in the Lounge Honor Flight 10pm | 20 Tenderloins 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7-9PM Card Drawing 7:30PM | 21 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 22 Shameless 6-8pm | 23 Cooties 10:00AM IA VS PENN ST TBD |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Taco Tuesday in the Lounge Painting and Patriotism 6p – 8pm | 27 Card Drawing 7:30PM | 28 ★ Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM | 29 Shameless 6-8pm | 30 IA VS MI STATE TBD 2 nd District Davenport |

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