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## Commander's Message

### FROM THE COMMANDER....

Well comrades it's that time again to share the latest news from our Post. At National Convention, it was voted on and approved to disband all Men's Units no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. As our Men's Unit is in the process of disbanding, we would like to express our gratitude to them for all they have done. It is due to the great admiration for their work and accomplishments, that we would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Men's Unit to consider joining our Auxiliary. The efforts of these men were impactful. Our greatest wish is to see them join forces to create a stronger Auxiliary. Please contact Mary Bryan, Auxiliary President, if you have any questions!

Starting in December we will have a Commander's movie night. There is the possibility of having a drink special for it! You ask what rating of the movie might be? Well if you know your commander; it's

not going to be G and there will be no porn.

At the Town Hall Meeting, the need for mobile optimization of our Website was raised. This is in the works. Keep your eyes open!

Holiday season is upon us. We have several events occurring. These are great community involvement opportunities that will require all hands on deck! We will need help with the food baskets, the children Christmas party and shopping for Be a Santa to a Senior. These are added to our normal functions so if you decide to help out come on down the price is right! As always if anyone has an idea on how to grow our Post, let us know.

So I will close and as always Tanks for your support

Rich Penrod (Bubba)  
Post 788 Commander



### VFW MEN'S UNIT #788

Please see the following Order from the VFW National Organization:

**At the 117<sup>th</sup> National Convention, the delegates approved the resolution to disband the Men's Auxiliary units effective December 31, 2016.**

**Men's Auxiliary members may apply to join the VFW Auxiliary but the Men's Auxiliaries will not "merge" with the VFW Auxiliary. Individual Men's Auxiliary members may apply and must show proof of eligibility to join the VFW Auxiliary.**

#### **Dues:**

For all Men's Unit Members that have already paid their dues for 2017 – your dues will be refunded and sent to you. For all Members that have not yet paid their dues for 2017, we strongly urge you to pick up a VFW Post 788 Auxiliary Application and submit it to the Post with your dues. VFW Auxiliary Annual Dues are \$20.00 and are due on January 1, 2017. A Lifetime Member Dues option is also available. The application will provide all membership details.

#### **Officers Message:**

Your Unit Officers want to express their deepest gratitude for all who belong to our organization! Your membership has allowed us to effectively fulfill our mission to support our Veterans in our community and our Post in many ways these last 12 years. You have driven the success of our Unit. Thank you very, very much for joining! While we are sad to be disbanding, we understand that the VFW must adapt and change in order to continue to be the best organization to support our Veterans. We have really enjoyed meeting and working with you all!

**Thank you, Veterans**

**& all Members of the Men's Auxiliary!**

**Submitted by:**

**Robert J. Hoffman**  
**President**

**Thomas P. Elias**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

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**VFW AUXILIARY**

I, for one, am so glad the election is BEHIND us. Now we can really concentrate on what is important to us - OUR VETERANS! Thank you to our members that helped honor our veterans on Veterans Day! I hope you all thanked your veteran and any you might have seen for their service to our great nation. The Auxiliary continues to grow and anticipate men at our monthly meetings held the second Wednesday of each month in the Hall at 6pm. Thanks to all that helped out with the Marine Corps Banquet! The Auxiliary stepped up once again to hold a successful bazaar during the Thanksgiving Dinner. We are now gearing up for Christmas by holding the Children's Christmas party on Dec. 10th - bring the grandkids! Thank you to Auxiliary members that volunteered to make cookies for that party. We are also helping our veterans by donating hats & gloves this holiday season. Plan now to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Post and sing karaoke! Now is the time to sign up on the VFW webpage for legislative news and send me an email letting me know you did. Each of us should keep abreast of issues that involve our veterans.

A major part of being a member of the Auxiliary is participation. In order to continue the wonderful programs, we need YOU! There are a several programs that need members to step up and get involved. There is so much helpful information to help you get started, along with your fellow members who've been involved in those programs in the past. We will be making information available at the next meeting. We will bring the ideas, you bring the energy and commitment to support our Veterans!

Peace and blessings as we head into the holiday season. I am thankful for each of you and feel so blessed to be a part of this great organization.  
Mary Bryan, Auxiliary President

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## POST TAPS

Timothy Ross 10-04-16  
Robert "Bob" Hruska 10-25-16  
Gasper J. Minor 10-26-16  
**Auxiliary**  
Lillian Zipperer 10.16.16



We have our **Be a Santa to a Senior** tree up! The tags have names of area **Veterans** which Linn Co. **Veterans** Affairs have identified as **Veterans** who might not otherwise receive a gift or are in need of essential items. Please take a tag, shop for your **Veteran**, return the gifts to the Post by Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary will wrap them for you and the Cooties will be delivering. Please help us show our senior **Veterans** that they are not invisible this Christmas season!



Come in and check out the new games we have in the lounge. The new hit is our bowling game. There is talk of creating a 'bowling league'. We would love to have you come in, have a beverage and try your hand at bowling!



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### **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



### **Children's Christmas Party** **Saturday Dec 10, 11a - 1p**

This event is open to member's children and grandchildren. It is also open the children of active duty military. Shhh...we hope you've been nice because Santa will be dropping in to check on you! Please call to get your RSVP in!



### **Christmas Cheer** **Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm**

Members Only

Bring a side dish and stay for the potluck!

### **BUDDY POPPY RESULTS**

Will be announced in our next newsletter



### **New Year's Eve Party**

Let's ring in the New Year together!

We will be having a potluck starting at 5pm. Then we will be yowling and howling with Karaoke beginning at 7pm. We want to keep it simple this year so the volunteers can have some fun!

### **MAJOR FUND RAFFLE**

It's time for Post 788's Major Fund Raffle. If you have not received your tickets in the mail, they should be to you soon. You are under no obligation to make a donation for the raffle. **Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 11 tickets.** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner will receive **\$500**. Two 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winners will each receive **\$250**. Three 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winners will each receive **\$100**. The drawing will be held **New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. To donate, return your raffle ticket stubs to the Post in the return envelope provided. You do **NOT** have to be present to win.

### **Club Hours**

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

**DECEMBER 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b> Pearl Harbor Day</b>				<b>1</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>2</b> One-man band in Lounge Chad Ambros 5-8pm	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Cooties MOCA Meeting Potluck 2pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm	<b>7</b> <b>BBQ</b> Burgers/ Soup 5-7PM \$7.00 Bingo 5-7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>8</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Children's Christmas Party 11 am – 1pm Army/Navv Game Potluck
<b>11</b> BRUNCH 9a-Noon \$8	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>BBQ</b> National Guard Birthday	<b>14</b> Auxiliary Meeting 6pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>15</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Christmas Basket Delivery  Christmas Cheer 2-5pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Tenderloins 5-7PM \$7 Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>22</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>23</b> Movie Night Carol Burnett Show 6pm	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Post Closing @ 5pm
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>29</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE POTLUCK 5pm Karoake 7pm-? NO BAND

**NEED MORE INFO? Check the website: [www.vfwpost788.org](http://www.vfwpost788.org)**

**JANUARY 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Happy New Year	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> House Committee 6PM Marine Corps League 7pm	<b>4</b> Hot Beef Sandwich 5-7pm \$7 Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> BRUNCH 9AM-noon \$8	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Auxiliary Meeting 6pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>12</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> VFW District 2 Meeting Location TBA @ 11:30 am
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>BBQ</b> MLK Day Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tenderloins 5-7PM \$7.00 Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	<b>19</b> Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$5 Short Orders 5-7PM	<b>20</b> Movie Night 6pm Potluck	<b>21</b> State Mid-Winter In Des Moines IA Vets Home Soup Cook Off
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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