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Commander's Message

FROM THE COMMANDER....

Well Comrades it's that time again, don't know about you the summer has flown by.

First I want to take the time out to once again to thank every one that worked at the post for any function or just plain worked. **Second** some of you may have noticed a pool table in the lounge, yes, I said it a **FREE** pool table in the lounge. The table was donated to the Post by Betty Barnett, Tanks Betty! **Third** everyone who came by the post may have noticed brighter lights everywhere (if you didn't see the pool table can't help you there). The led lights were installed by Ed Morris and Elmer Fudd aka Curt Goodrow - good work guys, Tanks for doing the work! And Tanks to our bar manager Danielle she is doing her best to make the post a fun post, as she says 'no tip, no dip'. If you haven't experience Danielle's humor, you NEED to make time to get to the Post! Our Post is very fortunate to have some new, younger volunteers. We ask for your patience as they learn their way around the kitchen. Be kind and offer them your support! I want to remind you that Post decisions are made at our monthly meetings. If you want to share your opinions, please bring your inputs to the meetings!



On Saturday November 11th, we pay tribute to all those who've worn the uniform. We ask that you attend the ceremony at 10 am, which will be held at the Veterans Coliseum, and join us for our Potluck at Noon. With Veteran's Day being on a Saturday this year, some of our members have asked when the city will be holding the ceremony. Cheryl King of the Metro Veterans Commission has confirmed the Saturday date!

Till next time, Semper Fi -
Rich Penrod (Bubba)
Post 788 Commander

PS: to all involved and signed my card, you made my 60th Birthday great, to all a big
TANKS



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VFW AUXILIARY

August and September has been very busy! On August 12, 2017 the VFW Auxiliary hosted a Homecoming Luncheon for our Auxiliary State President Charlene Schneider, Auxiliary Post 788 member. Our Auxiliary members did an excellent job in the preparation of the luncheon along with the decorations. As the month of August progressed, the VFW Auxiliary had our 1st Garage Sale 8/18/2017 and 8/19/2017 and this event was a SUCCESS of which our running total to date is \$ 1,405.72 to date. The proceeds from the Garage Sale will go towards Two (2) \$500.00 Scholarships at the Kirkwood Community College for our Veterans. Thank you to all the VFW Auxiliary and VFW members who donated items to this garage sale and along with Bob Jacoby Estate Sales.

I must say these two events were a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS because our Auxiliary has experience and is willing to go the extra mile to make these events happen. Special THANK YOU to all VFW Auxiliary and Post members who helped pick up and deliver the items for the garage sale. To those who worked 4 hours to 15 hours to keep this garage sale on schedule with a positive attitude – you have shown "What being a member of the VFW Auxiliary" all is about. Again, without you this could not have happened. Great to have you on my team!

For our upcoming events: I will be calling the VFW Auxiliary Members to bring their fabulous desserts for our **Hot Beef Dinner October 27th.**

Price of Freedom Bazaar- Every year the VFW Auxiliary has a Bazaar to support our Veterans programs (New or Slightly Used Items are appreciated" I will be contacting members at a later date to discuss how they can participate.

STUFF'S ETC

If you have any new or slightly used items that you would like to donate, please taken them to "Stuff Etc" and VFW Auxiliary receives 50% of the sale price and the money from this account goes to the "Linn County Food Pantry" The account for the VFW Auxiliary is **14037**

Items that we are collecting for future needs are **craft items - to be taken to the Iowa Veterans Home, Pop Tabs - to be taken to the Ronald McDonald House, Iowa City - Coupons** (please have cut out) to be given to **Overseas Military Families, Toilet Paper rolls - given to Camp Courageous**

If you know of a VFW Auxiliary Member who is ill or in the hospital, please contact me or Sherry Peterson 319-721-6158. All you do for our Veterans is greatly appreciated. Any questions, or just want to talk, please call me

Loyally Submitted
Adrienne K. Walls
VFW Auxiliary President
319-329-4105



Have you heard about the Cooties and its' Auxiliary? Do you believe that our hospitalized or homebound Veterans should not be forgotten? Do you want to make a difference in their lives? We would like to encourage you to visit a Cootie/Auxiliary Meeting to learn how you can impact the lives of our Heroes who are limited in their ability to get out and about! For more information Cooties: Rick Martin 319.389.5160 Auxiliary: Sherry Peterson 319.721.6158

PRICE OF FREEDOM THANKSGIVING BAZAAR **FRIDAY November 17th 4-7pm**

VFW Auxiliary Members are asked to donate: Baked items, Craft items, White Elephant Gifts (New or Gently Used). If you would like to price items, please do so. You may bring your items starting on November 17, 2017 at 8am. Our bazaar will consist of raffling off 4 Fleece Tie Blankets –Summer, Fall, Spring and Winter, 3 quilts. We will also be raffling off gift certificates from local business. Last year the Auxiliary raised \$2100.00 for our Linn County Veterans Food Bank.

Adrienne K. Walls Bazaar Chairperson 329-4105

FIGHTING TO FEED OUR VETERANS

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE MONTH

SOUP -- BARS OF SOAP -- CEREAL

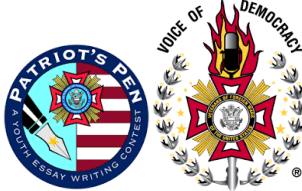
Items are donated to the Linn County Veterans Food Bank (please leave the food items in the container located in the foyer of the VFW)

TAPS

Ralph Gonsales 07.02
Donald Berger 07.10
Walter Stoner 07.27
Donald Lorenzen, Sr 08.05
Richard Kohl 08.31

John Craft, Jr 07.05
Bruce Kable 07.11
George H Smith, Jr 07.28
Melvin Rhodes 08.27

AUXILIARY MEMORIALS – Lydia Elias 08.08



Do you know a high school student who could use some help paying for college?

Let them know about the [VFW's Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition!](#) **This Year's Topic: American History: Our Hope the Future. ENTRY DEADLINE: October 31st** We need to spread the word, and we're asking friends like you to help out. [The Voice of Democracy Program](#) is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. We want to reach as many patriotic students as possible to compete for the grand prize: \$30,000 paid directly to the American college, university or vocational/technical school of their choice!

Patriot's Pen – Open to students in grades 6-9. The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay. **This Year's Topic: America's Gift to my Generation. ENTRY DEADLINE: October 31st.**

I Love America – Open to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. **This Year's Topic: 3rd Grade 'I Love America Because', 4th Grade 'What the United States Flag Means to Me'. 5th Grade 'What a Veteran Means to Me ENTRY DEADLINES: Oct 31st.**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED INTO POST 788 BY THE DEADLINS LISTED ABOVE FOR JUDGING!



Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar Friday November 17th 5-7pm \$10



MAJOR FUND RAFFLE

It's time for Post 788's Major Fund Raffle. You are under no obligation to make a donation for the raffle. Tickets will be arriving your mailbox soon! **Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 11 tickets.** 1st Prize Winner will receive **\$500**. Two 2nd Prize Winners will each receive **\$250**. Three 3rd Prize Winners will each receive **\$100**. The drawing will be held **New Year's Eve, Saturday December 31st, 2017**. To donate, return your raffle ticket stubs to the Post in the return envelope provided. You do **NOT** have to be present to win.



BE A SANTA TO SENIOR TREE

The tree will be showing up around Thanksgiving. There will be tags with names of senior Veterans in need. The names will be collected from Linn Country Veteran Affairs. We are looking for members to take a tag, shop for items requested by the Veteran and return the gifts to the Post no later than December 12th. The Auxiliary will do the wrapping; the Cooties will do the delivering. What a great opportunity to reach out and touch our local Veterans to make their holiday a little brighter! Want to help? Contact Sherry Peterson 319.721.6158 or my3sonsRsoldiers@gmail.com



There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge for the party on December 9th 10am to noon . It will be held from 11-1. Please be sure to get signed up **prior** to the event to ensure we have enough goodies on hand for everyone!

Buddy Poppy Fundraising

We would like to thank every member who gave their time in front of the HyVee stores accepting donations which will be depositing into the Post/Auxiliary Relief Funds. We had 11 Post members and 14 Auxiliary members participating. We will have a summary posted in the bar. Below are the top 5 fundraisers.

1. Adrienne Walls \$1204.23
2. Bev Dvorak \$633
3. Sherry Peterson \$596.65
4. Curt Goodrow \$ 568.04
5. Dorothy Nemecek \$504.42

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

Club Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Thurs	2pm to ?
Friday & Saturday	Noon to?

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Marine Corps League 7pm	4 Hamburgers & Soup 5-7PM \$8 & Bake Sale Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	5 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	6	7 Iowa vs Illinois 10am Open Pow Wow 7 & 8 th Osceola, IA
8 BRUNCH 9a-Noon \$10	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Auxiliary Mtg 6 PM Card Drawing 7:30PM	12 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	13 R R R US NAVY Birthday	14
15	16 Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	17	18 Bake Sale Tenderloins 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	19 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	20	21 Iowa vs Northwestern TBD
22	23	24	25 Card Drawing 7:30PM	26 ★ Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	27 Auxiliary Hot Beef Dinner 5-7pm \$8 Bingo 7pm	28 Cooties/MOCA 10 am Iowa vs Minnesota TBD
29	30	31 Cooties Visit Iowa Veteran Home Halloween Party		★ National Day of the Deployed		

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

NOVEMBER 2017—NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bake Sale Burgers/Soup 5-7PM \$8 Bingo 7pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	2 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	3	4 Iowa vs Ohio State TBD
5 Quilts of Valor 2:30 pm DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	6	7 Election Day House Committee 5pm Marine 7pm	8 Auxiliary Meeting 6pm Card Drawing 7:30PM	9 R R R Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM	10 R R R Marine Corps Birthday	11 R R R Veterans Day Open @ 10:30 Potluck @ Noon Iowa vs Wisconsin TBD
12 Brunch 9-Noon \$10	13	14	15 NO DINNER OR BINGO Card Drawing 7:30PM	16 Wild Bill/5-9p \$6 Short Orders 5-7pm	17 Thanksgiving Dinner/Bazaar 5-7pm \$10	18 Iowa vs Purdue TBD
19	20 Leadership /Staff 6PM Post Mtg 7PM	21	22 Card Drawing 7:30PM	23 CLOSED Thanksgiving	24 Iowa vs Nebraska Game Time 3pm	25 Cooties/MOCA 10 am
26	27	28	29 Card Drawing 7:30PM	30 Wild Bill & the Pony Express 5-9PM \$6 Short Orders 5-7PM		

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