

# POST SENTINEL

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Please keep a few events coming up at the Post on your calendar: Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, Eliza and the Fisher Cats will be playing in our Post Lounge, all are welcome to attend. Every attendee will receive a chocolate heart, and an entry to win a bottle of wine. There will also be a chance to win a t-shirt with a trivia contest held during sets.

If you know anyone who would like to join our post, they must meet the following requirements:

1. Honorable/general (under honorable conditions) from the armed forces of the United States and or currently serving.
2. Service in war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. This information is usually on a persons DD214, which a copy will need to be submitted along with an application, that can be picked up in our lounge. We are always looking to extend our family here at Post 1419.

If someone is not eligible for membership in the VFW, but they have a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse who would be eligible, then they may apply for member in the VFW Auxiliary. They must be Blood Relatives or Step, (In-laws do not qualify) The same applies, an auxiliary application would need to be completed, along with a copy of the DD214 of the person they are related too as well as Payment in Full for the organization you are applying to. There are Annual and Life Memberships available but your application can no be approved until payment is received.

I would like to welcome two new members to our Post: Joshua Collins who served in the United States Army and Patricia George who also served in the United States Army.

I hope everyone enjoys their February. Stay safe.

Be safe and well.

In Comradeship,

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*If you know of someone  
not receiving the  
Newsletter have them  
send a message to the  
**GMAIL ADDRESS***

**ABOVE.**

NEXT BAR TENDER  
MEETINGS WILL BE  
HELD AT 10:00 AM  
ON:

May 10th

August 9th



## **VFW AUXILIARY**

Last month I reported that Roger Stachowiak, Bar Tender extraordinaire. Member of the Auxiliary and past member of the Men's Auxiliary was very ill. I must now report that he has in fact passed away leaving holes in many of our hearts. After the watchful eye that he kept over his wife for the past several years, we were all hoping that after she passed, that he would have an opportunity to catch up on everything he has missed but unfortunately , that was not to be. After a mere 4 months after Donna's death, he left us to join her.

That being said, our Soup-a-Thon was a huge success. We had 25 Soups, and several donations for our Basket Raffle. The Amount of home-made desserts donated was far above what was expected and I thank each and every one of you that donated a Soup, a dessert, or in many instances both. Special Thanks to Mary Dinan, Jack Dinan, and Pat Fest for set up and maintenance. To Gloria Duman and Melanie King for assisting with the maintenance, Mary Hancock & Marcia Kieffer for front table work, Heather Strebel, Kara Siulc, Max, Nadia & Hendrick Siulc for the Basket Raffle work. Paula Bucci & Pam Goss for running the 50/50, and for each and every one of you that joined us that day and contributed to our success. If I have forgotten anyone, please understand that you are appreciated.

Our annual elections for officers will be held at the April Meeting so for those of you that currently "sit in the cheap seats" as my husband would say, consider running for office and let someone know if you're interested in serving the Auxiliary in our future endeavors. For those of you that have never come to a meeting, how about thinking about coming and contributing to our programs. None of us is getting any younger and the fact is that most of the people that currently do all of the work are aging out and will need to be assisted and eventually replaced. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month and almost always last about 35 minutes.

On May 3rd, the Post is going to conduct a day of Service and would like us to assist. If anyone has any ideas on the type of Service that we can assist in, please give your suggestions to Joe Suto who is heading up the program. You can Google Search VFW Day of Service and there are 100 ideas that would qualify. Since the Auxiliary is required to complete Community Service throughout the year, most of you know what would qualify for the Post. Also keep in mind we can report it under our program as well.

I guess I've gone on enough so **WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS**. Remember Everyone Deployed.

Have a Wonderful Valentine's Day.

Katy Blaszkiewicz

Auxiliary President.

## HONOR GUARD

Hi everyone. hope is all is well when receiving our newsletter this month. The honor Guard will be holding our fund raiser on June 21st this year. Information will be sent out in newsletters to follow along with information about our big raffle prize.

That is really all I have to send out this month so take care and stay warm.

As always God Bless America, our Troops who are now serving, and those who have served.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Don Hancock Honor Guard Captain

## SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

Nothing to report or update this month.

**This Newsletter is only as informative as the information you as members provide. I've said it many times in the past and will repeat it until it seems to actually sink in.**

**IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I DON'T KNOW AND CAN'T TELL OTHERS.**

**POST SENTINEL INFORMATION**

The Deadline for article submission is the FRIDAY AFTER THE POST MEETING. It is very important that all articles are submitted by the due date.

The Deadline for next month is  
MARCH 7th

All submissions should be sent via email  
to  
[postsentinel1419@gmail.com](mailto:postsentinel1419@gmail.com)

Food is no longer available in the Post Lounge.

**The Mountain**

If the mountain seems too big today  
then climb a hill instead;  
If morning brings you sadness  
it's okay to stay in bed.  
If the day ahead feels heavy and your  
plans feel like a curse,  
There's no shame in rearranging,  
don't make yourself feel worse.  
If a shower stings like needles  
and a bath feels like you'll drown;  
If you haven't washed your hair for  
days,  
don't throw away your crown!  
A day is not a lifetime.  
A rest is not defeat.  
Don't think of it as failure,  
Just a quiet, kind retreat.  
It's okay to take a moment  
From an anxious, fractured mind.  
The world will not stop turning  
While you get realigned!  
The mountain will still be there  
When you want to try again  
You can climb it in your own time,  
Just love yourself till then!

Laura Ding-Edwards

**CRIBBAGE ANYONE????**

There is a Cribbage Club that meets at our Post the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday each month from September through May. If anyone is interested in joining in, contact Robyn Boldt at 716-648-1830 for more details.

**SICK CALL**

If you know of any member of the Post or the Auxiliary, who is sick, in the hospital, or has died, please let someone know.

Post Chaplain Brent Doyle	716-649-3019
Auxiliary Chaplain Terry Walker	716-912-6849
Commander Amy Owczarczak	716-432-0829
Aux. President Katy Blaszkiewicz	716-253-4681
Honor Guard Don Hancock	716-830-4237
You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone.	716-648-2618

**If we aren't told we don't know.**

