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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

On Saturday, April 12 th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg hunt will be held on the Post grounds. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15, and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. Children should bring a basket to collect their eggs and adults bring your camera for a photo op with the Easter Bunny. There will be two egg hunts one for the smaller Children and one for the older children. A big prize will be given to the child of each group that finds the golden egg. Please RSVP no later than April 7 th to Stacy Suto at (716) 998-6999, we want to have an accurate food count and have enough eggs for all the children.

The VFW day of Service in 2025 kicks off on Saturday, May 3rd , we are working on a project that all can join the morning of (TBD, details will be sent out in a separate email) this will be followed by a membership appreciation for Post and Auxiliary members and their families. Fishercats will be playing From Noon to 2 p.m. A demonstration from the members of Love Like Ben Foundation will pull a firetruck owned by Jason Jaskula, who is a lifetime member and founder of the KIA Memorial Road March. We will have complementary hot dogs, beer, and pop. More to come on this fun-filled event, as details are being finalized. The VFW Day of Service aims to highlight the role of veterans in their communities and

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recognizes how they continue to serve after leaving the military. All are welcome.

On Friday, April 4th, the Toast the Fallen will be having their 20th anniversary event at the Carousel Banquet Facility at the Hamburg Fair Grounds from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event is free to everyone, but you must RSVP at KIAMEMORIALMARCH.COM. This is a tribute to honor the lives of our fallen heroes. There will be food, beer, basket auctions, raffles, games and much more.

In March 2025, notable military holidays and observances include:
March 3: Navy Reserve Birthday,
March 13: K-9 Veterans Day, March 25: National Medal of Honor Day, March 29: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

Also, the month of March is Women's History Month.

I'd like to welcome our newest lifetime member, Joseph Gaughn, who is currently serving in the United States Army.

Enjoy your month!

In Comradeship,
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SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT UPDATE- The TRICARE Online Patient Portal will be decommissioned on April 1, 2025. It has been replaced by DOD's new electronic health record, MHS GENESIS. Your medical provider will continue to have access to your complete health record, but if you would like a copy for your own files you must download it before April 1.

Following a confirmation vote of 77–23 in the Senate, Douglas A. Collins has been sworn in as the 12th secretary of Veterans Affairs. He is the first post-9/11 veteran to serve in this Cabinet position. He served in the Navy, and is currently a colonel and chaplain in the Air Force Reserve. Collins is also a former U.S. representative from Georgia. In a message to veterans and VA employees, he outlined his approach to include delivering timely access to care and benefits for every eligible individual, focusing on customer service and convenience, challenging the status quo, and celebrating great performance by VA employees but holding accountable those who fall short of the mission.

Dominic Caselli

Service Officer

AUXILIARY INFORMATION

Our March Meeting has been changed to March 24th at 7:00 pm due to a conflict with St. Patrick's Day.

April Meeting has been changed to April 28th at 7:00 pm due to a conflict with Dyngus Day.

At our April meeting we will be holding election of officers for the upcoming year. If you want to hold office, and are a member in good standing, please feel free to toss your hat in the ring and run for a position on our Board.

In May there will be another Poppy Drive and I hope that more members than we've had in the past will volunteer an hour or two of their time on at least one of the days of the drive.

In closing, I would like to Thank everyone that expressed their condolences to our family in the Death of my brother Tommy. Tommy was a former member of our VFW, an Army Veteran and 100% disabled Vietnam Veteran. He was "in country" during the Tet Offensive but by divine intervention was in the Hospital at the time. When he was discharged from the hospital, he learned that his entire unit had lost their lives. Those of you that showed up were appreciated by my entire family and I Thank You one and all.

HONOR GUARD INFORMATION

Hi everyone hope all is well when receiving this month's newsletter. I have a couple of things to cover this month so let's get right to it.

On June 21st we will be having our annual Honor Guard fund raiser. More information on the BBQ will be in next month's letter. We will also be raffling off two Henry .22 caliber rifles. One is a pump action RFL 22M Octagon barrel. The other is a pump action 22M Octagon barrel. In layman's terms one is a magnum and the other is regular 22. Both have a wood stock and blued barrel. The background check is free so if you win you will not have to put out any more money. Tickets will soon be arriving for the raffle and will be sold by Honor Guard members or at the bar. Hopefully we will have tickets by March 7th. If you win it will be rifle only no taking the cost of the rifle instead. Flyers will be posted around the post so keep an eye out. I think that will about cover it for the raffle.

That will be about it for me so I'll be signing off.
As always God Bless America, our Troops who are serving those who served and not let us forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours in Comradeship;
Don Hancock

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

April 7th

All submissions should be sent via email

to

postsentinel1419@gmail.com



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.



This newsletter is only as good and informative as the information provided to me for printing. Things have been happening and changing but I'm not told the particulars so it never makes the Newsletter. I refuse to apologize to anyone for this because as I've said NUMEROUS times, If I'm not told it doesn't go into print.



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6th VFW Post meeting

17th St. Patrick's day

17th Auxillary Meeting

19th Honor Guard Meeting

