

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

I'd like to start by saying, thank you for all your support, advice, and suggestions over this past year. Being your commander has been an honor and a privilege that I do not take lightly. With that being said, I want to let you know that I have been reelected to serve another term as your commander and look forward to what this upcoming year brings for our Post and Auxiliary members.

Along with my election, I would like to congratulate my fellow officers who have also been (re)elected to serve you in 2023-2024: John Redmond-Senior Vice Commander; Scott Polichette-Junior Vice Commander; Harry Blaszkiewicz-Quartermaster; Ed Cudney-Three Year Trustee; and Brent Doyle-Chaplain,

There is a scholarship opportunity for a high school senior that is a relative of any member in good standing. The high school senior can be a child, grandchild, nephew, niece, etc.... The 2023 in-house scholarship will run from 1-31MAY2023. Applications are available in our Post lounge and have been emailed to members via our VFW Post website. If you have further questions regarding this opportunity, please reach out to our Junior Vice Commander at JVC@VFW1419.org

May will also bring our annual Poppy Drive that will be held at the Hamburg Walmart on Friday, May 26th, Saturday, May 27th, and Sunday, May 28th from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Poppy drive and stand outside of the Walmart doors (Grocery, Main and Garden Center) and collect donations from the Walmart Patrons who would like a Poppy. We ask that you sign up for at least an hour during the hours listed above; but you also may volunteer for more and several days. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in the lounge shortly. This is a huge event for our Post/Auxiliary. All money collected is deposited into the Relief Fund of either the Post/Auxiliary Relief fund accounts and are used to help Veterans and/or their families in need.

I would like to finalize by saying I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter.

In Comradeship,
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VFW AUXILIARY

I am happy to report that our Auxiliary won \$100.00 in the Service Officer Raffle at the Spring Conference and that one of our members won an additional \$100.00.

Our Meat Raffle is gaining momentum, and at this writing, it's all but done. Contact Kara Siulc or Heather Strebel if you have any questions or would like to Volunteer your help and/or buy tickets. Kara's Number is 716-316-4938 and Heather's number is 716-863-2811.

Auxiliary Officer elections will be held at the April Meeting so if you are interested in holding an office and are a member considered in "good Standing" please let someone know that you would like to be considered for an office, and if you are unable to attend the meeting, you must submit a letter indicating your interest in holding office.

The Auxiliary also has a Scholarship awarded to a Graduating Senior that will be attending College in the Fall. Applications for this Scholarship are behind the bar and must be submitted to the Auxiliary no later than May 1st, so let's get those submissions in A.S.A.P. Your Family member can apply for both the Auxiliary and Post Scholarships.

Sign up for collecting Poppy Donations. We need at least one person at each entrance for the entire length of the Poppy Drive. It's easy, you don't need to solicit or even speak to anyone except to say THANK YOU. You should be able to spare an hour of your time to collect donations for such a good cause.

I guess that's all I have for now. Please keep our members and their families in your prayers.

President-Katy Blaszkiewicz

ON FRIDAYS WE STILL WEAR RED!!!
REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

HONOR GUARD

Spring is here and hopefully the white stuff is behind us.

Not much to cover this month.

If you haven't been to the post lately, the Honor Guard is raffling off another bar with stools. The Bar & Stools were once again built by Joe Suto and John Arcadipane and let me say, it's a beauty of a job. For your viewing pleasure the Bar & Stools are in the Post Lounge where they will remain until our Annual Honor Guard Picnic on June 17th. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. Tickets are available now from the Bar Tender on Duty in the Lounge.

Once all of the details for our Picnic are in place, we will also have tickets on sale for that. An update will be posted via email.

That's all I have for now so everyone take care and hope to see you at the post.

God Bless America our TROOPS who are now serving and those who served.

Most of all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
 Yours in Comradeship,

Don Hancock
 Honor Guard Capt.



SERVICE OFFICER

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held an oversight hearing on the future path of VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) system. Chairman Jon Tester stated, "All options are on the table except one. I'm not going to abandon the effort to modernize VA's records." The EHRM has had various challenges since it was first rolled out in 2020 at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Spokane, Washington. The VFW is aware and is working with the Administration and Congress to implement this much-needed health record upgrade.

VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs Associate Director Brittany Dymond spoke at a press conference held by Reps. Mast (FL-21) and Blumenauer (OR-03) urging Congress to pass the bipartisan Veterans Equal Access Act. This legislation would enable veterans and their VA doctors to discuss medical cannabis treatment options in states where it has been legalized. Discussion is currently prohibited by federal law, resulting in unequal medical cannabis access for VA patients and their civilian counterparts. "Thirty-seven states, three territories, and Washington, D.C., have legalized medical cannabis. That's nearly three quarters of the country where veterans are unsure or afraid to discuss state medical cannabis options with their doctors," said Dymond. The VFW was joined by representatives from other veteran organizations who also stressed the necessity of closing this parity gap.

Dominic Caselli

Service Officer



On Saturday, April 15, 2023, our Auxiliary is hosting a Meat Raffle to raise money for our organization. . Tickets need to be sold and Volunteers need to be enrolled to help. Let's make this the best Fund Raiser ever.

In lieu of a Basket Raffle, there will be large ticket items raffled off as well. So far we have a Patio Heater with a Propane Tank and a YETI cooler. You need to support our Auxiliary so that we can continue to support our Veterans and their families.

Doors Open at 6:00 pm with the first spin at 7:00. The cost per entry ticket is \$10.00 which includes Draft Beer and Pop. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle You can bring Snacks and there will be a cash bar for other drinks. **ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL OR BEER IS ALLOWED.**

Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success!
Kara Siulc and Heather Strebel

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
MAY 2nd**

All submissions should be sent via email
to

postsentinel1419@hotmail.com

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No more Taco Tuesday.



**DON'T FORGET OUR
FISH FRIES ARE
BEING HELD EVERY
FRIDAY IN THE POST
LOUNGE. 4:30 -8:00**



Dear Lord,

In your infinite mercy, bless the souls
of our nation's heroes who have fallen
in battle,

protect the lives of the troops who
protect us,

and provide healing and strength to
the families that love them.

Amen

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information.**

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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
Past Commander Jerry Welsted	716-316-8917
Commander Amy Owczarczak	716-432-0829
Aux. President Katy Blaszkievicz	716-253-4681
Honor Guard Don Hancock	716-310-4549

You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone.

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

