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From the Commander:

I'm as nervous, excited and proud of being the commander of Post 446 as I was the day I joined the Navy, years ago.

I have big shoes to fill, following the past commanders. Thank you!, **Al Fisk** for the great job you did last year and thank you to those before- Steve, Dave, Ed, Ray, Dan, Charlie and the list goes on.

As someone quoted to me "The post is only as strong as its members" we cannot make Post 446 a continued success if we do not work together. If anyone has any suggestions please fill free to attend your monthly meetings or contact me, my door is always open. There is also a box for ideas, suggestions and other thoughts, on the commander's office door.

There is pizza available at the Post bar that are made by the Dad's. They really go good with a cold beer at the bar and then don't forget to take one home for your bedtime snack.

Dan Hall- Thank you for displaying the birthdays and anniversaries of our members on the wall marque. It saved me on our anniversary.

Happy Days!!!

Don Carson
Post Commander
(231) 788-4487

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Dear American Hero,

"Thank You For Your Service and Dedication to Our Country!"

I am not certain as to how to express my gratitude for all you have done to secure my freedom. Please accept this simple phrase as a small token of my appreciation.

A grateful American citizen

Chaplains Corner:

Please keep the following Post Members and their families in your prayers:

Arthur Jourdan passed away June 16, 2010, Ray Meloche Jr. is heading back to Afghanistan, Tom Hall is at Walter Reed Hospital, Jean Ewald fell and broke her arm. Please if you know of someone in the hospital, nursing home, or not doing well, please call your post Chaplain to let us know. We do not always get messages left at the post.

Member of the month will start again next month (September) September will be Jim Brentana, Army October will be Joe Lalonde, Army

I am now the District 12 Senior Vice and sure would like to see the members of the 446 at the next District meeting, which will be held Sunday, September 12, 2010 at the Wolf Lake Post (#7729), 6289 Apple Avenue starting at 1:00 p.m.

THANK YOU TO VFW 446 AUXILIARIES and DADS

Thank you first and most important for supporting our Veterans.

Thank you to those of you that were there when your Veteran was/is in the military.

Thank you to those of you that are Veterans.

Thank you for getting out there to sell poppies for the post, this money helps many veterans and their families in need.

Thank you for supporting the post projects.

Thank you for the projects you take on to help your post.

Thank you for the kindness you share with others.

Thank you from your Post Chaplain and Post Membership.

Have a great month,

Ginny McGowan
Post Chaplain/Historian
(231) 788-3125



Ladies Auxiliary News

From the President's Pen



August Events

- 1st Michigan Days @ VFW National Home for Children
- 3rd Celebrate August Birthdays at the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home
- 4th Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 21st-26th National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 28th Picnic @ the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home

Well the State Convention has come and gone. Our new State President is Pat Paterson and our new State Commander is Lloyd Putman II. I have gotten to know both of them and they both are great people.

If you would like to help with the birthdays at the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home, please contact myself or Bev Dykema at 719-2060.

You should now have received your dues slip for 2011. The dues are still \$16.00 a year or you may pay a life membership. If you would like to pay them now please mail them to Sandy Hutson, 2014 E. River Rd., Muskegon, MI 49445.

Some of you may ask why do we start talking about paying our dues now. What you may not know is that on the Auxiliary, District and State levels we are in competition and when the dues are paid early, there are monetary awards given which help us all and helps us suppose our veterans and their families, as this is what we are here for. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Sandy Hutson.

Our annual Veterans Picnic will be held on August 28th at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. If you would like to help with this please contact either myself or Bev Dykema at 719-2060. It is a fun time for all. The Pour Boys will be playing again this year and the residents love to sit and listen to their music. It is always a pleasure to serve our veterans.

I am happy to report that Sonya Johnson is back home. Jean Ewald fell and broke her arm and needed surgery, and she is at home recovering also. If you know of any auxiliary member who is ill, in the hospital or has passed away, please contact our Auxiliary Chaplin Lynn Samuels at (231) 773-4068.

This year District 12 will be having a "Family Days" at Camp Trotter on September 17th-19th. You may bring your own camper or stay in one of the cabins. Saturday we will be having a group Picnic. So if

you can't stay try to make it for the picnic. More information will be coming soon.

Cancer pins are in. The cost is only \$2.00. This year they are a white cross with a pink scarf draped over it. Please see me if you would like one. Profits go to Cancer Aid & Research.

Also PAC pins are in. They are really neat this year. It is a circle with an eagle in the middle. You have to see them to appreciate them. They are \$5.00 and you can purchase one from Linda Kempker.

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER

- 1st Auxiliary meeting
- 3rd Fish Fry
- 6th labor Day
- 7th Sept. Birthday @ GR Veterans Home
- 12th District Meeting @ Post 7729- Wolf Lake
- 17th Fish Fry
- 17th-19th District 12 "Family Days" @ Camp Totter
- 25th Steak Fry

TODAY AND EVERYDAY, THANK A VETERAN FOR OUR FREEDOM!

God Bless our troops and country,

Beth Plork
Ladies Auxiliary President
231-788-4095

Men's Auxiliary News



A reminder that the Men's Auxiliary meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Post hall.

Have a great month!

Jim Vaandering
Men's Auxiliary President
231 737-4871



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VFW Post 446 – August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Michigan Days @VFW National Home for Children	2 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	3 Aug. Birthdays @ GR Veterans Home ----- \$1.25 Beer Night	4 Dad's 6:00 Ladies 7:00 ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	5 \$1.00 Beer / Well Drinks	6	7
8	9 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	10 \$1.25 Beer Night	11 \$1.25 Well Drinks	12 \$1.00 Beer / Well Drinks	13	14
15	16 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	17 \$1.25 Beer Night	18 Men's Aux 7:00 pm ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	19 \$1.00 Beer/ Well Drinks	20	21
22	23 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	24 \$1.25 Beer Night	25 Post Meeting 7:00 pm ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	26 \$1.00 Beer/ Well Drinks	27	28 Veteran's Picnic @ Grand Rapids Veterans Home
29	30 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	31 \$1.25 Beer Night		21 st thur 26 th National Convention Indianapolis, Indiana		

August Birthdays

1st Janis Collins
 2nd Arline VanderMeulen
 4th Stef Slade
 4th Wayne Holman
 5th Sharon Sprows
 5th Ronald Nos
 6th Jean Carson
 10th Della Brown
 12th Fred Bentz
 15th Al Fisk
 22nd Mo Sharlow
 25th Sue Jowers
 28th MaryAnn Garvey
 28th Wm Gary Tilley
 30th Carey Kempker

August Anniversaries

1st Wm Gary & Janet Tilley
 3rd Dale & Evie Lowder
 28th Steve & Jayne Allen
 31st Wayne & Bernice Sebring

Hospital / Nursing Homes

Bob Swarts – Knollview
 Jim Boone – Dayspring Assisted Living
 Clarabell Huston – Lakewoods the Cove*
 Al Perri – Brookhaven
 John Gerard – Brookhaven
 Fred Tazelaar - Brookhaven
 Scotty Kennedy – Northcrest
 Allen Griggs – Northcrest
 Wayne Sebring- Brookhaven
 Norman VanDyke- Hospice
 Budd Swainston- Northcrest

*Deboers Nursing Home has been renamed to
 "Lakewoods the Cove"

A Soldier

Written by Angela Goodwin

There is discipline in A Soldier
you can see it when he walks,
There is honor in A Soldier
you hear it when he talks.
There is courage in A Soldier
you can see it in his eyes,
There is loyalty in A Soldier
that he will not compromise.
There is something in A Soldier
that makes him stand apart,
There is strength in A Soldier
that beats from his heart.
A Soldier isn't a title any man
can be hired to do,
A Soldier is the soul of that man
buried deep inside of you
A Soldier's job isn't finished after
an 8 hour day or a 40 hour week

A Soldier is always A Soldier
even while he sleeps.
A Soldier serves his country first
and his life is left behind,
A Soldier has to sacrifice what
comes first in a civilian's mind.
if you are civilian –
I am saying this to you
next time you see A Soldier
remember what they do.
A Soldier is the reason our land
is "Home of the free",
A Soldier is the one that is brave
protecting you and me
If you are A Soldier -
I am saying this to you
Thank God for EVERY SOLDIER
Thank God for what YOU do!!