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### Notes from the Commander:

Shorter days and crisp nights are unmistakable signs that another season is upon us and of course an extra busy month.

As you were going down Getty Street and passing the Post, I'm sure you saw Joe Gonsolas, Ron Wilcox, Leon Harris and myself up on the roof. You, of course, fingered we were fixing the roof to stop the leak by putting new 6x6 beams under the air conditioner. You were right, we did that, but we were also trying to figure out which way Santa would come into town from the North Pole. I do want to thank Joe, Ron and Leon for a great job well done.

I also want to THANK Beth for the lunch she prepared and served to post veterans. Need to thank Ron again for putting up and taking down the flags for Veteran's Day. The hand made cards that are placed around the post are from Mr. Hill's Fourth graders at Orchard View School. Thanks to everyone for the hard work you do for the post and each other !!

It's great to be a veteran on Veteran Day!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all !!!!!!!!!!!

**Don Carson**  
Post Commander  
(231) 788-4487

### Christmas Baskets Information:

Cut off date for Christmas basket application is **Fri. Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Remember the member submitting the application for the applicant is responsible for their eligibility as well as delivering the basket (delivery date: **Thurs. Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**)  
Fast Food gift certificates are good for older children.  
(Two applications per member ONLY)

*Jack and Irene Sanders*

### Dads

**Special News Alert!** Dad's monthly meeting will now begin at **6:30pm** (new time) on the First Wednesday of the month (Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>)

I would like to THANK : **Mary Ann Garvey, Clyde Garvey, and Irene Sanders.** Also a Thank-you to all the members who attend our meetings!

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!!!!!**

**Charlie Morpeth**  
Dads President

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### Chaplains Corner:

Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers-

**Floyd Mayo.** (90) passed away 10/29/10, WWII/ US Army  
**John Brunke** (83) passed away 11/03/10, WWII/US Army,  
**Major Brian Novoselich** is in Afganistan, **Ray Meloche Jr.** is in Afganistan, and **Tim Gillett** is in Kawait.  
**Urban Schaub** was rushed to the hospital for his heart but is home now awaiting surgery for a hernia in his stomach, **Jim Brentana** is having pain with his back, **Ron Wilcox** is recovering from knee surgery, and **Fred Neilsen** is having a lot of trouble with his legs.

**December 4, 8am -4pm,** the post be will having a **Bazaar.** We are renting tables to earn money for the driveway repairs. Santa will be there from noon until 2:00pm, bring your camera for pictures.

A special Thank you to **Val, Mike McGowan** and **Dave Hall** for helping me in candy sales for the Vietnam party. To **Mary Modine** and **Judi Wilcox** for raffle blanket. I will start a committee for party in January.

Member of the month for-  
**December** is **Nancy Terpstra,** Air Force.

**November WHO IS IT??** What post member was actually on the LST 393 (ship downtown Muskegon) during WWII. The ship has named the media room in honor of this man and his wife. **Answer is Ray Remus.** He was on the LST 393 during WWII. Ray and his wife Lillian (also an Army WWII WACC) give tours of the ship, both are in their young 90's. Their stories are in my book at the post.

**December WHO IS IT??** In 1952 Audey Murphy made the movie "To Hell and Back" at Fort Louis, what post member was in that movie (in the background)???

The holidays can be lonely for many. The best gift is one of the heart.

**Happy Holidays to everyone.**

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





**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

- 16<sup>th</sup> - VOD/Patriotic Pen Banquet
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Winter Conference @ Kalamazoo, Radisson Hotel.

**FEBRUARY**

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Post 446 Past Commanders/Past Presidents Banquet
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - President's Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - George Washington's Birthday

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Pearl Harbor Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate December Birthdays @ Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Wreaths Across America @ Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Adult Christmas Party - 2:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

A HUGE, HUGE Thank you to all who helped on our Annual Turkey Dinner & Baked Good Sale. It was a total success. But it wouldn't have been if it wasn't for all of you. I would like to thank the following for all their help: Bev Dykema, Irene Sanders, Mary Anne Garvey, Kay Little, Judy Wilcox, Jean Carson, Dave & Nan Hall, Sam & Linda Kempker, Mary Modeen, Sue Morpeth, Bonnie Johnson, Pauline Lawrence, Clyde Garvey and Joanie Chidester.

To all, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

TODAY AND EVERYDAY, THANK A VETERAN FOR OUR FREEDOM!

God Bless our troops and country.

Ladies Auxiliary President  
231-788-4095

You can pay your 2011 dues now. They are still \$16.00 annually, or you can pay for a life membership ( they make great Christmas Gifts). If you would like to pay them now please mail them to Sandy Hutson at 2014 E. River Road, Muskegon, Mi 49445.

**Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship-** One scholarship of \$1000 is awarded to a candidate from each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. This scholarship is available to members, their spouses and children over 18 years of age or older who are pursuing a college degree or technical trade. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary for at least one year prior to the application is required. Applications can be downloaded from the Dept. of Michigan Ladies Auxiliary website at [www.lavfwmj.org](http://www.lavfwmj.org). Click "Forms" and then select the "PDF"'s link. If you do not have access to a computer please contact Beth Plont at 231-788-4095 and she will get one to you. Applications must be received by February 15, 2011.

**Men's Auxiliary News**



A reminder that the Men's Auxiliary meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, at the Post hall. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Vaandering  
Men's Auxiliary President's 231-727-4871

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Thursday Night Supper Menu</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Goulash 16 <sup>th</sup> Sub Sandwich			1 Dad's 6:30pm (new time) Ladies 7:00pm ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	2 Lite Supper 5:00-7:00pm ----- \$1.00 Beer/Well Drinks	3 Fish Fry-Dad's 4:30-7:00pm Music	4 Christmas Bazaar 8a - 4p ----- Santa's Visit Noon to 2p
5 Children Christmas Party 1p - 3p	6 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY Birthday Party GR Vet's Home ----- \$1.25 Beer Night	8 Post Meeting 7:00 pm ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	9 \$1.00 Beer/Well Drinks	10	11 *ARMY- NAVY Football game NOON
12	13 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	14 \$1.25 Beer Night	15 Men's Aux 7:00 pm ----- \$1.25 Well Drinks	16 Lite Supper 5:00-7:00pm ----- Marine Corp. League 7:00pm ----- \$1.00 Beer/Well Drinks	17 Fish Fry-Men's 4:30-7:00pm Music	18 Adult Christmas Party 2pm
19	20 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	21 \$1.25 Beer Night	22 \$1.25 Well Drinks	23 Delivery of Christmas Baskets	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27 Hamburg Night 5-7 pm ----- 75¢ Draft Beer	28 \$1.25 Beer Night	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Steak Fry-post 5:00-7:00pm Party & Dance to follow	*Drink specials 50/50 Raffles FUNI FUNI FUNI!!!

Belated Wishes to: Al Lemke (11/5)

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR (2011)

**December Birthdays**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Erxleben
- 5<sup>th</sup> Virgle Foster- Bob Haines
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mike Swenor
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jim Hutchison- Johathan Plyler
- 9<sup>th</sup> George Howard
- 10<sup>th</sup> Connie Pluger- Dewaine Huston- Llyod Jones
- 11<sup>th</sup> Barry Helsing
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nathan Moser
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ron Edlund
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bev Hekkema- Mike Olejarczyk  
Urban Schaub- Mike Sarade
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dave Hall Sr.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Arnold Stanley- Albert Main- Norm VanDyke- Cliff Wisti
- 22<sup>nd</sup> David Draper- Jon Pomeroy
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mathew Panozzo- Eugene ReWalt
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dale Barnhardt
- 28<sup>th</sup> Ardre Perigard
- 31<sup>st</sup> Roger Thomas

**December Anniversaries**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Carl & Sue Laubach
- 18<sup>th</sup> Don & Nova Darke
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dale & Oweda Barnhardt
- 21<sup>st</sup> Don & Judy Love
- 26<sup>th</sup> Charlie & Sue Morpeth

**EUCHRE**

Tuesday Nights  
6:30pm  
Everyone Invited

Have fun playing cards and Meeting new friends!!

**Hospital / Nursing Homes**

- Bob Swartz - Hospice
- Jim Boone - Dayspring Assisted Living
- Clarabell Huston - Lakewoods the Cove\*
- Al Perri - Brookhaven
- John Gerard - Brookhaven
- Fred Tazelaar - Brookhaven
- Wayne Sebring- Brookhaven
- Allen Griggs - Northcrest
- Budd Swainston- Northcrest

## My Christmas Wish for You

My Christmas wish for you, my friend  
Is not a simple one  
For I wish you hope and joy and peace  
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too  
Throughout the coming year  
Lots of laughter and happiness  
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one  
And when totaled by the lot  
May you find all you've been given  
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light  
May your spirit never grow old  
May all your clouds have silver linings  
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more  
May all your dreams come true  
May you have a Merry Christmas friend  
And a happy New Year, too ..

Christmas Bazaar  
Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am to 4:00pm

Children's  
Christmas Party  
Sun. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Adult Christmas  
Party  
Sat. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
2:00pm

New Year's Eve  
Steak Fry  
Fri. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00pm to 7:00pm  
Party and Dancing to  
follow