



August 2016 Newsletter

Commanders Comments

I hope that everyone is enjoying this wonderfully warm summer so far.

As of Thursday, July 28 the post has been accepting credit cards. You will be able to purchase our food offerings as well as drinks at the bar with a credit card. It will require a little bit of a learning curve for the bartenders, but probably more so for the people who are working the window for steak fry, burger night, and Friday night food. Please be patient as we work the wrinkles out of this new way of doing business.

Sunday Aug. 7 is Michigan Day at VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. If you have never been there, it is well worth the trip.

As you all already know we have been very successfully featuring a band during our normal steak fry on the second Saturday of the month. Then for our Post Appreciation Day in June we tried a different band. One which everyone who attended really enjoyed. So, during our planning meeting this month, we decided to see if we can have two successful Saturday nights a month with food as well as music. We have booked Band Of Gold for Saturday August 27. The food will be Burrito's. Burrito's were picked because of the relatively easy preparation and the fewer number of people required to serve and service the meal. Please mark Sat. Aug. 27 on your calendars and come help the post get back to prosperity.

Dan Boutell
Commander, Post 4249

Presidents Corner

ATTENTION VFW AUXILIARY SISTERS! If you have paid your 2016 dues and have not received your membership card please contact me at 231-834-8705 or Gayle Porter at 231-652-4362. and please

send proof as such, The 2017 dues are due now you can send them to Gayle Porter P0 Box 545 Newaygo Mi 49337. Or you can leave them at the VFW Post. Please leave your address when you pay. Or you could become a life member according to your age as follows: thru 20yrs. \$220.00, 21-25 yrs \$210.00 26-30 yrs. \$200.00, 31-35 yrs, \$190.00, 36-40 yrs. \$185.00, 41-45yrs. \$175.00, 46-50 yrs. \$170.00, 51-55 yrs. \$160.00, 56-60 yrs. \$150.00. 61-65 yrs. \$140.00, 66-70 yrs. \$130.00, 71-75 yrs. \$115.00, 76—80yrs. \$95.00 81-85 yrs. \$75.00, 86-90 yrs. \$60.00. 91 and over \$50.00. Think about becoming a life member.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the July 3rd chicken BBQ. It was a long day. Thank you ladies that marched in the Croton Parade.

At our August 8th meeting we will have an election of a trustee as Donna has resigned.

On July 23rd there was a Civil War reenactment at the Ashland Cemetery. Then about 40 of the participants came back to the club for lunch and a cold beer. They were all dressed in their costumes of that era. It went very well.

The VFW Auxiliary and MOC Auxiliary are still having their bake sale on the first Wednesday of every month. We have all varieties of baked goods.

I hope everyone is staying comfortable in this unusual hot weather. If you don't need to go outside don't. Stay inside.

Joanne Atkinson
President, VFW Auxiliary

MOC/MOCA News

Sisters: Your 2017 MOCA dues are due. Please pay your VFW dues first, then your MOCA dues. Send your \$20.00 to Nancy Ping 4631 N. Peacock

Trail, Irons, Mi 49644. Or you can leave them at the

VFW and please make sure that you have your correct address. Your new card will be sent to you in a timely matter.

Have you tried the Cootie Burgers and more lately? They have Brats chicken strips w/ french fries. hot dogs, cheese burgers, hamburgers. You don't have to cook dinner that night.

Friday nights are shrimp and chicken wings with cole slaw and french fries. All for the price of \$6.00.

Come down on the first Wednesday night and support the VFW Auxiliary and MOC Auxiliary on their monthly bake sale. There are all kinds of baked goods.

Joanne is still taking summer clothes only for the men and women veterans at the Grand Rapids Home For Veterans.. Underwear has to be brand new and still in package as well as socks, white only. Sizes from Medium to XXXLarge.l

To those that have lost loved ones you have our deepest sympathy.

To those that are sice we wish you a speedy recovery.

"KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE"

DICK MOUTHAN HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN
JOANNE ATKINSON HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN,
PRESIDENT

AMVETS News

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AMVETS Post 4250 Commander