



December 2016 Newsletter

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Good day Comrades,



The Christmas season is upon us and I look forward to all the events we have planned this month. Thanks to the Auxiliary and all who helped make our hall a winter wonderland once again. It looks amazing!

The end of 2016 also marks the end of the Men's Auxiliary. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your efforts over the past years. You have left this Post better than you found it and we are all truly grateful for all you have done! I know many of you will or have already joined the Auxiliary as they are glad to have you and look

forward to the great things to come with the addition of your leadership, fundraising capabilities, and most of all, passion to help Veterans. For those that choose not to join or cannot join, you will always be welcome at our Post and I hope you continue to stay involved, as we have many guests today that volunteer and contribute to our Post's success.

Finally, while many of us will have a wonderful holiday season, I know that there are those out there that suffer from PTSD, depression, and financial issues, which can make the Holiday season difficult at best. If you are a Veteran that is struggling, or know one who is, please let us know and we will do what we can to help. After all that's what we are here for!

Calendar Sales Remember to stop by the bar and pick up your 2017 calendar! They make great Holiday gifts and go to a good cause.

Mark your calendar:

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Awards Banquet – December 9 at Fridley Post 363

Kids Christmas Party 1300 to 1500 – December 17

Commanders Breakfast 1000 to 1230 – January 1

7th District Bowling Tournament – January 14 - 15

Midwinter Conference @ Marriott MPLS – January 20 - 22

Upcoming Post 3915 Events:

Next District meeting: December 10 at 1100, Palmer Lake VFW

***District Christmas Party immediately after the meeting.**

Next Post meeting: December 14 at 1900

From my family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Hanson, Commander, Post 3915
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Comrades Post 217,

Post 217 wishes all its members a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We have kept the post going with members who care and we will keep it going. We believe in Veterans First and we will do all we can for them.

Our programs are going good and we are having a great year. God Bless us all.

To Palmer Lake VFW and its Auxiliaries (men & women) we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REMEMBER

Not all veterans and families will have a Merry Christmas and for sure not a Happy New Year. Do what you can to help them out.

Chuck Quigley
Commander Post 217



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Hello Auxiliary Members,

Reminder that the District Meeting is December 10 and hosted at our post, would be great to have a good turnout. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the Elks club at 10 AM, and following will be a potluck back in the hall at Palmer Lake with the Post.

Then Hall is decorated and ready for the Annual Kids Christmas Party on the 17th of December.

Time: 1 – 3 PM and Lunch will be served for the kids ages 0 thru 8 years of age.

We will be wrapping gifts at our next scheduled meeting date of Tuesday, December 13, this will be an informal meeting and if anyone would like to bring a snack to share that would be great.

Special thanks to Linda Cosgrove for organizing the lights getting up on the ceiling and to Gaye Palmquist and Jan Linderholm for organizing the decorating of the hall, and to everyone that was able to help with the hall transformation. As well as the help for the Men's Auxiliary for helping get the many boxes of decorations from the garage for us. Thank you all - this could not have happened so quickly without everyone's help.

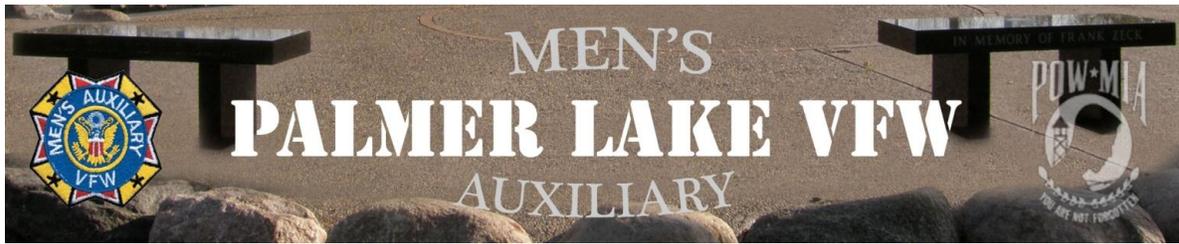
We are also hosting the Avenues Homeless teen shelter again this year on December 6 for a small holiday get together.

Remember to turn in your community service hours
<http://www.palmerlakevfw.com?volunteermain.html>.

I want to also wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you-

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Members and Friends of Palmer Lake VFW #3915,

Hey, Dale Palm here.

Red Alert Everyone. Due to the disbanding of the Men's Auxiliary, we are planning a farewell party in the Hall for Friday, December 30. I imagine it will start at 6 PM. Mike will fill you in on the details later in this newsletter, but this is our time to share with you during the busy holidays. Food, silent auction and music will be provided and maybe some other special happenings. Please come and celebrate with us.

I want to thank all of you that supported the Men's Auxiliary over the years. It has truly been my pleasure to be involved with Palmer Lake VFW as one of the leaders of the Men's Auxiliary. In sharing the moneys that you have so unselfishly helped us to raise, checks were recently sent out to several VA Nursing Homes around the state. This is in addition to many of the other organizations we have continued to support. We are proud of the things we achieved over our years of existence.

Thanks again and please stay with us during the transition.

For God and Country,
Dale Palm

Booya here,

I want to thank Mike for letting me get a few words in to our last newsletter. I'd like to report on the 2015 Booya Funds. As of our November Meeting there was \$700.00 left from the 2015 Booya event. Since those funds are set aside for families in need, we sent a check for that amount to the Minneapolis Fisher House. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qELzrbSjYE> The Fisher House is much like the Ronald McDonald House. They allow spouses and family members a place to stay while loved ones are recovering or dying at the VA Hospital. This is a very worthwhile charity and I urge you to check them out.

The 2016 Booya was a success from the start. Once again, all the food items, wood, paper products and workers were 100% covered with donations and volunteerism. We were able to raise \$2,475.00 which is slightly up from last year. This money has been earmarked for families in need and be set aside in the Auxiliary account for that purpose. We thank-you for your awesome generosity. More than 60 members and nonmembers were involved in the donations of ingredients, chopping, and other work tasks. This in itself is very commendable. By the time this newsletter comes out we will be in possession of another booya pot that we desperately need. Thanks to the Forest Lake VFW Post for providing the big pot and the storage for the other pots and supplies. Special thanks to Harlen and Debby Gibbs for all you do!

It's hard to see the Men's Auxiliary go away. It seem unfair, however life goes on. Good friends will always be good friends. The Palmer Lake VFW is a great organization. We need to continue to work together to keep it that way.

Thanks All
Booya

From The President;

As we get ready to close this chapter of the Men's Auxiliary, I would like to thank everyone that has supported us these last 13 plus years.

I would like to invite all to stop in on Friday the 30th and say hello as we celebrate and have one last fundraising party! Anyone interested in donating a gift basket or silent auction items please call me at 612-282-0575 or email me at mike@wefixblinds.com
All proceeds will be given to the Auxiliary. Look forward to seeing you!

The Commander Brunch is less than a month away on New Year's Day. Omelets are fabulous, come eat and watch the Vikings vs. Bears game with us!

The Fall Cabala Raffle results are as such: \$50.00 winners include: Theresa Sykora, Joe Mueller, Frankie Bill, Jim Mead, Kathy Mead, Gary Archambault, Miki Price and Mark Weishalla. The \$100.00 gift certificate went to Dale Olerud, \$200.00 to Breckin Palm and the \$300.00 to John Kaminski. Thank you for supporting our raffles throughout the years and thanks to our members for selling all the tickets.

It has been an honor to be your Men's Auxiliary President. A Very Special Thank You to my predecessors, Gary Lind, Dale Palm, Dave Thompson, & Jeff Marsyla for the tremendous leadership, support, and wisdom you have shared!

May God Bless all of you this holiday season and God Bless America!

Mike Marthaler, President
Palmer Lake Post 3915 Men's Auxiliary

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