



March 2014 Newsletter

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CHARTER 1965

Good day Comrades,

I would like to start the newsletter off with a public thank you to our Sr. Vice, Scott Hanson, for all his work in securing our Home Depot Grant. I just received an email that we were approved and HD will work with Scott and Mikki to get a date set. HD is asking for volunteers to help with “grunt” work. The plan for what will be remodeled is finalized, HD just needs some help. If you have any interest in giving back to the Post and can help, shoot me an email at palmerlake.vfw3915@gmail.com. Once Scott has all the details, he will respond to those volunteers with dates and times. We will need about 15 people.

March means it is time to think about elections. At our next Post meeting we will be opening nominations for our elected positions. If you have an interest in getting more involved at helping Veterans and have the bandwidth, we welcome you to our meetings. I am hoping we can start getting more of our post-911 Veterans involved as they will/are becoming the future voice of the VFW.

I need to throw a shout out to **Alex Chvestuik** who turns **100** in March. He is a WWII and Korean Vet. If you want to send birthday cards to the Post, we can take them to him.

29 March- District 7 Testimonial at Post 246 Ballentine in Minneapolis, social hour is 1100. Our 7th District Ladies President Frankie Bill would love to see you for her testimonial.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 20, 2014: VA Announces Rollout of Secure Veteran Health Identification Cards
WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the phased roll out of newly designed, more secure Veteran Health Identification Cards. The new cards are distinguished by additional security features and will have a different look and feel. In addition to being more secure, the card has been transformed into a Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC). Similar to a typical health insurance card, the VHIC displays the Veteran’s Member ID, a new unique identifier, as well as a Plan ID, reflecting the Veteran’s enrollment in VA health care. “VA is committed to providing high quality health care while ensuring the personal security of Veterans,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “These new identification cards are an important step forward in protecting our nation’s heroes from identity theft and other personal crimes.” The VHIC is personalized to display the emblem of the Veteran’s branch of service. It also provides features that make it easier to use, such as the addition of “VA” in Braille to help visually impaired Veterans, and the printing of VA phone numbers and emergency care instructions on the cards. The card replaces the Veteran Identification Card (VIC), which was introduced in 2004. As part of a phased rollout, starting this month, the card will only be offered to newly enrolled and other Veterans who have not been issued a VIC. Then, in early April, VA will begin a three month effort to automatically issue the more secure VHIC to current VIC cardholders. VA recommends Veterans safeguard their VIC as they would a credit card, and cut up or shred the card once it is replaced. While not required to receive VA health care, all enrolled Veterans are encouraged to get a VHIC. Enrolled Veterans can get more information about the VHIC by visiting their VA medical facility enrollment coordinator or the website www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic, calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visiting their local VA health care facility. Veterans who are not enrolled in the VA health care system can apply for enrollment at any time by visiting www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll, Calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visiting their local VA health care facility.

Question is: Can a Vet with PTSD get a permit for conceal and carry?

To give you the short answer to your question, PTSD in and of itself is not an automatic disqualifier to obtain either a permit to acquire or a permit to carry a firearm. Nor is receiving a disability for the same condition. There are a number of factors that are considered in approving firearms permits. A diagnosis of PTSD does not automatically disqualify a person from obtaining a permit and would only be a factor if there were other situations present, such as criminal convictions involving violence, any mental illness civil commitments or any documented events that indicate a person is a danger to himself or others, any active restraining orders in existence or recent untreated chemical dependency issues. If a person has PTSD and / or has PTSD and is receiving a disability for it and they don’t have any of the above issues they would still be entitled to obtain firearms permits.

- Anoka County Sheriff’s Office

Next Post meeting is: 12 March @7pm

Next District meeting is: 26 April Coon Rapids @ 0830

Next Blood Drive is: 03 March

Yours in Comradeship- Scott Bill,

Commander, Post 3915 <mailto:palmerlake.vfw3915@gmail.com>



Three Time All-American
CLARENCE LABELLE VFW
POST 217



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Comrades and Sisters,

When will the snow end? It's March and winter hasn't broken yet. Help!!!

Post 217 has a way of fighting all kinds of road blocks to accomplish our goals. We stand at 103% in membership and most of our programs are completed. The rest will be done before State Convention.

We have a new Lifetime Member, a Korean Vet, so we are still pushing membership.

April is nomination of officers; May is election and installation of the new officers.

Want to help out, come and join us third Wednesday at 7:00 PM. We can use you and you need us.

REMEMBER...

If you do a little bit to help a needy Vet you have done a lot.

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Dear Sisters,

I don't think I even need to say it, but here goes -- I Am Totally Sick Of Winter!! OK, now that I got that off my chest, I hope you are all doing well and surviving as best you can.

The Palmer Lake Chili-Cook-off was a lot of fun. We had 14 entries this year. Congratulations to the winners:

Doug H. Hot/Spicey category
Hali C. Mild/Medium category
Wayne N. Other category (venison)

We raised over \$125 in donations for MAC-V to support our homeless Vets. Thanks everyone!!

March 7th starts the Men's Auxiliary Lenten Fish Fry. They do a fantastic job with this! Stop in on Fridays until Easter and enjoy!

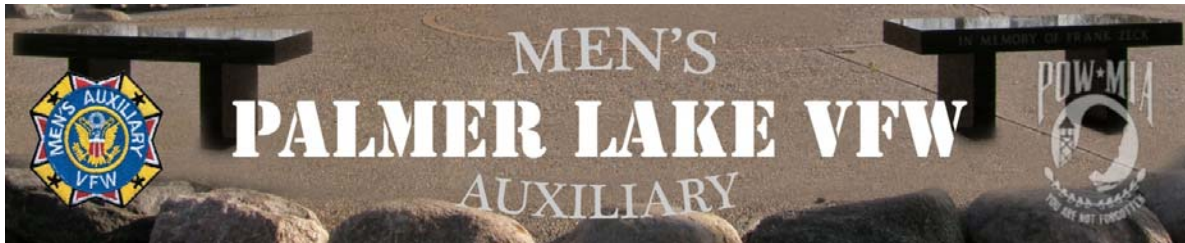
March 29th is President Frankie's Testimonial Luncheon. What a great job she has done for District 7 this year!! I hope to see some of you at the lunch.

On April 4th the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a group from the Veterans Home at the Fish Fry. Please join us to welcome these special guests

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone and THINK SPRING!!

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net.

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Members,

Fish Fries are back! We are happy to inform you that we will be up and running on March 7th and every Friday evening through lent. The meals will be prepared in the Hall this year but can be eaten in the Hall or bar area. Mark this on your Calendars.

Results of the 7th District Bowling Tournament. Post 3915 had 12 Men's Auxiliary Members and 1 Post member participate in the District 7 Bowling Tournament in January. The Palmer Lake VFW has quite a tradition in the event. The results are as follows (only Palmer Lake VFW participants listed): **Team Event:** 3rd Place for Dale Palm's team consisting of Dale, Ken "Hoot" Vondelinde, Mike Marthaler and Lenny Medearis. 4th Place, for Jeff Marsyla's team which included Jeff, Scott Chiodo, John Imholte and Matt Lee. **Singles Event:** Championship was won by Eric Winkler. 3rd place, Scott Chiodo. 7th Lenny Medearis. 13th Place Jeff Marsyla. **Doubles Event:** 6th Place, Jeff Miller and Eric Winkler. 7th Place Ryan Gauvin and Mike Rowberg. **All Events:** 4th Place Scott Chiodo. 6th place "Hoot". Congratulations to all our bowlers for the good showing!

We again want to thank everyone that supported the **Casino Bus Trip**. We had a very good turnout this year and several winners. Thank-you Brian Melchior and your staff for a wonderful day.

The **Spring Cabala Raffle** tickets are now available. The prizes are all Cabala gift cards with the drawing held will be held Friday May 2nd. (1) \$300.00, (1) \$200.00, (1) \$100.00 and (8) \$50.00 gift cards will be raffled. Please see one of the Men's Auxiliary Members if you would like to purchase chances.

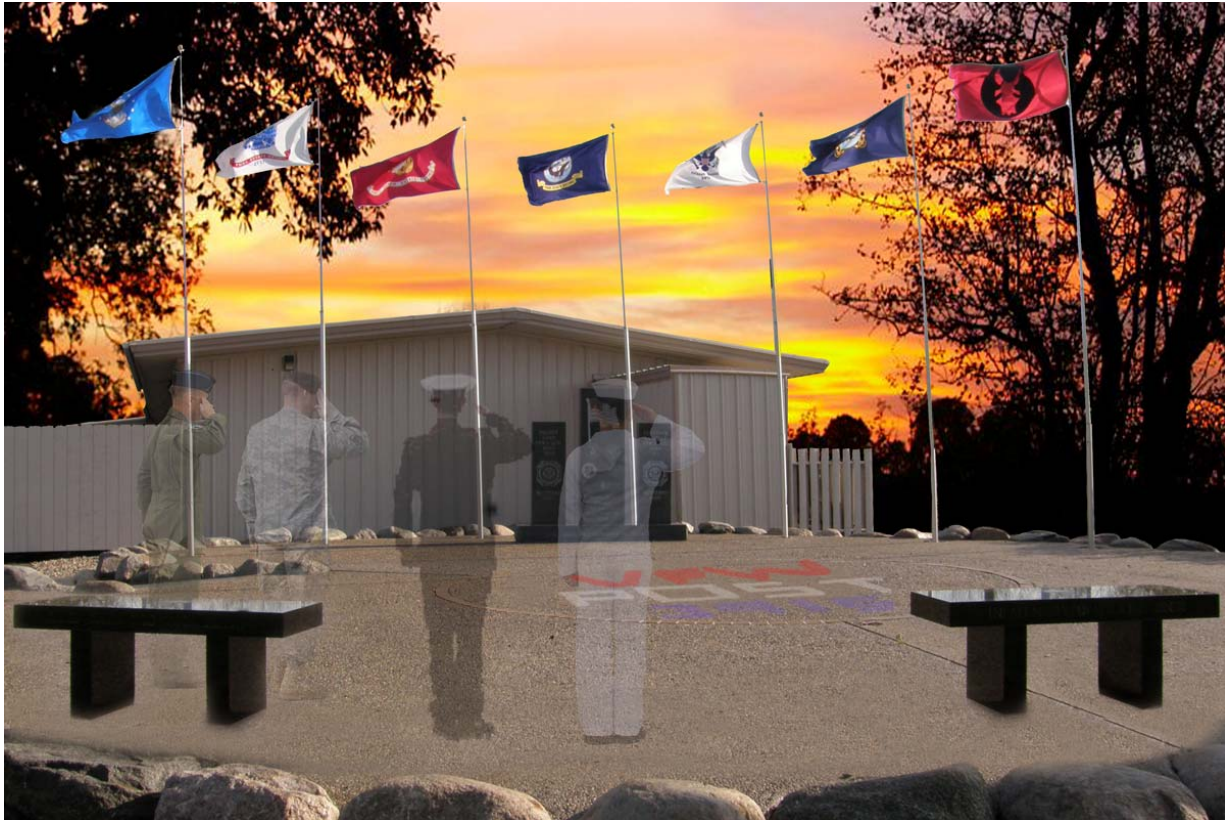
Just a reminder for our Men's Auxiliary Members, **nomination for officers** will be held at our March 5th. We have a tremendous group and there are many worthy selections. The past Presidents and I are very pleased at the number of members that are involved in our meetings and events. Thank you all.

For membership issues or payment of you annual dues, please contact Del Lottman. For any member referrals, contact any of our members. Please remember to turn in your community service hours to Stuart Ruud, Jr. Vice.

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Six Time All-American
PALMER LAKE VFW
 Post 3915
March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Jerry's Karaoke in Hall	3 1 - 7 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm Member Drawing 7-9 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	4 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 5:30 pm Meat Raffle	5 Tacos 2 for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30-11:30pm Karaoke	6 Chili Dogs \$2.00 4:30-6:30pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bingo	7 5 pm - 7 pm Fish Fry 7:30 pm Bargo 9:30 pm - 12:30 am DJ (After Bargo)	8 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 5:30 pm Member Drawing 7-9 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	11 5:30 pm Guest Drawing and Meat Raffle 6:30 pm 3915 Ladies Aux Meeting	12 Tacos 2 for \$3 5:30 pm Aux Drawing 6:15 pm Housing Comm Mtg 7 pm Post 3915 Meeting	13 Chili Dogs \$2.00 4:30-6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bingo	14 5 pm - 7 pm Fish Fry 7:30 pm Bargo 9:30 pm - 12:30 am DJ (After Bargo)	15 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle
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