



## June 2014 Newsletter

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### *CHARTER 1965*

Good day Comrades,

This is my last newsletter as your Commander. Effective 08 June 2014, our new Commander Scott Hanson and his newly elected officers will take the respective positions to lead PLVFW into the future.

Commander-Scott Hanson	Surgeon-Don "Nellie" Nelson
Sr.Vice-Brad Klein	Trustees-Blair Sorvari (1yr)
Jr. Vice-Terry Wagner	Trustees-Keith Brown (2yr)
Quartermaster-Gary Archambault	Trustees-Tom Heinrich (3yr)
Chaplain-Stew Whalen	Adjutant-Andrea Fierst
Judge Advocate-Rich Vosika	Service Officers –Jim Hamann/Jeff Jarosz

It is a bittersweet feeling as I have experienced many different activities when one is elected a Commander. I have learned a great deal in my four years. I hope to continue to coach Scott along as he begins his journey leading the strongest Post in the State of MN. There are way too many people to thank in all the details so I will keep it at a higher level. My greatest ally and mentor Commander Chuck Quigley, who leads by doing what is right for Veterans. Thank you, sir, for your mentorship, as well as friendship during my years. Thank you Gary Archambault, for always being there to listen and bounce ideas off, I appreciate your friendship. Past State Commander Lee Ulferts, for your willingness to coach "the new guy". My gambling team of Bob Hystad and Steve Cosgrove; thanks for keeping us out of trouble. Running a gambling house requires attention to detail. From the Ladies Aux: Past President, Frankie Bill who helped me through my first three years and current president, Kim Mudge. Frankie was the cornerstone to completing the PLVFW Community Activities Recordbook each year I was Commander. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Linda Cosgrove (a.k.a. Mama Bear) for all the help she has provided me. As for our Men's Auxiliary, I had the opportunity to work with these three Presidents: Gary Lind, Dale Palm, and Dave Thompson. Our Men's Auxiliary is a fundraising machine. They do so much for the Post home (thank you) and they are always there for donations to needy Veteran's and their families. There are many more people to recognize so let me just say, THANK YOU, to anyone who jumped in to help me, who gave me guidance, or just shared a kind/positive word. It isn't easy trying to keep PLVFW on top. Please know this, if we didn't agree eye-to-eye, it was never personal for me. When I was elected, I swore to do what I thought was right for our Post and the VFW organization as a whole. I am well aware not all my decisions were welcomed but I tried my best to ensure we stayed soluble and effective. To Miki Price and the entire bar staff, I enjoyed getting to know each of you. BTW, Miki rocks as a bar manager. Ok now on to fun stuff. ☺

**Home Depot Remodel update:** The Hall is complete and looks wonderful. Everyone who pitched in to make this project a success, thank you. In the last two years our Post home has had all four bathrooms completed remodeled, we managed to fix our drainage issue, and along the way create a parking area for motorcycles and bicycles, alike. And now the hall, Wow—thanks all for your help.

**Next Post meeting is: 11 June @ 7pm**

**Next District meeting is: TBD**

**Next Blood Drive is: 23 June 1-7pm**

For the last time as your Commander, God Bless and Peace  
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Three Time All-American  
**CLARENCE LABELLE VFW**  
POST 217



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Comrades and Sisters,

We honored our veterans at Mound Cemetery on Memorial day. It is a somber day and I am always privileged to be a small part of the ceremony. You stand and wait for your turn to say a few words and while you wait you say a few prayers giving thanks for your freedom paid for by so many young men and women. We give thanks to those who gave all they could so we can be here to honor them . God Bless those who have gone before us. We will never let you be forgotten.

We have installed the new officers and appointed others. The chairs are full for another year. We are already ahead of last year on our programs.

Come to a meeting - Third Wednesday at 7:00pm.

***REMEMBER***

If we thank or help one vet we have done a great deed!

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**CHARTER 1966**

## **June 2014 Newsletter**

Dear Sisters,

Our officers for the upcoming year have been installed and we have welcomed our new Commander Scott Hanson. I feel this next year will be an exciting one for Post 3915. It has been a real pleasure working with Commander Scott Bill and I know you all join me in saying "Thank you Scott!" for your leadership and your hard work and dedication in supporting our Veterans and Palmer Lake VFW.

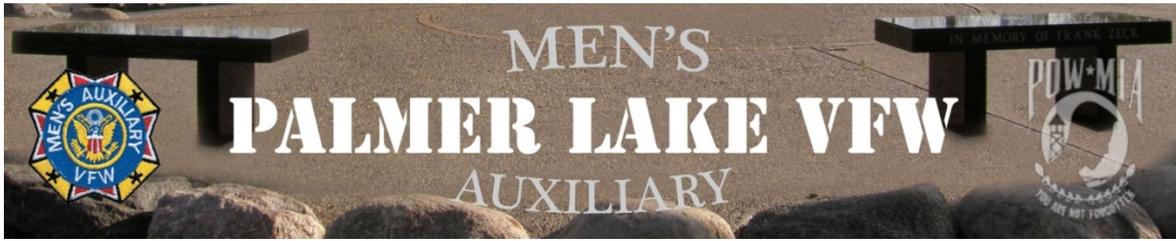
Our Ladies Auxiliary came home with many awards and a lot of recognition for our hard work for the 2013-2014 year. Congratulations Ladies - you make us shine!! Now it's time to look forward to this next year. If you have not been active in the Auxiliary lately, please take time to reflect on why you joined the Auxiliary. I'm sure your first response would be to help our Veterans. I know we all have busy lives and many of us feel our plates are very full, but perhaps you can find some extra time to volunteer to help with some of our events that benefit our Veterans and Military Families. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about ways you can help. One definite way we can all help is to grow our membership by asking friends and acquaintances if they are eligible to join us.

We now have a convenient way to report our community service hours through the Palmer Lake website. You can still report hours by paper form, but if you have access to a computer this is a very simple way of doing it. Marcie Short has been compiling our community service report for the last several years and is now stepping away from that task. At this time I am not sure who will be taking over that job, but I will let you know in the next newsletter. Please continue to report and Thanks Marcie for what you've done!

I encourage you to attend our June meeting on the 10th at 6:30. I will be reporting on the Department Convention and also mapping out our programs and goals for the year. Thank you Sisters!!

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or [mshort7725@comcast.net](mailto:mshort7725@comcast.net) or via the web at <http://www.palmerlakevfw.com/VolunteerHours.html>

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Members,  
June 4 @ 6:00 PM. Regular Scheduled Meeting.

A big applause is due to Scott Bill for his many years as Officer and Commander of Post 3915. Scott, you should be proud of all your accomplishments. The Men's Auxiliary supports the many improvements to the Club during your Commandership and challenges the new Commander, Scott Hanson to continue the efforts. Thank you for your dedication and hard work to help the Post 3915 community.

### **CABELA SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS.**

\$300.00 Scott Johnson                      \$200.00 Will Staple                      \$100.00 Mars Dockendorff  
\$50.00 - Tom Heineke, Eric Winkler, Maurie Cotes, Dean Marsyla,  
Jim Smedin, Tammy Wemmer, Tom Brechert, and Jim Montique.

The Men's Auxiliary again thanks everyone who purchased raffle tickets and helped in this fund raiser. I'd like to thank all the Auxiliary members that sold tickets and thanks for getting all the tickets sold and turned in promptly. Thanks also to Hali Chiodo for printing the tickets and helping with sales and paperwork.

### **Community Service**

I would like to stress upon the Men's Auxiliary members to turn in their community service hours. There are a number of ways to do this. If you have a computer, you can simply document your hours on line at <http://www.palmerlakevfw.com/VolunteerHours.html>, I logged in time last week and it only took a couple of minutes. If I can do it, then so can you. If you would rather keep track on paper, you can turn in your time to Stu Ruud or myself and we will log your hour for you. Please make an effort to turn in your time, thank-you.

### **Poppy Day**

Thank you to all that participated in poppy distribution and to those that purchased the poppy cards at the post. I'd like to mention that the Men's Auxiliary had minimum participation again this year. It is a fact that more nonmembers distributed poppies than the entire Men's Auxiliary. Poppy distribution is mentioned in our Charter as one of our responsibilities to share the work load with the Post and Ladies Auxiliary. Please consider taking a shift next year. 3 or 4 hours out of a year is a small price to pay for our freedom. Proceeds of poppy distribution go to the VFW Veteran's Assistance Programs. See photo below from Poppy Distribution Weekend!

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, Community Service Officer.

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