



July 2012 Newsletter

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Good Day Members,

Well it is 03 July 2012; sorry I am a couple days late with the newsletter but June has been a very busy month for me and Palmer Lake as well. Let's jump right in:

First of all have a happy and safe Independence Day. Take a few moments to reflect on how we got here and whose blood needed to be shed to bring us to 2012.

June was the State Convention in Rochester and in my opinion Palmer Lake cleaned up on some very prestigious awards. **NONE** of these awards would have been possible without the help and continued support of our Ladies and Mens Auxiliaries. Before I talk awards, I need to welcome our New State Commander Lee Ulferts. I am confident that Lee's leadership and passion that he had at the Post level will transcend into the department level. Congratulation Commander Ulferts, very well deserved.

1. 14 years continued membership growth
2. 2nd place Outstanding Youth Activities Program
3. Most life members recruited
4. Most new and reinstated member
5. 1st place **BEST WEBSITE** in MN. Thank you to Scott Hanson for your tireless work on making sure we moved from # 2 to #1 in 2012. By the way, he did this all from his tent in the Middle East. Scott returns home the end of this month. Very nice job Scott.
6. The Ladies President, a.k.a. Frankie Bill accepted All-State President of the Year. Only nine were selected in the state. Awesome job ladies.
7. Lastly, I was honored with not only All-State Commander for MN but selected as Captain of the All-State Commanders team. What a humbling experience but one this Post and all its members deserve.

I want to summarize convention. It went well but now we need to buckle down and get back to the programs and membership. I want to put this out to the membership again this year. I need your help. If you can just ask one fellow comrade that you know who has not joined, to join our ranks, we can solidify 15 straight years of growth. Next, I need to ask if there are any member out there will to help me with our officers rank. One of my desires is to see a female comrade get into the chairs but so far I have been unsuccessful in securing a female interested in being the first for Palmer Lake. Regardless, as I enter my third year it is essential to have other members come forward who will to continue the success of this Post. Members aren't going to want me to do this to much longer. Plus it is good to get fresh ideas in the chairs so we don't stagnate. If you are interested please leave a message at the Post or email info@palmerlakevfw.com.

I need to personally recognize three Mens Auxiliary members who have helped me keep the back side of the Post cleaned up: Dale, Booya Dave, and Brian. Your support and help is invaluable to me at this busy time of year. Thank you.

Thank you as well to Stew, Jim, and Delores for bearing the heat at the Twins game on 01 July to hand out the remaining Poppies.

Lastly, I want to welcome Nikki as the new bar manager. I know she will do a fine job and help me keep this Post running successfully. Lee, thank you for your years of service as a bar manager and all around utility player keeping this Post running. You did well and this Post thanks you.

Next Post meeting is 11 July 2012 at 1900, see you there.

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915





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Comrades and Sisters,

The State Convention is over and Post 217 did well. For the tenth year in a row, the Post and Auxiliary received the All State Commander Award. It shows our little Post is a working Post. The Auxiliary made a Poppy display that I thought was beautiful. We have to wait for the Gopher Overseer to find out who won. I thought it was a winner!

We start all over again to try and fulfill all the VFW programs, it's not easy so let's pull together and get it done.

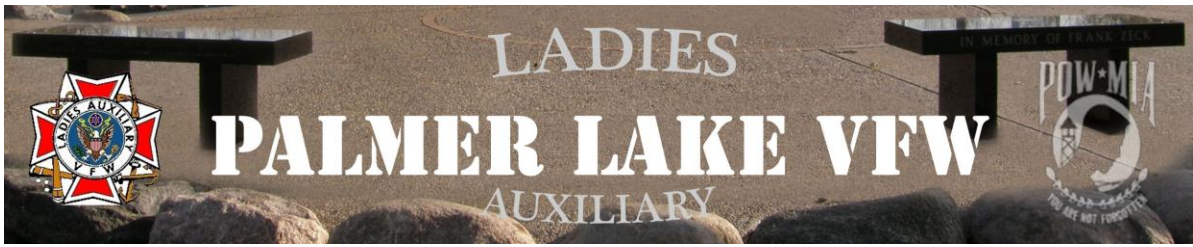
Congrats to Scott Bill. He is the Team Captain of the All State Commanders. Job well done, Scott!

Come to a meeting and give us a hand on the 3rd Wednesday every month at 7:00 PM.

-REMEMBER-

If you are a Veteran then it your duty to help needy Veterans

Chuck Quigley, Commander, Post 217, 763-424-6417
Alice Naslund, Auxiliary President, 763-432-6737



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CHARTER 1966

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Dear Sisters,

Here we are again...a new year for the triad of Palmer Lake VFW and its auxiliaries. This year I am very proud to serve with this year's State Commander, Lee Ulferts. Lee hails from this great Post and I know he will serve our great state of Minnesota proudly. We have our work cut out for us this year ladies, and I know you will join me in working very hard and making it a successful year not only for the Post but also for our Veterans, families, and our community.

I also want to recognize and congratulate our Post Commander, Scott Bill. Wow, job well done! This Post is very proud to work with a driven leader and someone who is persistent, a team player, and an all-around good guy. Thank you for what you have accomplished over this last year for our comrades, sisters, and brothers. We start with a clean slate this month for all VFW programs and I know we will work hard to make 2012/2013 another successful year.

Whew, June flashed right by and Independence Day is already tomorrow! All good things happened during the month of June. We were very busy with volunteering at our very own Ladies Auxiliary sponsored golf tournament to the Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament to Grill Night to the State Convention in Rochester to the Cub Foods Brat Stand. I am sure I missed some other events, but the bottom line is we have been a very busy group and all for good causes. Thank you to all of you for shifting schedules, dealing with the oppressive heat, and doing what you do with a smile. I am so proud to be a part of this club and this organization. Here are more ways as evidenced at the Summer Convention:

- Outstanding Auxiliary Achievement Award
- All-State President
- Blood Program – Citation of Merit
- National Military Services – Certificate of Recognition
- Legislative – Citation of Merit
- Membership – 100% + Achievement

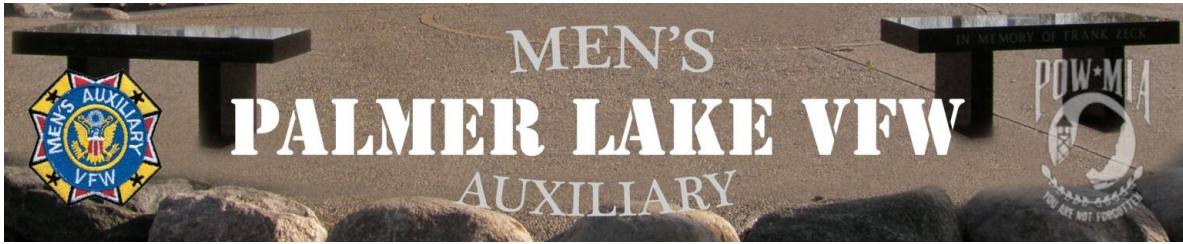
Please join us at our monthly meetings starting at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month. There are a few changes to programs and updates I would like to share with all of you. I would really like to see more sisters get involved in the programs and step up in supporting some of our fundraising events we will be holding throughout the year. It is also a great forum to understand how we conduct business within the auxiliary. Besides, it is great to see each of you at the meetings, share your input, and let us know what we can do to continue to improve and help out our Veterans, their families, and the community.

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

I wish you each a safe and enjoyable Independence Day with family and friends.

Yours in Sistership,
Francesca Bill, Ladies Auxiliary President, Post #3915
-Frankie-
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Members,

The Men's Auxiliary has a light schedule for July. Our July 4th meeting has been cancelled because of the Holiday. If you have any important matters, please contact Dale or Dave. The Men's golf outing is scheduled for Saturday September 8th. We are still looking for a few hole sponsors. Lunch will be held after golfing. A complete overview of the golf outing will be in the August newsletter. The Men will be holding a short golf meeting at +/- 6 PM on July 25th.

Booya is scheduled for October 13th. Booya preparation is going extremely well. Thanks for all the help. The Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries will be holding a Booya planning meeting at 5:35 on July 25th.

The next scheduled full Men's Auxiliary meeting will be August 1st at 6:00. August 1st is also the date of the Stand Down. If you want to be involved in the stand down please see Dale or Dave.

There are so many ways to express one's love for country. What to do on July 4th to show you love the USA is a deeply personal matter. For many folks Independence Day means family barbecues, baseball and fireworks. Others love to attend an old fashioned small town parade.

“No matter how one chooses to mark the occasion, each person, in his or her own way, recognizes the incredible process that came to fruition on July 4, 1776, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. On that day, the Second Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence, an act which set in motion the separation of the original 13 colonies from Great Britain. Indeed, this event ushered in the birth of a new nation and a modern democratic republic.

It took America nearly 200 years to realize the aspirations of the founding fathers who included in the second section of the document these words:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The impact of the American Revolution is still with us, inspiring long suffering peoples as they struggle to throw off the yolk of tyranny.

It is our hope that citizens the world over, no matter which country they owe allegiance, can come together in appreciation of the seminal events that took place during an unseasonably mild day in the summer of 1776.” *Author Unknown*

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

Please enjoy a happy and safe 4th of July.

For God and Country
Dale Palm, President
Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915 Men’s Auxiliary



PALMER LAKE VFW CALENDAR July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am - 6 pm Ladies Aux. Brat Stand - Cub Foods - Brooklyn Center	2 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	3 Twins Night - Win Tickets 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 5:30-6:30 pm House Com. Meeting 6 pm Horseshoes	4 Independence Day Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7:30-11:30pm Karaoke	5 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	6 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	7 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm-12:00 Karaoke
8	9 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	10 Twins Night - Win Tickets 5:30 pm Guest Draw. 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 6 pm Horseshoes 6 pm - 3915 Ladies Aux. Meeting	11 Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7 pm Post 3915 Meeting 8 pm Karaoke	12 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	13 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	14 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm-12:00 Karaoke
15	16 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	17 Twins Night - Win Tickets 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 6 pm Horseshoes	18 Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Aux. Drawing 7 pm Post 217 and Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30-11:30pm Karaoke	19 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	20 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 5:30 - 7:30 pm Grill Night - Steak, Chicken or Salmon 7:30 pm Bargo	21 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm-12:00 Karaoke
22	23 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	24 Twins Night - Win Tickets 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Draw. 6 pm Horseshoes	25 Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7:30-11:30pm Karaoke	26 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	27 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	28 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm-12:00 Karaoke
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