



# The Palmer Lake Post

March 2009

<b>PALMER LAKE VFW NEWS - POST 3915</b>		<b>CLARENCE LABELLE VFW NEWS - POST 217</b>
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Comrades – Post 3915

On February 8 we had a Welcome Home party for one of our adopted units. Here is a brief description of what they did during their time in Iraq.

Twelve members of the Minnesota Air National Guard's 133rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Small Air Terminal section, returned home 15 January 2009 from Al Sahra Air Base (Camp Speicher) near Tikrit, Iraq. During their tour, they supported the Multinational Division North (including the 19th and 25th Infantry Divisions) with airlift and surface transportation. From 1 September 2008 to 10 January 2009, the members of the Small Air Terminal transported 28,504 personnel and over 8,300 tons of cargo via air-bridge. During the month of November, they supported the Multinational Division North's, Relief In Place Transfer of Authority (RIP TOA) which included moving over 14,000 soldiers, and over 40 helicopters and their equipment via C-17 Aircraft. These returning members of the Minnesota Air National Guard are taking leave before they return to their civilian lives in mid-February.

Another event to remember is the next Blood Drive at the Post is scheduled for Monday, March 9. Blood draw is from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sign up at the Post or call Ray Trebus at 612-269-6009. January's Drive was good, but with your help, this one can be even better. The last thing is plan to attend the March meeting. We will open nominations for Post Officers for the 2009-2010 year. In April, we will have election of officers.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Bob Hystad - Commander, Post 3915

Comrades – Post 217

Once again we draped our charter, Ken Cogswell, a WWII Veteran who served in the Army. After the war was over, Ken worked to provide for his family, his community, and church. He was a Lifetime Member of 217 and he loved our dinners. We salute you, Ken, and next summer I will hit a golf ball for you. (Ken loved Golf!) God speed Ken - now you can rest. We will remember you.

The Seventh District bowling tourney has come and gone. Post 217 left its mark as we placed second in team events. I will post the other results in next month's newsletter. God bless and be good to one another.

Remember, nominations for officers will be at our April Meeting and installations are in May. Your attendance is important!

**- REMEMBER -**  
**We must do the things for Veterans that they cannot do for themselves.**

Until next time,

Chuck Quigley - Commander, Post 217  
763-424-6417  
Lois Sather - Auxiliary President – Post 217  
763-550-1978

<b>Post 3915 Meetings:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday <b>Next Meeting:</b> 7:00 p.m. – March 11	<b>Post 217 Meetings:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday <b>Next Meeting:</b> 7:30 p.m. – March 18
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**Watch for these Post Events:**  
**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Every 60 Days in 2009!**  
 March 9 – May 4 – July 13 (Sept. & Nov. TBD) – Time 2:00-7:00 pm at the Post

**Visit our website for Officers, Post events and Post information: [www.palmerlakevfw.com](http://www.palmerlakevfw.com)**  
**REGISTER ON LINE AND YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE EMAILED!!**  
**Important: Please notify the Post if you have an address change.**



## PALMER LAKE LADIES AUXILIARY POST 3915

Dear Sisters,

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our Glamour Magic fundraiser has been rescheduled for March 12-15. We need to sell more tickets to make this a successful fundraiser. Please contact Jill Morton to get a pack of tickets or contact me if you have any questions. The photo packets will be ready in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day. What a nice gift to give or receive and remember men are welcome to purchase tickets too!!

We are collecting personal care items targeting our female troops. Francesca Bill discovered an organization called SOFT (Support Our Female Troops). They have a central distribution center in the States that we send the donations to and they in turn distribute them where needed to our troops overseas. If you care to contribute, please drop your donations at the Post and mark them for SOFT.

A Chili Cook-Off was held at the Post on February 15. This was not really an Auxiliary sponsored function, but was put together more as a bar sponsored function just for the fun of it. Since I organized it, I want to take this space to thank our judges—Don, Lenny, Al, Connie, Stu, and Jake. There were 13 entries but bragging rights go to Donna Hildreth, Stu Ruud, and Dale Palm. I set up a donation bucket and am pleased to report that we raised \$87 for the VFW National Home for Children. The event was so much fun that I was asked to organize a chicken wing cook-off in April (Wing Ding??). Look for more info at the Post.

Our first bowling banquet is March 28. Please let me know if you can help. We run this just as we do steak fry and will need help with prep, serving, and clean-up. Please let me know if you can help. Again, this is a good fund-raiser for our Auxiliary. These funds help us to continue the many good programs we participate in to help our Veterans and their families.

Please remember to support our steak fry and pancake breakfast. Come down for some good food and tell your friends!!

We are still collecting donations of personal care items for the VA hospital and home and for MAC-V. Please drop donations in the box by the door at the Post.

Don't forget to report your Community Service to Francesca Bill. Please contact Judy Hystad at 763-561-9122 or the Post at 763-560-3720 regarding any illness or deceased members.

We are still paying the first \$50 for life membership. Share the word with your friends who might be eligible to join our Auxiliary.

Remember, the best gift we can give our Troops is Prayer. Please be generous with that gift!!

Loyally,  
Kim Mudge, Ladies Auxiliary President – Post 3914  
Email: kim.mudge@yahoo.com

**Ladies Auxiliary Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Each Month  
**Next Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. – March 10

**Watch for these Ladies Auxiliary Events:**  
**March 20 - Steak Fry (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Each Month)**  
**March 22 - Pancake Breakfast (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**



## PALMER LAKE MEN'S AUXILIARY POST 3915

Members,

The annual Fish Fry's start Friday, Feb. 27 and runs seven weeks (Fridays). Any help we can get from the general membership is appreciated.

We will be discussing and planning for the Spring Sportsman's Raffle. If you're interested in selling a book or two or buying a chance towards the prizes, stop down and ask for myself or Rod Oppegard. A few officers will be attending the District Meeting on Saturday, March 14, in Richfield and will report back at the April meeting.

Future meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.! If you have any membership issues or want to get signed up, see Rod Oppegard/Sr. Vice. If you have any community service to report, contact Stuart Ruud/Jr. Vice and he will document it for you.

Respectfully,  
Gary Lind,  
Men's Auxiliary President – Post 3915

**Men's Auxiliary Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Each Month  
**Next Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. – March 4

**Watch for these Men's Auxiliary Events:**  
**Fish Fry's Start Friday, Feb. 27 for Seven Fridays!**



## Palmer Lake VFW Calendar March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Race Sunday	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM House Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing 6 PM - 7 PM 3915 Men's Auxiliary Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>6</b> 5 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Fish Fry</a> 7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ	<b>7</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins Race Sunday	<b>9</b> 2 PM - 7 PM Blood Drive at the Post 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3915 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing 7 PM - 8 PM Post 3915 Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>13</b> 5 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Fish Fry</a> 7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ	<b>14</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
<b>15</b> Race Sunday	<b>16</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Post 217 and Auxiliary Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>20</b> 5 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Fish Fry</a> 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  <a href="#">Steak Fry</a> 7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ	<b>21</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
<b>22</b> Race Sunday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  <a href="#">Pancake Breakfast</a>	<b>23</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing	<b>25</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>27</b> 5 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Fish Fry</a> 7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ	<b>28</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
<b>29</b> Race Sunday	<b>30</b> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing	<b>1</b> <a href="#">April Fool's Day</a> 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing 6 PM - 7 PM 3915 Men's Auxiliary Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>3</b> 5 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Fish Fry</a> 7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ	<b>4</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
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