

The Palmer Lake Post

MAY 2008

Comrades,

The most exciting thing I can think of to report is that we now have a web site. Scott and Amy Hanson who are both members and Judy Peterson who is a member of our ladies auxiliary have worked hard and long to make this a reality. Our address is www.palmerlakevfw.com. This site is a work in progress but I think it is very impressive as it is. In the months to come we will continue to add to it. The newsletter will be available on the site and it will be possible for you to sign up for the newsletter electronically. This will not only save on paper but will make it cheaper and more available to everyone. I hope you are as impressed as I am with the work that our members did. I cannot begin to thank them enough. We will always be looking for new ideas to make it even better. There will be many changes to the newsletter as a result. This letter will be somewhat shorter as I am hurrying for the deadline and when I look outside at this weather I just get more depressed. Be sure and attend our Memorial Day Service at Mound Cemetery at 11:00 and then back at the Post for another short memorial and lunch at 12:00. Once again we will be reading the names of those that have passed in the last year. This has become a meaningful time for those that attend and you are all invited. I will save the rest for next time.

Yours in Comradeship,
Lee Ulferts
Commander

CLARENCE LABELLE VFW POST #217 MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Commander C. Quigley 763-424-6417

Auxiliary President A. Naslund 763-443-9346

Comrades and sisters, once again Post #217 is having another appreciation dinner for all members of Clarence LaBelle and Ladies Auxiliary. It will be June 12th, 2008. As usual social hour is at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM sharp. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Ashlee Kephart our Voice of Democracy entrant has been given another honor. She was called by the Minnesota Twins and was asked to throw out the first pitch for their series with Boston. Great job Ashlee, Post #217 is very proud of you. We (217) will sponsor Ashlee one more year for the Voice of Democracy program.

Have a great summer and come to some meeting – third Wednesday every month.

Don't forget the dinner! God Bless!!

Till next time,
Chuck Quigley, Post 217 Commander

Men's Auxiliary

We had our annual elections and I was re-elected President. Thank you for your confidence and let's have another good year! We are having a sportsman's raffle again this Spring. The gift certificates will be from Cabela's and they will be for \$400/300/200/100. The drawing will be held Friday May 2nd at 5:00. If you have any membership issues or want to get signed up see Rod Oppgard / Sr. Vice. If you have any community service to report contact Stuart Ruud / Jr. Vice and he will document it for you! The officer's voted in at the April meeting are:

*President- Gary Lind
Sr. Vice- Rod Oppgard
Jr. Vice- Stuart Ruud
Adjutant- Lenny Medearis
Treasurer- James Pearson
1year Trustee- Vance Gust
2year Trustee- Dale Palm
3year Trustee- Dan Maahs
Champlain- Dale Palm*

Remember, meetings are held each month on the first Wed. at 6:00. Come and make your thoughts known and be involved.

*Respectfully
Gary Lind
President*

LADIES AUXILIARY

Pancake Breakfast May 25th

Steak Fry is May 16th.

Does anyone want to try a special needs program for our female service people?? Please contact me!!

Post Officers

**Lee Ulferts – Cmdr.
Lee Mudge – Sr. Vice
Scott Bill– Jr. Vice
Ray Trebus - Qtmstr
Don Nelson – Adjutant
Jim Evans – Chaplin
Steve Cosgrove – Judge
Adv.
Chuck Kashmark–Surgeon**

**Post Meeting
Wednesday 7 PM
May 14, 2008**

**Ladies Auxiliary
Officers**

**Kim Mudge-President
Lorraine Zech- Sr. Vice
Jill Morton-Jr. Vice
Gaye Palmquist-Secretary
Pam Johnson-Treasurer
Francesca Bill-Conductress
Doris Chvestiuck-Guard
Judy Hystad-Chaplain
Dorothy Clarke-Pat. Inst.
Annette Jarosz -Trustee
3yrs
Silver Whelan– Trustee 2 yr
Linda Cosgrove–Trustee**

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Tuesday 6:30 PM
May 13, 2008**

Men's Auxiliary Office

**Gary Lind-Pres
Rod Oppgard – Sr Vice
Matt Jorgenson – Jr Vice
Lenny Medaris – Sec.
Jim Young – Treas
Vance Gust-2 Yr Trus
Dale Palm-Chaplin**

**Men's Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday 6:00PM
May 7, 2008**

Dear Sisters,

Elections were held at our April meeting and I am very proud to be serving as your President for another year. Our new Sr. Vice is Jill Morton our new Jr. Vice is Francesca Bill and our new Conductress is Lorraine Zech. Congratulations to them!! Other positions remain the same and thanks to those Ladies for their continued contributions.

Our District Meeting and Convention was terrific. We received several awards and certificates including 1st place for Community Service and 1st place for our poppy hat!! Following the meeting was our District Installation of Officers. I was very proud to be a part of that. I was installed as Color Bearer and look forward to serving our new President Reva Swanson in this next year.

It was great having the Vets here for steak fry. I know they love these outings and the good food. Thanks to all who helped make that happen!!!!

We will continue our program of making donations to the VA Hospital, Home and MAC-V. If you can contribute, please do so.

Memorial Day is right around the corner. We will be discussing events at our next meeting. Please try to attend. Again, I urge you to contact me if you have a desire to start some new programs to support our women Vets at home and overseas.

Did you know any volunteer hours you do count for the Auxiliary? Report your volunteer time to Jill Morton, our JR Vice President.

Please contact the Post or Judy Hystad at 763-561-9122 about any illness or deceased members. For Post questions call 763-560-3720

We are still paying the first \$50.00 for life membership. So come in and sign up for it. Know somebody who is eligible for membership—sign ‘em up!!!!

I wish those who are under the weather a very speedy recovery and my heart felt sympathy to those who have lost a loved one. You are in my prayers.

**Loyally,
Kim Mudge**