



# The Palmer Lake Post

October - 2009

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Comrades – Post 3915

As I begin this month’s newsletter, I again have to report that the Post has lost a good friend and employee. On September 6th, Bonnie Cobb passed away after a battle with cancer. She was a Member of our Ladies Auxiliary and an employee of the Post for a number of years. She will be missed by many of us at the Post!

On September 13, we had our annual Pig Roast. We had an outstanding day this year and no rain like we had last year. From the reports that I received, everyone enjoyed the roast pork and corn on the cob. One of the things that helped the attendance was the addition of a Classic Car Show in the parking lot. We had about 15 classic cars there which helped to draw people off the street. We will be trying to do that again in the future.

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find an invitation to the Members Dinner which will be on Sunday, October 25. It is essential to reserve your spot as the Post has grown. If you are planning to attend, the preferred RSVP is to go to our website:

- www.palmerlakevfw.com
- Home Page will come up.
- Look for “Upcoming Events” (Below “Adopt-A-Unit” Button).
- Click on the link & sign up! It is that easy! Save a stamp!

Or return the enclosed form to the Post by October 15 either by mail or in person so that we can have an accurate count of the number of meals we will need. We certainly don’t want to turn anyone away, but we will seat those with reservations first. This is one of the few times during the year that we get to see some of the Members we don’t otherwise get to see.

The Fall Convention this year will be held in Willmar on September 25-27. Also, don’t forget to donate blood at the next Blood Drive on Monday, November 2. Thanks!

Yours in Comradeship,  
Bob Hystad - Commander, Post 3915

Comrades and Sisters – Post 217

**- ALL AMERICAN POST -**

I want to thank those who called to congratulate the Post on the great year it had. Post and Auxiliary members worked hard to put together a banner year. They are two great groups to work with and I am very proud of all of them.

Comrades and Sisters, come to a meeting and see what your Post and Auxiliary are up to. You may even want to get active and help us out. We meet on the third Wednesday every month at 7:30 PM. Give it a shot!

Our Chaplain, Bob Quigley, and his wife, Kaye, are retiring from the V. A. Medical Center after 20 years of volunteering. Bob works in the Pharmacy and Kaye in the Police Department. We wish them a happy retirement. I’m sure the V.A. Center will miss them. Bob served in the Pacific on a cruiser in WW II. The last name should tell you he’s my brother and has kept me in line for many years.

**- REMEMBER -**

What it takes to be a veteran –  
We can never forget their sacrifice.

Till next time,  
Chuck Quigley - Commander, Post 217  
763-424-6417

Jackie Gehrke Auxiliary President, Post 217  
763-559-7430

<b>Post 3915 Meetings:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday <b>Next Meeting:</b> 7:00 p.m. – October 14	<b>Post 217 Meetings:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday <b>Next Meeting:</b> 7:30 p.m. – October 21
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**Watch for these Post Events:  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Every 60 Days in 2009!  
Next Blood Drive: Monday, November 2 – 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

### Ladies Auxiliary Moments

Sisters, did we have beautiful weather or what for this year's Pig Roast? I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the roast. The vintage cars and the Police K-9 unit from Brooklyn Park were awesome. Kudos goes to Auxiliary Junior Vice Jan and her committee who did an excellent job of organizing the event.

Our Auxiliary is now sponsoring Junior Girl Scout Troop 11779 from Brooklyn Park who will be working towards the Bronze Star award. The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn, requires her to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be. To earn this award this troop will be making Birthday Cards, Banners & Placemats for Children at Children's Hospital. This is one of many projects that they would like to accomplish. You may see them around at some of our events. If you see them, please give them a warm welcome. It is going to be a real privilege to work with these young girls.

Our Auxiliary is going to have a Food Drive for this year's "Make a Difference Day". The dates for the food drive is September 24<sup>th</sup> until October 24<sup>th</sup> (Make a Difference Day). All proceeds will go to the Emergency Food Shelf located in Brooklyn Park. There will be a list of needed food items posted on the bulletin board in the Post. There will also be a bin in the Post to drop off your donation.

**Mark your Calendars:**

- October 12 – Columbus Day
- October 13 – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting-7 PM
- October 16- Steak Fry – 5:30 PM (Donations needed to "But A Vet a Dinner" for Vets from the Minneapolis VA Home.)
- October 25 – Pancake Breakfast – 9:30 AM
- October 25- Membership Dinner- 5 PM
- November 2 – Blood Drive – 2:00-7:00 p.m. – Sign up to give! Volunteer also needed.

I am going to "highlight" one or more of our Auxiliary committees each month so you will know what that committee does and who the Chairperson is. If you would like to volunteer for any committees or for any upcoming events, or if you have a great idea for a fundraiser, call or email me.

**Hospital: Chairperson: Lorraine Zeck**

The goal of the Hospital and VAVS Program is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients in the VA Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country. With the influx of this generations veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitative services, there is a greater need for volunteers.

**History:** In 1928 Volunteer Hospital work became the second National Program adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. As America's troops return from battle and aging warriors need medical attention, the Ladies Auxiliary has been there to assist with a cheerful smile, an encouraging word, and time to write or read letter from loved ones. The organization volunteers 1.8 million hours a year.

Loyally,  
Jill Morton, Auxiliary President  
Email: jill.morton@palmerlakevfw.com or 612-247-1757

### Membership Minute with Sr. Vice Francesca Bill

Continuous Members & those considering Life Membership:  
Thinking about going life? The Ladies Auxiliary will now pay \$75 towards your life membership through the Member Dinner (held in October).

**OR** – Continuous Members, pay your member dues for the 2009-2010 year

**AND** – If you do this now through the Member Dinner (held in October), your name will be entered into a drawing for FREE, yes **FREE**, Life Membership!!!

Please mail your dues to: Pam Johnson, Auxiliary Treasurer, 9228 Windsor Lane North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Loyally,  
Francesca (Frankie) Bill, Senior Vice President  
Email: francesca.bill@palmerlakevfw.com or 651-263-6721

**Ladies Auxiliary Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Each Month  
**Next Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. – October 13

**Watch for these Ladies Auxiliary Events:**  
**October 16 - Steak Fry (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Each Month)**  
**October 25 - Pancake Breakfast (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**



## PALMER LAKE MEN'S AUXILIARY POST 3915

Members,  
We just finished with a big weekend starting with our Bottle Raffle on Friday, Saturday's Golf Tournament, and finally the Post's Annual Pig Roast. The list of thank you's is long!! I will just generally say thank you to all the people who helped with prizes, donations, hole sponsor's, cooks, beverage cart girls, etc...

We have the Membership Dinner coming up on Sunday, October 25, and we have been asked to serve dinner and bartend, so we will need help with that. Get your dues in to be eligible for the meal and beverages too! Sign up on line.

The Fall Sportsman's Raffle with \$400/300/200/100 prizes is currently going on. If you have not gotten a book to sell see Mike, Rod, or Gary.

If you have any membership issues or want to get signed up, see Mike Marthaler. If you have any community service to report, contact Stuart Ruud, Jr. Vice, and he will document it.

Also, we are all trying to help build the Blood Drive donations that are held every 60 days at the Post. If you would like to donate blood or help with the Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. The next Blood Drive is Monday, November 2. Your help is appreciated!

Future meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.! Attend the meeting and be heard!






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. – October 7

**Watch for these Men's Auxiliary Events:**  
**Fall Sportsman's Raffle**



**Palmer Lake VFW 3915 Calendar – October 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Pancake Breakfast	<b>28</b> 5:30 PM Member Drawing	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing 6 PM - 8 PM Horseshoes	<b>30</b> 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	<b>October 1</b> 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>2</b> 5 PM - 7:30 PM Buck Burger/Brat Night	<b>3</b> 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Columbus Day 5:30 PM Member Drawing	<b>13</b> 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing 6 PM - 8 PM Horseshoes 7 PM 3915 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7 PM Post 3915 Meeting 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>16</b> 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  Steak Fry	<b>17</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM Member Drawing	<b>20</b> 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing 6 PM - 8 PM Horseshoes	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke 7:30 PM Post 217 and Auxiliary Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	<b>23</b> 5 PM - 7:30 PM Buck Burger/Brat Night	<b>24</b> 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke
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2817 Brookdale Drive, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 763-560-3720

Visit our website for updates and additions to the calendar: [www.palmerlakevfw.com](http://www.palmerlakevfw.com)

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