



April 2012 Newsletter

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CHARTER 1965

Good Day Members,

It is finally Spring and time to prep for the upcoming Summer. In the next month or so, I will be asking members to join me in Spring cleaning of the Post. There is much work to be done outside and I could use your help.

Membership: I want to provide a quick update on where we are for our 2012 member drive: as I write this, we are at 104.92%. We are still shy of 105% to be eligible for “All American” Post status, but I am extremely satisfied with the recent help I have been getting in recruiting that we will attain our goal. We added a handful of new members from the local Red Bull Division as well as a few others. Welcome all to Palmer Lake and thank you for joining the greatest organization for our Veterans.

We will have our Post elections this April at 7:00 pm. Come on down and see the system at work.

Moving forward, I will recognize a couple of events each month. This is not inclusive nor am I assuming any one incident is more important than another, but to just ensure we all stop and take a few moments each month to recognize the sacrifices that continue today for this great Country

The Bay of Pigs invasion occurred on April 17, 1961. Brigade 2506, a covert counter-revolutionary force recruited by the CIA began an abortive U.S. planned night amphibious landing to liberate Cuba from Communist control.

The surrender of Bataan was followed by the infamous Death March during which 75,000 Filipino and 2,500 Americans perished. The 65 mile, ten day trek, in sweltering heat, from Marireles to San Fernando saw many atrocities, including beatings, tortures, and executions committed against the prisoners. During the seemingly endless march, the prisoners were given neither food nor water by the Japanese.

Our next Blood Drive will be 30 April from 2-7 pm. Happy Easter and God Bless!

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915

P.S. Please see Attachment A. The Veterans of the Iraq War will be honored at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 21, at the Twin Cities Heroes Parade on Nicollet Mall in appreciation for their service and sacrifice.



CHARTER 1930

Comrades and Sisters,

We have had another successful year. All of the programs were completed and we have started on the 2012 - 2013 programs.

I am very proud of this Post and the best Ladies Auxiliary in the VFW. What a great bunch of people.

Congrats to 3915 for reaching the 700 plus in membership. Way to Go!!!

The District Convention is not that far away, but before that, we have to have our officers in place. Nominations are in April and elections in May at the Post meeting. Come and join us at a meeting and get involved. This is your Post - support it.

Again thanks to our Auxiliary for all the support we get from them, a very fine group of Ladies.

Vets need clothes - call me!

REMEMBER

The Atlantic, the Pacific, all the Islands,
Norway, France, D-Day, the Argon, The Bulge,
Iwo, Okinawa, Philippines, Midway and many other places.

Most of all our WW II Vets who won them all.

Thank Them!

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



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CHARTER 1966

Dear Sisters,

Happy Easter! I wish you and yours a blessed holiday while you celebrate with family and friends. The days are longer, the weather warmer, and the grass greener. It certainly is nice to be spending more time outside, reacquainting ourselves with our neighbors, and enjoying Spring in full bloom!

Thank you, ladies, for attending Bingo Night at the VA Medical Center on Monday, March 19th. It is always fun to hang out with the veterans and help play games. They sure did enjoy their treat bags along with an extra perk of quarters. The winner received \$1.00 in quarters while his/her neighbor received \$0.50. Not bad! A special thanks to Tracey Miller for coordinating the event and to Jan Linderholm, Pam Johnson, and Karen Lundquist for preparing the goodies.

Please note: we will be back hosting another Bingo Night at the VA Medical Center on Monday, **April 9th**. Please contact Tracey Miller at 612-655-3448 for volunteer help. The event starts at 7:00 PM; setup begins at 6:30 PM; meet at the Post to carpool departing at 6:00 PM.

The 2012/2013 nominations for officers are now open for the Ladies Auxiliary. Elections will be held during this month's meeting, Tuesday, **April 10th** at 6:00 PM. Dues need to be current in order to vote. Please attend, support our Sisters, and be heard!

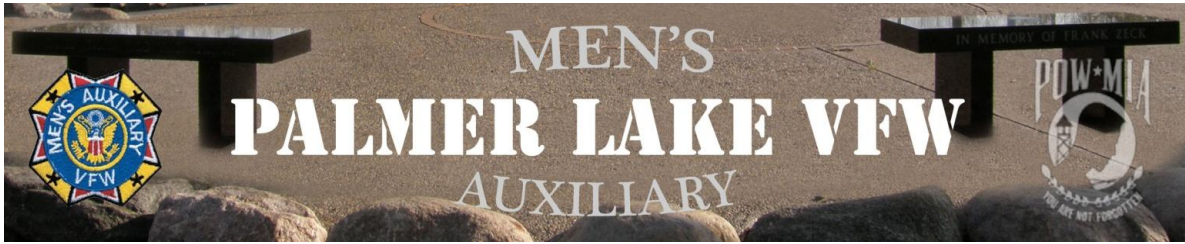
April is Month of the Military Child. In 1986, Defense Secretary, Casper Weinberger, designated this month because he wanted to honor military kids for their sacrifices and courage. Since that time, military installations, organizations, and communities have created special events to pay tribute to these little military heroes. For more information on Operation: Military Kids in Minnesota, please contact Kia Harries, MN 4-H Military Liaison at 507-372-3908 or kharries@umn.edu **OR** Amber Runke, MN OMK Program Specialist at 612-624-8198 or runk0014@umn.edu.

Mark your calendars! Our 3rd annual Taco Fiesta event is back and will be held Sunday, **May 6th** from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. This year it will coincide with Cinco de Mayo. We need help with the following: sponsors and prizes for the Silent Auction and Raffle; gift basket items and ideas for the Gift Baskets; and baked goods for the Bake Sale. This is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and is already just around the corner! All volunteers and help are appreciated. Please contact Kandy Charlet at 763-222-9111 or kandy.charlet@medica.com for ways you can support.

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net. Please, everything you do no matter how big or small is worth reporting.

Please continue to keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Yours in Sistership,
Francesca Bill, Ladies Auxiliary President, Post #3915
-Frankie-
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CHARTER 2004

Members,

The Men's Auxiliary will serve the last "All You Can Eat Fish Fry" on Good Friday, April 6, so if you haven't had a chance to try it, c'mon down! The cost is \$8.00 for adults and seniors pay \$7.00. We will work with families with small children. Fish is served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sides include baked beans, cole slaw, bun and fries.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members that take time out of their busy weeks to help make the Fish Fries possible. It was been a big success. Another big thank you goes to Donna Hildreth who does much of our shopping. Thanks, Donna!

Spring Cabela's Raffle Tickets are on sale at this time. There will be 1,000 tickets available at the cost of \$2.00 each. Prizes will be \$300.00, \$200.00, \$100.00, and eight each \$50.00 gift cards. The drawing will be held on the evening of May 4th.

Please support out Auxiliary Sister as they prepare for Cinco de Mayo and hold the Taco Fiesta and Silent Auction on Sunday, May 6, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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.

If you would like to donate blood or help with the Blood Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. The next Blood Drive is April 30. Your help is appreciated!

For God and Country,
Dale Palm
President, Men's Auxiliary

Thanks to all who helped at the All You Can Eat Fish Fry!



Clark, Brian & Lyle

Four Time All-American
PALMER LAKE VFW
 Post 3915
April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April Fool's Day	2 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	3 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 - Guest Drawing 5:30 - 6:30 pm House Com. Meeting 6 pm Horseshoes	4 Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30-11:30 pm Karaoke	5 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	6 GOOD FRIDAY 5 - 7 pm Fish Fry - \$8.00 - All you can eat! 7:30 pm Bargo	7 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
8 Easter	9 5:30 pm Member Drawing 6 pm-Bingo Night - VA Medical Ctr. (Hosted by Ladies Aux.) 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	10 5:30 - Guest Drawing 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 6 pm Horseshoes 6 pm 3915 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	11 Taco's - Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7 pm Post 3915 Meeting 8 pm Karaoke	12 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	13 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	14 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
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Attachment A



MINNEAPOLIS -- Veterans of the Iraq War will be honored at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 21, at the Twin Cities Heroes Parade on Nicollet Mall in appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Inspired by the first grassroots parade held in St. Louis and in partnership with the nonprofit organization, the Welcome Home Foundation, Minneapolis will become one of the few cities in the United States to hold an event honoring post-9/11 Iraq veterans. The theme is “United in Thanks,” highlighting the importance of a community unified in gratitude.

The parade will begin on Fifth Street and finish on Eleventh Street. During the parade, there will be a “Resources Plaza,” located at Peavey Plaza. That weekend, Twin Cities businesses and restaurants will feature specials for veterans as part of “Heroes Weekend”. Participating businesses and restaurants will be listed on the event’s website. Funds raised beyond the need of the parade will be given to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.

Is with the support and participation of our community that we give these men and women and their families the thanks they deserve.

For more information on volunteering, donating, or participating in the Heroes Parade, Heroes Weekend, and Resources Plaza, visit the event website:

www.tcheroesparade.org or email tcheroesparade@gmail.com.



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