



The Palmer Lake Post

December - 2009

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Comrades – Post 3915

In late October, we had our Members Dinner. We had about 180 members attend and it was great to see those members that we don't see during the rest of the year. Again, I would like to thank our Senior Vice, Scott Bill, and his wife, Frankie, for their hard work in organizing this event. I have received a lot of good comments about the dinner. We also handed out member year pins and tried to include everyone, but we may have missed some. If you feel you are entitled to a year pin, please contact the Post and we will get you one.

I would like to announce that we have updated our website. It has all new pictures and a new format. If you haven't looked at the website lately, take a look at it.

December 19 is the Children's Christmas Party from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary turn the back hall into a sight to behold. If you have a chance, stop by and take a look. Children can visit with Santa, have lunch, and receive a Thank You Bag from Santa. Participants are encouraged to bring an unwrapped present for Toys for Tots that the Marines will be on hand to help with.

I would also like to welcome everyone to our New Year's Eve Party at the Post. We have Dave and Sandy hosting the Karaoke Show that evening! This will be a fun time. In addition, we have the Commander's Omelet Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on New Year's Day. For only \$7.00, you can order your own "made to order" omelet along with toast, potatoes, etc. If you haven't been to either event, you are missing out! Join us!

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship,
Bob Hystad - Commander, Post 3915

Comrades and Sisters – Post 217

All American Post!

I wish all of you the best Christmas ever and may your most important gifts be better health and happiness. It is such an honor to be Commander of this Post and work with the best people in the VFW or anywhere.

If you would like to do something for a Veteran for the holidays, call me and I can give you some ideas. We must think of the needy Vets this time of the year and make their Christmas a little nicer. Thank you and God Bless.

Harlan Johnson of Post 217 made the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Monument. It is a 22 hour free trip for the WWII Vet, but they must have a young guardian fly with them at a cost of \$500.00. If you would like to go, call me and I will talk to the Great Americans who put this on. Harlan's Dad is John Johnson a WWI Vet and a Charter Member of Post 217.

REMEMBER
*Some gave a little - Some gave a lot -
Some gave all - Remember them all!*

HONOR OUR VETERANS

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

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

Post 3915 Meetings: 2nd Wednesday
Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – Dec. 9

Post 217 Meetings: 3rd Wednesday
Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. – Dec. 16

**Watch for these Post Events:
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Every 60 Days in 2010!
Monday, January 4 – Time 2:00-7:00 pm at the Post**

**Visit our website for Officers, Post events and Post information: 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

Dear Sisters,

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked hard to make the hall look so festive! I invite all of you to come down!

If you have not paid your annual dues please do so ASAP!

We are in the running for a membership award and I would love to see our Auxiliary win this year. Don't forget we pay \$50 towards your life membership.

Children's Christmas Party - Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 19th starting at 1 p.m. This year we are doing things a little different. We are asking that each child that attends bring an unwrapped gift to put in our Santa Sleigh for the Toys for Tots Program. This is a great program and we are glad to be a part of it. You will also see Santa and Mrs. Claus and get a Thank You bag and have some lunch!

Veteran Support Program - Chairperson – Kim Mudge
To assist veterans and their families outside the hospital, to ensure a suitable standard of living, whether it is through financial support, moral support, or by simple acts of kindness.

History - The founders of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW placed the greatest emphasis on a program developed to assist veterans returning from battle and assimilating back into civilian life. Today the organization continues to help those coming directly from the battlefield or from the hospital as they try to reestablish themselves and maintain normal, happy lives with their families and their communities.

One of the most successful projects under this program is Operation Uplink. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members across the country raise money to purchase long-distance telephone cards for veterans and overseas soldiers. Thousands of cards go to deploying units to Iraq, included in care packages, and to VA Medical Centers to help heroes call home.

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW offers four **Continuing Education Scholarships** in each Membership Conference. Members, their spouses and their children are eligible for one of four \$1,000 scholarships. You can print out an application at www.ladiesauxvfw.com

Dates to Remember:

- December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- December 9 – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7 p.m.
- December 19 – Children's Christmas Party – 1 p.m.
- December 21 – First Day of Winter (Brrrr)
- December 25 - Christmas
- December 27 - Pancake Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
- January 1 – Commander's Omelet Breakfast – 10:00 a.m.

Lastly, don't forget to sign up for the Blood Drive at the Post. The next date is Monday, January 4 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. If you can help with registration or hand out snacks, please contact Gary Archambault at the Post (763-432-9828). I hope everyone has a safe and joyous Christmas and New Years.

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

Membership Minute with Sr. Vice Francesca Bill

We continue to collect personal care items that target our female troops for the "Support Our Female Troops" (SOFT) Organization who distribute them where needed to our troops overseas. **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!**

A list of acceptable donations is posted directly above the Post drop box. Please continue to show your support and help our ladies in need! Thanks!

If you have not paid your annual dues, you will be contacted via postcard. If already submitted, please disregard the postcard. Your membership is important!

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

Ladies Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday Each Month
Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – Dec. 8

Watch for these Ladies Auxiliary Events:
Dec. 19 – Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 27 - Pancake Breakfast (4th Sunday)



PALMER LAKE MEN'S AUXILIARY POST 3915

Members,

Thanks to all who helped make our Raffle Ticket Event a success. A special thanks to Mike Marthaler for coordinating the raffle.

We have been preparing for the 7th District Meeting on November 21st. I will report more in the next Newsletter on that event.

The Post and Auxiliaries at Palmer Lake VFW have a lot of activities in December. Take a look at the calendar and support the Children's Party, Pancake Breakfast, Buck Burgers, and the outstanding Commander's Omelet Breakfast on New Year's Day. In addition, the New Year's Eve Bash with Dave and Sandy's Karaoke Show will be a lot of fun.

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 for you.

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

Have a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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

Men's Auxiliary Meetings: 1st Wednesday Each Month
Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – Dec. 2

Help or donate at the Blood Drive on Jan. 4
Call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 3:15 PM FOOTBALL - Vikings & Chicago Bears	30 5:30 PM Member Drawing	Dec. 1 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing	2 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 6 PM 3915 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	3 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	4 5 PM - 7:30 PM Buck Burger/Brat Night 8:30 PM Live Band	5 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM Karaoke
6 3:15 PM FOOTBALL - Vikings at Arizona Cardinals	7 5:30 PM Member Drawing	8 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing 7 PM 3915 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	9 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7 PM Post 3915 Meeting 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	10 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	11 5 PM - 7:30 PM Buck Burger/Brat Night 7:30 PM DJ	12 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM Karaoke
13 12 PM FOOTBALL - Vikings & Cincinnati Bengals	14 5:30 PM Member Drawing	15 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing	16 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke 7:30 PM Post 217 and Auxiliary Meeting	17 6:30 PM Bar Bingo	18 7:30 PM DJ	19 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 1 PM - 3 PM CHILDREN'S PARTY - Visit Santa, have lunch & bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM Karaoke
20 7:20 PM FOOTBALL - Vikings at Carolina Panthers	21 5:30 PM Member Drawing	22 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing	23 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	24	25  Christmas	26 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle
27 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Pancake Breakfast	28 5:30 PM Member Drawing 7:30 PM FOOTBALL - Vikings at Chicago Bears	29 5:30 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Guest Drawing	30 5:30 PM Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 PM - 11 PM Karaoke	31 7:30 PM NEW YEARS EVE PARTY! Karaoke with Dave & Sandy! 	Jan. 1 New Year's Day 10 AM - 1 PM Commander's Omelet Breakfast	2 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage 3:30 PM Meat Raffle 7:30 PM Karaoke With Paul & Lisa
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