



# The Palmer Lake Post

## February, 2009

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Comrades – Post 3915

January turned out to be a very busy month. On New Year's Day was the Commander's Brunch that went very well with the help of both the Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries.

January 3rd was the Voice of Democracy dinner. Mr. William Beckman, a teacher at Maple Grove Middle School, was the winner of the Teacher of the Year for the 7th district and also the Department of Minnesota. He was sponsored by Palmer Lake Post 3915.

Our first Blood Drive was on January 5. The Red Cross was pleased with the turnout and the number of pints of blood that was given. We will have our next Blood Drive on March 9th, so mark your calendars so we can continue to have another good turn out. Sign up at the Post.

January 16-17 was the Department of Minnesota Mid-Winter Conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Saint Paul. Governor Pawlenty was the guest speaker at the banquet again this year. The one statement that the Governor made that we all should agree with is:

***“Veterans benefits will not be cut by the State.”***

Yours in Comradeship,  
Bob Hystad - Commander, Post 3915

Comrades – Post 217

The VA Hospital has made a big change in Category Eight Veterans. The means test is no longer used and you can be admitted for treatment. There will be a co-pay on medication but you can now receive treatment. Any questions, call me and I will get the information you need.

Post 217 sponsored a Fireman of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Our fireman took the Gold Award and is Fireman of the Year for Minnesota. He is the Great Nephew of Amy Biorn and I think he is a Fifth Generation Fireman in the Biorn family. His name is Benjamin Biorn.

Our Teacher of the Year won Seventh District Teacher of the Year and came in second in the State. Her name is Melissa Sloneker. She teaches at Riverview School in Brooklyn Park.

This has been a great year for our little Post!

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

Lois Sather - Auxiliary President – Post 217  
763-550-1978

**Post 3915 Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
**Next Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. – February 11

**Post 217 Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
**Next Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. – February 18

**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,

I hope all of you are staying warm!!! We are certainly staying busy enough. Just when I think things will slow down another request pops up!!

Some very good news is that our Adopt-a-Unit, Air National Guard 133<sup>rd</sup> APS is HOME!! We will be having a welcome home party on **Sunday, February 8**, in the afternoon for them and for their families. They have a slide show presentation of their experience in Iraq and I hope a lot of you can make it to show our support!!

Mark your calendars! "Daytona Sunday" and the Chili Cook-Off is **Sunday, February 15**, Noon start. More info will be available at the Post and the website.

We are scheduled to volunteer at Games Night at the VA hospital on **Tuesday, February 24** (time to be announced). We provide snacks and run card and dice games. This is a very rewarding activity. Please let me know if you would like to go or have any questions.

We have also been asked to help with a fundraiser for the Police Explorers group. This is a program that allows teens to ride along with our Brooklyn Park police officers. It is set for **Saturday, February 28** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and will be a spaghetti dinner. Please let me know if you are willing or able to help with this event. We also will be preparing and serving for at least 2 bowling banquets in March and in April. This is a good fundraiser for us and we will need some extra help. Again, let me know if you can help with this.

Our Poppy display took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the December District meeting but we did not place at Mid-Winter. There were some awesome displays!! The Conference was very good and again it was wonderful to see our Sisters from all over Minnesota.

At the District meeting, our Auxiliary was recognized for being the 1<sup>st</sup> in the District to reach 100% membership for 2009. We also have the highest percentage of Life Memberships.

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. For \$9.95 each, you get a free 8 x 10 photo! It would also be a great gift for pre-teen girls to give their Fathers for Father's Day! (Must be at least 5 years old.) It will be a fun dress up day! Glamour Magic will bring in all the props and makeup! Have fun!

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. 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. – February 10

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



## PALMER LAKE MEN'S AUXILIARY POST 3915

Members,

A couple of us went to the Mid-Winter conferences last weekend in St. Paul and picked up a few pointers. We will start talking at our February meeting about the Fish Fry's starting in late February. This is one of our events we truly need help from all the members through Lent. Discussion about our Spring Raffle will also be held at the February meeting.

If you paid your dues, the 2009 cards are in and Rod will be sending them out this week.

Future meetings are on the first Wed. of the month at 6:00! If you have any membership issues or want to get signed up, see Rod Oppeward/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. – February 4

**Watch for these Men's Auxiliary Events:**  
**Fish Fry's Starting in Late February!**



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Race Sunday</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Ground Hog Day 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing</p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM House Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing</p> <p>6 PM - 7 PM 3915 Men's Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage</p> <p>3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Race Sunday</p> <p>1 PM - 4 PM Welcome Home Luncheon for the Air National Guard 133rd!</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing</p> <p>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3915 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing</p> <p>7 PM - 8 PM Post 3915 Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>  <p>Lincoln's Birthday 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>Valentine's Day 12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage</p> <p>3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Race Sunday</p> <p>12 PM - 6 PM Daytona - Chili Cookoff - More details posted at the Club.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p>President's Day 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing</p> <p>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Post 217 and Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>  <p>Steak Fry</p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage</p> <p>3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>  <p>Washington's Birthday Race Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p>  <p>Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Members Drawing</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Guest Drawing</p> <p>6 PM - 7 PM VA Hospital - Games Night - (Time to be determined)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Aux. Drawing</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bar Bingo</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Y'all Come DJ</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>12 PM - 3 PM Cribbage</p> <p>3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Meat Raffle</p> <p>7:30 PM - 12 AM Karaoke</p>
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