



January 2013 Newsletter

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Good Day Members,

Happenings:

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year. What a great turn out for our District 7 Christmas party, thank you for sharing the afternoon with us. A HUGE thank you to the Men and Ladies Auxiliaries that made the Children's Party a success. Very nice work by all of you. I want to especially thank our Santa and Mrs. Claus; you two were awesome. The New Year's Day Brunch is fast approaching; see below for times. Come join us for the best brunch in town. Thank you to the Men's Auxiliary who have been my rock when it comes to cooking the brunch and to the Ladies who have always helped with preparation.

I need you all to do me a favor and go to: www.palmerlakevfw.com and look at our new website. Please let me know what you think. Scott Hanson did an awesome job changing up our look as we continue to strive to be the best website in the state of MN. We are also working on branding new merchandise for the Post. Below is our new logo at the Post level. Nice work Tony and Scott. The silhouette is our memorial out front, the three pillars are made of granite and represent the VFW, Palmer Lake and Clarence LaBelle and the stars represent our All-American status.



Membership:

We are at 101.88%, very nice but still quite away from our goal of 105%. No one person can sustain membership for an entire Post. So please help me here. As an incentive, I have a leather VFW jacket I will give to the first member who recruits at least 15 new or reinstates. Also, it would be nice to see more faces at our monthly Post meetings. We have a solid turn out but it would be good to see some newer Vets come on down and possibly help with a program or just get to understand what it is we do for our Vets, widows, and orphans.

District and Post meetings and Activities:

New Year's Day Brunch at PLVFW 01 Jan 2013 from 1000-1230

Next District Meeting: 05 Jan 2013 @ 1000 Post 5903

Next Blood Drive is: 07 Jan 2013 from 1400-1900

Next Post Meeting is: 09 Jan 2013 @ 1900

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915
scottbill15@msn.com



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Comrades and Sisters,

What happened to 2012? We are not finished with our programs. Like always, we need more time. At this time our Great Post is at 105% in membership – WOW! If you can find the time on the third Wednesday every month at 7:00 PM come and join us. We would love to see you at a meeting.

Let's all hope and pray 2013 is a saner year and all of us have a Blessed and Happy New Year.

REMEMBER

The greatest generation fought and died to keep the free world free.
Never forget that - God Bless our veterans.

Chuck Quigley, Commander, Post 217, 763-424-6417
Candie Pelz, Auxiliary President, 612-521-5232



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Dear Sisters,

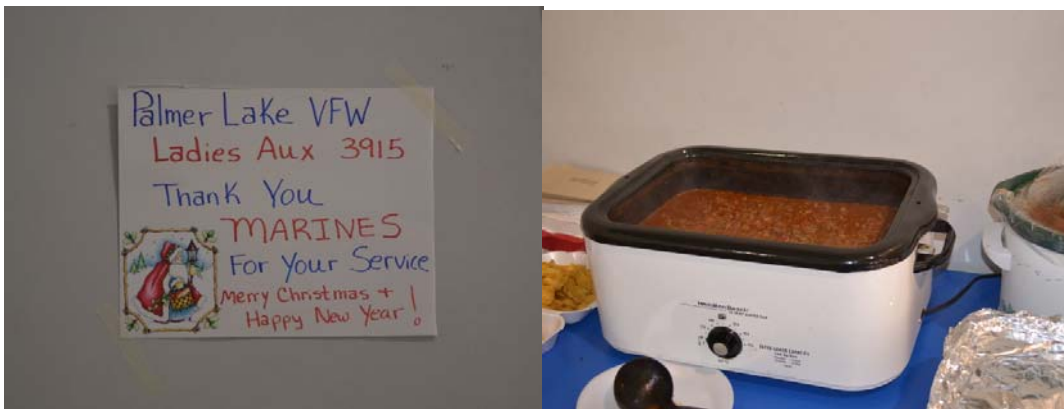
Happy New Year and may 2013 be a prosperous and plentiful year! May this not only be for each other, but also for the Ladies Auxiliary organization, including the sisters of Palmer Lake VFW Post #3915!

More than ever we need to retain, recruit, and reinstate our membership. In order for our programs to succeed, we need sisters to join us and help continue to fight for Veteran's rights and the benefits ladies are eligible to redeem. By becoming a member, we are able to reap the rewards of our volunteer efforts whether sewing lap robes for the Veteran's in VA Homes to preparing a hot meal for military members working the Toys for Tots program to donating U.S. Flags to local businesses and schools within the community.

This past December, we held our annual Children's Christmas Party with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The 2-hour party was a great success! So many children and their siblings and parents stopped by for gift giveaways donated by the Dollar Tree, a kid-friendly lunch menu, a letter-writing station to Santa, karaoke holiday songs (which was absolutely adorable), and gifts from Santa! What an event for our members and their families, as well as the community! My personal thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, Gambling, and the Post for their help in making this year's party another wonderful event. Thanks to the special elves and helpers in pulling all of it together and making the hall a magical wonderland of decorations and lights.

Also, last month, several of our Sisters paid a visit to the Toys for Tots Warehouse in Minneapolis to donate lunch to the Marines who sponsor this program. Gaye Palmquist, who spearheaded this effort, provided pictures from the day in action during the holiday toy drive. This is one of many ways we help give back and one of many efforts I wanted to feature this month. Thanks to the ladies for sponsoring a chili lunch with all the fixings, including desserts. See the enclosed pictures.

Don't forget, we also post pictures like this on our website and Facebook page, so please pay a visit to see more photos and the types of volunteering we do within our Post and community. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as we have given our website a new facelift. Please send your comments to me or to the Post Commander.

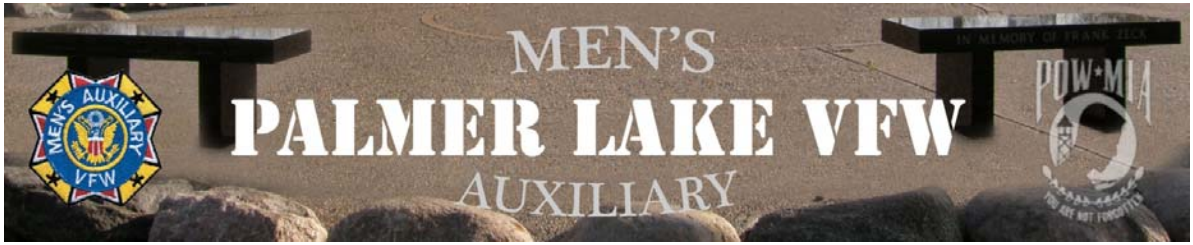


I know not every Sister can attend the monthly meetings, but please don't be discouraged if you are not able to make every meeting. These meetings are for you; just knock if the doors are closed. All original ideas for fundraising and ways we can give back to our Post and community are always welcome. If your dues are current, we would love to see you at the meeting. Join us the second Tuesday of the month, beginning at 6:00 PM.

- New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1st
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 21st

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short, Community Service Chair, at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net. Especially during the start of this new year, your volunteerism counts, report it!

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

Welcome to all our new members. 2012 brought the Men's Auxiliary several new members some of which have pitched in to help us in several events. It's nice to see new faces helping out. 2013 will be a challenging year and we will be looking for you to get involved.

February 9th is the annual Casino trip to Turtle Lake. Brian Melchior will have a sign up sheet available after the New Year. Please when you sign up for the trip make it a firm commitment. We understand that things come up and someone has to stay back but we had several no shows last year and several folks were turned down once the list was full. We plan on having games and beverages available on the buses. Both buses will be handicapped accessible. Last year was a great time. Come and join us.

The Kid's Christmas Party was a big success. Thanks to Tony who filled in for Santa this year. Kids, toys, Santa and hot dogs and everything else... what a blast. The Ladies Auxiliary did a fine job with the decorations as always. The Post, Charitable Gambling, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary all pitched in funds to make the event possible. Thank you very much to all that had a part in this years Kid's Christmas Party. Kudos on the menu too!

The Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary have teamed up in our efforts to help needy families during the Holidays. Jill Lawrence, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary works with needy Guard families and has identified 4 family situations that we are acting on. Due to privacy reasons we are unable to give any particulars. Thank you all for supporting our fund raising events. Without you, we would not be in the position to help those in need.

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 January 7. Your help is appreciated! Have a joyous, healthy and prosperous 2013


For God and Country, Dale Palm, President
Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915 Men's Auxiliary



Photo: Dave Thompson and one of our family recipients.

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 Post 3915

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 3:15 pm Pot Luck Sunday - Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers	31 5:30 pm Member Drawing 7:30 pm -12:30 am  New Years Eve Party - Karaoke - Champagne Toast at Midnight 8 pm - Comedy Show (Hall)	January 1 New Year's Day 10 am - 12:30 pm Commander's Omelet Brunch - \$7.00 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 5:30 - 6:30 pm House Committee Meeting	2 Taco's-Two for \$3 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	3 Chili Dogs - \$2.00 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm - Bar Bingo	4 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	5 10 am District Meeting - Heinzen-Ditter VFW Post 5903, Hamel 12 pm - Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
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