

Newsletter of Veterans of Foreign Wars Burns Post 388 and Auxiliary (Winter 2016 edition)

#### **Commanders Comments**

Comrades,

We're at the end of another year and I hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas holiday and looking forward to a happy and prosperous New Year.

A lot has happened these past few months and the Future Planning Committee, the House Committee and the Auxiliary have been doing all they can to cut monthly expenses for the Post. In addition, Post and Auxiliary members are volunteering much of their time working the scheduled events, up through March 2016 that we must honor.

Since we put the building and land up for sale, we have had several organizations, companies, the city, the county, and private parties show interest and all have been given a tour of our facility. Hopefully, offers from these parties will begin coming in soon. We will keep Post and Auxiliary members briefed at the monthly meetings on progress and status of sale of our Building and land.

Prior to the Post and Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, we will have a showing of a DVD featuring the VFW National Home for Children. The The Burns Bulletin is published quarterly by VFW Burns Post 388

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#### POST OFFICERS

Commander: Jack Pettit

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#### Auxiliary Officers

President: Doreene Partridge

Sr. Vice President: Deb Spatz Jr. Vice President: Diann Lange Treasurer: Margarete Dahlke Secretary: Bea Doede Chaplain: Lou Mueller Guard: Barb Bricko showing will be upstairs in the banquet hall, and afterwards, the Post and Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting. Hope we have a good turnout at this meeting.

Commander,

Jack Pettit



#### Welcome Aboard

Loren Gordon

Navy - Vietnam - Life Member

Roger Thielman

Army – Kuwait – Life Member

Dennis Gutowski

Navy - Vietnam - Life Reinstate

Joseph Glatczak

Army – Afghanistan – Cont. Transfer

from Post #3673

Welcome to your Post, comrades.

# Post and Auxiliary Rummage Sale

Post & Auxiliary 388 will be having a rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday, January 9 & 10, 2016. The sale will be held in the main upstairs room at the clubhouse and will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00pm each day.

If you have any items for the sale, they need to be there on the Thursday or Friday before the sale. All proceeds will be used for post and auxiliary programs.

Mark your calendar, stop by and check out the goodies. Bring a friend.

Help is also needed for the whole event.

#### Notice to our annual members

Annual members, if you haven't paid your dues, please do so to remain a member in good standing. Just a reminder that VFW National has increased the cost of an annual membership from \$25 to \$35 per year.

Quartermaster,

Bernie Gauerke

## Auxiliary News

Hello Sisters,

As we look backward this year it was a very busy one. I want to thank everyone who helped out this year on the many projects we have had. The rummage sales we held have been very successful for both the post and the auxiliary. We hope to continue into 2016 with the same success. We can always use donations and of course help with these sales.



As the New Year comes upon us we will have many more new changes to face with the coming New Year. As everyone now knows the clubhouse is up for sale and once that is done we will be looking for a new building. For a lot of us change is not an easy thing, me included, but hopefully things will even out and the change will benefit us all. There has been a lot of confusion about bingo. We have no plans to cancel bingo and we will encourage everyone to please help set people straight about this and when you hear someone say the VFW is closing please let them know it is only the restaurant that is closed, the bar will remain open on bingo nights and special functions. Remember District meeting is coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> here at our post so I would like to see a lot of auxiliary faces there. And mid-winter coming in Feb. Watch the calendar for all the upcoming events.

If you are not receiving the newsletters please let me know so we can get you back on the list.

As winter is upon us please remember those who are ill or in need. It only takes a phone

call or a visit to make someone's day. Offer to take them grocery shopping or simply doing their shopping. Remember it's the little things that count the most.

Thanks to everyone,

Doreene Partridge

President

VFW Burns Post 388 Auxiliary

#### Notice to Auxiliary Members

Auxiliary members - Because we are at the end of the 2015 year, you should have in your possession a 2016 membership card keeping you in good standings. You also received a special letter (colored sheet of paper) explaining and reminding you of your membership dues that need to be paid by the end of 2015. Otherwise, you would have to re-join as a new member. Additional Information: The Ladies National Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary as of August 21, 2015 voted to accept male membership into the Auxiliary. Thus making it "Auxiliary to the VFW", "Ladies" has been deleted for our title allowing males to join our organization. If you have a family member who is eligible, please consider having them become members to support the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary. If you have questions, please call Margarete Dahlke at 715-845-5763. Comrades, if you have an Auxiliary member in your family, please see that they receive this notice. THANK YOU!!!

Margarete Dahlke

Auxiliary Treasurer

## 2016 Buddy Poppy

Now is the time to be thinking of submitting names of girls (and/or possibly boys) ages 8-13 years old who are daughters (sons), granddaughters (grandsons) or greatgranddaughters (great-grandsons) of veterans, preferably a VFW family, for the VFW Buddy Poppy Prince/Princess. National has included male members into the Auxiliary, thus making it a possibility of a "Prince". Listen for further clarification at our monthly meetings. Your nominations should be submitted to Dee Dennis, 715-298-0251, NO LATER THAN our monthly meeting on March 8, 2016. A Princess (or Prince) will be decided on at our monthly meeting on April 12, 2016 and will be crowned at our monthly meeting on May 10, 2016. The VFW Buddy Poppy Day will be Friday, May 27, 2016. Please consider signing up to distribute the Buddy Poppy with me NO LATER THAN May 10, 2016.

I apologize for not stepping up as Buddy Poppy Chairman last year, I had some personal issues to overcome.

Dee Dennis

UNIT VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Chairman

## Honor Guard News

The Honor Guard has decided to hold their monthly meetings every other month. Going forward the squad will meet on the third Tuesday of even numbered months. The meetings will still begin at 7:30 pm in the Debon-Aires room at the post.

The squad continues to remain busy with funerals, flag presentations and teaching flag etiquette to area school children. We are always looking for new members. If interested please contact the Honor Guard Commander, Dave Mandli at 715-355-7372.

#### Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Due to the pending sale of the clubhouse and the possibility that the sale might be complete by March the Last Mans Club has made the decision to not hold the annual corned beef dinner this year. Additionally we have turned off our large food cooler and freezer, making the storage of large amounts of food difficult. The Last Mans Club will still hold its annual meeting on March 3, 2016. We will be making decisions regarding the future of the corned beef dinner at this meeting and we encourage all Last Mans members to attend. A letter will be mailed shortly to all club members detailing this decision.

### Website Update

Recently we changed web hosting companies, saving us over \$200 per year. This necessitated a complete rebuild of the post website. This change is currently being made and I am adding content as my schedule allows. I plan to be finished very soon. Please give it a look www.vfw388.com

## 7 District Mid-Winter Meeting

We are hosting the mid-winter district meeting on Sunday, January 17 2016. The VFW meeting will be held in the lower hall and the Auxiliary meeting will be in the main hall. Roundtable, fellowship and registration begins at 10 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm and the meetings resume at 1:30 pm. Lunch menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls, coffee, milk and dessert.

Reservations must be made no later than January 8, 2016. Cost of meal is \$13.00 per person. Make checks payable to.

VFW Burns Post 388 Attn: District Meeting PO Box 388 Wausau WI 54402-0388

If you have any questions please contact Dee Dennis at 715-298-0251 or Jack Pettit at 715-571-4780.

### **Events** Calendar

January

- 6 Post Bingo
- 9-10 Rummage Sale
- 12 Post / Auxiliary meetings 7:30 pm
- 13 Auxiliary Bingo
- 17 District 7 meeting
- 20 Post Bingo
- 27 Auxiliary Bingo

#### February

- 3 Post Bingo
- 9 Post / Auxiliary meetings
- 10 Auxiliary Bingo
- 16 Honor Guard meeting
- 17 Post Bingo
- 24 Auxiliary Bingo

#### March

- 2 Post Bingo
- 8 Post / Auxiliary meetings
- 9 Auxiliary Bingo
- 16 Post Bingo
- 23 Auxiliary Bingo
- 30 Post Bingo

#### VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**CLEAR FORM** 

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QUARTERMASTE	R (Signature)				81 Years & Over	\$1/0.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW PO. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

Committee Member

#### VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States --cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends	approval,	rejection

Committee Member

Committee Member

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Applicants Signature & Date

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OBLIGATION					

In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Must be signed by all members.)