



*It is not the price you pay to be a member
It is the price you paid to be eligible!*

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Veterans of Foreign Wars
Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749
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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014 **260-347-3660** **Kendallville, Indiana**

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

Newsletter time is once again upon us. Let me begin by thanking everyone who helped me during all of my hospital stays and recoveries. Without Jim McClure and Jim Cook, I could not have fulfilled my duties. Thank you, Jim and Jim. Thanks to Tom Davidson and Tom Mortimore for stepping up also. And to everyone else who helped during my illness.

The winter months are now upon us and I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. To all of you heading to warmer weather, be sure to visit local VFW posts wherever you go. To those of you braving the cold here, be sure to stop by and support our post. Together, we can survive the winter until our flock flies north again in the spring.

Wednesday evening meals will

continue during the winter months, so stop in and enjoy some great meals. There will be much going on around the post, so check your newsletters and join the fun.

In closing, I want to remind you that we are a three-in-one post. We are all important, so let's all support each other. Thanks.

Red Coleman
Commander VFW 2749

Quartermaster's Corner

A new year is upon us—before addressing our wishes and hopes for 2014, let me review some of our activities from 2013. Despite rumors that we were “going broke,” we weren't. Financially the Post is in good shape. Thanks to both big and small efforts by Post members and our Auxiliaries. The Men's Auxiliary had phenomenal events, golf outing and Rifle Raffle that benefited Francis Vinyard Post tremendously. Thanks to Denny Rorick's and the Men's Auxiliary. Our Post Kitchen Teams and Mary doing Coney Dogs on Saturday, the Post saw a steady income from food sales. Finally, thanks to a terrific bar staff, our canteen is a friendly place our members and guests can “hang out.” To everyone else who helped out in

anyway throughout the year, a heartfelt thanks. You are the reason we have such a great Post.

What's exciting about 2014. Thanks to the efforts of Jim McClure, Kim Dillon, our Office Administrator, our Trustees and House Committees, we just might earn a 3rd All American Post designation. It's not a “sure thing”, but we're all hopeful. For Annual Dues paying members, your dues will be \$40 next year. Seriously look at making payments toward a Life Membership, you'll save money in the long run. As usual, the first couple months will be kind of quiet at the Post, but things will pick up from March onward.

Finally, I hope you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous year

in 2014.

Jim Cook
Quartermaster

OFFICERS

Commander.....*Ron Coleman*
Sr. Vice Commander..... *Tom Davidson*
Jr. Vice Commander *Tom Mortimore*
Quartermaster.....*Jim Cook*
Adjutant*Gary (Sid) Fisher*
Chaplain.....*Jim Piepenbrok*
Judge Advocate.....
Surgeon*John Garrett*
Sgt. at Arms.....*Dennis Nester*
Service Officer..... *Jim McClure*
Trustees.....*Al Countryman*
Jerry Brady
George Klink
House Committee..... *Louie Slone*
Tom Mortimore
Tom Hulén

Men's Auxiliary News

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a safe and joyful Holiday season. The Christmas Party was another great success. Fun was had by all! Thanks to Kenny Spencer for doing the M.C. again and to your great band FAMILY AFFAIR.

Not a lot to report this next few months other than it you have not paid your dues they are now \$40 as we must follow the V.F.W. by-laws.

Still need more people to step up on Wednesday Night Meals and

other activities that we do through out the year as the money we raise goes to a very good charitable organization and to our local veterans.

In a few months we will be having Nomination of Officers and Elections so please consider taking an office. We have been very successful because of all the work that just a hand full of people do but we can do better with more.

Until next time, please keep our troops and their loved ones at home

OFFICERS

President.....*Ed Wade*
Sr. Vice President.....*John Hall, Jr.*
Jr. Vice President.....*Clyde Tackett*
Secretary*OPEN*
Chaplain.....
Treasurer.....*Denny Rorick*
Trustees.....*Joe Hernandez*
Steve Leins
Bob Frick

in your prayers and thoughts.

Ed Wade
President

COMING EVENTS

January 1
CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 4
OPEN
MARY'S CONEY DOGS

January 7
POST MEETING

January 8
MEAT LOAF & MASH. POTATOES
MENS AUXILIARY MTG 6PM

January 9
LADIES AUXILIARY MTG 7PM

January 11
MARY'S CONEY DOGS

January 12
OPEN

January 13
MENS AUXILIARY 6PM

January 15
LADIES/ CHICKEN & NOODLES

January 18
OPEN - MARY'S CONEY DOGS
4TH DIST. MTG @ NEW HAVEN

January 22
POST TEAM #1
3 SOUPS

January 25
CONEY DOGS

January 26
OPEN

January 29
POST TEAM #2
BEEF STEW

February 1
MARY'S CONEY DOGS

February 2
CHECK ON
VALENTINE DINNER

February 4
POST MEETING

February 4
POST TEAM #1
TURKEY POT PIE

February 8
OPEN - MARY'S CONEY DOGS

February 9
OPEN

February 10
MENS AUXILIARY MTG 6PM

February 11
JOINT MEETING 6PM

February 12
LADIES / RAVIOLI

February 13
LADIES AUXILIARY MTG 7PM

February 14
VALENTINE'S DAY

February 15
MARY'S CONEY DOGS

February 19
MEN'S AUXILIARY
PORT BURGERS & FRIES

February 22
CONEY DOGS

February 23
OPEN TO PUBLIC

February 26
TEAM #2
MEAT LOAF
POTATOES & CORN

March 1
MARY'S CONEY DOGS

Ladies Auxiliary News

NO ARTICLE FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY THIS MONTH.



*Wishing everyone
Happy New Year*

From Your Ladies Auxiliary

OFFICERS

President.....*Jenny White*
Sr. Vice President.....*Diane Nichter.*
Jr. Vice President.....*Bonnie Hall*
Secretary*Nichole Patrick*
Chaplain.....*Betty DeBolt*
Conductress.....*Betty Hiedenriech*
Guard.....*Sara Faulkner*
1 Year Trustee.....*Grace Ley*
2 Year Trustee.....*Becky McClure*
3 Year Trustee.....*Rose Frick*

LADIES AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

January 9
LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING
7PM

February 11
JOINT MEETING
6PM

February 13
LADIES AUXILIARY
7PM

— TAPS —

STEVE PIERCE
DON DYER
RAY LEWIS

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog
in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog.
-General Dwight D. Eisenhower

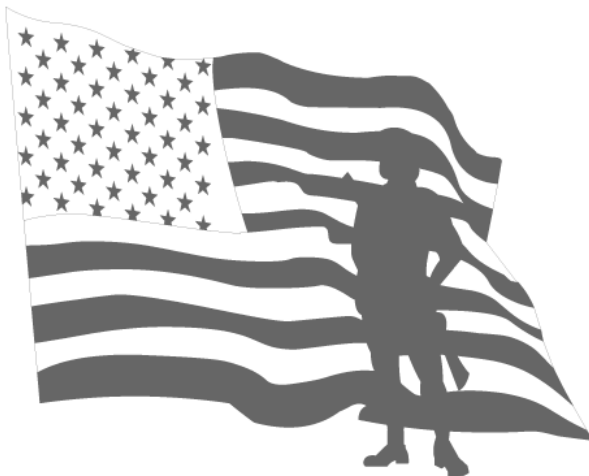
The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.
-Thomas Jefferson

Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are
won by men.
-General George Patton

Ask not what your country can do for you...but
what you can do for your country.
-John F. Kennedy

I am a soldier, I fight where I am told, and I win
where I fight.
-General George Patton

*Nothing is as precious as one's freedom.
Dreams, aspirations, and ideals mean nothing
if one does not have the freedom to
pursue them.*



JANUARY

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4 OPEN CONEY DOGS
5	6	7 POST MEETING 6:00PM	8 MEN'S AUX. MEAT LOAF MASH. POTATOES DRAWING NITE	9 LADIES AUX. MTG. 7:00PM	10	11 CONEY DOGS
12 OPEN	13 MENS AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM	14	15 LADIES AUX. CHICKEN & NOODLES DRAWING NITE	16	17	18 OPEN CONEY DOGS 4 DIST. MTG @ NEW HAVEN
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr., Day	21	22 TM #1 3 SOUPS DRAWING NITE	23	24	25 CONEY DOGS
26 OPEN	27	28	29 TM #2 BEEF STEW DRAWING NITE	30	31	

FEBRUARY

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CONEY DOGS
2 CHECK ON VALENTINE DINNER Groundhog Day	3	4 POST MEETING 6PM	5 TM #1 TURKEY POT PIE DRAWING NITE	6	7	8 OPEN CONEY DOGS
9 OPEN	10 MENS AUX. MTG. 6PM	11 JOINT MTG. 6PM	12 LADIES RAVIOLI DRAWING NITE Lincoln's Birthday	13 LADIES AUX. MTG. 7PM	14  Valentine's Day	15 CONEY DOGS
16	17 DRAWING NITE President's Day	18	19 MEN'S AUX. PORKBURGERS & FRIES DRAWING NITE	20	21	22 CONEY DOGS Washington's Birthday
23 OPEN NASCAR PARTY OPEN TO PUBLIC	24	25	26 TM #2 MEAT LOAF POTATO & CORN DRAWING NITE	27	28	OPEN CONEY DOGS