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Jan-Feb 2011 **260-347-3550** **Kendallville, Indiana**

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

Thanks to all of the members and auxiliary members of both groups for your help and participation in the *Veterans Day activities, He/She Party, Pearl Harbor Day, Children's Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party, Wednesday night drawings and of course the Wednesday night meals.* There are too many of you for me to try to name everyone here, *but you know who you are* and I want to thank you all for your dedication and hard work. Thanks to the cooperation of the members, the Post *"No longer has one foot in the grave and both feet are on solid ground again."* We have good activities scheduled for January and February so keep up your support.

Also, special thanks should go out to the Tuesday-Thursday Euchre Players for passing the hat and donating the money to the Post; to *Huey White and Jerry Brady* for donating their time to make emergency repairs to the roof; to *Regan and Terry Ford, M & M Sounds and to the Spirit Band* for donating much of their normal rates back to the Post for entertainment events.

Speaking of the roof, it will need to be replaced when the weather turns warmer this spring. This is a very costly project, and *Al Countryman* along with *Gary Fisher* have asked me to re-establish the Building Improvement Fund to isolate donations to this project from the General Fund. This will be done following approval by the members at the February 1st Post Meeting, and donations will be accepted for this project. I've been told that an *"anonymous donor"* has agreed to match the donations collected by the post up to \$10,000, so let's all give generously to this fund. It's the best way to "raise the roof" on the Post again! And thanks to *Jerry and Huey* for spearheading this project for us.

Coming events above the normal weekly events include a Sweetheart Dance and Dinner on Saturday, February 12th, and some Race Parties on our Open Sundays once the NASCAR season begins again. Of course, the NFL playoff games will be on the tube up to and including Super Bowl Sunday. So come out to your post and enjoy your time with your

brothers & sisters. All the activities are listed on the calendars.

Dennis Nester
Acting Commander

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Quartermaster's Queries

Comrades All:

Well, this is our second bi-monthly newsletter, sorry if it is a little late this time. We will do better in the future. The next one will be available for March-April of 2011. It will still be faster (and cheaper) to e-mail them to you if at all possible, so please let me have your e-mail address for this. There will still be a box of printed copies available for pick-up at the Post.

If you have not paid your 2011 dues by the time that you receive this, you will not be eligible for any of the drawings or even to be served at the bar. Dues for annual members is \$30.00 and can be paid to the bartender on duty or mailed in. The drawings bucket will be purged after January 1, 2011, so please

get current if you are not already there.

TAPS for the past two months include *George Laurie, Ken Marks and Frank Hockenbarger*. Our condolences go out to their families.



Jim Piepenbrok
Quartermaster

Men's Auxiliary News

Dear Comrades,

First of all, as your President we need help. So if you can find the time to donate your help to contribute to our activities, it will be helpful and appreciated.

New members will pay dues of \$30.00 starting January 1st, and all 2010 members will pay \$20.00 up to February 14th, since there was no change notice sent out. *Sorry!* After that, all dues will be \$30.00. Please welcome new members *Russell Muscello, Jr. and Richard Petrie.*

The Men's Auxiliary has nothing planned for January or February other than the Wednesday dinners on January 19th and February 9th, so please watch for coming events.



John R. Hall, Jr. (Chip)
President

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New Year's Gun Safety Resolutions

About 80 million Americans have firearms, and many new additions were "under the Christmas tree." Let us renew and resolve our commitment to gun safety in 2011.

Although the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists firearms as the lowest cause of accidental deaths, we can always do better. Develop a safety reflex: an obsession with gun safety rules to the point that they cannot be violated.

First, before handling any firearm, assume it is loaded until you have cleared it (unloaded, opened the action, and checked for empty). Never believe anyone who tells you a gun is unloaded. You must check it yourself. If you cannot clear a particular gun, do not handle it.

Second, always and without exception, keep a gun's muzzle pointed in the safest direction. Never "sweep" or point a gun at anyone or anything of value.

Third, always and without exception, keep your finger off the trigger and alongside the frame until ready to shoot. Now here's the hard part: after shooting, always take your finger off the trigger, and place it back alongside the frame.

If we all, always and without exception, observe those three fundamental gun safety rules, gun shooting accidents will go to zero.

Here are three additional gun safety rules that must be observed.

- ✓ Always keep guns unloaded until ready to use.
- ✓ When shooting, always be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- ✓ Always, without exception, keep guns inaccessible to unauthorized persons, especially children.

There are many other gun safety rules and principles, but the first three are critical, absolutely fundamental, and bear repeating.

1. Assume all guns are loaded until you have cleared them yourself. Do not handle any firearm you cannot clear.
2. Always, without exception, keep a gun's muzzle pointed in the safest direction.
3. Always, without exception, keep your finger off the trigger and alongside the frame until ready to shoot. Take the finger off the trigger and place it back alongside the frame when done shooting.

Be obsessed with gun safety, and resolve always and without exception to observe all gun safety rules in 2011.

Bob Aldridge, NRA Certified Instructor and Chief Range Safety Officer in Fort Wayne. For information on classes, contact Mr. Aldridge at (260) 459-2382 or visit www.iftnra.com.



Ladies' Auxiliary News

Hello, Ladies!

Looks like winter is upon us. I hope everyone is being safe and staying warm.

In November we had Ham and Scalloped Potatoes with Green Beans for our Wednesday Night meal. Thanks to **Betty DeBolt** for preparing that. We also had the Thanksgiving Dinner/Casino Night. **Thanks to all the ladies** who helped in the kitchen and some who helped spin the wheel. Thanks to the **Ford's** for their entertainment, **they donated their time.**

In December we had Brats and Kraut for our Wednesday Night meal, which was prepared by my husband and I. Hope everyone enjoyed it! We also had the Adult Christmas Party. There were some good gifts, thanks to **Kenny Spencer and the Men's Auxiliary** for the wonderful party. Thanks to **M&M Sound** for the Karaoke, we had a blast!

Thanks to **Bonnie Hall** and all her helpers who have kept up on the decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the club always looks wonderful! If you see Bonnie, ask her if she needs help for Valentine's Day, the more helpers the easier it is.

There will be a Prime Rib Dinner on New Year's Eve. Spirit band will be providing the entertainment. **Come out and enjoy the New Year with us!**

On January 12th, **Linda Dickson** will be making Beef and Noodles with Mashed Potatoes. On February 16th, **Carolyn Mortimore** will be making Meatloaf and Baked Potatoes. Come out and support the Auxiliary!

Our Meetings for January and February are as follows:

January 13, 2011 at 7:00PM.

February 10, 2011 at 7:00PM.

*God Bless America.
God Bless our Troops.*

Jenny White
Ladies Auxiliary President

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Recipe

CLIP AND SAVE



Marshmallow Creme Fudge

3 cups sugar
1 cup evaporated milk
3/4 stick butter
1 jar marshmallow creme
1 bag of chocolate or peanut butter chips
Chopped nuts if desired

Put Sugar, Butter and Evaporated Milk in saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil. Boil for 5 minutes while stirring constantly. After 5 minutes, remove from heat, stir in chocolate or peanut butter chips, marshmallow creme and chopped nuts. Stir until creamy. Pour into a greased 13x9 pan and let sit up. Cut into squares and enjoy!

January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NEW YEARS DAY POST CLOSED
2	3 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	4 EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM	5 CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	6 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	7	8 HOT DOGS 11-2
9 OPEN SUNDAY	10 MEN'S AUX MEETING 7:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	11 EUCHRE 1:00 PM	12 BEEF & NOODLES POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	13 LADIES AUX MEETING 7:00 PM EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	14	15 HOT DOGS 11-2
16	17 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	18 EUCHRE 1:00 PM	19 PULLED PORK SANDWICH POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	20 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	21	22 HOT DOGS 11-2
23 OPEN SUNDAY	24 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	25	26 BAKED SPAGHETTI POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	27 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	28	29 HOT DOGS 11-2
30	31	EUCHRE 1:00 PM				

February

2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM	2 FISH DINNER POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	3 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	4	5 HOT DOGS 11-2
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