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It is the price you paid to be eligible!*

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Veterans of Foreign Wars
Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749
127 Veterans Way • Kendallville, In 46755

January-February 2012 **260-347-3550** **Kendallville, Indiana**

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

I can't believe this year is nearing an end. I want to thank all the Post members, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary for all the hard work that they have put in at the Post this year.

I'm truly blessed to have worked with the outstanding officers and members of this Post. We have the nicest Post in the district. I'm just so proud of this Post.

Our 4th District Commander, Len Wilson, was at our last meeting and told us that we had the *best* and *most active* Post in the district. We gave around \$13,000 back to the community, which is really good, being that we had to raise \$57,000 for our new roof.

I can't say enough good words to express the gratitude that I have for Chuck Beery and all the work he has done for this Post. He will be moving to Columbia City soon and we will miss him greatly.

I would like to invite everyone out to the Post to enjoy the fellowship that we have. I hope everyone has a great New Years. Again, thank you for all your help and support this past year.

May God Bless all of you!

Jim McClure
Commander

- OFFICERS**
- Commander *Jim McClure*
 - Sr. Vice Commander . *Tom Mortimore*
 - Jr. Vice Commander . . . *Chuck Beery*
 - Quartermaster *Pat Fraizer*
 - Adjutant *Tom Hulén*
 - Chaplain *Ron Coleman*
 - Judge Advocate. *Ken Ihrle*
 - Surgeon. *Jack DeBolt*
 - Sgt. at Arms *Dennis Nester*
 - Service Officer *Jan Frazee*
 - Trustees *Al Countryman*
Jim Cook, Gary Fisher
 - House Committee *Ron Coleman*
Louie Slone, Denny Nester

Thank you:

*Cleaning the fans, ice machines and moving the PA system:
Kevin Bodi - Men's Auxiliary
Jerry Brady, Al Countryman
& Pat Fraizer*

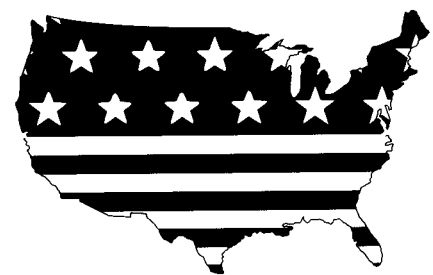
*For our Children's Christmas Party:
Bonnie Hall, Carolyn Mortimore, Ed Wade,
Chip Hall, Marcia Smith*

*For preparing, serving and clean-up for our December 7th meal:
Pat Fraizer, Jim McClure,
Bob Frick, Jerry Brady,
Janice Wright & Bonnie Hall.*

*Decorating the Post for Christmas:
Janice Wright, Jim McClure,
Bonnie Hall*

*Honor Guard:
Jack Garrett & Charlie Knott*

*A BIG THANK YOU to
Brian Henderson
for contributing the lettering for our bar stools*



Chaplain's Corner

Get Well!
Sick Call

- Charlie Hayner
- Jack Gaby
- Joe Hernandez
- James Showen
(loss of wife)

TAPS
Gary Smith



Men's Auxiliary News

Happy New Year everyone, hope you all had a safe holiday season. Another year has passed us by and our Club is shining these days. If you missed the Christmas party, you missed a great time. With the New Year upon us, if you have not paid your dues, you will need to do so to enjoy all the benefits your Club offers.

This month we are doing our first Wii bowling tournament Jan. 14th at 12:30 sign up and play at 1:00 and on the 28th we will be doing a shuffleboard tourney at 11:30 sign up and play at 12:00. We are trying to start earlier so it does not take so long in the day to finish.

Our meeting times have changed to 6:00 on the second Monday instead of 7:00 so we're not there so late for the people that needs to get up so early the next day.

We need some people to step up and help on the Wed's. night meals. This only takes a few hours of your time a month or if enough people step up, it would only

be every other month. All money we get from the kitchen goes to our building fund and with the wonderful building we have it takes a lot of money.

In February we are going to try another Wii party on the 11th with time being the same as January. I'm pleased to announce that our juke box is fixed and now playing with some new music and more to come.

The Honor Guard is asking for anyone who can help with funerals and other ceremonies to come and speak with some of the Honor Guard. I know this is difficult for a lot of us because of work schedules, but your help with weekend duties would also be appreciated.

Until the next newsletter, stay safe and warm and remember to use caution while driving or shoveling snow this winter.

Ed Wade
President

OFFICERS

President.....*Ed Wade*
Sr. Vice President..... *John Hall, Jr.*
Jr. Vice President..... *Clyde Tackett*
Secretary..... *Tim Ley*
Chaplain..... *Don Dyer*
Treasurer.....*Denny Rorick*
Trustees *Van Lamore*
Tim Wade
Steve Lein



COMING EVENTS

January 8

OPEN SUNDAY
Free Pool & Shuffleboard

January 21

DISTRICT MEETING
12:00-3:00 Lunch
Meeting starts at 3:00

January 22

OPEN SUNDAY
Free Pool & Shuffleboard

January 28

Shuffleboard Tournament

February 1

JOINT MEETING
6:00 PM
Beef & Noodles
Mashed Potatoes

February 12

OPEN SUNDAY
Free Pool & Shuffleboard

February 26

OPEN SUNDAY
Free Pool & Shuffleboard

All Fridays

Free Pool & Shuffleboard
Free Jukebox Play



PLEASE EMAIL YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO US!

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Ladies' Auxiliary News

Hello, Sisters!

Here it is, time for our New Year resolution. I hope one of yours is to attend meetings at your V.F.W. New faces and new ideas are so much fun. Help us out.

I understand the bean soup on the menu for Veteran's Day was scrumptious. Thank you Janice Wright for all your hard work. Also, thanks to all who helped or brought in side dishes.

Santa Claus showed up again this year at the Children's Christmas Party. Apparently all the children have been very good in 2011, because every child got a present. Imagine that! Thanks Santa for coming our way and thanks Bonnie Hall for doing the planning and work.

The district meeting will be at our Club on January 21st. Please make it a point to attend. Lunch is served starting at 12:00 noon and the meeting will begin at 3:00. Since we are the hosts, we should have a large showing from our Club.

Remember, the Ladies Auxiliary dues are going up in 2012. For a new member, dues will increase from \$25 to \$30 and for a current member, they will increase from \$20 to \$25.

*Don't forget to pray
for our servicemen.*

Marcia Smith
Ladies Auxiliary President

OFFICERS

President *Marcia Smith*
Sr. Vice President *Janice Wright*
Jr. Vice President *Bonnie Hall*
Secretary *Diane Nichter*
Treasurer *Carolyn Mortimore*
Chaplain *Betty DeBolt*
Conductress *Linda Dickson*
Guard *Mary Parker*
1 Year Trustee *Gladys Neal*
2 Year Trustee *Betty DeBolt*
3 Year Trustee *Jenny White*



VFW 2749 STEPS UP TO THE PLATE

Mike and Michelle Garman have fallen on hard times. Mike was injured while serving in Afghanistan and is on partial disability.

Our 4th District Commander, Len Wilson, notified Tom Mortimore and he in turn contacted Jim McClure. Then things started developing quickly.

Jim notified the newspapers and the response was wonderful.

The VFW 2749 was the drop-off point and our community and members had shown their generosity.

We thank you so much for everybody's part in this. The family of six children, because of you, will have a great Christmas.



FYI...

Some concerns have been expressed, at the Post, that decisions are being made by one person. First of all no one person makes a decision and these concerns must be presented AT A MEETING.

Second, the issue is discussed with the Trustees, House Committee, Quartermaster, and the Commander.

Third and last, the decision is based on

"What is good for the POST"!

Commander

January

2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	3 EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM	4 CHICKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES	5 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	6 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	7 OPEN SATURDAY HOT DOGS 11-2
8 OPEN SUNDAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	9 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	10 EUCHRE 1:00 PM	11 MACARONI & CHEESE	12 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 7:00 PM	13 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	14 OPEN SATURDAY 1:00PM - WII HOT DOGS 11-2
15	16 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	17 EUCHRE 1:00 PM	18 GRILLED CHEESE & THREE SOUPS	19 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	20 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	21 NO HOT DOGS DIST. MEETING 12-3PM LUNCH MEETING STARTS @ 3PM
22 OPEN SUNDAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	23 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	24 EUCHRE 1:00 PM	25 SPAGHETTI DINNER	26 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	27 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	28 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT HOT DOGS 11-2
29	30 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	31 EUCHRE 1:00 PM				

February

2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM BEEF/NOODLES MASHED POTATOES	2 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	3 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	4 HOT DOGS 11-2
5	6 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	7 EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM	8 HAMBURGER BASKET	9 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	10 FREE JUKEBOX PLAY FREE POOL & SHUFFLEBOARD MUST BE 21 TO PLAY	11 OPEN SATURDAY 1:00PM - WII HOT DOGS 11-2
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