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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 2013 **260-347-3550** **Kendallville, Indiana**

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

Well, another year has passed us by and I don't know where the time has gone. The older we get, the faster time goes.

I want to thank our *Post Officers, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary* and *all members* for making it a very successful year. We are very thankful to have *Kim* in our office and our great bartenders. *Without good people, it would be hard to run the club.*

If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, please do so as soon as possible so we can reach our 100% membership. Every member needs to work on signing someone up for membership to our Post. It's a lot of work for just a couple of people to make sure we get our membership to 100%, so please step up and help us sign new people up. You will need your new membership card to get served at the club after December 31st.

We just insulated our new roof and I want to thank *Home Depot* for giving us \$3,600.00 to do the insulation plus sending 4 people to help.

I would like to thank *Brent Cox Construction* for paying two of his people to help with the insulation. I also, want to thank *Jerry Brady and Chip Hall* for their work on the insulation project. It took us 6½ hours to do this project.

Our building is 60 feet wide and 120 feet long, so we ended up with a 30R factor. This will make a big difference not only in heating but cooling in the summer.

We just had our adult Christmas party and it was a great success. The *Men's Auxiliary* was in charge and they did a great job. I would also like to thank all members who brought in all the great food.

Thanks for the great year.

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



May God Bless all of you!

Jim McClure
Commander

Quartermaster's Queries



HO-HO-HO!
I hope everyone has had a very joyous Christmas. Let's keep working for another great year in 2013!

This is the time of year to recap last year's accomplishments. Foremost, our Post has seen great improvement in our financial status. As always, that indicates that our members and guests have patronized our Canteen and events in major ways. It is also due to the Post Officers and Committees constantly looking for ways to improve the facility without breaking the bank.

Through a Home Depot grant, we've completed the insulation project. We are using the remaining funds to upgrade the Post lighting to brighter, low energy fixtures. The Trustees are having all of our doors repaired to seal better. Hopefully, that means energy savings in 2013.

Our veterans continue to receive

help for health-related problems and basic living needs. *Everyone here should be proud of the transportation, food, presents and living assistance provided for veterans and their families experiencing distress.*

The Men's Auxiliary hosted a great Christmas party on December 14th. Great camaraderie, great food, "The Ford's and great fun. Thanks guys!

We had a drawing for a *Life Membership*, won by *Davin Geegh*.

Also three \$50 gifts for our *Life Members, Jack DeBolt, Win Bosch and Richard Manlove.*

Look for more fun events in January and February. On January 12th, we will host a *Euchre* *continued next page*

Men's Auxiliary News

Hello Fellow Members!

Happy New Year to all and Hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas. Speaking of New Year, if you have not paid your dues, you are not in the drawing, so please come in and take care of them.

Speaking of Christmas you missed a very good party which seems to get bigger every year. Thanks to our very own the Ford's for the great music that night. A great time was had by all. Winner of the Christmas wreath was Gail Ayers congrats to her.

February 16th we are going to hold a bar Olympics with sign up at 12:30 and play at 1:30 **FEATURING NEW GAMES.** Come join us with darts, shuffleboard and pool all the time.

Until next news letter everyone take care and have a Happy New Year.



Ed Wade
President

OFFICERS

President.....Ed Wade
Sr. Vice President..... John Hall, Jr.
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Steve Leins
Bob Frick

Sick Call

John McMcilroy
John Wappas
Steve Leins

Special Thanks-Santa (aka) Huey White

COMING EVENTS

January 14

**MEN'S AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM**

February 11

**MEN'S AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM**

February 12

**JOINT MEETING
6:00 PM**

Quartermaster's Queries *continued*

Tournament starting at 1:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 entry fee.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is having a **Valentine's Day Party** on February 9th. A great Prime Rib dinner is planned along with dancing and lots of fun.



Your Francis Vinyard Post 2749 VFW is an important part of our veterans community and the Kendallville area. Let's keep up the good work in 2013!

Come out on Wednesdays for the dinners and the drawings. Don't forget best coneys in town on Saturdays!

Also, if you know a veteran who may qualify for membership, get their information to the Post Officers. We're in recruiting mode again, so let's shoot for another 100% year!

Jim Cook
Quartermaster



Chaplain's Desk

Remember:

Sam Jaquay ~ at home.
Dick Newman ~ West Palm, FL
Jack DeBolt ~
Parkview, Ft. Wayne

*God Bless our Armed
Servicemen and women!*

Ladies' Auxiliary News

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over and new resolutions will have been made. I hope one of them is to take part in the activities at the VFW.

We have had a good two months since the last newsletter. In November the Wednesday meal committee made turkey manhattans. They would like to thank *Diane Sturgis* for donating the turkey,

Our *Valentine Dinner/Dance* is on again this year. Profit will go to cancer. It will be on February 9th and the tickets can be picked up at the Club. The cost will be \$15.00 per plate (*Prime Rib and fixins!*) with a minimum of 100 tickets sold.

It is scholarship time again. Please pick up your applications at the Post.

Bonnie Hall again chaired the kids' Christmas Party. Everyone agreed, it was one of the best. *Carolyn Mortimore and Janice Wright* were on her committee. Thanks *Jill Wilson* for bringing cookies and thanks Santa Claus for showing up again this year.

On December 1st, *Carolyn Mortimore, Betty DeBolt, Janice Wright, Jill Wilson and their husbands* attended the district meeting at the New Haven VFW and helped fill stockings for Veterans that are ill or destitute.

On December 5th, *Carolyn Mortimore and Sue Hamilton*, 4th District Treasurer, toured the Fort Wayne V.A. Hospital and distributed stockings to the patients and chemo blankets to the hospital.

They also visited two homeless shelters in Fort Wayne, the Sheppard House and the Liberty Landing, where they handed out an additional sixty-five stockings.

We are very proud of the VFW and what they do for Veterans. Thanks to all who participated.

The *Men's Auxiliary* hosted the adult Christmas Party. It was truly enjoyed by all. The Ladies Auxiliary gave away a Life Membership to *Cindy Wilks* and three gifts of fifty dollars to *Gladys Neal, Ramona Days and Shawn Dunafin*.

Remember to pray for our troops who are in harms way.

OFFICERS

President *Marcia Smith*
 Sr. Vice President *Diane Nichter*
 Jr. Vice President *Bonnie Hall*
 Secretary *Cecelee Shuck*
 Treasurer *Carolyn Mortimore*
 Chaplain *Betty DeBolt*
 Conductress *Janet Allen*
 Guard *Beverly Bryant*
 1 Year Trustee *Betty DeBolt*
 2 Year Trustee *Grace Ley*
 3 Year Trustee *Becky McClure*

Marcia Smith
Ladies Auxiliary President



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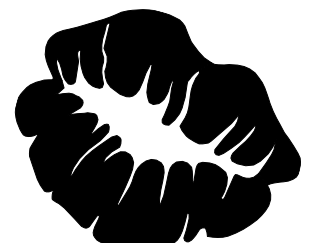
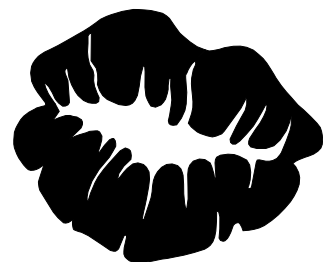
The Post just added Direct TV to the Club, so if you have Direct TV at your house, you can receive a **FREE DISCOUNT** on your bill by calling 616-293-5354. Ask for Robert and tell him you belong to the VFW in Kendallville.

LADIES' AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

January 10
LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETING
 6:00 PM

February 9
VALENTINE PARTY

February 12
JOINT MEETING
 6:00 PM



January

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 CLOSED | 2 NO DINNER | 3 | 4 | 5 OPEN SATURDAY CONEY DOGS 11-2 |
| 6 | 7 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 8 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM | 9 POST TM #1 GOULASH & CHEESE, BREAD & SALAD | 10 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM | 11 | 12 OPEN SAT. GUEST DAY CONEY DOGS 11-2 EUCHRE TOURN. 1:00 \$5 ENTRY |
| 13 OPEN SUNDAY | 14 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM | 15 | 16 GRILLED CHEESE & 3-SOUP DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM | 17 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 18 | 19 CONEY DOGS 11-2 |
| 20 | 21 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 22 | 23 POST TM #2 HAM & BEANS | 24 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 25 | 26 CONEY DOGS 11-2 |
| 27 OPEN SUNDAY | 28 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 29 | 30 LADIES' AUX LASAGNA | 31 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | | |

February

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