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It is the price you paid to be eligible!*

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Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749

127 Veterans Way • Kendallville, In 46755

May-June 2012

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Kendallville, Indiana

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

It's hard to believe that it's May already and we just had our election of officers for the coming year.

I want to thank all of the Officers, Post members, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary for the great job that you all did this past year.

We were able to raise \$57,000 for the roof plus we gave back over \$16,000 to our local organizations that we helped throughout the year.

We have a Post meeting on June 5th at) :00 p.m. We will discuss the new

smoking ban. We will decide on smoking or non-smoking as a club. Every Post member, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary are encouraged to be at the meeting.

Again I want to thank everyone for your past support and hope that it continues.

May God Bless all of you!

Jim McClure
Commander

OFFICERS

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

Thanks to

James Stahl for painting the bathroom.

**Women for cleaning bar towels.
Men's Auxiliary for cleaning kitchen,
great job!**

**Larry Ley for filling in for Service Officer these past few months,
good job!**

Quartermaster's Queries

Spring is in full swing in a chilly kind of way. But the **Francis Vinyard Post is running hot!** We're welcoming our "snowbirds" back and activity in the canteen is picking up. The Post continues to be fundamentally sound in finances and operation of all facets of a VFW Post. **Commander "Jim"** is going to be recognized for the outstanding year we've had in 2011-2012. Look for Jim to be sporting a new "white" hat. He's earned the recognition, so congratulate him when you see him!

Our Post is fundamentally sound in leadership and finances. We're over 100% on membership, but everyone can be a recruiter for our Post. Thanks to all who work to make things work for everyone.

Just because the membership campaign isn't getting much attention, don't assume we're done. We need to be continuously in recruiting mode for Post members, women's Auxiliary and men's

Auxiliary members. Recently, we enrolled a returning veteran and his spouse as new Post and women's Auxiliary members. Membership applications are available at the Canteen Bar and the Post Administration office.

Coming up we will be considering how our Post will decide to deal with House Enrolled Act No. 1149, Chapter 12 Prohibition on smoking. While the law says bars, clubs and Fraternal organizations are exempted, there are regulations we need to adhere to.

1.) The membership has to vote on the facility smoking or no smoking status every 2 years beginning in 2012.

a.) If the facility is a smoking facility, no minors can enter the facility.

b.) Or the facility may create smoking and non-smoking areas in the facility. This requires a fully enclosed set of areas with adequate ventilation to prevent intermixing air from the smoking area

into the non-smoking area.

c.) If the facility votes to be non-smoking, no action will be required.

Our issues involve the fact that we strive to be family-friendly and have activities specifically for minors. We can be assured there will be a lot of discussion between now and our June 5th meeting. That will be the date we need to vote for our smoking/non-smoking status. At our May 1st meeting we will be discussing our options for being a smoking facility. There will be expense and inconvenience if that is the way the vote turns out. So come out and let us know your thoughts on this matter. Speak to your officers if you cannot attend the meeting on May 1st!!!

In June we will be inviting the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries to attend our meeting and give us their input prior to the membership vote on the matter.

Jim Cook
Quartermaster

Men's Auxiliary News

Hello, fellow members!

We had our first round of nominations and they are:

- President ~ Ed Wade*
- Senior Vice ~ John Hall (Chip)*
- Junior Vice ~ Clyde Tackett*
- Chaplain ~ Don Dyer*
- Secretary ~ Open*
- Treasurer ~ Denny Rorick*
- 1yr Trustee ~ Open*
- 2yr Trustee ~ Steve Leins*
- 3yr Trustee ~ Bob Frick*

Our next meeting for second round and voting will be May 14th. If you would like to come in and take a position and be nominated for any of these positions, please come in to meeting. *We really need a full slate of officers and to see some new faces.*

Don't forget about the Men's Auxiliary party outdoors on June 23rd with games starting at 1:00 p.m. including horseshoes and corn hole. Food will be served at 5:00

if you would bring in a covered dish to share. Band will start at 7:00, which are the Hillbillies from Outer Space. If you have never heard them, they are great and allows the audience to join in with them.

May 19th, we will be playing horseshoes with new and approved pits. Sign up will be at 1:00 and we will draw for partners and play at 1:30.

May 25th and 26th will be doing our chicken B.B.Q. again and Don Dyer could use all the help he can get, so if you see Don, tell him you can help.

Need help on Flag Day to put flags out in our cemeteries for our fallen Veterans. Breakfast will be at the American Legion Post at 8:00. And we will be having Memorial Day service at Legion also at 11:00 on May 28th.

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

Sick Call for Men's Aux.

Clyde Tackett
(eye surgery)

Jon Hossinger
(shoulder surgery)

Larry Steel
(for loss of wife, April Steel)

COMING EVENTS

May 14

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

June 10

**DISTRICT GOLF
OUTING
1:00 PM**

June 11

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

**POST MEETING
6:00 PM
MEN & WOMEN AUXILIARY
INVITED**

**Discuss options for new
State smoking law!**

Chaplain's Corner

Get Well!

Sick Call

Charlie Knott
Scott Showen
Robert Brennan
Corky Haines
John Hall, Sr.

TAPS

Jack Mortimore

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO US!
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Ladies' Auxiliary News

Hello, Sisters!

May is here and this means it is time for **POPPY SALES!** Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. The days are May 4th and May 5th. Please pick your time to get out and sell poppies.

Beverly Bryant has volunteered to make Wednesday night meals through the summer. Please plan on continuing to eat at the Post on drawing night. *Thanks, Bev, in advance for your time.*

Thanks *Diane Nichter and Bonnie Hall* for working the funeral dinner and thanks to all those who brought in side dishes.

On the 26th of May the Auxiliary will have a **BAKE SALE**. Please bring in your goodies to the Post by 10:00 a.m.

Thanks everyone for working so hard and don't forget to pray for our servicemen.

Marcia Smith
Ladies Auxiliary President

*P.S. Don't forget to vote.
It is our privilege and a duty.*



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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*



*Remember
Mother's
Day!*



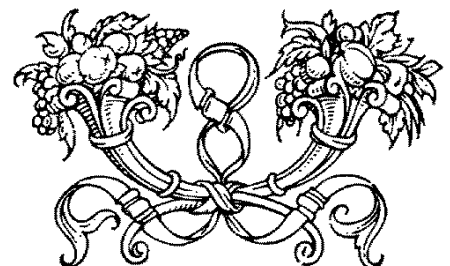
COMING EVENTS

May 10

**LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM**

June 14

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6:00 PM**



May 4th & 5th Wear a poppy!

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get out and sell poppies!**

THANK YOU!

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM	2 CHICKEN WINGS CURLY FRIES RHUBARB CRISP	3 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	4 POPPY SALES	5 POPPY SALES CONEY DOGS 11-2
6	7 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	8 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	9 FISH, FRIES COLE SLAW PIE	10 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	11	12 CONEY DOGS 11-2
13 CLOSED	14 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	15 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	16 CHICKEN PARMESAN TOSSED SALAD GARLIC BREAD COOKIES	17 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	18	19 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT 4TH DISRICT MEETING AT BUSCO CONEY DOGS 11-2
20 PUT OUT FLAGS AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST 8:30	21 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	22 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	23 HAM & WHITE BEAN SOUP CORN BREAD COOKIES	24 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	25 Chicken BBQ	26 BAKE SALE CHICKEN BBQ CONEY DOGS 11-2
27 OPEN SUNDAY	28 AMERICAN LEGION 11:00 AM	29 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	30 MEAT LOAF MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS BROWNIES	31 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS		

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 CONEY DOGS 11-2
3	4 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	5 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING + :00 PM MEN & WOMEN NEW SMOKING LAW	6 PORK LOIN MASHED POTATOES CORN APPLESAUCE CUP CAKES	7 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	8	9 CONEY DOGS 11-2
10 Open Sunday	11 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	12 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	13 GRILLED BBQ CHICKEN BAKED BEANS CAKE	14 EUCHRE 1:- 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	15	16 CONEY DOGS 11-2
17	18 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	19 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	20 CHEESEBURGERS CUCUMBER & TOMATO SALAD STRAWBERRY PIE	21 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	22	23 MEN'S AUX HOG ROAST HILLBILLYS OUTER SPACE 1 PM GAMES / 5 PM MEALS HOT DOGS 11-2
24 Open Sunday	25 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	26 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	27 CHICKEN SALAD WRAP PASTA SALAD CREAM CHEESE BARS	28 EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	29	30 CONEY DOGS 11-2