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Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749

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May-June 2013

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Kendallville, Indiana

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

This is my last newsletter as Commander of our Post. I don't know where these past two years have gone, but I want to thank all the members for allowing me to be your Commander. I will still be working around the Post helping **Ron Coleman** with his new duties as Commander of our Post.

We have a great membership and officers who truly love this Post, so we will be continuing to do good things for our veterans and their families.

We have poppy sales on May 10th and 11th, so be sure to help the Post out by signing up to help.

I'm looking forward to a great year here at the Post under the new direction of Commander Ron Coleman.

The Waterloo Post 6572 is closing their doors, due to lack of interest and help at the Post. I went to their Post meeting on April 13th and told them that we would be glad to have them as members in our Post. They took a vote and decided to transfer all their membership to our Post. So at this time, I would like to welcome them into our Post.

*May God Bless you all ,
Jim McClure
Commander*

OFFICERS

Commander **Jim McClure**
Sr. Vice Commander . . . **Doyne Strater**
Jr. Vice Commander . **Tom Mortimore**
Quartermaster **Jim Cook**
Adjutant **Jim Cook**
Chaplain **Ron Coleman**
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 **Tom Hulén**
Louie Slone, Tom Mortimore

Quartermaster's Corner

Well, the first quarter of 2013 has come and gone, and I'm happy to see warmer weather once again. As usual, things have been busy here at **Francis Vinyard Post 2749 VFW**. Financially we are in sound condition with the return of our "snowbirds", improved weather and upcoming events, our income should improve,

Please be sure to read the Post election results. We're blessed with members willing to "step up" and see the Post functions well. Special thanks to **Tom Davidson, John (Jack) Garrett and George Klink**. This is a strong leadership group and will keep our Post a great place for our members and guests.

Remember we have some fund raising and fun things on our calendar for May and June. Our on-going fund raiser, "**Energizing Indiana**", helps our communities to become more energy efficient and earns \$25 for each "appointment" we can arrange. Post

members, Men's Auxiliary and Women's Auxiliary are all participating in this effort. Poppy sales will be held on May 10th and 11th to raise funds for VFW charitable efforts.

May 18th at 8:30pm, the Families for Freedom Program is at our pavilion. On May 19th we'll be putting American Flags on veterans' graves at several area cemeteries. Come out for the comradery and breakfast at 7:30 am at the Post. Many hands make the task light for all.

On the 27th, Francis Vinyard Post will be hosting the Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am. June 8th, the Color Guard will be in the 150th Anniversary Parade and then we have some "fun" events!

Euchre tournaments on May 11th and June 8th. Mary's Coney Dogs every Saturday 11:00 - 2:00 pm. May 25th, bake sale and barbeque chicken.

June 1st, Bar Olympics tournament at 2:00pm. June 15th, Flag Day Service at the Elks Lodge. June 22nd, a horseshoe

tournament at 1:00 pm with a band starting at 7:00 pm. Let's get out and have some fun!

*Respectfully,
Jim Cook
Quartermaster*

NEW 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 **Ken Ihrrie**
Surgeon **John Garrett**
Sgt. at Arms **Dennis Nester**
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Men's Auxiliary News

Hello again!

Just a reminder that we holding second round Election of Officers on May 13th at 6:00. Would like to see some people there and even step up to the plate. As of now, I will be your President again for the 3rd straight year, but would like to see someone else come forward.

I've had a great group of officers serve with me and would like to thank them all. We have come a long way and have done well for our Post. These guys have done a wonderful job. Please plan on attending this meeting as we will be having the elections same night.

Events coming up once again. Don Dyer will be cooking chickens for Memorial weekend. Friday will be pre-sell only and Saturday will be for the public. Would like to ask anyone who can help please step forward. This is a big project and needs a lot of help.

June 1st we will be doing another

Bar Olympics. Sign up at 1:30 and play at 2:00. Stop in and volunteer for poppy sales. There is a list of times and places available. This money that we get goes to our Relief Fund.

June 22nd will be hosting horseshoes and the band, Main Street Crisis, will perform outdoors. Will be a good time.

We decided to give out two scholarships this year of \$500.00 apiece.

They were some tough ones to pick from and I would like to say congratulations to Gabrielle VanCamp and Isaac Wappes for your great work and good luck in the future.

Look for new upcoming events as we have some new things that we're working on. Stop in and support your Club and enjoy all that is offered to you.

Ed Wade
President

OFFICERS

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



Are you a veteran and out of work?

Come to the Post and get connected through WORK ONE. Why?

1. You will work with a Veterans Advocate.
2. Receive help with Resumes and Applications.
3. Skills Training updates.

Come in to the Post for contact information with Work One, Now!



Chaplain's Desk

As most of you know, we are getting ready to change officers here at the Post. Since this will be my last newsletter as Chaplain, I would like to make a special invitation to all of you.

Our Post, combined with American Legion Post 381 have formed our local Honor Guard. We have done many events and funerals over this last year including a few of our own members. It is a great

honor to help escort fellow veterans to their final resting place. I would like to invite all of you to join our Honor Guard. Even if you can only help on a part time basis, we can use you. It would be a blessing that you won't forget.

I would like to extend a special thanks to one of our members (Jack Garrett) who will turn 93 years young on May 18th.

Jack is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you, Jack and all the current members of the Honor Guard for serving, and thank you all for allowing me to be your Chaplain the past year. Please consider joining our Honor Guard.

Ron Coleman
Chaplain

Ladies' Auxiliary News

May is here and this means it is time for Poppy Sales. The days are May 10th and May 11th. Please pick your day and time to get out and sell poppies for your Club.

Memorial Day Services will be held at our Club this year on May 27th at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow. Please bring a covered dish.

The Men's Auxiliary are cooking chicken at our Club on Friday, May 24th and at the corner of 9 and 6 on Saturday, May 25th. Also on May 25th, the Ladies will be having a Bake Sale at the Club.

The door will be open at 9:00 am to receive items for the sale. Come buy your goodies for this Memorial Day weekend.

Don't forget to check your calendar for all the fun things going on at our Club during May and June.

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

Marcia Smith
Ladies Auxiliary President

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*

LADIES' AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

May 9
LADIES' AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM

May 10 & May 11
POPPY SALES!!
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June 13
LADIES' AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM

COMING EVENTS

May 7
MEN'S AUXILIARY
MEETING
6:00 PM

May 24 & 25
BAKE SALE &
BARBEQUE CHICKEN

June 8
EUCHRE TOURNEY
1:00 PM

May 11
EUCHRE TOURNEY
1:00 PM

May 27
MEMORIAL DAY
SERVICE
11:00 AM

June 11
JOINT MEETING
6:00 PM

May 18
FAMILIES FOR
FREEDOM PROGRAM
8:30 PM

June 1
BAR OLYMPICS

June 15
FLAG DAY SERVICE
ELKS LODGE
1:00 PM

May 19
PUT OUT FLAGS

June 8
COLOR GUARD
150TH ANNIVERSARY
PARADE

June 22
HORSESHOE
TOURNEY 1:00 PM

Help keep "Energizing Indiana"

May

2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 CONEY DOGS 11-2
5	6	7 POST MEETING 7:00 PM	8	9 LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	10 POPPY DAYS FISH FRY	11 OPEN SAT. POPPY DAYS CONEY DOGS 11-2 EUCHRE TOURN. 1:00 PM
12 OPEN SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY	13 MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18 OPEN SAT. CONEY DOGS 11-2 FAMILY FOR FREEDOM PROG. 8:30 PM
19 PUT OUT FLAGS BREAKFAST AT 7:30	20	21	22	23	24 DOING CHICKEN AT THE POST	25 OPEN SAT. CONEY DOGS 11-2 BAKE SALE 10:00 AM TILL ? CHICKEN BBQ
26 OPEN SUNDAY	27 11 AM SERVICE AT OUR POST WITH A MEAL TO FOLLOW MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CONEY DOGS 11-2 OLYMPIC BAR TOURNAMENT 2:00 PM
2	3 MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	4 POST MEETING 6:00 PM	5	6 LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	7	8 OPEN SAT. CONEY DOGS 11-2 EUCHRE TOURN. 1:00 PM
9 OPEN SUNDAY	10	11 JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM	12	13	14	15 CONEY DOGS 11-2 FLAG DAY AT ELKS
16 FATHER'S DAY	17 NEW OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE	18	19	20	21	22 OPEN SAT. CONEY DOGS 11-2 HORSESHOE TOURN. 1PM TILL BAND AT 7:00 PM
23 OPEN SUNDAY	24	25	26	27	28	29 OPEN SATURDAY CONEY DOGS 11-2
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