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It is the price you paid to be eligible!*

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Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749

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September-October 2013

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Kendallville, Indiana

Commander's Comments

Wow, it's hard to believe that two months have gone by already.

We have had a lot of good things happen lately, the Gary Lewis benefit being one of them. We raised over *ten thousand dollars* for one of our needy members. **THANK YOU** to all who helped with this effort.

We also started up our Wednesday evening meals. The turnout and the food have been good. Let's keep supporting our local club.

In September, we will have a wild game day. We will be serving some of our favorite wild game dishes for a freewill donation of money and/or non-perishable

food or paper products, which will be donated to the food pantry. 100% will go to our community. If you can help by donating cooked wild game or fish, it will be appreciated, so please let us know.

A few of us will attend the *Vietnam Veterans Reunion* in Kokomo the third weekend in September. If anyone is interested in going to this, please let us know and we will try to arrange transportation.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that this is our (all of us) Club. Let's work together to make it the best that it can be.

Red Coleman
Commander VFW 2749

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Quartermaster's Corner

Our great weather has continued with fairly mild temperatures and enough rain for a good growing season. Speaking of growing, we are into a new year for annual dues. As an incentive to pay early, **VFW National is running a drawing for 15 Life Memberships.** All you have to do is pay your annual dues before November 30th, 2013 to be eligible. There will be two drawings, 11/15 and 12/31. Remember also, our Post draws for 1 Life Membership each year. **That's two chances to win!!!** Pay early and you just may be our next Life Member.

Check out the calendar. We started Wednesday dinners in August. During the fall and winter months we'll be in full swing. Want to provide a dinner or help prepare and serve one? Contact the Post Office and we'll get you involved. Note the Men's Auxiliary Golf Outing will be September 7th at Noble Hawk Golf Course. See the posting on the bulletin boards for details.

September 28th we'll be hosting Horseshoe Games! Watch for more details. September 14th we'll be attending the District 4 meeting at Post 2457 in New Haven. If you want to attend a District Meeting, Francis Vinyard is in line to host the November District 4 meeting on Saturday, the 16th, 2013.

We have been informed that the annual dues have been increased by \$10. However, the increase will not take effect until January 1, 2014. Pay early and avoid the increase until next year!

Please read the **NOTICE** included in this newsletter. There have been changes coming to our house rules and canteen service on October 1, 2013.

Finally, we're doing well as a Post and staying ahead of expenses. This is due to our members' patronage at the Club, our Wednesday dinners and our special events. **Thank you all!**

Jim Cook
Quartermaster

TAPS

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valuable members, Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and was looked to for inspiration and results. "Someone Else can do the work with that group."

Whenever there was anything to do, Someone Else was on everyone's list. Someone Else was a leader and everyone assumed that every important job would be done by Else. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

Men's Auxiliary News

Hello All!

The summer is coming to an end real quick which means we are starting up our Wednesday night meals again and could use some help in the kitchen just once a month for just a few hours a month. You have been sent a dues reminder and a gun raffle ticket, please take the time to send back.

If you missed the Men's Auxiliary party on August 24th with the hog roast and the band, **Main Street Crisis**, you missed a great time. Winners of the games will be announced next newsletter.

I would like to thank all the people that donated items for the **Gary Lewis Benefit** and to **Keith Mapes** and **Andrea Brand** and all the others that may have helped me move tables around to set up auction items and then once again to set up band.

Our last horseshoe games will be September 28th with sign up at 12:30 and play at 1:00. Winners of the last two months were **Anthony Jimenez and Barb Rassler** on June 22, and on July 27th, it was **Joe Hernandez and Johnny**. Congrats to you all.

We are going to try having a back ground band on September 8th, which is an Open Sunday. This band does not have a name, they are just a group of people that like to play together. They are the same group that played for the benefit and people have asked me to see if they would try this, so we are. They were very good and not loud where people were able to still watch TV and still be able to talk to each other, so please come out and see what you think. They will be playing on a Sunday afternoon for a couple of hours.

Our annual golf outing is being held at Noble Hawk this year on September 7th and we would like to see some of our members get time together and help with a this great cause. If anybody can be around the Club on this day around 4:00 or so to help get food around, that would help a lot.

The National Convention passed a dues increase for all annual Post members and Auxiliary members. The \$10 a year increase will take effect on 1/1/2014. So, once again, pay your dues early and avoid the new fee schedule until next year.

I'm sure there's more, but this boy has been real busy with a lot of things going on all at once, so if I have forgotten something, I'm sorry. Until a few months from now, keep our troops in your prayers and all of our other ones who have already served our great nation.

Ed Wade
President



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President.....*Ed Wade*
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NOTICE

The House Committee, Trustees and Commander Coleman with Quartermaster Cook have decided on actions to change a couple of Club practices.

- 1) Beginning on October 1st, 2013, the use of shot glasses as drink tokens will cease. We will begin to use "Red" plastic tokens, good for one regular priced drink, beer or alcohol. The chip can be used for any drink but, any drink costing more than the regular price, the difference will be paid for by the chip holder (unless the chip purchaser designates/intends to pay for the entire value of the drink. If you need to leave, and a generous friend at the bar bought you a higher price drink, you will get two chips to redeem on your next visit.
- 2) 25 cents off Tuesdays and Thursdays will be discontinued on October 1, 2013. This is being done to avoid raising prices. Also makes things easier for the bar service staff. 1) They have one color for chips, Red worth \$1.75 and 2) one price list for well or the average drinks.
- 3) If you have shot glasses at home, or in your car, bring them in for drinks before October 1st. We will not exchange them for chips.

Ladies' Auxiliary News

Hello, Ladies!

The weather has been beautiful this summer, I hope you all have enjoyed some time outside.

I want to thank *Betty DeBolt, Carolyn Mortimore, Pat Feebles and Carol Cory* for their help with the Rassler funeral dinner. We appreciate you!

Be sure to get your dues in!

Watch the newsletter for the meals on Wednesday nights. We could use some help from the Ladies Auxiliary Members in the kitchen. Please attend the meetings, we meet every 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm.

I look forward to all the fun and activities this year as your president. Feel free to contact me at 260-760-4653 if there is anything that I can do for you.

Please pray for our troops and our veterans.

God Bless the USA,
Jenny White
Ladies Auxiliary President



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3 Year Trustee *Rose Frick*

COMING EVENTS

September 3

Post Meeting
6:00 PM

September 7

Mens' Golf Outing
6:00 PM

September 9

Men's Aux Meeting
6:00 PM

September 12

Ladies Aux Meeting
6:00 PM

September 14

4th District Meeting

September 20

Vietnam Vets
Reunion
Kokomo

September 28

Horseshoe Games
Wild Game Dishes
Food Pantry Benefit

October 1

Post Meeting
6:00 PM

October 8

Joint Meeting
6:00 PM

October 10

Ladies Aux Meeting
6:00 PM

October 14

Men's Aux Meeting
6:00 PM

October 31

62 days until
dues increase

Wednesday Night

Dinners and Drawings

Come join us!

VFW Post 2749 • Kendallville, IN

Drawing Monday, November 11, 2013@7:00PM

RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 • LICENSE #127167

Choice of: **Wicked Ridge Ten Point Raider CLS**

Cross Bow Package .330 fps Scope w/Auto Cocking Mechanism included

or **Del-Tom M4 AR-15**

.223 w/Custom Options

or **Ruger M77 44**

Mag Bolt Action

w/Sling, Case & Hawk Deer Pass Scope

or **\$1,000**



VFW 2749
Wicked Ridge 10 Point Raider CLS
Del-Tom M4 AR-15 or Ruger M77
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Help keep "Energizing Indiana"

September

2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LABOR DAY	3 POST MEETING 6:00 PM	4 DINNER: LADIES AUX BRATS & CORN DRAWING NIGHT	5	6	7 MENS' GOLF OUTING CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC
8 OPEN SUNDAY	9 MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	10	11 DINNER: MEALOF, POTATOES & VEG POST TM 2 DRAWING NIGHT	12 LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	13	14 4TH DISTRICT MEETING AT NEW HAVEN CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC
15	16	17	18 DINNER: GOULASH & SALAD POST TM 1 DRAWING NIGHT	19	20 VIETNAM VETS REUNION IN KOKOMO	21 CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC
22 OPEN SUNDAY	23	24	25 DINNER: MENS' AUX CHICKEN & NOODLES DRAWING NIGHT	26	27	28 HORSESHOE GAMES CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC WILD GAME DISHES FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT
29	30 JUST 92 DAYS UNTIL THE ANNUAL DUES INCREASE 1.1.2014					

October

2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW DRINK TOKENS BEGIN POST MEETING 6:00 PM	2 DINNER: 3 SOUPS & GRILLED CHEESE POST TM 1 DRAWING NIGHT	3	4	5 CONEY DOGS
6	7	8 JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM	9 DINNER: HAM & BEANS, CORN BREA POST TM 2 DRAWING NIGHT	10 LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	11	12 CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC
13 OPEN SUNDAY	14 MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	15	16 DINNER: MEALOF, POTATOES & VEG MENS' AUX DRAWING NIGHT	17	18	19 CONEY DOGS
20	21	22	23 WATCH MENU ON TBA TO BE ANNOUNCED DRAWING NIGHT	24	25	26 CONEY DOGS OPEN TO PUBLIC
27 OPEN SUNDAY	28	29	30 DINNER: CHILI W/GRILLED CHEESE SAND. DRAWING NIGHT	31 SCARY! JUST 62 DAYS UNTIL THE ANNUAL DUES INCREASE 1.1.2014		