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It is the price you paid to be eligible!*

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## Veterans of Foreign Wars

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# Commander's Comments

### Comrades & Sisters:

**T**hanks to all of the members and auxiliary members of both groups for your help and participation in the Wednesday night drawings and, of course, the Wednesday night meals. There are too many of you for me to try to name everyone here, but **you know who you are** and I want to thank you all for your dedication and hard work. And a special thanks to **Jerry Brady** for repairing the roof and to **Gary Fisher** for implementing a Donation Campaign.

Speaking of the roof, it **will** be replaced when the weather turns warmer this spring. We are looking to cover the old flat roof with a new pitched one that will last a lot longer. This is a very costly project, and we have re-established the Building Improvement Fund to isolate donations to this project from the General Fund. There has been over \$26K raised so far, but we still need more pledges in order to pay for this without having to borrow money. Please see one of the Trustees in order to make a pledge and donation.

Coming events above the normal

weekly events include an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2nd and some Race Parties on our Open Sundays now that the NASCAR season has begun again. There will also be a POW/MIA Service at the New Hope Church in Waterloo on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 pm. This is a very impressive candle lighting as the names are read. See me or Jim Piepenbrok for more details. There will be only one Open Sunday in April since the second one falls on Easter Sunday. We will be closed that day. And check the Wednesday night menus out on the calendars. There are some "mighty fine" meals coming up! So come out to your Post and enjoy your time with your brothers and sisters.

Please come out to the Post membership meetings at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1st and April 5th. We will have nominations for officers on both nights, and then the election will follow on April 5th. It is very important that we get qualified members to step up and take over some of these positions. I will not be a candidate for Commander

again next year, so hopefully we can fill all of the offices by this election. Please get involved!

Dennis Nester  
*Commander*

### OFFICERS

**Commander**

..... *Dennis Nester*

**Senior Vice Commander**

..... *Jim McClure*

**Junior Vice Commander**..... *Vacant*

**Quartermaster**..... *Jim Piepenbrok*

**Adjutant**..... *Jim Piepenbrok*

**Trustees**..... *Al Countryman*

*Jim Cook*

*Gary Fisher*

**House Committee**.....*Pat Fraizier*

*Dennis Nester*

*Charles Farmer*

**Service Officer**.....*Jan Frazee*

**Surgeon**.....*Jack Debolt*



# Quartermaster's Queries

### Comrades All:

**I**f you still have not paid your 2011 dues by this time you can't be served at the bar, nor will you be eligible for any of the drawings at the Post. Dues for annual members are \$30.00 and can be paid to the bartender on duty or mailed in. The drawings bucket was purged right after January 1, 2011, so please get current if you are not already there. We now have 389 paid up members on the rolls and approximately 20 still unpaid.

TAPS for the past two months include **Russ Rugg, Art Hall, Wally Smith, Ray Waldron and Jim Ohlwine**. Ladies Auxiliary include **Dorothy Leighty and Wynoma Greer**. Our condolences go out to their families.

We are currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Bartender at the Post. You would be on the payroll and taxes would be deducted from your checks each week. Members of any of the three "families" will have a priority point added to their evaluation. If interested, see the Bar Manager (Chip Hall) or any of the House Committee members for an application. Good luck to all.



Jim Piepenbrok  
*Quartermaster*

# Men's Auxiliary News

Dear Comrades,

First of all, I want to let you know that we will be having a \$25.00 Drawing at each monthly Men's Auxiliary Meeting for the members who are present at the meeting. Our meetings are at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. You must be present to win. Come on out, your odds are pretty good!

The Men's Auxiliary has agreed to make a sizeable donation to the Post for the purchase of a new large flat screen TV. We also do one or two Wednesday night dinners each month and could use more help in the kitchen.

New officers will be nominated at the March and April meetings, and the election will follow at the April meeting. I want to thank all who have helped and supported the Men's Auxiliary and me during this year. You know who you are!

**John R. Hall, Jr. (Chip)**  
*President*

P.S. Thank you Grandpa Hall. I will miss you!! God Bless all Veterans!

## OFFICERS

President..... **John Hall, Jr.**  
Sr. Vice President..... **Eddie Wade**  
Jr. Vice President..... **Clyde Tackett**  
Secretary..... **Tim Ley**  
Treasurer..... **Kenny Spencer**  
Chaplain..... **Don Dyer**  
Trustees ..... **Tim Wade**  
**Van Lamore**  
**Tim Ley**



## New Life for an Old Warhorse

The changing nature of the war in Afghanistan has led to the re-issue of the 7.62x51 mm NATO M14 rifle due to its lone-range punch. Now the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps each have a modernized version of the Cold War infantry rifle with which to face the Taliban.

Not long after U.S. forces invaded Afghanistan, al-Qaeda and its Taliban allies came to realize that America's 5.56x45 mm NATO infantry rifles lost more of their lethality beyond 500 meters. Demonstrating their adaptability, the insurgents exploited Afghanistan's sprawling valleys and distant mountainsides to seek engagements beyond the M16's and M4's effective ranges.

This borne out by U.S. Army data, which reveals that more than half of the war's small arms engagements are now beyond 500 meters, with the enemy employing heavier weapons and then withdrawing before air support or artillery fire can arrive. The larger, heavier M14 round still packs as much energy at extended ranges (600 yards +) as the smaller M16/M4 round does at 100 meters. The modifications include a scope, new adjustable stocks with shortening of the overall length of the rifle.

*This information was taken from American Rifleman Magazine.*

## COMING EVENTS



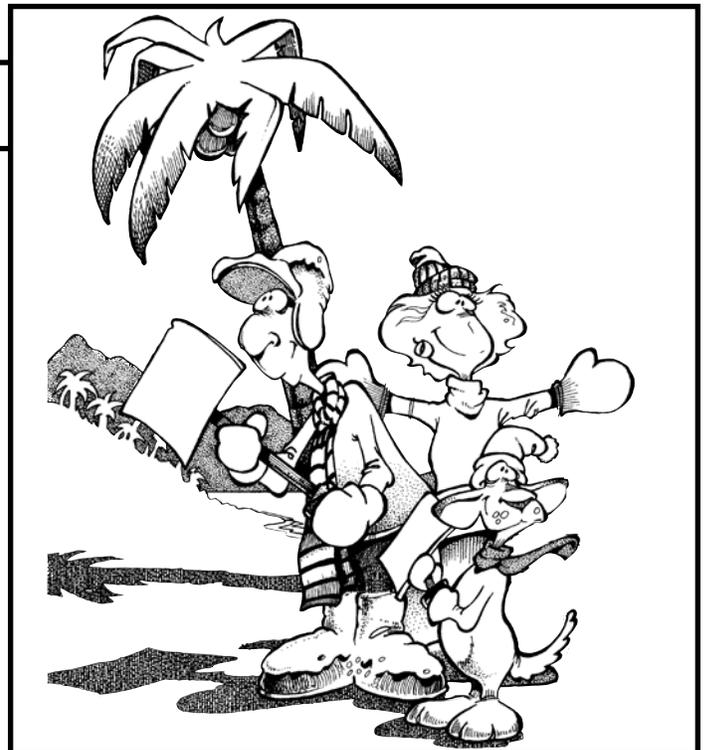
**March 23rd**

**Kids Easter  
Egg Hunt**

**MAY**

**Poppy Days**

**Memorial Day**



# Ladies' Auxiliary News

## Hello, Ladies!

I hope everyone had a good Valentine's Day. Looks like Mother Nature is giving us some warm weather, hope it sticks around a while.

Thanks to *Carolyn Mortimore* for the meatloaf dinner on February 16th.

We will be having *chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes* on March 30th. Come on out and enjoy the meal. On April 13th, *Betty DeBolt* will be having *ham and beans with cornbread*, sounds good to me!

Thanks to all of those who helped and brought in items for the *Wynemia Greer* funeral dinner and for the *Jim Ohlwine* funeral dinner. They will be missed.

On April 19th is our next joint meeting, anyone can attend. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm, would love to see you there.

The children's Easter Party is scheduled for April 23rd. I hear the *Easter Bunny*

will make an appearance again this year!

There will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday, March 16th. We will be having cornbread and cabbage.

The Auxiliary Meetings are as follows:

Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM.

Come on out! *You get a free drink after the meeting. We would love to see you there.*

*God Bless our Troops.*

*God Bless America.*

Jenny White  
Ladies Auxiliary President

## OFFICERS

President..... *Jenny White*  
Sr. Vice President..... *Janice Wright*  
Jr. Vice President..... *Bonnie Hall*  
Secretary..... *Diane Nichter*  
Treasurer..... *Carolyn Mortimore*  
Chaplain..... *Betty DeBolt*  
Conductress..... *Marylana Geegh*  
1 Year Trustee..... *Lisa Dykstra*  
2 Year Trustee..... *Gladys Neal*  
3 Year Trustee..... *Betty DeBolt*



# Recipe

CLIP AND SAVE



## Oyster Cracker Snack

**Mix well:**

**3/4 cup Olive Oil**

**1 tablespoon Dill Weed**

**1 tablespoon Lemon Pepper**

**1/2 tablespoon Garlic Powder**

**1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix**

**Add:**

**1 package small Oyster crackers**

Mix well in a 1 gallon Ziploc bag.

Store in air tight container.

# March

# 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>1</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM NOMINATION OF OFFICERS	<b>2</b> DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>3</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>6</b>	25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>8</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM POW/MIA SERVICE NEW HOPE CHURCH	<b>9</b> FISH DINNER POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>10</b> LADIES AUX MEETING 7:00 PM EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>13</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>14</b> MEN'S AUX MEETING 7:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>15</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>16</b> CORNEBEEF & CABBAGE POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>17</b> ST. PATRICK'S DAY EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>22</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>23</b> CONEY DOGS POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>24</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>27</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>28</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>29</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>30</b> CHICKEN & NOODLES POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>31</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS		

# April

# 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>5</b> POST MEETING 7:00 PM ELECTION OF OFFICERS EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>6</b> BRATS & FRIED POTATOES POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>7</b> LADIES AUX MEETING 7:00 PM EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>10</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>11</b> MEN'S AUX MEETING 7:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>12</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>13</b> HAM, BEANS & CORN BREAD POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>14</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
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<b>24</b> EASTER POST CLOSED	<b>25</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>26</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM	<b>27</b> BBQ BEEF SANDWICH POST DRAWING 8:00 PM	<b>28</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> HOT DOGS 11-2