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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

**March-April 2012**

**260-347-3550**

**Kendallville, Indiana**

# Commander's Comments

## Comrades & Sisters:

**I**t's hard to believe that it's March already, we have done a lot of great things so far this year.

We have given back a lot of time and money to our local community this past year. We figured out that we have given back over \$21,000 to help different organizations, plus our Afgan veterans' family.

All this wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for all the hard work that the Post members, Ladies Aux. and Men's Aux. has done this year. Again, a big thank you to everyone at the Post.

Don't forget to pick up your scholarship applications at the Post. A senior boy or girl, whose parent or grandparents is a Post 2749 member or

a member of the Ladies or Men's Aux. It must be returned to the Post by April 1st.

Our bar manager, Kelly, has been doing a lot of new improvements in our Club and it's looking very nice. Kim Dillon, our office manager, has been doing a great job with our accounting books and keeping a tight rein on our money purse here at the Post.

Pat Frazier just stepped down as Quartermaster. I want to thank him for all the hard work that he has done for our Post. Good luck, Pat.

*God Bless all of you!*  
**Jim McClure**  
*Commander*

## OFFICERS

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

# Quartermaster's Queries

## Transitions ~ Transitions ~ Transitions

**C**hange is a constant in the operation of our Post. Recently Pat Frazier had to step down as our Quartermaster for health reasons. We'll miss Pat's energy and ideas and wish him well. Jim Cook is doing the Quartermaster job on an interim basis until election time.

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.

At the February 7th Post meeting, the membership approved three new members for Post 2749.

**Gary Thome, Army, Republic of Korea**  
**Henry Shull, Army, Vietnam**  
**Gary Heiman, Army, Afghanistan**

Please give our newest member comrades a warm welcome to the Francis Vinyard's family.

The membership also approved a new commercial dishwasher for the kitchen. The cost is being shared by the Ladies auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary and the Post. Thanks to our auxiliary's generosity, we'll be using *real* plates for dinners!

The membership also approved the purchase of a hot dog machine with capacity for 30 dogs, Polish sausages or Brats with a bun warmer. Primarily this will offer something besides popcorn and snacks to members over the lunch hour. Marie's Famous Coney Dogs will also benefit from this purchase. Look for Kelly and the bar staff to be to be setting this into reality soon.

Finally, three new officers were sworn in. They are:

- 1) Doyne Strater, Jr. Vice Commander
- 2) Larry Ley, Post Service Officer
- 3) Jerry Brady, Trustee

Thanks for "stepping up" guys and helping to keep our Post growing.

**Jim Cook**  
*Quartermaster*



*Thanks to*  
**Tim Ley and Jerry Brady**  
for repairing the wall in the  
bathroom. *It really looks great!*

# Men's Auxiliary News

Here we are, another two months has gone by. We still have a few members who have not paid their dues for this year. Our Club has been thriving and you're missing all the fun that we have been having. Please stop in and take care of this matter.

Speaking of fun, we are planning our 10 year anniversary coming June 23rd. There will be more details to follow, but it is going to be a great time.

Our shuffleboard party went well which was won by Pat Martin and Kelly Murphy. Second place was won by Bonnie Steel and Ed Wade. Some upcoming things to be on the lookout for will be the Kids' Easter Party on April 7th at 2:00 pm, 4th District Golf Outing at Noble Hawk. More details on this will be posted at the Club. Also in April we will be having Nominations of Officers. Remember that our meeting times has changed to the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

I would like to take time to thank Shaun Will for fabricating the new TV. Bracket and moving the big screen, and to thank all who has helped in the kitchen, but we could use some more help.

It's that time again for scholarships. Any member who has a senior planning on going to college is eligible to stop in and ask for an application. We must have all applications turned in by May 1st to be concerted to receive. This is a great opportunity to possibly win one of these for your child or grandchild , so don't pass this up.

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*



## COMING EVENTS

**March 12**

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

**April 7**

**KID'S EASTER PARTY  
2:00 PM**

**April 9**

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

## Men's Auxiliary Sick Call & Relief

**Matt Jimenez**  
*Loss of Mother*

**Tim Rowlison**  
*Loss of Grandmother*

**Ken Rowlison**  
*Loss of Mother*

**Mike Haney**  
*Hip Replacement*



## Chaplain's Corner

*Get Well!*

### Sick Call

**Betty Berhalter** (*at home*)  
**Ron Coleman** (*knee surgery*)

### TAPS

**Howard Nodine**  
**Betty Davis** (*Auxiliary*)  
**Gregory Coughlin**  
(*Life Member*)

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# Ladies' Auxiliary News

## Hello, Sisters!

The weather has been tolerable, not too much snow and not too cold. How about using these nice Wednesdays to come to the club for a fine dinner and conversation with your fellow members?

We had two funeral dinners in January. Thanks everyone, those who helped and those who contributed salads and desserts.

I thoroughly enjoyed going with Betty DeBolt before Christmas to visit the ladies from our auxiliary who are in nursing homes. They were all so happy to see and talk to us. I hope we can plan on doing this again next year.

The district meeting went well. We had eight members present. Our club is 94% plus membership. Our auxiliary was noted as the club adding the most new members in the district. Carolyn Mortimore planned a nice lunch with the help of the other officers. Thanks Carolyn!

The Valentine's Party was a class act. Thanks to the ladies in the auxiliary who planned the evening and then spent many hours preparing it, thanks to Jerry Brady for showing us how to use the new dishwasher and doing the dishes all night, and thanks to Cecelee Shuck and Tiffany Booher for their superb job of serving.

During our meeting of Feb. 9th, it was decided to change our meeting time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This new time will take effect with our meeting on March 8.

The ladies auxiliary is again offering a one-thousand dollar college scholarship to a child or grandchild of a VFW member. Applications are available at the club and applications must be returned to the club by May 1st.

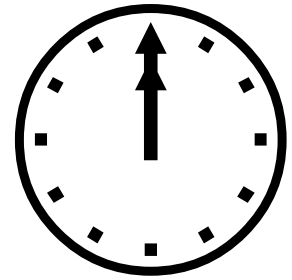
A date to remember: May 4th and 5th are Poppy Days. Please save these dates to contribute some time selling poppies.

*Don't forget to continue to pray for our servicemen.*

Marcia Smith  
*Ladies Auxiliary President*

### OFFICERS

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*



## March 11th Daylight Savings Time Begins!



## COMING EVENTS

**March 8**  
LADIES  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
6:00 PM

**March 17**  
DISTRICT  
MEETING  
3:00 PM  
@ Columbia City

**April 12**  
LADIES  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
6:00 PM

## March 20th First Day of Spring!!



# March

# 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> OPEN SATURDAY HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>6</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>7</b> POST MEMBER HAM SCALLOPED POTATOES & GREEN BEANS	<b>8</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>11</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>12</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>13</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>14</b> LADIES AUX CHICKEN NOODLE & MASHED POTATOES	<b>15</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> OPEN SATURDAY HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>18</b> BLOOM WEDDING SHOWER (PRIVATE)	<b>19</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>20</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>21</b> POST MEMBER 3 SOUPS & GRILLED CHEESE	<b>22</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>25</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>26</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>27</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>28</b> MEN'S AUX MEAT LOAF MASHED POT VEGS	<b>29</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OPEN SATURDAY HOT DOGS 11-2

# April

# 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>3</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 6:00 PM NOMINATIONS	<b>4</b> POST MEMBERS SLOPPY JOES POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS	<b>5</b> EUCHRE 1:- 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> HOT DOGS 11-2 MEN'S AUX EASTER PARTY
<b>8</b> POST CLOSED	<b>9</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM NOMINATIONS	<b>10</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>11</b> LADIES AUX MAC & CHEESE	<b>12</b> EUCHRE 1:- 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>17</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>18</b> MEN'S AUX STUFFED POTATO WITH CHILI & SALAD	<b>19</b> EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
<b>22</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>23</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>24</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>25</b> POST MEMBERS BBQ PORK STEAK, BROWN POTATOES BAKED BEANS	<b>26</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> HOT DOGS 11-2
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