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## Veterans of Foreign Wars

Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749

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March-April 2013

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Kendallville, Indiana

# Commander's Comments

## Comrades & Sisters:

**I**t's hard to believe that it is March already and winter is just about behind us. I've been in Florida the past six weeks and *I want to thank the other officers and members for keeping the Club running so good.*

Our Club just seems to be doing so good and that's the way we like it. We need to have everyone work on recruiting new members for our Post as we are on track to become an **All American Post** again this year.

We sure lost a good friend in **Don Moore** this past January and all that he and his radio station did for our Club and for our community.

Our Ladies Auxiliary did a great job on the Valentine's supper, as always. We hope to get more bands and entertainment for our Club this year.

*Kim Dillon* is doing a great job in the office, CC and other bartenders are doing a great job at the bar. Our officers are grateful for all of their hard work.

Looking forward, May 17th and 18th will be our Poppy Sale dates. This is a major fund raiser for the Post and its auxiliaries. Please consider joining us in making this a successful event for the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749!

Please be sure to stop out at the Club and support the many activities. Hope to see you there.

*May God Bless all of you!*



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 Ihrle**  
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 Queries

## Come on Spring!

**T**his old Quartermaster is longing for a warm-up. The next two months will include: *Nominations for Officers, Election of Officers, the Men's Auxiliary Easter Party, our snow-birds returning and before you know it, the Buddy-Poppy Sale!*

At our last District 4 Meeting at Post 8147, Fort Wayne, our **State Commander Rodney Funk**, expressed his pride in our district for its' achievements during his tenure. And reiterated that VFW canteens are secondary to the operation of the Post! *"All Posts are to be run as a VFW Club, NOT as a bar!"* and *"The main objective of having a Post is to properly work the VFW projects."*

That may sound pretty heavy handed. But please check out the VFW Department of Indiana regulations posted on our Club Room bulletin boards. Particularly Article 10. We will be enforcing this regulation beginning in March. Don't be surprised if you are asked for your Membership Card 15 minutes prior to a Post meeting or an Auxiliary meeting. A member will not be served during the time a meeting is in session. The penalty to our Post for violation of this By-Law is that our Charter can be revoked! Let's keep our Post a great place to enjoy camaraderie and in good standing with our parent organization!

Our last combined meeting brought out the need for some changes to the Wednesday evening meals. For the

next two months, we're going to offer pizza (two pieces) and salad on the first Wednesday for a cost of \$5.00. Need an extra slice? That will be \$2.00 extra. We will be discussing Post dinners at our next membership meeting.

Watch for news from our Men's Auxiliary concerning some kind of kick-off for the summer season and maybe a pre-fall party!

Jim Cook  
Quartermaster

P.S. Don't forget to recruit a new member!

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# Men's Auxiliary News

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## Hello again!

Here it is March already and we still have a few members who still have not paid to date. If you think about it, stop in and pay so we can get you back in the drawings.

If you missed the Bar Olympics, all had a great time. Winners of the event are listed below.

Look for events coming up. Our Easter Party will be March 30th. Just bring kids in, no sign-up is required. Party will start at 2:00 pm. June 22nd; horseshoes, corn hole and Main Street Crisis Band in the evening. August 24th, another outdoor event is scheduled. Look for more details on both in future newsletters.

If you have a change of address or an email address, could you please let us know so we can update our books and

have a way to let you know of future events or information you may need to know. Look for us on Facebook in the near future.

We will be having first-round nominations for officers in April. If you are interested in being an officer or would like to nominate someone, please attend your meeting that month.

In closing, please pay attention to Post By-Laws article in this newsletter as some things have been emphasized through our VFW State Commander Roger Funk. Sorry that it came to this to you as members had a say-so in this matter, but don't attend meetings to vote on it.

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 hernandaz  
Steve Leins  
Bob Frick



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## Chaplain's Desk

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As the Easter season is now upon us, let us not forget our soldiers serving now. May we all keep them and their families in our prayers. I would encourage each of us to send a card to someone on active duty right now. Remember how good it was to get those letters when we were in harm's way.

On our local level, we have *Jack Kegg* suffering from some broken ribs. *Jack DeBolt* is at Parkview Heart Institute and *Charles Rasler Sr.* is at Lutheran Village. Happy Easter everyone!

Don Dyer  
Chaplain

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## TAPS

Don Moore

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## Condolences

Al Perrine  
*Loss of Mother*

Joe Hernandez  
*Loss of Uncle*

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## SYMPATHY

Maxine Strater Berhalter • Son of Charles Poyne

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## COMING EVENTS

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**March 11**

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

**April 8**

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

**April 9**

**JOINT MEETING  
6:00 PM**

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## BAR OLYMPICS

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### Team Winners

1st Teri Hammons ~ Sharon Page  
2nd Bonnie Steel ~ Ed Wade

### Individuals

1st Teri Hammons  
2nd Bonnie Steel

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# Ladies' Auxiliary News

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**A**lthough the Club has been a welcome shelter from the cold, we are all looking forward to spring and no more winter coats.

It is time to think about Poppy Days again. By the time the next newsletter is published, we will be standing in the sun selling poppies. Please be sure to save May 17th and 18th to do your two hours in the sun.

I want to thank Flo again for helping with the Wednesday night dinner. It was appreciated.

Applications for college scholarships are still available. Pick one up for your child or grandchild from the bartender.

A big thanks to *Carolyn Mortimore* and *her helpers* for making our **Cancer Research / Aid and Valentine Prime Rib dinner** a huge success. We appreciate their hard work. Job well done! A special thanks to all who attended and supported the good cause.

Remember to keep those Armed Forces in your prayers.

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*



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## LADIES' AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

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**March 14**  
**LADIES' AUXILIARY**  
**MEETING**  
**6:00 PM**

**April 9**  
**JOINT MEETING**  
**6:00 PM**

**April 11**  
**LADIES' AUXILIARY**  
**MEETING**  
**6:00 PM**



# March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> VFW MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOMINATIONS 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> DRAWING NIGHT PIZZA & SALAD	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> OPEN SATURDAY CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>10</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>11</b> MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> DRAWING NIGHT POST TM 1 HAM, SCALLOP POTATOES & GREEN BEANS	<b>14</b> LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> DRAWING NIGHT POST TM 2 BEEF & NOODLES VEG & ROLL	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> OPEN SATURDAY CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>24</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> DRAWING NIGHT MENS AUX CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> OPEN SATURDAY EASTER PARTY 2:00 CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>31</b> EASTER SUNDAY						

# April

# 2013

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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>9</b> JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>10</b> POST TM #2 SALISBURY STEAK, BAKED POTATO & VEG	<b>11</b> LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> CONEY DOGS 11-2
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> DRAWING NIGHT POST TM #1 PORK STEAKS SALAD, CHEESY POTATOES	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> OPEN SATURDAY CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>28</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				