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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
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May-June 2011 **260-347-3550** **Kendallville, Indiana**

Commander's Comments

Comrades & Sisters:

This will be my last newsletter to you as your Commander at Post 2749. Please welcome your new Commander, Jim McClure and help him as much as you have helped me. A Commander always needs the help of the members in order to have a successful year. One man can't do it alone. I will still be around to help out with the ticket machines and as the Sgt.-at-Arms during the Post meetings. Again, thanks to all who helped me during my time as your Commander.

Thanks to the Men's Auxiliary for doing the Children's Easter Egg Party on April 23rd. And thanks to Ed Wade for getting the 'Easter Rabbit' to appear at the party. Also in April, the dates of the Poppy Days sales were moved to April 29th and 30th this year due to a conflict with the American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary on our traditional dates in May which they claimed for themselves at the sales locations. This newsletter will be printed before the results of the sales are known. Thanks to our volunteers for helping on this. Remember, we are only as successful as our volunteers carry us to reach our goals.

May brings Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 21st. Once again, there will be

a Candlelight Vigil at 8:30 pm provided by the Families for Freedom organization. Please bring a folding chair as we are short of them.

Open Sunday will be May 22nd with our traditional Sunday hours. Also, volunteers are needed to place flags on the grave markers that morning. There will be a breakfast at 8:00 am for the workers and the flag detail will start at 9:00 am.

The Chicken BBQ will be one day only this month on Saturday, May 28th. we will be serving from 11:00 am until gone.

Monday, May 30th is the traditional Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am at American Legion Post 86.

Events in June include a Poker Run on Saturday, June 25th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Chili Cook Off at 5:00 pm and music from 5:00-8:00 pm.


Details about this day will be posted at the Post. The only Open Sunday for the month will be the following day on June 26th. The next Joint Meeting will also be in June on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm.

The only Wednesday dinners will be on June 22nd and 29th. There will not be any Wednesday night dinners in July or August and they will resume in the fall.

Well, that's enough for now. General Douglas MacArthur once said that "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away". I am fading fast as the finish line is in sight.

Dennis Nester
Commander

| OFFICERS | |
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| Commander | <i>Dennis Nester</i> |
| Senior Vice Commander | <i>Jim McClure</i> |
| Junior Vice Commander | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Quartermaster | <i>Jim Piepenbrok</i> |
| Adjutant | <i>Jim Piepenbrok</i> |
| Trustees | <i>Al Countryman</i> |
| | <i>Jim Cook</i> |
| | <i>Gary Fisher</i> |
| House Committee | <i>Pat Frazier</i> |
| | <i>Dennis Nester</i> |
| | <i>Charles Farmer</i> |
| Service Officer | <i>Jan Frazee</i> |
| Surgeon | <i>Jack Debolt</i> |



Quartermaster's Queries

Comrades All:

If 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 395 total members on the rolls with 15 still unpaid.

TAPS for the past two months include *Robert King, Roger Newman, Jack Kurtz, Edward "Jay" Criswell and Charles Syndram*. 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 Bartender on duty or any of the House Committee members for an application. Good luck to all.

The newly elected Post Officers are as follows: Commander, Jim McClure; Senior Vice Commander, Jack Diamond; Junior Vice Commander, Chuck Beery;

Quartermaster, Patrick Frazier; Chaplain, Ron Colman; Judge Advocate, Kenneth Ihrie; Surgeon, Jack DeBolt; Sgt.-at-Arms, Dennis Nester; 3-Year Trustee, Allen Countryman; 3-Year House Committee, Jim Piepenbrok; Service Officer, Jan Frazee (appointed) and Adutant, Jim Piepenbrok (appointed). When the the new Post Officers are installed, Patrick Frazier will be the Quartermaster and I will revert back to House Committee. Good luck to all of the Post Officers!

Jim Piepenbrok
Quartermaster

Men's Auxiliary News

Dear Comrades,

The first round of nominations for new officers was completed but there were not enough members present to have a legal meeting in April. We still have some open offices to be filled. So if you have some time to spare we could use some help, or there may not be a Men's Auxiliary at our Post. I want to thank all who have helped and supported the Men's Auxiliary and me during this year. You know who you are! Also, I want to thank Don Dyer and Carol Cory for donating their time to prepare and serve a Wednesday night meal in March.

We are still doing the \$25.00 drawing at our Men's Auxiliary meetings. You must be present to win!

The Men's Auxiliary will be doing the Chicken BBQ again this May and we are asking for some help. It will be one day only this year on May 28th. We will also have our first horseshoe tournament June 11th, weather permitting. Sign up at 2:00 pm, play begins at 3:00 pm.

John R. Hall, Jr. (Chip)
President

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



Trustees' Topics

A big Thank You to everyone who contributed to the new popcorn machine. A special thank you to the following major contributors: Jon Hossinger, Jim McClure, Jerry Brady, Sara Elliott, Jack DeBolt, Dick Stuby, Pat Frazier, Jack Diamond, Gary (Sid) Fisher, Jim Piepenbrok and John Mulholland. Also a big thank you to Ron Frick who is building a new cabinet for our new machine. FYI, popcorn is now 25 cents/bag. This will help defray the cost of the supplies.

Scholarship Applications. June 15th is the deadline for High School Seniors to apply to the VFW for a scholarship. A senior in the Class of 2011 must be affiliated with a member of the VFW. Again, the deadline for applicants is June 15th. Turn all applications in to Post 2749.

Building Funds. We are still in dire need of more donations for the New Roof Fund. Based on quotes, we are about half way there at the present. Please consider this worthy project.

Post Trustees



Ladies' Auxiliary News

Hello, Sisters!

We are getting lots of rain, but hopefully that means Spring is really here. *April showers bring May flowers!*

Thanks to all the ladies who helped with the Easter Decorations, they look wonderful.

Please sign up to sell Poppys, the sign up sheet is on the board by the restrooms. We need all the help we can get.

Thanks to Linda Dickson and Diane Nichter for the Chicken and Noodles Dinner in March. Thanks to Betty DeBolt and Diane Nichter for the Ham and Beans and Cornbread in April.

On May 18th we will have Lasagna, Garlic Bread and Salad. Come out and enjoy! On June 22nd we will have Sloppy Joes, chips and dessert.

Our meeting for May is on May 12th at 7:00 pm and we will be installing the new officers. Our meeting in June will be on June 9th at 7:00 pm.

I have enjoyed my year as President and thanks to all of my officers for "keeping me in line"! Marcia Smith will be our new President, please support her as you have supported me this past year.

*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



Bob Evans Peanut Butter Pie

1-5 oz. pkg Jell-O Instant Vanilla Pudding
2 cups cold skim milk (or any milk you'd like)
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
1-1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 prebaked pie shell of your choice, lightly browned
1-8 oz. container of Cool Whip
Garnish: chocolate syrup and crushed nuts

Whisk together pudding mix and cold milk in bowl until creamy. Add 1/2 cup whipped whipping cream and peanut butter. Whisk until completely blended. pour into baked pie shell, cover with generous layer of Cool Whip whipped topping. Put in freezer for 1 hour until set. Remove from freezer, drizzle with with your favorite chocolate syrup and crushed peanuts. Cover, chill 2 hours and serve.

May

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 3 EUCHRE 1:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM | 4 TACOS, BEANS & RICE POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 5 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 6 | 7 HOT DOGS 11-2 |
| 8 MOTHER'S DAY POST CLOSED | 9 MEN'S AUX MEETING 7:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 10 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 11 TENDERLOIN & FRIES POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 12 LADIES AUX MEETING 7:00 PM EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 13 | 14 HOT DOGS 11-2 |
| 15 | 16 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 17 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 18 LASAGNA POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 19 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 20 | 21 ARMED FORCES DAY Candlelight Vigil 8:30PM HOT DOGS 11-2 |
| 22 OPEN SUNDAY PLACE FLAGS AT CEMETERIES 8:00 AM | 23 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 24 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 25 NO MEAL POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 26 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 27 | 28 HOT DOGS 11-2 BBQ CHICKEN 11 TIL GONE |
| 29 | 30 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT POST 86 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 31 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | | | | |

June

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| 12 FATHER'S DAY POST CLOSED | 13 MEN'S AUX MEETING 7:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 14 JOINT MEETING 6:00 PM EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 15 NO MEAL POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 16 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 17 | 18 HOT DOGS 11-2 |
| 19 | 20 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 21 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 22 SLOPPY JOES POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 23 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 24 | 25 HOT DOGS 11-2 POKER RUN 11-4 CHILI COOK OFF 5PM MUSIC 5-8 |
| 26 OPEN SUNDAY | 27 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | 28 EUCHRE 1:00 PM | 29 PORKBURGERS POST DRAWING 8:00 PM | 30 EUCHRE 1:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS | | |