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## Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Francis E. Vinyard Post 2749**

127 Veterans Way • Kendallville, In 46755

**September-October 2012**

**260-347-3550**

**Kendallville, Indiana**

# Commander's Comments

## Comrades & Sisters:

I just returned from the National Convention in Reno, Nevada, where our Post picked up the highest award that a Post can receive at National. We won the highest award in District, the top two awards at State, plus National All-American Post. I couldn't be more proud of our members, officers and our beautiful Post that we have.

We are going to have a Post Picnic Hog Roast on the 29th of September. We will eat from 1:00-4:00PM and our band will start playing at 4:00PM-til. We are asking that everyone bring a covered dish. Please come out and enjoy a good time after the banner year that we just had at the Post.

On October 27th, we will have a Halloween Party at the Post. We will have a band that will start at 7:00PM-til. We ask that everyone bring finger food and it's guest day, so bring a friend and enjoy the party.

We would like to try and have more bands in the coming year, so plan on coming out and enjoying a great time at the Post.

We are helping a veteran from Iraq and a woman's Auxiliary member who has cancer, so we'll be raising money to help them out in the coming months.

Remember, it's our duty to help out our fellow veterans and their families in need of help. So be ready to do your part to help these people out.

We all need to help the Post out by signing up new members, so be talking to the veterans who don't already belong.

Well, I hope to see most of you at the Post in the near future and enjoy a great Post.

*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 . . . . *Ron Coleman*

*Louie Slone, Tom Mortimore*



# Quartermaster's Queries

Fall is just a few short weeks away, probably one of the best times of the year in Northeast Indiana. Like the coming weather changes, things are changing here at Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Thanks to Barb Rasler for providing Wednesday evening meals in July and August. Beginning September 5th, we will return to members, Women's Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary teams providing dinners. Check out the calendars for each Wednesday evening menu. Come out and enjoy dinner with your friends and comrades.

Special events include the Women's Auxiliary Bake Sale on September 1st, 10:00AM til gone! The Men's Auxiliary

Golf Outing on September 23rd at Cobblestone. Tee time is 12:30PM. This is a great annual event. Get your team signed up, it's just three weeks away!

Finally, on September 29th, we'll have the annual Post Picnic from 1:00-4:00PM. There will be a hog roast and all Post members and family are invited to come out for a good time. We're asking everyone to bring a dish to share.

October 13th will be the annual Honor Guard Dinner at American Legion Post 381. Cocktails at 5:00PM, dinner to follow at 6:00PM. Invitations have been mailed to the Honor Guard members. October 27th will be the Post Halloween Party starting at 7:00PM. Bring your favorite Ghoul-friend and party til closing!

Our August membership meeting was a normal business agenda. Financials are steady with no significant fund growth or loss. We voted again on the Post status regarding the State smoking ban. This time the membership voted to be a "smoking" club. Come around and take a look at our smoking facility. Thanks to Jerry Brady, Chip Hall and Tim Ley, our "Butt Hut" is really looking great! Only remaining large task is the construction of a ramp for handicap access. As the facility is completed, we will file our application for exemption to the State mandate and will be visited by our Excise Police to inspect our smoking facility and either approve it our tell us what needs to be tweaked.

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# Men's Auxiliary News

**Hi again, everyone!**

Another summer has gone by again, which means that dues can be paid at any time now. Stop in the Club and pay or you can just mail them in.

If you missed our Ten Year Charter Membership Party, you missed a great time. Chip did a great job of setting this one up. The food was excellent and the band was the highlight of the day. They did a fantastic job for an outdoor show...

September will be a busy month with several things going on. Starting with September 22nd, there is a Corn Hole Benefit being put on with a tailgating party later that evening inside to watch the Notre-Dame-Michigan football game. This is an open night so bring some finger foods and your friends and watch what should be a great game. On September 23rd is our 6th Annual Golf Outing for the children's and veteran's homes. This

year we are keeping some of the money to assist our local veterans who might need financial assistance, this includes all veterans. Please stop in and form a team to play in this great event. Also in September on the 29th, we will be having the Post Picnic which should be another great event.

On to October, we will be having a Halloween Party on the 27th which is also a guest night, so put on your costumes or if you're like me, I wear mine all the time. So come in for all the ghoulish good times and enjoy what your Post has to offer you.

*Special thanks to Jerry Brady and Tim Ley for the work they put into the smoke shack outside. They really made it look nice.*

**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*

## Quartermaster's Queries

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Other facility news is that our old roof area was inspected by LA Services and declared dry and ready for the additional insulation that has been planned since the Post roof was replaced. We have over \$6,000 in our building fund to complete the effort. Before some of you "sharpen" your pencils, the material costs for finishing the "Butt Hut" interior was offset by an \$800 donation from a Post member.

I Think I've "gassed on" long enough!  
 See you all around the Post!

**Jim Cook  
Quartermaster**

P.S. The Post will be organizing a benefit for a member, Mike Nelson (US Army N.C. Iraq) and a Ladies Auxiliary member and vet's widow, Wanda Faye Clouse. These two have had severe financial difficulty due to medical procedures and treatment. In keeping with caring for our own, help out if you can!

## Remember Our Departed Comrades

Name	City	Passing Date
John Adams	Atlanta	7/27/2012
Robert Brennan	Kendallville	7/ 9/2012
W. Grossman	Kendallville	7/ 9/2012
William Hanley	Wolcottville	8/ 7/2012
Dale Kessler	Kendallville	8/ 7/2012
Mike McKinley	Garrett	8/18/2012
Andrew Petre	Albion	8/ 7/2012
Robert Roush	Columbus	8/ 7/2012

## This holiday season, "Adopt-a-Soldier"

### *through Families for Freedom*

If your business, organization or your family is looking for something special to do this holiday, you might want to consider "Adopting a Soldier."

Families for Freedom is a not-for-profit group formed shortly after September 11, 2001. We support nearly 100 local Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines from Noble and LaGrange counties. We send gift cards and care packages several times a year: Easter, July 4th, birthdays, and a special package when first serving in a war zone. However, we'd like to send something special for the holiday, since approximately 25% of them may be serving in the Middle East or in other overseas areas during this time.

Our Servicemen and women love to hear from anyone back home, especially at Christmas. A donation of \$50 adopts for the holiday and \$100 adopts for the entire year. The donation covers the cost of the care package contents as well as postage. We will send the package for you and include your name and contact information, enabling the serviceman or woman to know that you are supporting him or her. Those participating in the "adoption" program will receive information from us about the serviceman or woman they are supporting. Then, if he or she chooses to continue correspondence, he or she will contact you. It's a great feeling to know

you've made our troops a little happier this holiday season.

Our group meets the first Monday of every other month at the Rome City American Legion. The next meeting is December 6th at 6:30PM. This is our annual Christmas party and the public is welcome to attend.

If you would like to donate, please contact:

**Families for Freedom**  
 c/o Sara Fisher, 1421 N. Lima Rd.  
 Kendallville, IN 46755

For more information, call me at 260.347.4075 or fisher\_72@mchsi.com

*Thank you for supporting our troops!*

# Ladies' Auxiliary News

## Hello, Sisters!

Summer is winding down and now we are thinking about all the fun things going on this fall. The Post is sponsoring a picnic. It will be September 29th from 1:00 to 4:00PM. There will be a lot of activity with games set up and lots of good food, and we will have a band starting at 4:00PM-til.

Wednesday night dinners continue in September, back to our former schedule of taking turns cooking. Thanks, Barb Rasler, for all your fine cooking these past two months.

The ladies are sponsoring a bake sale on September 1st. Please be sure to bring

your special baked items by 10:00AM. This has been a big money-maker for the ladies Auxiliary. Thank you everyone in advance.

Thanks to all the ladies who have agreed to take over some of the committee jobs. You are all priceless. Until next time, I hope to see all of you on drawing night. Have a good two months.

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

**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*

## Just a Word from the Ladies' Auxiliary

Letters were sent out to Ladies who were delinquent in their dues. A question sheet was sent asking why they joined, and why they haven't paid their dues. We got a response, telling she had cancer and hadn't paid her dues because she was waiting for her disability to start.

If she had let one of our Ladies know, we could have paid her dues from our Relief Fund and she would have been entitled to a Cancer Grant.

Please let us know if you need help or know someone who does need help.



**Carolyn Mortimore**  
*Treasurer*  
260.347.5432

## Around the Post



Our Post was designated as an "All American Post" at the VFW National Convention in July. In case you missed The News Sun article, here's a picture of our fifteen officers wearing their new covers (hats). Thanks for the hard work and dedication, guys!



Last, but not least, Post Commander Tom Mortimore has been quietly (do you believe that?) working to raise awareness of our Honor Guard detail. Tom now goes to events/parades in our area and proudly drives the pictured rig in parades. Thanks, Tom, this turned out great and will promote the service our Honor Guard provides to our departed comrades and their families.



Our Ladies Auxiliary was also recognized at the State Convention in Indianapolis. Marsha Smith was recognized as an All-State Auxiliary President. She is joined in the picture by Jim McClure, All-State Post Commander and Jim Cook, All-State Post Quartermaster. Congratulations to Marsha and the Ladies Auxiliary.



# September

# 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> LADIES' BAKE SALE 10:00-TIL CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> CLUB OPEN 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>4</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM	<b>5</b> HAM, POTATOES & GREEN BEANS DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>6</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> GUEST DAY TAKE DOWN FLAGS AT CEM- ETARIES 8AM CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>9</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>10</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>11</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>12</b> BBQ PORK STEAK & CHEESY POTATOES DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>13</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4TH DISTRICT MEETING AT ANGOLA CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>18</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>19</b> SPAGHETTI DINNER W/SALAD DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>20</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> GUEST DAY CONEY DOGS 11-2 CORN HOLE TOURNEY 11AM SIGN-UP PLAY AT 12
<b>23</b> OPEN SUNDAY GOLF OUTING <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>25</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>26</b> CHICKEN DUMP- LINGS, MASHED POTATOES DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>27</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> POST PICNIC HOG ROAST 1-4 WITH BAND STARTING AT 4-TIL

# October

# 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>2</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM POST MEETING 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> HAM & BEANS, CORNBREAD DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>4</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS MEN'S AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>9</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>10</b> GOULASH & SALAD DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>11</b> EUCHRE 1:- 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS LADIES AUX MEETING 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> GUEST DAY CONEY DOGS 11-2 HONOR GUARD SUPPER AT ROME CITY 5:00 PM
<b>14</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>15</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>16</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>17</b> PORK BURGERS & POTATO WEDGES DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>18</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> CONEY DOGS 11-2
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>23</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>24</b> CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE SAND. DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM	<b>25</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> GUEST DAY CONEY DOGS 11-2 HALLOWEEN PARTY W/BAND 7:00 PM-TIL
<b>28</b> OPEN SUNDAY	<b>29</b> 25¢ OFF ALL DRINKS	<b>30</b> EUCHRE 1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>31</b> MEAT LOAF & MASHED POTATOES DRAWING NIGHT 8:00 PM			