

I would like to say thank you all for showing up at our last meeting. I have been to many meetings but this was the first time that we had people applauding about what we discussed. I look forward with working with you this year. We really need to get out and get more involved in community service. Getting out into these schools to get them more involved and letting them know what we have to offer.

We will be doing a poppy drive at Cabela's on the 5th of August starting at 9:30 AM till around 1 PM. I need volunteers to meet me there. I will bring everything with me to set up. Also we will be doing a poppy drive at Tractor Supply the same day. I have already got my volunteers set up for that location. We will also be doing another poppy drive on Veterans day on November 11th. We really need to get all the support we can, due to the fact that our relief fund is getting really low. Also, don't forget to buy your poppy that we hang up at the post!

I would like to say thank you to all the members for showing up for our 4th of July celebration. We had a great turnout and the children really had a great time on the waterslide. I look forward to having more get togethers at the post. Pat Collins will be cooking spaghetti for the next Supper Club on the 4th of August.

We are working on the grant from Home Depot and the \$1000.00 grant from the VFW. This money will be used to upgrade things at the Post. Let's also not forget about the monument in the courtyard. Cost is \$50.00 per person and is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members. We will be doing our dedication on October 1st. Lets work together this year and try to make our Post better. Please don't forget to turn in your community service hours and mileage. In closing I would like to say if you have any problems with me or my officers please let me know. We don't need to be divided into little cliques. There are no secrets at the post. If you talk about someone, it always gets back to that person. We should be honored to belong to this great organization. We have already fought the fight we don't need to fight among ourselves.

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July was a busy month for us. The 4th of July celebration was great fun. We were able to complete our project of installing the new cabinets and counter top in the kitchen before July 1st. This would not have been accomplished without the help from VFW members Chris Denham and Lonny Gold.

Our monthly meetings are beginning to have more members participating and bringing with them new and fresh ideas as to what we can do to better our organization. One of those ideas resulted in starting a "Taco Bar" which will be featured twice a month on Wednesday evenings. We were also able to continue our Tuesday Hamburger Night. This doesn't mean we don't need any more volunteers to help. If we can get enough members to at least volunteer once a month that would be a big help. Our goal is to not have anyone feel overwhelmed.

September will be a busy month for the Post. The Auxiliary will be holding their annual September 11th Ceremony at the Rogers Airport followed by our traditional "Spaghetti Dinner". The VFW will be having their annual POW/MIA ceremony on the 15th. More information on this event will be forth coming.

I would like to thank all the members who donated to our General Fund. Your donations totaling \$748.00 enabled us to remit to the VFW our yearly portion of the Liability Insurance.

By the time you receive this newsletter I will be heading home from this year's National Convention. The main topic of interest is "Malta". "Malta" is the new system where membership dues will be sent electronically to National. Right now there seems to be a bit of confusion and controversy pertaining to this system so we are asking that the annual members continue to send you membership dues to our Treasurer, Joyce Polk. Joyce has been sending out a temporary membership receipt which can be used as proof of membership until National sends you your new card.

There is also a problem with the new Life Membership cards National has sent out. Life members are not happy with the new card and quite a few of the cards have the wrong beginning dates on them. National is aware of this and hopefully in the near future this problem will be solved.

Until next month, God Bless,
Connie Fields, President

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