



VFW Post 280

Veterans Serving Veterans

Columbia, MO 65201



January-February 2015

Commander's Notes

Comrades,

This will be our last letter of 2014 and our first of 2015. My how time flies.

The month of November was very busy for us here at the post and the Honor Guard. Between the military funerals, flag ceremonies, and MIA/POW ceremonies we stayed real busy. We had two other events here at the post - Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. They were both successful.

The month of December was also very busy. We've had four funerals so far this month which makes a total of 72 so far for this year. We lost a strong supporter of our post, Ken Kormeier a Vietnam veteran and a local businessman. Ken was also a lifetime member of the post and he will be sorely missed. We had our annual Christmas dinner and Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen awards. Our first place winner was Maria J. Henze. She is a home schooled student and her mother is a veteran who served in the Navy. Our

second place winner is Emily J. Deutschmeyer. She is a student at West Middle School in Columbia. We also had our annual visitor from the North pole and a good time was had by all.

We still have our New Year's Eve party. Buy your tickets early and reserve your table. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased in the canteen \$15 for singles or \$20 per couple. Buy your tickets early or they're \$20 for singles and \$25 per couple at the door.

The next couple of months will be a little bit quieter. In the month of January, we will have our **annual Chili Cook Off** on the 24th. Set up time will be 12:30 -1:30. Judging will take place at 2:00. There will be three independent judges from outside the post. The contest will be open to anyone who wants to participate. The entry fee is \$10. Bring a snack to share afterwards and enjoy the competitors' chili. The Council of Administration meeting will be January 31st in Jefferson City, starting at 8am with the business meeting

and workshops in the afternoon.

February 8th, we will be having our District meeting at St Martins, Post 1003 Annex. Lunch starts at 1130 am and meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Check your calendar for dates.

I want to say that it's been quite a year. We've managed to keep our post from going down the tubes. We're in better shape now than we were this time last year. We could not have done it without the help of the Ladies Auxiliary and the volunteers and you the members. There would be no post without all of you.

In closing, I want to start a bring your friend to the post day on Fridays. If you have not paid your dues please do so by the end of the month. I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and good health.

Yours In Comradship,
Don Briggs
VFW Post 280 Commander

- Jan 16, 1991 - Desert Shield became Desert Storm
- Jan 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- Jan 27, 1973 - US involvement in Vietnam ended
- Feb 8 - Boy Scouts of America founded
- Feb 14 - Valentines Day
- Feb 17 - Presidents Day
- Feb 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn launched into orbit
- Feb 27, 1991—Desert Storm ended

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- Terry Bickford
- Harold Brake
- Jeannie Cunningham
- Diane Hatfield
- Steve Sasse
- Skip Yates

Newsletter

Boosters

- Terry Bickford
- Harold Brake
- Jeannie Cunningham
- Cletus Cooper
- Diane Hatfield
- Ric Jackson
- Steve Sasse
- Bill Wolf

Quartermaster's Notes

I would like to thank everyone who donated food for the Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Dinners. I would also like to thank all those who donated their time and effort in helping prepare the food so that no Veteran

had to spend the Holidays alone.

I would like to ask all annual members to look at their membership cards and check the expiration dates. If your membership has expired

or is going to expire soon, PLEASE pay your dues. We need every member to keep the VFW strong! You can pay your dues in the canteen.

Thank you,
Kim Wischmeyer
Quartermaster

To become a Newsletter Booster, please send \$25 donation to Quartermaster Kim Wischmeyer. Your donation and assistance with the publication of the monthly newsletter is appreciated. To join the \$100 Club, again, send your donation to the Post Quartermaster. Your support towards your Post is greatly appreciated.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Thanks to all who helped with the Buddy Poppy Drive in November. It was very, very successful. And a special thank you to Bonnie and Joe Trombley for all the hours they worked before and during the drive.

Thanks to any of you who donated a dessert for the Veteran's Day lunch. The post provided the meal and we provided a delicious ending. It was nice to honor our Veterans.

I hope everyone enjoyed our Holiday Dinner. We honored our Patriot Pen winners and we even had a visit from Santa. Kim Wischmeyer, Post Quar-

termaster, applauded the Ladies Auxiliary for fixing the dinner and for all the work they have done this past year and a half.

Thanks to everyone who donated any food item during the holiday season. Your generosity is very much appreciated by your post.

We have a few events coming up in January and February. The Council of Administration is on January 31st in Jefferson City. Our District 2 meeting is February 8th in St. Martins. Lunch at 1130 m with meeting to follow. In early February we will meet at the

post to make Valentine tray favors for the VA Hospital. If you would like to help please let me know. If you need any information on these events please call.

Hope to see all of you at our meetings, the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Call if you need a ride.

My wish to each of you is to have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Janey Hurt, President
573-445-4005

Annual Chili Cook-Off January 24th

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To Everyone!



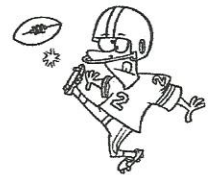
Who will take
the title for
2015?

Set-up - 12:30-1:30
Judging - 2:00

Sign-up in the Canteen
Entry Fee of \$10 must
Be paid at sign up

Bring a snack to share
And enjoy some Chili
After Judging!!

Canteen Open Super Bowl Sunday 11 am til End of Game



Please Remember In
Your Prayers During Their
Illness and Recovery:

Wayne Calvin
Phyllis Wilson

Our Deepest Sympathy to
the Family of:

Ken Kormeier

New Year's Eve Celebration 7:30pm-1:00am

Appetizers
Favors

Midnight Champagne
Breakfast after Midnight



Deepwater
Playing

Advance Tickets
\$25 per couple
\$15 per individual
At The Door
\$30 per couple
\$20 per individ-

Happy
Valentines Day



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January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Canteen Open Tues-Fri 3-10p Sat 8-11am 5p-MN Closed Sun-Mon				1 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	2 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	3 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
4	5	6	7 Dinner 5-7 Yankee Pot Roast Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	8 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	9 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	10 Breakfast 8am - 11am No Dance (Hall Rental)
11	12 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM Post opens at 5pm	13	14 Dinner 5-7 Soup, Salad & Potato Bar Shuffle Board Tournament	15 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	16 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	17 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
18	19	20	21 Dinner 5-7 BBQ Ribs Shuffle Board Tournament	22 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	23 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	24 Breakfast 8am - 11am Chili Cook-Off Set-up 12:30 Dance TBA
25	26	27	28 Dinner 5-7 Fried Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	29 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	30 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	31 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance TBA 7:30-11:30pm C of A



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Open for Super Bowl 11am-End of Game	2	3	4 Dinner 5-7 Pork Chops Shuffle Board Tournament MCL Meeting 7pm	5 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	6 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	7 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
8	9 *Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM Post opens at 5pm	10	11 Dinner 5-7 Lemon Pepper Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	12 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	13 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	14 Breakfast 8am - 11am No Dance (Hall Rental)
15	16	17	18 Dinner 5-7 Meatloaf Shuffle Board Tournament	19 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	20 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	21 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance Deepwater 7:30-11:30pm
22	23	24	25 Dinner 5-7 Fried Chicken Shuffle Board Tournament	26 VFW Post Bingo Bonanza 6:00 Bingo 6:30	27 Steak & Catfish Night 5:30pm - 8pm Hambo 6-8:30	28 Breakfast 8am - 11am Dance TBA 7:30-11:30pm

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