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Monthly Meetings

VFW Board

2nd Tuesday of the month at

7:00pm

Ambulance Board

1st Thursday of the month at

7:00pm

VFW Membership

3rd Thursday of the month at

7:30pm

Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Wednesday of the month

at 7:00pm

Post 764 Web Site

Check the website for the most up-to-date information on events and Post 764 news.

www.vfw764.org

COMMANDER COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

For those of you who have not heard the news, our long standing Post Commander, Jim Tippmann, was rushed via Life Flight to Presbyterian Hospital on March 5th after suffering a stroke in his home. Initially paralyzed on his right side and unable to speak, Jim has been making rapid progress and is getting his faculties and his speech back. Doctors are confident that Jim will have a 95% recovery, though they expect a lengthy and rigorous physical therapy routine for approximately 6 months. He will be residing at Manor Care on West McMurray Road for the next several weeks before returning home. Please stop to visit him if you have a chance, and keep him in your thoughts.

Enjoy the wonderful weather and please have a safe and happy spring.

We would like to extend a sincere apology to anyone our Post may have offended in our last newsletter regarding the description of Islamic terrorists. It was not our intention to offend.

Les Botkin Sr. Vice Commander

QUARTERMASTER COMMENTS

Welcome to an early spring although the temperatures of late have been more like mid summer. Hope everyone is enjoying the great weather we have been receiving.

We still have about 40 unpaid regular VFW members for 2012 so if you haven't yet paid your dues for this year, please get them in or if unsure if paid please call me at 724-941-3358 and I'll check for you. For all the paid members and associate members its nice to see so many of you

frequenting the Canteen. We've had a gangbuster Lent, especially on Friday's, and we hope it continues thru the balance of the year.

For all Regular VFW members, don't forget the upcoming Dist 24 Meeting, annual convention and election of Dist 24 Officers. The meeting will be held at VFW Post 764 on Sunday, May 20th at 2 P.M. Lets have a good turnout from our Post.

Remember Memorial Day activities (see schedule in Newsletter) and a day when we honor all of those veterans who have gone before us. Also that day, we will be honoring all the VOD and Patriot Pen entrants from our Post. On that subject, congrats to Cameron Maxwell and Hannah Taylor sponsored by Post 764 who went on to become 1st place Dist 24 winners in the contests. Also, Hannah finished third in the entire state of Pa in the Patriot's Pen contest. They will be giving their speeches on Memorial Day.

Also please note Donna Auyer's article in the newsletter about the upcoming Poppy Drive—we need volunteers—and its only for a couple of hours.

Welcome new members-Donald Mooney (Vietnam), Dennis O'Dell (Dessert Storm), Gary MacArthur (Vietnam), Andrew MacArthur (Iraq), and Walther Wrobel (Vietnam). Enjoy your time at the VFW and Canteen.

Final Salute to Allen Bails and Margaret Jean Murphy.

Michael Klauer, Quartermaster

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DUES

Just a reminder, its not too late to pay your associate member dues for 2012 (with penalty). We still have a sizeable amount

of associate members who are delinquent. We will be purging the mailing list after this newsletter so if you want to stay active, please stop at the Canteen and pay your dues.

Larry Mitzen-Membership

CANTEEN

April 8th-Easter Sunday-Canteen Closed
(Enjoy your day with Family)

May 13th- Mothers Day-don't forget Mom and all she does daily

May 28th-Memorial Day
5:30 A.M. Dawn Patrol
9:00 A.M. Parade & Post Presentation
11:00A.M Open House-Post 764-Hot Dogs, Pop etc.

June 14th Flag Day-Remember to Post Colors

June 17th Fathers Day-Appreciate Dad, Family and friends

July 4th (WED.)-Celebrate our continued Independence

Sat night-Bar Bingo 8 P.M.
Daily Food Specials—Daily Drink Specials
Happy Hour—Mon-Thurs. (4-6 P.M.)
Free Wi-Fi to members inside Canteen
Watch our Electronic Sign for any additional activities

LADIES AUXILIARY

Greetings Sisters, Comrades & Friends,

Since this is my last newsletter as President of the VFW Post 764 Ladies Auxiliary, I will mention some old news and introduce some new news. On Jan. 11, 2012, Pa.'s Congressman Tim Murphy was guest speaker at our VFW Post 764. It was a delightful, informative evening, well received and well attended by members and friends, followed by a question and answer period.

An up to date report about our honorable Commander, Jim Tippmann. Jim is recovering from his recent stroke and is presently at Manor Care Home receiving rehabilitation. Please keep him in your prayers and well wishes.

Our next ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be Apr.11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Election of Officers will be the high-light of the meeting. Also, we will hear reports and details from co chairman, Donna Auyer and Sandy Coglio pertaining to the annual "Buddy Poppy" distribution May 25 and 26. A host of volunteers will be needed so please look for the sign up sheet in the Post lobby and help us pay tribute to the veterans in appreciation of our freedom.

Installation of officers elected in April will be conducted at the May 9, 2012 meeting by Marilyn Banghart, President of Carmichaels Ladies Auxiliary.

To the officers and appointees who served under my presidency this past year I extend my deepest admiration and appreciation for an exceptional display of honor to the veterans. They are as follows: Sr. VP Donna Auyer, Jr, VP Sandy Coglio, Treas., Nancy Shonsky, Sec., Roilyn Smith, Cond., Ellen Mavrich, Chaplain, Diane Keremes, Patriotic Inst., Phyllis McLaughlin, 3yr. Trus., Gay Massey, 2yr. Trus., Marge Senchak, 1yr. Trus., Linda Phillips. Thank you ladies for your warm and welcome support.

Marilyn Grindel, President

2012 POPPY DRIVE

We need HELP!!!! We need YOU!!!!

Our annual Poppy Drive for our VFW Post #764 will be held over Memorial Day weekend on Fri., May 25th and on Sat., May 26th. Our volunteers will work 2 hr. shifts from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. at 4 locations in our area, asking for poppy donations. The sign up sheets will go up the first week in May. They will be positioned on the easel in our entry way at the Post. PLEASE SIGN UP!!

The outcome of support from this year's Poppy Drive will help determine any changes on how this annual event will be handled in the future.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support and spirit,

Donna Auyer, Sr. Vice President

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

The Post has a suite of offices on the second floor of the VFW building for rent. Included: two large offices, kitchenette space and small storage office. Anyone interested please call Michael Klauer at 724-941-3358 (Monday through Friday)

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