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CDR Note

Greetings,

We are already in the second month of this year, this year is moving quickly. I want to say thank you to all that help with the various projects around the Post. I cannot tell how much it is appreciated.

We are well on our way to making All-State and All-American again but we need to keep working. Please make sure you contact our Comrades that you have not seen at the Post in a while. Just check up on them and make sure they are doing well.

Wing nights and Aux Dinners are still going well and if you want to help, let one of the officers know. For those what want to help out, our new motto is "We won't say no!" We want everyone that wants to be involved to have that chance. We still have a few projects that we want to tackle in the next few months, so keep watching the announcement TV for updates.

Please stay vigilant concerning your approach to COVID. The VFW has had a few people that have seen the effects of this virus firsthand. Thank you all!



Madam President Note

Sisters and Brothers

Thank you to those annual members that have paid your dues. As of today, January 27th, our Auxiliary is at 108.74% on membership.

I am sad to report that our Winter conference in Macon has been cancelled. Let us hope that COVID-19 moves on and we can have our convention in June. Our next District meeting is in Alma on Saturday, February 20th at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendars now so that you will be able to attend.

Our Annual Auxiliary Ride is scheduled of Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. We will have our basket(s) signup sheet at the Post so when you collect a door prize you may write it down, so we do not go to the same business twice. I have a gift for the one that collects the most door prizes. I will be emailing a letter of appeal and the Flyer. We are fortunate this year to have three co-chairs for the event: Theresa Farrell, Felicia Hartley, and Shari Worthen. Please ask them "What may I do to help."

Dinners in January have been going quite well. Thank you to Felicia Hartley for stepping up to oversee the Tuesday dinners. Please ask her what Tuesday she needs your help.

Please keep the following sisters in your prayers: Marci Cross – her dad passed, TC Craven and Sharon Reeves both had surgery and are at home recuperating, Jane Proctor – Gunner is in the hospital having test done, Dawn Calderwood – her mother is sick, and Marge Mack – her granddaughter is at home recuperating.

I hope everyone has a great February. Best regards



Chaplains Corner



It is my greatest pleasure of being your Chaplain for our Post. I want to assure you that if you need help of any kind that you can reach out to me at any time. Over the Holidays I had one of our Veterans wives call me to locate her husband. I found him and he is suffering from PTSD and alcoholism. He is not in treatment getting the necessary help he needs for himself and his family. I am not a trained counselor however I do have information and can arrange professional help to any Post member of veteran.

When our lives get complicated you can always reach out to our wonderful God and He will be there to help you.

In closing, I would like to quote the book of James. James 1:2-4
"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

May God Bless you and your family.

George Tweedy

Service Officer



Greetings! I am happy to have this opportunity to pass along some important information I have received from the VA.

The VA has added Parkinsonism, which is Parkinson like conditions, hypothyroidism and bladder cancer to the Agent Orange presumptive list.

They have also widened the in-country service dates for Vietnam. The revised date is now 03 Nov 1955 vice the old date of 28 Feb 1961. If you fall into this category, then please contact the VA.

Effective 07 Feb 2021, the VA has changed the convalescent time from 12 months to 5 months for knee replacements. Any claims submitted for this date, will be grandfathered under the original 12 month policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at PSO8385@outlook.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Rob Erhart

Auxiliary Tuesday Night Dinners

There is a sign-up sheet in the Post. Signing up ahead of time lets us figure out how much to buy. If you signed up and won't make it, please let us know so that we can sell to someone waiting.

Feb 2nd

Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Roll, & Dessert

Feb 9th

Chicken, Broccoli, Cheese & Rice Casserole w/ Salad, Roll, and Dessert

Feb 16th

Pot Roast w/ all the Fixins, Salad, Roll, & Dessert

Feb 23rd

Brats w/ Sautéed Onions, Peppers, Coleslaw, and Chips w/ Dessert

If you are interested in helping with any of these dinners or would like to host one yourself, contact Felicia Keller at felkel212@gmail.com.

Any help would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue to provide a weekly dinner. Thanks.

****All menus and dates are subject to change****

Kat's Café

Kat Carnes is working hard making up delicious lunch menus for the Post. The Café serves lunch Mon – Fri w/ a lunch special every Wednesday.

Lumpia	\$ 4.00
Corn Dog	\$ 2.00
Jalapeno Poppers	\$ 3.50
Fries Small or Large	\$ 1.50 or \$ 2.50
Onion Rings	\$ 3.50
Mozzarella Sticks	\$ 4.00
Burgers & Sandwiches	
Hamburger w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Cheeseburger w/ chips	\$ 5.50
Grilled Cheese w/ chips	\$ 3.00
Beef Hot Dog	\$ 2.00 or 2 for \$ 3.50
Homemade Chicken Salad w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Chicken Tender Plate w/ fries	\$ 5.00

Wednesday Lunch Specials

Feb 3rd

Beef Stew w/ Biscuits (\$ 7)

Feb 10th

Reuben and French Fries (\$ 8)

Feb 17th

Philly Cheese Steak w/ French Fries (\$ 8)

Feb 24th

Homemade Chili and Cornbread (\$ 7)

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February Important Dates

Black History Month

2nd – Ground Hog Day

4th – USO Birthday

14th – Valentines Day

15th – Presidents Day

19th – US Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

February Post Dates

7th – Super Bowl Party

10th – House Committee Meeting

13th – Steak Night w/DJ Junkey

18th – Post/Auxiliary Meeting

20th – Riders Group Meeting

VFW Riders Group



With us in the winter months currently there has not been a lot of riding. However, a few of us have been out and about.

With that said, remember to check your tire pressure and give your bikes a good once over before you jump back on it. Last year there were several accidents involving motorcycles and we want to make a concerted effort to try and avoid those this year.

We have the Auxiliary charity ride coming up in April this year and we are looking forward to supporting that. We also have quite a few new riders and I want to welcome each and every one of you. Your membership and participation is what makes this group a great group to be involved with.

I am looking forward to racking up a lot of miles this year and supporting local clubs/groups in their charity rides.

As a reminder, we have moved our Riders Group meeting to 0900 on the 20th so that we can participate in the Mardi Gras Parade in Kingsland. I am hoping for maximum turnout to ride in the parade.

Til next time!

Chuck Grigsby
RG President

Scouts Corner



Since last month the Troop has camped at Etowah Side on Kings Bay Submarine Base. 11 Scouts attended and worked on various merit badges. They were able to work on their Golf Merit Badge with help of the local club Pro as well as others.

On 31 January, an Eagle Court of Honor was held for TJ Shepard at the Post. This ceremony was originally delayed due to COVID concerns as his date of rank was officially Jan 9th, 2020. Congratulations TJ on this huge accomplishment.

The Troop sold nearly 200 Boston Butts for their annual fundraiser. What an amazing job. All orders will be distributed on 06 Feb, from 0900-1200, from the Post parking lot. The troop will camp out on site at Willie Jewels and assist in the cooking/smoking/preparation of the orders. Be sure to remember to get yours on 06 Feb.

The BSA birthday is Feb 8th. It was originally founded in 1910 and the first Eagle Scout was Alfred Eldred in 1912. Happy 111th Birthday Scouts!

The Troop will again camp out at Tolochee camp site in Brunswick on the weekend of 19-21 February.

Scout Oath

“On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black history month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. History. Originally slated as Negro History Week, the celebration of the month was the brainchild of noted historian Carter G Woodson and other prominent African Americans. The theme for 2021 is The Black Family.

Other interesting facts:

- This event was first proposed at Kent State University in February 1969
- President Gerald Ford was the first President to recognize Black History Month in 1976
- February was picked to represent Black History due to it being the birth month of both Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.
- Black History was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987 and Canada in 1995.

Notable people from Black History:

- Alain Leroy Locke was the first Black Rhodes Scholar
- Alexander L Twilight was the first Black person to earn a Bachelors Degree. He graduated in 1923 from Middlebury College in Vermont.
- Bessie Coleman was the first black female, *in the world*, to earn a pilot's license.
- Constance Baker Motley was a judge and the first black woman to serve in the New York State Senate as well as first black woman appointed to a Federal Bench as a judge.
- Georgia native, Eugene Jacques Bullard, became the first black military pilot to fly in combat and was the only black American pilot in World War I flying for the French Foreign Legion.
- Joseph Rainey of South Carolina, was the first black man to ever serve as member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a Republican.
- William Carney, of the Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry unit during the Civil War, was the first black soldier to receive the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Fort Wagner in July of 1863.
- Richard Allen, a former slave, started the first church for blacks in the United States in 1787.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Wing Night 1730-1900	2 	3	4	5	6 Scout Troop Boston Butt Delivery
7 Super Bowl Party 1700-2200	8 Wing Night 1730-1900	9	10 HC Mtg 1800	11	12	13 Steak Night 1830-2000
14 Daytona 500 Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents Day  Wing Night 1730-1900	16	17	18 Post/Aux Mtg 1800	19	20 RG Mtg 0900 District Mtg Alma 1000 Mardi Gras Parade 1000 
21 Nachos w/ Danielle	22 Wing Night 1730-1900	23	24	25	26	27
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Super Bowl Party – 07 Feb 2021

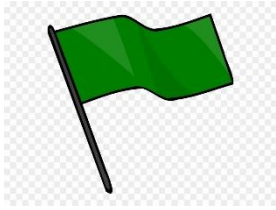
Come out and join us for our annual Super Bash.

Pregame begins at 1700 and continues until 2200 with Happy Hour prices throughout the party. Kickoff is around 1830.

And again this year, we will have a Chili Cook-Off and an Appetizer Cook-Off. \$ 100 prize for the 1st place winners in each category. So get busy cooking!

Kickoff is at 1830 and we will have our projection TV set up in the Banquet room as well as our other 3 TVs online for your viewing pleasure.

Come on out for a great time and some great food!



Feb 14th, 2021

It's racing season again ladies and gents and we are gearing up for another exciting year! This years Speedweeks begin on Feb 9th with the following events:

Feb 9th	Busch Clash	7 p.m.
Feb 10th	Cup Qualifying	7 p.m.
Feb 11th	Duels	7 p.m.
Feb 12th	Camping World Truck Race	7:30 p.m.
Feb 13th	Arca Series Xfinity Series	1:30 p.m. 5 p.m.
Feb 14th	Cup Series	2:30 p.m.

We will host Happy Hour prices from Green Flag to the Checkers!

Come on out for a great time with good people.