



# CRESTON VFW POST 3023

AUGUST 1, 2011



## THE COMMANDER CORNER'S

Greetings comrades.

Here we are starting a new administration. I am honored to have been elected as your commander once again. Many changes have been done here around the post thanks to Jim Vandenbosch and his working crew. Many thanks for the work that has been done upstairs and the clubroom. It really brightens up the place and many compliments have been made. GREAT JOB GUYS!

As you may have noticed, we now have Keno and Lottery. We need to have your support, stop in and play as all the money we generate goes to support the post. Who knows, you might get lucky and hit it big.

Another project I initiated a couple of months ago was the purchase of bricks for our "Walk of Honor" out by the flagpole. The first order has been set in place and now that you are able to see what we want to do, please consider having one made. They make great gifts for any veteran family member or friend. When you purchase a brick as you will also help the post because this is an ongoing fundraiser for our club.

Well comrades and sisters, that is about it for now, but I can't say it enough that we want you to come down and enjoy the company of friends. We will be having a planning meeting and we are hoping to plan some dinners and different things for all to enjoy but we can't do anything without your support. Looking forward to seeing you down at the post home.

Until later, Steve.

## Cancer Benefit



Sunday,  
Sept. 11 2011  
3 pm. to 11 pm

Open to the  
public.

Food,  
Live Music,  
and Fun.

50/50/ Raffles

Come on down

## Quartermaster Report

Dear friends and family,  
I am your newly elected Quartermaster, I am honored! Thanks for your trust as we continue our growth, but we need your assistance as we struggle together. Welcome to our recently automated system of communications! We will continue to adapt, and please send any email/concerns to our new email address at [crestonvfw3023@gmail.com](mailto:crestonvfw3023@gmail.com) and we will respond!

Our new webmaster is Diane Maddox, and she will respond at this same email address. We now have new management, please come and join us as we rejuvenate our Post! Enthusiasm is generating as new and renewed members are increasing daily.

Jim Dykstra  
Ph 361-1245  
Cell 920-2288

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If you know of someone in the hospital or that has passed away.  
Please contact me, thanks. Chaplain Arlen Dove (616-) 915-1780

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### Part 1

Prayer played an important role in the American struggle for independence.

The First Continental Congress (Sept. 5-Oct. 26, 1774), comprised of delegates from all the colonies except Georgia, met for the first time, in September 1774. In a letter to his wife, John Adams described the spiritual backdrop as the colonies were about to launch the Revolutionary War for independence.

"When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina because we were so divided in religious sentiments — some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists — that we could not join in the same act of worship.

"Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue who was at the same time a friend to his country. He moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopal clergyman, might read prayers to Congress the next morning. The motion was seconded and passed in the affirmative."

Adams continued: "Accordingly, next morning the Rev. Duche appeared with his Episcopal vestments and read the 85th Psalm. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.

"George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England, who at that moment had reason to believe that an armed soldiery was wasting their humble households. They prayed fervently for America, for Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston [whose port had been closed and in which British troops were being quartered.

"And who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to heaven for divine help. It was enough to melt a heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacifist Quakers of Philadelphia."

### FISH FRIES DATES

September 9<sup>th</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Price:** \$9.00

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Serving:**

Ocean Perch

Cole Slaw

or Apple Sauce

Potato Salad

or Fries

Bread



### Cancer Benefit

September 11th, 2011

To Help Sara and her Family

Hosted by the **Creston VFW Post**

Food will start at 2:30pm

Homade Sloppy Joes, Potato salad, and More!

\$4.00 a plate

Starting at 3pm **Grove Therapy** will play

50/50's and Raffles throughout the whole event

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

(Anyone wishing to donate something contact

Kristy at the post)



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## LADIES AUXILIARY

### Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank all the ladies for their continued support for our 3023 Ladies Auxiliary and all our Veterans over the past year. I hope we will all continue to support each other in more ways than we know. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It will fly by faster than you know. It's never long enough. I'm looking forward to being your President again this next year. Just a reminder that membership is the very core of our existence. Without "Membership", we are not an Auxiliary. We need to continue to "Always" carry membership applications with us and try to get people to join. Remember the monthly meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, of each month at 7:00 p.m., except if it falls on a holiday, then they are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. So, our next meeting will be August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. I'm looking forward to seeing more members in the coming months.

Please continue to remember our Veterans and their families as well as those at our Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. "Freedom is't free". We continually need and have to fight for our rights and freedoms.

Our next District 8 Mtg. will be on Saturday, August 6 at the Portage Post. A school of instruction will be held at this meeting with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m. Fall Conference is being held at Summit Valley at Shanty Creek Resort in Mancelona, MI. Dates: Sept 28-Oct 2.

Any lady holding an auxiliary Chairmanship will need to fill out a quarterly report form that can be done on line or by snail mail for the following time periods:

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter 1: From May 1 to July 31  
Quarter 2: From August 1 to October 31  
Quarter 3: From November 1 to January 31  
Quarter 4: From February 1 to April 30  
All reports need to be in to the Dept. Office by the last day of the quarter. These forms can be found at [www.lavfwmi.org](http://www.lavfwmi.org) or get a hand written form from me.

Linda Walthorn  
Ladies Auxiliary President  
616-363-7626

### Calendar of events:

August 6 - District 8 Meeting at the Portage Post for the Ladies and Red Arrow members. School of Instruction for the Ladies is at 9:30 AM. Luncheon is at 11:00 AM.

August 13 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 we will be cleaning the Ladies Auxiliary office, the Pantry, and the Kitchen. We need men and ladies to help with this, the more help we get the better. We have a very long agenda of work to be done.

September 5 is Labor Day so the Post/Aux meeting will be held on September 19, and this will be inspection by the District 8 President. Hope to see many members present. We will have a light lunch after the meeting.

September 9 - Please come down to support our first fish fry. We didn't want to do it but with the cost of Ocean Perch going up every year we had to raise the price to \$9.00, still all you can eat.

October 3 - Auxiliary Meeting

October 7 - Fish Fry 5-8 pm

October 28 - Chairmanship Reports Due

November 5 - District 8 meeting at

Wayland VFW post 7581

November 11 - Fish Fry

We hope to have Vets from the Grand Rapids Home for Vets attend.

November 12 - Awards Dinner

6 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner

Watch for more information.

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## LADIES AUXILIARY cont.

Dear Members,

We are beginning a new year and we have a lot of information to share with you. Please make plans to attend some of the functions or participate when and where ever possible.

Please note I have the new Ladies Auxiliary Cancer pin, they are Statue of Liberty and the cost is only \$2.00.

As of January 2012 will be Dues will be raised to \$30 per year. Department has increase their dues so we have to increase ours. If you renew your dues before this date, the cost will still be \$25. We encourage Life Memberships.

Advanced Notice Dates:

The following are activities are being planned, so mark your calendar and there will be more information to follow so keep an eye out for details.

We plan on having a joint Post /Auxiliary dinner November 19 but have not decided what we will have, it may be Steak Fry.

December 17 will be the kids Christmas party. Eula Giauque and Jim Perry are Chairman and Co-Chairman for the party. Watch for more details at a later date.

And last is the post Auxiliary Christmas party December 19. We plan to make some changes for the party so keep your eyes open for more details.

Any questions you may call me at 363-7349 or email [emgiau47@yahoo.com](mailto:emgiau47@yahoo.com)

Don't forget to visit the Auxiliary FaceBook page.

Looking forward to a great year.

Loyally Eula M. Giauque

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 If you know of any Auxiliary in the hospital or that has passed away.  
 Please contact me, thanks. Liz Marin 616-940-0716 Ladies Auxiliary Chaplin  
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### August 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31 Mar 2011	1 Women Aux. Meeting	2	3	4	5	6 District 8 Mtg at Portage
7	8 Men Aux. Meeting	9	10	11	12 Dave Pickle 7 - 11 pm	13 Post & Aux Cleaning 10am
14	15 Marine Corp League	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Dave Pickle 7 - 11 pm	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

## September 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2 Groove Therapy	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Groove Therapy	10
11 Cancer Benefit	12 Mens Aux. Meeting	13	14	15	16 Old Dudes Rock	17 Old Dudes Rock
18	19 Post Meeting Women Aux. Mtg./ Inspection	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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