



CRESTON VFW POST 3023

FEBRUARY I, 2012



THE COMMANDER CORNER'S

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Well, well, well, the holidays are over we are all a little chubbier from all of the holiday treats and it's time to get back down to business. I hope everyone is doing well. I think that the illness that I have had to deal with for the last 4 months has finally run its course. You may have heard I had whooping cough and double pneumonia. The doctors are saying that everyone over the age of 50 should consider getting a booster because this is no fun and it is starting to make a comeback.

Next, financially the QM is telling me that we are holding on and moving forward. That's a good thing. He has done a great job of pinching the dimes, anything to save, he has done. Thanks Jim! keep up the good work.

Keep an eye on the calendar for up and coming events such as steak fries, fish fries, etc. The Club is starting preparations for the ox roast in May. Please consider helping if asked. We would like to bring this activity back to where it use to be, but the only way that can be done is with volunteer help.

We will be having nominations of officers in the next couple of months. Think about whether you would consider taking on the responsibilities that go with an officers position with the post. I am sure there are many of you that will bring new and fresh ideas to the post

I am stepping down as commander this year, and I can honestly say I feel very comfortable handing over command of this post.

That's about all I have for this month. Things are looking up so lets keep rolling the way we are.

Thanks a bunch and see u down at the post.

Steve

1st Annual Valentines Day Dinner & Dance



Sat. Feb 11

6 - 8 p.m.

Dinner \$7.00

Dance

w/ JAB



Come on down

Quartermaster Report

Dear friends and family,

We are continuing to grow, and recently welcomed several new members. Please welcome them to our family whenever possible. Our automation continues to improve, so please visit our website for calendars, articles, and emergent issues. Printed newsletters are available in the clubroom. We are enthused about many new events this new year, so please visit often, and share your ideas for continued improvements.

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Sr. Vice Corner

Greetings from your frozen Sr Vice. The snow is flying and the bikes are put away.

Speaking of Bikes. I have appointed Jimmy (Puppy) Alexander as the President of our Chapter of the VFW Riders. Many know him as Eula's son. He is working hard getting this Chapter up and running.

It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about our OX ROAST. I will be looking for volunteers to set up the Committee and get this thing rolling. Let's get this years Roast back to the status of our previous Roasts. Troy has been working diligently these past few years and has had little support from our members.

This year WILL BE DIFFERENT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Don't forget our new menu every Wednesday through Friday from 4 - 8. We have the best food around for the price and you get served by the Sr Vice.....

Stay warm folks and have a great New Year.

Yours in Comradeship

Mike Saxton

1st Annual Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 11, 2012

You are invited to join us for a
special dinner (6 - 8 pm)
and dancing (8 pm - midnight)

Band - JAB

Dinner - \$7.00

Menu

1/2 rosemary chicken, seasoned red skin
potatoes, green beans w/mushrooms,
corn and rolls.



FISH FRIES DATES

-- February 10, 2012

-- Every Friday during lent beginning
February 24, 2012

Price: \$8.00

Time: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Serving:

Ocean Perch

Cole Slaw

or Apple Sauce

Potato Salad

or Fries

Bread



Steak Fry Nights

2012 - next Steak Fry will be:

-- April 14, 2012

5 to 9 PM

\$7.00

-- Ball tip steak

-- baked potato

-- Salad bar

-- roll and butter



LADIES AUXILIARY

Dear Ladies,

Your Officers are the following for the ensuing year of (2011-2012).

President-----Linda Walthorn
Sr. Vice-----Eugenia (Jean) Bigelow
Jr. Vice-----Eula Giauque
Secretary-----Patricia Alexander
Treasurer-----Judy Jones
Chaplin-----Elizabeth (Liz) Marin
Conductress-----Patricia Alexander
Guard-----Dodie Brigham
3rd Yr Trustee---Sheila Reed
2nd Yr Trustee---Mary Sakowski
1st Yr Trustee---Eula Giauque

Well, winter is upon us and we haven't had much snow and the weather has been great but sooner or later the bad weather will surely arrive. Please stay warm and drive according to the road conditions and be safe.

For our annual members who leave Michigan for the winter don't forget to pay your 2012 dues. National has voted to raise our yearly dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for our annual members.

Ladies Auxiliary Life Membership Fees:

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| under age 20 ----- | \$220.00 |
| 21-25----- | \$210.00 |
| 26-30----- | \$200.00 |
| 31-35----- | \$190.00 |
| 36-40----- | \$185.00 |
| 41-45----- | \$175.00 |
| 46-50----- | \$170.00 |
| 51-55----- | \$160.00 |
| 56-60----- | \$150.00 |
| 61-65----- | \$140.00 |
| 66-70----- | \$130.00 |
| 71-75----- | \$115.00 |
| 76-80----- | \$095.00 |
| 81-85----- | \$065.00 |
| 86-90----- | \$050.00 |

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

We have many Fish Fries scheduled during lent and could use help even if only for an hour or two. There is a lot that goes into getting ready for these meals. Several different things have to be put in place such as: buying food, setting up the dining room, scaling the fish and getting help for many several jobs the night of the fish fry. Call me at my house and leave a message if you can help. Let it ring and leave a message. (616-363-7626)

I hope we will all continue to support each other in more ways then we know. I want to welcome all new and seasoned members to continue to support our functions when ever possible. "United We Stand" and we can tackle anything. We are always searching and looking for new members. Any wife, mother, or daughter of a Veteran who served over seas during war time (living or deceases) who would like to become a member of our auxiliary can contact any of the above line officers.

Ladies come to our monthly meetings. They have been shortened and we try to get you out in a timely manner. Remember the monthly meetings are the 1st Monday, of each month at 7:00 p.m., except if it falls on a legal holiday, then they are on the 3rd Monday.

I'm looking forward to seeing more members in the coming months. Hope to see you at one of our meetings soon!!!

Please continue to remember our Veterans and their families as well as those at our Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. "Freedom is not Free". We continually need to fight for our rights and freedoms continuously.

Linda Walthorn
Ladies Auxiliary President
3023 Creston Memorial Post
Ph 616-363-7626

Important Dates:

- **February** 4th District 8 VOD Mtg @
Creston Post 11:00 a.m.
- 6th VFW Post/Auxiliary Mtg. (7:00) p.m
- 10th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
- 24th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
Bake Sale/for Camp Trotter
- **March** 2nd Fish Fry 5-8 p.m
- 5th VFW Post/Auxiliary Mtg. (7:00)p.m
- 9th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
- 16th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
- 23rd Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
- 30th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
- **April** 2nd VFW Post/Auxiliary Mtg (7:00) p.m.
This will be elections of officers, please come and nominate ladies / vote ladies in for the ensuing year!
- 6th Fish Fry 5-8 p.m.
**** Easter Bake Sale****
All proceeds to go for sending kids to VFW Camp Trotter / VFW run camp.
We will have Easter items also.

Sisters of the Creston Post 3023 Ladies Auxiliary.

I have some important information to tell you about.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW National offers a unique program for Cancer patients. If you are a member in good standing for 1 full year and have been diagnosed with cancer, you are eligible for a \$550.00 Cancer grant. Proceeds from the sell of cancer pins and other fund raisers sponsored by the State Ladies Auxiliary and the \$2.00 per member cancer quota are used to pay for this program. The VFW has a different program. For more details you can call me at 363-7349 and I will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

Ladies, this is one reason I encourage you to pay our dues now for 2012 if you have not paid. As of January 1 you are no longer in good standing and have lost all privileges as members. Remember also dues went up to \$30.00 as of January 1, 2012 due to increase in State and National dues.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped on the Steak Fries, Kids Christmas party and Fish Fries. I also want to thank those ladies who donated homemade goodies at our dinners. We need all our members to help out whenever they can, even if it is only a few hours a month or with donations. Thank you Ladies and Post members who have helped us so much in the past few months. The Men's Auxiliary has been very helpful as well. We can be a successful post and Auxiliary's when we work together. I am looking forward to seeing many old and new friends at our dinners. Don't forget our Steak Fry and Fish Fry Dinners and so much more when you visit the post.

For questions about Cancer Aid and Research, Hospital Program or most any question you may have please call me or email me and I will be happy to help. If you know any member who has moved or changed name, or is in distress please call someone in the Auxiliary so we can get you the help you are looking for.

Hope to see you soon,

Eula M. Giauque

Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice President

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

**Abraham Lincoln's Military Service
During the Black Hawks War, 1832 --
In Honor of our 16th Presidents Birthday.**

During the Black Hawk War, Abraham Lincoln of New Salem, Illinois served three enlistments. Each enrollment lasted for approximately 30 days.

His first enlistment was as elected captain of a company in the 4th Regiment of Mounted Volunteers, of Gen. Samuel Whiteside's Brigade. Lincoln enrolled on April 21 1832, and mustered out with his company at Fort Johnson (Ottawa) on May 27, 1832. The company served at Beardstown, reportedly Lincoln's company helped bury the dead of "Stillman's Run" -- although this occurrence is still under investigation. Along with the muster-out of Lincoln's company was the general muster-out of what became know as the 'First Army' of Illinois. While a new army was being raised and organized, Illinois enlisted and mustered in a 20-day interim regiment (the so-called "Second Army") and the only defense the State of Illinois had until the so-called "Third Army" could be brought into the field.

Lincoln re-enlisted on the same day he mustered out of his old company, and was mustered in on May 29 as a private in Captain Elijah Ises' Company, Twenty-Day Interim Regiment. He actively served with the company when General Henry Atkinson detached Captain Iles' command to ride north from Ottawa along the Kellogg Trail and reopen communications with Galena - which had been out of touch with the rest of the world since the Felix St. Vrain Massacre. As part of this movement, Iles' company (including Lincoln) spent an overnight at Apple River Fort ... about a week before Black Hawk's attack against that strongpoint later in June. Once this ride was completed, the service of Iles' company was essentially at an end. On June 16, Lincoln was mustered out.

In the hospital _____

At Home _____

Taps _____

VFW Riders

Well, we have received the OK from National to start our chapter of the VFW Riders and we are up and running. We have a few members and I just wanted to introduce myself. A lot of you may know who I am from growing up in and around the post with my mother Eula Giauque. I have grown up with motorcycles all my life with clubs and as a hobby. Some say gas and oil run in my veins that I am a major gear head. I have a great love and respect for my brothers and sisters who have made it possible for me to enjoy the freedom I feel every time I get on my bike. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all down to our 'Meet and Greet' on April 21st @ 4 p.m. to get a bite to eat and the opportunity to meet us all. We will be happy to answer any and all questions you may have. Also if you know anybody that has a motorcycle bring them down with you. If you have any questions before then contact me @ (616)723-4083. I'll be happy to answer any that you may have for me. If any of you have a bike that you need help getting ready for spring we would be happy to help in any way that we can.

President: Jim (Puppy) Alexander

From the Bar Manager

2011 was a turning point for the Creston Post. We made many changes that have caused some inconveniences to our membership. We apologize and thank you for your patience. I wish we could make every member happy. We at the Creston will never cater to only one generation of combat veterans, family, or their guest. We will continue to incorporate many diverse events, entertainment, and functions that give all generations an opportunity to experience and enjoy a Veteran friendly atmosphere. If you find yourself unhappy with any one function, please attend a Post meeting and feel free to voice your opinion. It would be a shame to leave out another generation of Combat Veterans because we are too stuck in our ways.

I want to thank Al Former, Gary Scholl, and Mike Saxton for their many hours of help. They were very helpful with making our New Years celebration go very smoothly. We had a wonderful turn out and saw many satisfied guests enjoying our band and dinner.

Many thanks to Dave Abraham and Bill Quinn for another great Chili cook-off. Thank you to all the contestants, you helped raise much needed money for the Post. I would love to see more teams compete next year. If you haven't competed before please ask how to, I am certain you will find it very fun and will continue to compete year after year.

For those who enjoy our Friday night Bands, please be aware that they will continue all the way through the end of May and pick up again in September. I am aware that many of our Friday night members and guest find it unpleasant when a band is too loud. I can assure you that Friday nights will be exclusively for those who enjoy Classic Country, Country Western and good Oldies music throughout 2012. Fridays will be (Oldies-Country Nights). My friends who enjoy a good band at a low volume and a good waltz, you will be happy to know that Friday nights at the Creston will be the place to be. Thursdays and Saturdays will be Karaoke and or DJ for those who enjoy an up tempo night out.

I look forward to a great 2012. I challenge all of our membership to do what they can to make this Post stand out in a positive light.

Bar Manager
Benjamin Cardenas



From Men's Auxiliary President Troy Brendemihl

Men's Aux. is having a Valentines Dinner and Dance on Feb 11th.
 Enjoy a wonderful dinner with a dance to follow.
 Cost will be 7 dollars per person.
 Dinner will be served from 6 till 8.
 Please make reservations in advance.



Men's Aux. has decided to postpone our breakfasts this year due to a lack of interest from the membership.

Coming in July - Bike Week - July 13 -15
 We need volunteers for everything from food to beer servers and security.
 If interested please contact Troy.

February 2011

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| 29 Jan 2012 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 3 7 pm Groove Therapy | 4 |
| 5 | 6 7pm Post Meeting 7pm Women Aux. Meeting | 7 | 8 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 9 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 10 5 - 8 pm Fish Fry TBA | 11 Valentine's Day Dinner 6 - 8 pm & Dance JAB 8 pm |
| 12 | 13 6 pm Men Aux. Meeting | 14 | 15 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 16 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 17 7 pm Dusty Chaps | 18 |
| 19 | 20 7 pm House Committee Meeting | 21 | 22 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 23 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 24 5 - 8 pm Fish Fry / Bake Sale 7 pm Matt Porter | 25 |
| 26 | 27 7:30 Marine Corps League Meeting | 28 | 29 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 1 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 2 7 pm Matt Porter | 3 |

March 2012

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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 1 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 2 Country Traditions | 3 |
| 4 | 5 7 pm Post Meeting 7 pm Women Aux. Meeting | 6 | 7 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 8 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 9 5 - 8 pm Fish Fry 7 pm Dusty Chaps | 10 |
| 11 | 12 6 pm Mens Aux. Meeting | 13 | 14 7-9 pm The Tiny Young Show | 15 7 pm Karaoke with Jack Ward | 16 7 pm Groove Therapy | 17 7 pm Groove Therapy |
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