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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Again the VFW membership has excelled in volunteer efforts. Many VFW, Auxiliary, and Social members continue to help the Post in charitable fundraising events. Thank you all for donations of time and money that keep our Post one of the busier and more successful in the area. All of the volunteer efforts enable the Post to support veteran and community needs. Our Post has been able to provide thousands of dollars in food and cash donations to the needy over this past year. The Honor Guard had a busy year with cemetery duty at the national cemetery and many burials around the area. The Honor Guard performs these duties in all kinds of weather and should be congratulated.

Post 5137 provides meeting space for many, which include the Marine Corps League, Boy Scout Troop 5137, Rolling Thunder, and the U.S. Navy. In order to continue this good work the Post tries to maintain a comfortable, clean, and welcoming environment.

Improvements to the pavilion have already proved successful with a reverse raffle and the Ohio State game party. Plans are in the works to provide heat to the pavilion. Improvements take time and money as we all know so hang in there and help where you can.

Many events are being planned through 2017 and there will be additions and changes. Hall and pavilion rental is important and scheduling needs to be done as far ahead as possible so please call Marla at the Post for special member rates and scheduling.

I hope the holidays were happy ones and 2017 proves to be a great year for all.

Commander,

Jim Hoessle

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mental health issues are affecting many of our veterans. An article in the VFW magazine written by Kari Williams stated that "A George W Bush institute study, referenced by Comander-in-cheif of the VFW Brian Duffy, surveyed roughly 1,000 post-9/11 veterans and adults in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada between February and March 2016, finding that "eight out of 10 post-9/11 veterans responding so far in the United States think that embarrassment or shame is an extreme or moderate barrier to veterans seeking care for medical conditions such as PTSD or [traumatic brain injury]." But Duffy said there is "no reason to be embarrassed or ashamed."

" [It] doesn't matter if you were there in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War or the current conflicts," Duffy said. " We all can relate to what it means to be on the pointy end of the spear."

If you or anyone you know would like more information or need help the VFW has partnered

with three organizations- One Mind, PatientsLikeMe and Give an Hour. Or you can always call the VA, or E-mail me at

jeramiehach@gmail.com.

Service officer,

Jeramie Hach



January - March 2017

Event	Description	Date	Time
Weekly Drawing	Every Saturday		9:00 PM
Progressive Drawing	Every Sunday		8:00 PM
Monthly Drawing	First Monday		9:00 PM
Queen of Hearts	Every Friday		7:00 PM
Friday Night Dinners	Every Friday		5-7 PM
Regular Members' Meeting	First Tuesday of the Month		7:00 PM
VFW Auxiliary Meeting	First Monday of the Month		7:00 PM
January			
Dinner	Tomato Parmesan Soup and Grilled Cheese	Jan 6 th	5-7 PM
Dinner	City Chicken	Jan 13 th	5-7 PM
Dinner	Stuffed Chicken	Jan 20 th	5-7 PM
Dinner	Pork Chops	Jan 27 th	5-7 PM
Relay for Life "Souper Bowl"	\$5.00 to enter and \$5.00 to taste; you may enter as many soups or chilies as you want	Jan 29 th	TBA
February			
Dinner	Veal Parmesan	Feb 3 rd	5-7 PM
Super Bowl Party	Bring food to share. Weather permitting, party will be held in pavilion. Door prizes each quarter.	Feb 5 th	During Game
Valentine's Day Ticket Cutoff	Last night to buy Valentine's Day Dinner tickets	Feb 6 th	Closing
Dinner	Burger Night	Feb 10 th	5-7 PM
Valentine's Day Dinner	Ticket cutoff is Feb 6th	Feb 11 th	5-7 PM
Dinner	Swiss Steak	Feb 17 th	5-7 PM
Persian Gulf Wars Commemoration	Persian Gulf Wars Commemoration	Feb 23 rd	TBA
Papa Grassa Italian Night #2	Papa Grassa Italian Night #2	Feb 24 th	5-7 PM
Bowling Banquet	(for those who bowled in our league; spouses additional charge. If not in bowling league)	Feb 25 th	TBA
March			
Fish Fry		Mar 3 rd	5-7 PM
Fish Fry		Mar 10 th	5-7 PM
Wade Park Treat	Cookies Needed	Mar 12 th	TBA
Dinner		Mar 17 th	5-7 PM
Fish Fry		Mar 24 th	5-7 PM
Fish Fry		Mar 31 st	5-7 PM

Chaplin's Report – Patrick Pinkerton;

Happy New Year my brothers and sisters of post 5137! Ask your chaplain, I pray for a great year to come for all of us however, there is a part of me which has a now, somewhat heavy heart. Our incoming president has spoken several words in regards to our military veterans who served us well. He has stated that our "Senator McCain is no war hero, he was captured, I like those who don't get captured!"

Then he said, " Our military is a disaster!" This man speaking had five draft deferments, and never had to fight in the jungles of Vietnam, or the sands of the Middle East. Then he stated, "I know more about ISIS than the Generals do, they have been reduced to Rubble!"

I pray now for our new Commander in Chief that he shows much better wisdom than that. If not, we may be in big trouble in the days and years to come!

Now, for the hospital report....

John Laurence is recovering from his illness of diverticulitis and Ed Zachary is doing well after surgery. He is at home now and in good spirits. Please keep Ed Schulte in your prayers as he has been having some health issues. Our condolences to the Keaton family on the passing of Bobby "Junior" Keaton.

Your Chaplain

Patrick Pinkerton

POW/MIA Report – Eugene Galandiuk;

30 sets of remains were found and identified.

16 sets were Army from Korea. 7 were Navy from World War II. 3 Airmen from World War II. 4 were Marines from World War II. The DPAA is working hard to recover missing remains from countries around the world.

Eugene Galandiuk

POW/MIA Chair