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FEBRUARY 2018 VFW POST NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

Greetings comrades!! Can you believe it's February already?! Well, that means we're not too far away from the end of the VFW year and that means officer nominations in March and elections in April. All officer positions **MUST** be filled to maintain our charter. No charter...no post. Serious stuff! Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 3 year Trustee, and 3 year House Committee must be elected. There is a lot of corporate knowledge at our Post to help/guide anyone who takes one of these positions. Don't be hesitant to take on responsibility. You can declare your intention to seek any office at any time but have someone nominate you at the March meeting. Our bathroom renovation is well underway. A lot of work so far with more to do. Special thanks to Mike F, Mike V, Bernie, Quinn, and Richard. Great job guys!! It's going to look great when done. We **REALLY NEED HELP** for our Sunday breakfasts. If you can fry bacon/sausage or flip eggs/omelets...**WE NEED YOU**. Only asking for about 5 hours of your time once a month, and you'll have fun doing it. C'mon folks, give us a hand! Post meeting is the 6th. Boy Scouts of America founded (1910) on the 8th. St. Valentine's Day is the 14th. Don't forget your sweetie! Lastly, we will have a Super Bowl Party on the 4th. Ribs and chicken by the Post and as usual dishes/snacks etc. are always welcome. Come join us for some fun and comradeship. Y'all stay well and I'll see you at the Post.

Jerry Kaminski, Commander

Cooties Section

Listen up Cooties, I attended the Grand Mid-Winter COA last month and had a lousy time, the weather was bad but we got a lot accomplished. We are hosting Grand Convention in April in Biloxi, I will be coming in as Grand Commander, will need everyone's help to make it successful. We will be having "Love Day" at Biloxi VA on 4 Feb at 2PM, come out and have some fun and show some lovin. We also have Cootie breakfast on the 11th of Feb (will need volunteers) and VA Bingo following at 1400L at the VA, please come out and visit with the Veterans. We have to get out and recruit new members and visit our Veterans. We are not scheduled for a Cootie food night this month. I want to thank all the volunteers for their help with last month's breakfast. Our next Scratch is on 20 Feb at 1900L, we will be having elections, please be prepared to step up and fill positions. "Increase and Multiply".

L.O.T.C.S, Johnny Potter, Seam Squirrel

Auxiliary Corner

Sisters and Brothers of Auxiliary 6731:

Our meetings are held at the Post on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.** This month the meeting will be held on (**Mardi Gras**) **February 13, 2018.** *Hope to see you at our meeting!*

BY THE WAY, ONE MEMBER WHO ATTENDS OUR MEETING WILL WIN A DOOR PRIZE!



Our **Christmas/Thanksgiving luncheon** for veterans from the Biloxi VA was such a huge success that we have decided to do it every 3 months! Our next luncheon will be held on **Thursday, March 1, 2018.** The Veterans will arrive at 10:30 a.m. and **we** will begin serving lunch at 11:00 a.m. Come to our meeting and help decide the menu. The dinner is between Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday. The Post is again going to donate fried chicken for the dinner. If you can donate something for the veterans "goody" bags, please let us know. Marilyn Ashmus' daughter, Denise Lockerby works for a dentist, Dr. Lindh, and has donated dental hygiene products for the veterans. Maybe we can bag these dental products together after our meeting.

The **VA Bingo** is held on the **2nd Sunday of each month** at 2:00 pm for the veterans in Building 15. This month it will be held on **February 11, 2018.** If you would like to help, please come. All help is appreciated!

The “**Birth**day Party” at the **Biloxi VA Blind Rehabilitation Center** was held on January 10, 2018. The veterans were served sugar free cookies and ice cream. This month the “**Birth**day Party” will be held on (**Valentine’s Day**) **February 14, 2018**. We will do something special!



The Auxiliary dinner for February will be held on the second Friday of the month, **February 9, 2018**. Our meal will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Dinner Chairman, **Mike Vierling**, wants to thank **Teddy Harder, Jannell Little, Kerri Vierling, Marilyn Ashmus, Shirley Haley and Juanice Collins** for their contributions to the success of our January dinner! Please support the Auxiliary dinner!



Remember, if you have not paid your 2018 dues you are not a member in good standing! You cannot attend meetings and are not eligible for any Auxiliary benefits!

Our Auxiliary’s membership is at 124.39%.

Yours in Service,

Carol Fetters, President

Quartermaster Comments

Presently, we have 266 members in the Post. We have eight delinquent members at this time. We need everyone’s help around the Post! Please volunteer to work a Sunday breakfast or a first and third Friday dinner. You can’t beat the price for our Sunday breakfast or Friday night meals, so come on out to the Post and buy a plate and have a beverage of your choice. We need your support to keep the Post running! The Post is open to any fund-raising ideas you may have and the Post Hall, Pavilion, and Kitchen are open for rental for your personal gathering. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors to support Veterans’ Charity Bingo. We rely on Bingo to support the many Veteran and Community programs to which we contribute. You can play all the games for \$25.00 on Wednesday and Saturday evenings starting at 6PM. Angie’s snack bar is open for both sessions. Events for February are listed on the monthly calendar. Please check out our Facebook® page, “Oswald L. Fayard North Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6731”, and “Like” it. There are many statuses concerning the VFW, the VA, military historical events, current events, and local happenings at the Post. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Skip Klinger, Quartermaster

Chaplain's Chat

I recently visited retired Army Sgt. Major Alberto Gulaisao in the CLC at Biloxi VA at the request of his family. When I asked if he needed anything he said he would like for veterans to pray for his family, so please keep the Gulaisao family in your prayers. TAPS: It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Post life member Gene Morgan. We thank Gene for his service and remember him for his smile. May the Good Lord grant his family the strength they will need in the coming days, months and years. Psalm 100.

Chaplain Rick Arbogast

Service Officer Comments

Service Officers will be available to help any Veteran submitting disability claims or to answer VA related questions; by appointment only, just contact one of the officers below. If you or if you know of a veteran who needs some assistance, please come on over to the post or call (228)392-1152.

Service officer POCs: Matt Dawson (228)731-2403, Jerry Wisniewski (228)324-3539, John Kelly (228)207-9324

Honor Guard

We would like to welcome a new member to the Post Honor Guard. Chris Gray recently joined and we are glad to have him aboard. We represented the Post at the Department of Mississippi Mid-Winter Conference as the state color guard. Thanks to Jerry Kaminski and Jim Landry. Drill for February will be on Saturday the 10th at 3pm.

Rick Arbogast, Honor Guard Sgt.



BINGO SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS BINGO

Saturday & Wednesday: Early Bird 6:00 PM -- Regular 7:00 PM

Feb 3 - \$200 Door Prize Give Away

Feb 14 - \$200 Door Prize Give Away

Jan 28 - \$1,000 Jackpot Coverall Give Away



Happy Birthday to:

Rick Coniglio - 1

Rebecca Aucoin - 6

James Handlon - 21

Austin Pitts - 25

Johnnie Powell - 28

Patricia Smith - 30



Happy Anniversary to:

Bernie & Sharon Nelson - 26

