

VFW POST 2216

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Commanders News

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Commander's Comments

This year is rapidly coming to a close. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Membership is still not where it should be. The post needs the help of all its members to sign up new and reinstate delinquent members. There are a lot of members who are not active and a visit could be the answer to bringing them back.

Quartermaster News

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We are in the process of opening the Club Room and are still in need of help and new ideas. At this date, weather permitting, the first night to be open is March 5. Come out and see old friends and make new ones.



District News

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BINGO is on the way back to what I hope will be normal. We still need help to operate the game. At this time we hope the problems we have experienced will be coming to an end

very soon.

Tracker

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Reminder: Election time is here again and nominations will be open March 10 and remain open until the April meeting.

The District 11 meeting has been rescheduled for March 23 at Stuarts Draft Post 9339 with lunch at 11:30 am and meeting at 1:00 pm. It would be great to see a large representation from Post 2216 in attendance. I look forward to seeing you soon and welcoming you back to your post.

Earl E. Harris, Commander

Congratulations to all of our District, State and National Winners: Nathan Kinder, District and State Voice of Democ-

Betty Jo Clemmer, District and State Teacher of the Year

Blair Robertson, District, State and National Patriot's Pen

President's Comments

Greetings to all and well wishes to you from those of us here in the Auxiliary.

We invite each of you ladies to take an active roll in the activities in which we engage ourselves, most of which is Community Service. The things we do are varied but many and include, but are not limited to the following: Visitation at

Ritenour Rest Home; taking food, drinks, and other needs. Also playing games such as Bingo and offering other entertainment. Other services include Safety, Bike Rodeo, cake walks, July 4 and Veterans Day Parades and open house and Poppy sales. Later in the year we will be visiting the Veterans Care Center in Salem, plus many more. Daisy Huff, Pres.

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Schedule of Events

- **Date** 10th monthly meeting covered dish at 6:30 pm post and auxiliary meetings : 7:30 pm
- **Date** 9th thru 13th Washing ton Conference.
- **Date** 21 Basket Bingo for Softball Team.
- **Date** 23 District 11 Meeting
- Post 9339, Stuarts
- Draft
- **Date**
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- The post’s tentative schedule for opening the club room is: Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm to 11pm
- Friday: 6pm to 12am
- BINGO EVERY Sat. night 6:30pm

What’s Happening?

BE LIKE A TURTLE—STICK YOUR NECK OUT FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR POST AND AUXILIARY.

March 10 is our meeting night, bring a new veteran and/or a new auxiliary member. We will also be accepting nominations for 2003-2004 Post Officers— Make your voice heard for the good of us all. The winter snows have raised havoc with our programs and our parking lots— want to help? Call the commander or any other officer—volunteerism is NOT DEAD — we cannot survive without it.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Hall and 3Yr. Trustee Don Hall will be absent from the March meeting due to their attending the Washington Conference March 9 thru 13. They

hope to bring valuable information from National HQ back to the post and auxiliary. March 21 we will open the post for our Softball team to conduct their annual fund raising Basket Bingo— come out and support them— they are currently ranked 3rd in the state in their division—we have the trophies to prove it. If you have not had the opportunity to see them in action— their season begins 1 April.

March 23 is the date for the District 11 meeting in Stuarts Draft (Post 9339) Come out and support your post with your attendance, the meal is FREE and there is no admission charge.

It is time to start planning the many programs for the 2003-2004 year. As you know it take man/

woman power to carry out these events, if you can’t help manually how about considering making some phone calls or writing letters, etc. Only you know how you can help.

Comrades/Sisters in Distress since the last newsletter: Stanley Faught, Alfred Knott, Bobby Thompson, Claude Rawley, Rachel Dull, Mary Kelley, Sylvia Rouse. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone who is confined at home or hospitalized. Our funeral detail has sadly been kept busy, we have lost many good comrades and sisters, most recently, our chaplain for 40 years, Troy Michael, Comrade Hillary Paxton.

Quartermaster's Comments

In the February '03 Newsletter, a Personal Tracker was included to which many of you responded and we thank you for doing so. The information you provided will be useful as preparations are made for future activities and events.

It has come to our attention that questions arise for some of you and you do not know who should be contacted. The Post Service Officer would be, for most of you, the person to contact.

As you quartermaster, I am pleased to tell you the financial situation is improving in all areas. However, this year member dues are lagging way behind previous years. If you are not current for the current year, 2003, will you consider renewal to continue the work and service to your fellow comrades? We also need you for your input of ideas and planning as we strengthen the post.

We are current in money matters and see no problems in the immediate future. We think we will continue to grow. Your comments are Welcome! Will you come and grow with us?

We are currently actively pursuing the active duty military personnel recently called up by our President and Defense Department . We will need you help in Welcoming and passing the torch to these new VFW members as they return.

Robert L. Hicks, QM

Chaplain's Comments

Recently we have gathered information about our Comrades in Distress and extend our sincere thanks to all who were able to respond.

The number is extensive and efforts are progressing toward addressing their needs as best we can. We remember all of you in prayer as we gather asking healing and recovery for those ill and or suffering other distress.

We know we have missed some comrades who may perhaps have the need of comradeship or perhaps the need of the Chaplain's support and we ask all to help us learn

of those situations where we might assist.

Blessings to all and may Peace be with you.

Mike Maddox, Chaplain

District II News

District meetings are open to all comrades and sisters and are held 4 times a year. The next meeting will be held at Post 9339 Stuarts Draft on Sunday 23 March beginning with lunch at 11:30 am and meetings to follow.

This meeting was postponed from 3 March due to the winter weather. (Think Spring—Please.) We are very fortunate to have District VOD Winner,Nathan

Kinder,Post 2216 and District Patriots Pen Winner, Blair T. Robertson, Post 2424 selected as State Winners . Nathan placed second and Blair placed first. Blair also has placed SECOND in the NATIONAL CONTEST. We are also proud to announce that our District Teacher of the Year, Betty Jo Clemmer was selected the FIRST place winner in State Competition. They will be recognized at the March meeting. All posts are urged to come and show them our appreciation. Don Hall, Dis-

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Personnel Tracker

Please complete and return to Robert Hicks, QM/ADJ,
VFWt 2216, PO Box 2032 Staunton, Va. 24402:

Name _____

Annual Member _____ Life Member _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Year became a member _____ In good standing? _____

Will you support the post with your:

Attendance _____ Annual Dues _____ Poppy Sales _____

Parades _____ Other Events _____ Honor Guard _____

Funeral Detail _____ Salem Hospital Events _____

School Programs (VOD< Patriots Pen- Vets in the class-
room _____

The Club Room is open. Wednesday, Thursday and Fri-
day, 6pm until 12 midnight. _____

Do you have any suggestions that can help support your
post or help in continuing our Community Activities in
Staunton and Augusta County?

Do you know of any comrades or sisters who are hospi-
talized, confined at home, nursing homes etc? Please let
us know.

Please write your comments below:

Have you met the State Commander, Larry Mattera?

He will be at the District meeting on 23 March in Stu-
arts Draft. Come join us and welcome him.