



Merry Christmas

Seasons greetings from Bremen Post 2791



In this issue you will find information from our Post officers, update on Bingo, Christmas day dinner with sailors from Great Lakes, canteen activities, and a calendar of meetings and events.

Commander Bill Conner

As we look back, we see that 2013 was a good year overall for our Post and our Veterans.

Later this month we will begin serving lunches in the canteen.

Our original starting date of December 1st had to be pushed back due to some family medical issues for our new vendor, Diana's Kitchen. Check with the bartenders or the club manager to see when this new program will begin.

Once again this year we will be hosting the Great Lakes recruit sailors on Christmas Day. More info on the event is available later in this newsletter. Please stop in to see them if you can and make them feel at home on Christmas day.



May you have the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas which is Hope, and the Heart of Christmas which is Love.

My wife Bobbie and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Senior-Vice Commander Fred Cagle

You once made a commitment to our country by answering the call of duty in our Armed Forces. Your fellow veterans need you to answer the call again by renewing your membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Your continued commitment to the VFW allows our elected officials at both the state and national level to address issues important to the veteran community. They are our voice on Capitol Hill. But, as membership dwindles, our voice does not get heard as loud as before, and many needed Veterans benefits stand to be cut or reduced.



Our annual dues are only \$30 per year. A portion of your dues stays with our Post to allow us to continue our core mission of Veterans helping Veterans. In January the annual dues will increase to \$40 per year. If you haven't paid your dues yet for 2014, please consider paying up before the end of the year. Bring or mail your dues to the Post before Christmas so we can process your

payment and get it into the National Headquarters before the end of the year.

Cindy and I wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Junior-Vice Commander Ben Heemstra

As we near the end of another successful year at Post 2791, I would like to thank our many volunteers who have donated their time and efforts to make our events successful and profitable for the Post. Monday nite bingos, cruise nites, music-in-the-plaza and the block party are just some of the things we do to keep our Post operating at peak efficiency, so we can support our Veterans all year long.

If you haven't done so in the past, please consider offering a little of your time next year to help.

The adults Christmas dinner will be on Friday Dec 20th starting at 5:30 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the canteen, please sign up so we know how many to order for.

The children's Christmas party will be on Saturday Dec 21. Please make sure you come into the Post no later than Dec. 13th to sign up your children/grandchildren. We wouldn't want any of the little ones left out.

On behalf of my wife Jennifer and I we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year in 2014. Go Navy !



Update on Monday Night Bingo

There has been a considerable amount of discussion lately about our Monday nite bingo. A study we conducted in October revealed we were not making a profit on bingo, and actually taking a small loss each week. We will be voting again on December 10th to determine where we go next. A recent review has shown us where to make changes in order to the keep bingo but still produce a profit for the Post. If you are interested in the future of bingo, come to the meeting on the 10th to see what can be done to keep bingo active at our Post.

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Once again this year our Post will be welcoming 25-40 recruit sailors from Great Lakes Naval Training Center for a Christmas Day event. This event is run by our American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Assoc, Chapter X which is based here at Post 2791. If you would like to help out in any way, you can contact Commander John Bartosiewicz at 708-917-3275 to donate any food items for the meal. We already have 12 turkeys donated, but we still need all of the other food items for a traditional Christmas dinner, ham, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Monetary donation are always welcome for the last minute items.

If you are out and about on Christmas Day, please stop in at the Post to visit with these young sailors, our future Veterans.



What's up in the canteen ?

Your canteen has been very busy during this football season. Sunday afternoons we have a full canteen with fans rooting on our Bears. Hockey nights are very popular again this year with our defending champion Blackhawks. Come on down, watch the games on the big screens and spend some time with your friends and fellow Veterans.

The Queen of Hearts game continues to fill the canteen on Wednesday nites, with the new jackpot already over \$1700. The double dollar draw game continues to gain steam with more customers joining every week. The game has recently expanded from 75 players to 100.

Plans for New Years Eve are being finalized, an electronic postcard will be sent out within the next week.



December meetings and events

- Dec 3 Family support group will be packing boxes for our troops overseas
- Dec 4 Mens Auxiliary meeting at 7:00 pm
- Dec 5 Korean War Veterans Assoc meeting at 7:00 pm
- Dec 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) Submarine Veterans meeting at 12:00 noon
- Dec 10 Post 2791 Regular business meeting at 7:30 pm
- Dec 11 American Veterans Motorcycle Riders meeting at 7:00 pm
- Dec 17 Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7:00 pm
- Dec 18 Marine Corps League meeting at 7:00 pm

Bingo every Monday nite in December

Friday Dec 20-Adults Christmas Dinner at 5:30 pm

Saturday Dec 21-Childrens Christmas Party at 12:00 noon

Wednesday Dec 25-Christmas Day with the Sailors
Friday Dec 27-Karaoke with Cheryl in the Canteen at 8:00 pm
Tuesday Dec 31-New Years Eve party starts at 7:00 pm

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

YOU MUST BE ON OUR MAILING LIST ALREADY OR YOU WOULDN'T BE READING THE NEWSLETTER. CHANCES ARE ONE OF YOU FELLOW VETS MAY NOT BE ON THE MAILING LIST, SO LET THEM KNOW TO SEND IN THEIR E-MAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN ADD THEM TO THE LIST.