



Greetings from VFW Post 2791

A message from our Post Commander Bill Conner:

The summer of 2013 is ending and a very exciting summer it has been here at the Post. School has already started in most areas, and we are already introducing our Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy programs in the middle schools and high schools. The Patriots Pen program is an essay writing contest open to all students at the middle schools in our area.

This years theme is "What patriotism means to me".

The Voice of Democracy program is an audio essay contest for high school students. The final prize in the Voice of Democracy competition is a \$30,000 scholarship awarded by our National Headquarters. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with the program in the schools, and later to be judges for the entries that will be submitted. The theme for the VOD program is "Why I'm optimistic about our Nations future".

If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact your Post Commander Bill Conner or Senior Vice commander Fred Cagle at the post.



Senior Vice-Commander Fred Cagle

My fellow comrades, members of our auxiliaries and all of our great volunteers: As we reach the end of the summer season I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make this another great summer. Our cruise night events, music in the plaza events and the Caribbean Block Party were all successful because of your dedication to the Post.

We still have plenty of activities well into the fall and winter months, and there is plenty of opportunities for everyone to volunteer. Please keep in mind, everything we do at the Post and in the community is for the benefit of our Veterans and their families.

Remember this-Volunteers do not get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

Junior-Vice Commander Ben Heemstra

Thanks to all of you who helped on our events. The cruise nites are over for another year. Each event was successful, and our patrons enjoyed our food items. Especially popular was our grilled onions on the burgers and brats.

We have one more music-in-the-plaza event on Saturday September 7th. the Post will also be the food vendor that night at the plaza. Come on down and help out for the night, or bring the family down, listen to some great music and support your Post. The final band will be the Cadillac Casanovas playing "Oldies".

Queen of Hearts Raffle Game



Our Queen of Hearts raffle game started in February and has been very popular. Here's how to play: Stop in the post any time we are open to purchase your tickets. Cost is one dollar each or six for five dollars. When you make your purchase write your name, phone number and a number from 1-54 on the back of the ticket. Each week on Wednesday evening all tickets are placed into the raffle drum, and one qualifier is drawn. That person automatically wins \$10. That person's ticket is then used to open a card on the Queen of Hearts board, based on the number they wrote on the back of their ticket. Any queen other than the Queen of Hearts wins \$25.00, and any joker drawn wins \$50.00. If the Queen of Hearts is opened, that person wins the jackpot, which now stands at over \$4500.00.

Karaoke in the Canteen

The following list of dates we will be having karaoke in the canteen. All events are on Friday evenings, and run from 8 pm til midnite. Come on down and have a few beverages, belt out a few tunes and enjoy the evening with your friends and Veterans at the post.

You'll be amazed at how talented some of our members and friends are.

September 27 October 25 November 22 December 29

FOOTBALL IS BACK

Join us on Sundays for Bears games. Free food in the canteen for all games starting at noon or 3:30. Cheer on our team toward their Superbowl chase for 2014. The menu for the opening game on Sunday September 8 will include Italian sausage with sauerkraut.

News from the canteen.....

First and foremost, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped out during the summer events, especially the Caribbean Block party.

The revenue produced from the block party, along with cruise nights and music in the plaza helps us continue our mission of supporting our Veterans and their families.

As we wind down from our summer events we will take a well deserved break while we prepare for the fish fry season right around the corner.

Just a reminder---join us for karaoke, Queen of Hearts drawing and football games every weekend. We have a new 55" television on the rear deck patio, donated by our Mens Auxiliary.

Thanks again for the great summer turnout.

Notes from the Ladies Auxiliary

As the summer comes to a close, so do the Tuesday night car shows. Our ladies auxiliary members came out in force all summer long, rain or shine to support these events. The car shows were a tremendous success due in large part to our members who unselfishly gave their time and efforts to support our Post. Your officers thank all of the volunteers, not just for these events, but also the music in the plaza events and the year long monday night bingo events.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 17th at 7 pm. Attendance over the past couple of months has been low and we hope to see many of you back at the meetings now that the hot summer months are over. Come on out and see what is happening with YOUR organization.

A kindly reminder, dues for the 2013-2014 year are now due. All annual paying members should remit their dues, \$20.00, in order to remain a member in good standing. Dues can be mailed directly to our treasurer, Selena Snyder at 5000 W. Circle Court, Unit #810, Crestwood, Il 60445, or just bring your dues to the meeting on the 17th. If needed you can drop off at the post anyday after 12 noon. Life members should also remit their \$5.00 cancer aid and research premium.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Mens Auxiliary news

Last week we held our annual golf outing at the Odyssey Country Club here in Tinley Park. Attendance this year was our best ever, with 87 golfers participating. After golf everyone came back to the Post for a steak fry which, as usual, was enjoyed by everyone. Your Mens Auxiliary continues to assist in every program at the Post, from cruise nites to bingo, music in the plaza to the block party. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining our Auxiliary, have them contact me at the Post. Our primary mission has been and always be to assist Veterans and their families.



Randy Presner
Mens Auxiliary President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Two events coming up in the month of September.

September 15th, Sunday

American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Assoc. annual pancake breakfast.
8:00 am until noon.
Pancakes, eggs, suasage and pastries, all uou can eat.
\$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids.
50/50 drawings available.
All proceeds support local Veterans Assistance Programs.

Friday September 20

Special Fish Dinner event to support the Michael Sutter Scholarship program.
Dinners starting at \$10.00.
Serving times: 3:30 until 7:30.
Call the Post for more info.

*Thank you for reviewing the September 2013 issue of our newsletter. If you know of a member or friend who would like to be added to the e-mail list, have them call us at the Post at 708-532-2333 or send a message to us at vfw2791@yahoo.com
We will add their information and make sure they are kept up to date on our Post activities.*

Sincerely,
Roger Barton
VFW 2791