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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

I hope everyone is staying warm for a couple more weeks! Talked to Raymond Barber, a lifetime member of our Post the other day. If you recall, Raymond turned 99 years old on December 19th, 2023! His only wish was to get some birthday cards for his birthday, well thanks to everyone getting the word out Raymond received over 400 birthday cards! Thank you everyone and thank you Raymond for your service.

As we get ready for Spring, would like to get organized with some volunteers to plan out our "Spring Clean" up of the Post. Inspect around the Post and identify what we need to fix up, clean out, and organize.

State of the Post: We have been conducting Bingo every Tuesday regularly, we thank all our volunteers and especially our Auxiliary for the support of Bingo. Some of the ongoing events so far: New Year Day Bingo, Women's Pool League, Mixed Pool League, Friday Night Dinners, Karaoke, Canteen Superbowl Gathering, etc., more to follow. If there are any volunteers to help with Post cleanup or just help around the Post, let us know!

March Post Calendar Highlights!

Mar 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Friday Night Dinners 4-6pm or until sold out.

VFW Bingo Every Tuesday (Doors Open at 4pm, selling at 5pm, games start at 6:30pm)

Mar 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Bingo Nights

Mar 8th – Gold Chevron Dinner

Mar 9th – District 3 Mtg

Mar 11th – Veteran's Lunch 11:30-1pm

Mar 11th – Post/Aux Mtg 6:30pm

Mar 14th – Senior Community Night 5-7pm

Mar 15th, 16th – Department Spring Conference

Mar 16th – Polsun's St Patrick's Day Show 5-10pm

Mar 17th – Fan Club 2-6pm

Mar 18th – Veteran's Breakfast at Kerrie's Diner 7-9am

Mar 21st – "Cup of Joe" at SPoTCoffee 4:30 – 6:30pm

Mar 24th – ADK Bluegrass Show (1pm - 5pm)

Mar 31st – Easter Sunday

Happy Easter Everyone! Let's keep the momentum going for recruiting new members to the Post and Auxiliary, thank you for all your efforts up to date. Until we all get together again, my wish is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable January with family and friends! See you at our next event.

Commander Mike Varmette





Auxiliary President's Message

Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes



Lest We Forget.

Greetings Brother and Sister Auxiliary Members,

March is Women's History Month. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary was formed on September 14, 1914. The first National Encampment (the equivalent of a National Convention) was held in Pittsburgh, PA that year, where 47 members gathered to adopt temporary Bylaws. It was a primary goal of the organization to welcome members regardless of income, religious affiliation or ethnicity, in order for the membership to best reflect the nation and veterans members would be serving. For 100 years, the Ladies Auxiliary was led by strong, capable, caring women including thousands of women members who worked tirelessly to ensure that our nation's veterans were not only not forgotten, but also honored, aided and supported. In July 2015, it was determined to accept men and change the name "Ladies Auxiliary" to Auxiliary.

Thank you to all of you that made it possible for the delivery of Valentine's cards to the Glens Falls Center, Warren Center, and VA Hospital in Albany. I'm sure these made Veterans day a bit brighter. Volunteers are needed March 26th to help pack Easter bags at the VA Hospital more to be discussed at our March meeting. If you know of any Community Organizations needing assistance with an upcoming spring function let us know at the next meeting this could be used towards Auxiliary Outreach one of our many programs; see [MALTA Sign In \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](https://vfwauxiliary.org) (you will need your member ID to set up an account) to see a list with information for our other programs.

Please continue to complete reports for our programs and get them to chairpersons for our auxiliary to receive credit. The deadline for this year is April 1st please turn in by March 20th to allow time for mailing. If you have questions please reach out or if you are in need of report forms. Continue to fill out reports after April 1st until July 1st when new chairpersons take over and can be turned in then. Our next meeting will be held March 11th at 6:30pm. As always we are in need of help at various functions and bingo every Tuesday we'd love to have you join us.

Stay Healthy,
Rachel Frasier
Auxiliary President
(518-920-2505)





WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For March @ 6:30 pm

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

VFW POST DONATIONS

February 2024 Total: \$1,772.50

Gold Star Full page Ad	\$ 60.00
District 3 Gold Chevron Ad	\$ 32.50
Dist. 3 Gold Chevron Dinner	\$ 100.00
NYS Dist. 3 Conference Ad	\$ 45.00
NYS Dist. 3 Dinner/Room	\$ 450.00
Service Officer Raffle Tickets	\$ 100.00
St. Jude	\$ 100.00
NY State Sherriff's Institute	\$ 25.00
American Cancer Society	\$ 100.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$ 100.00
Special Olympics	\$ 100.00
Cmdr. Golf Fundraiser Team	\$ 460.00
Cmdr. Golf Fundraiser Hole	\$ 100.00



AUXILIARY DONATIONS

February 2023 Totals: \$

CHAPLAINS CORNER

All Members,

Melissa Lopez is our Post Chaplain. You can reach her at 518-726-7273.

Auxiliary Chaplain is Kathleen Hayward. She can be reached at 518-858-6018

Please remember those of our members who reside in area Nursing facilities. Keep our ill comrades and sisters in your prayers.

If you know of any member in distress or that needs cheering, you can always leave a message at the Post by calling 518-793-7535.

If you hear about anyone who is having health problems (VFW or AUX) please use one of the above numbers or the Chaplains box to let us know. There is a very good chance that we do not know about it. Our Chaplain will be glad to send a get well card to a member or a sympathy card to the families.

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

MARCH 2024



1 March 1776	French Minister Charles Gravier advised the Spanish to support Americans in their Revolution against England.
1 March 2002	OPERATION ANACONDA begins in Afghanistan
1 March 2003	Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the suspected Sept. 11, 2001 mastermind, was taken into custody in Islamabad Pakistan.
2 March 1867	Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant. Marking the first time Congress authorized this rank in the Marine Corps.
2 March 1965	OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER begins
3 March 1915	The office of the Chief of Naval Operation was established. ADM William Benson is appointed the first CNO.
8 March 1958	The USS WISCONSIN (BB-64) is decommissioned, leaving the Navy without an active battleship for the first time since 1895.
15 March 1919	Veterans of the American Expeditionary Force founded the American Legion in Paris.
15 March 2010	Corporal Frank Buckles aged 110, the last surviving US Veteran of World War 1 was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
19 March 1917	Navy Department authorizes enrollment of women in the Naval Reserve.
20 March 2003	The U.S led coalition of 40 nations, begin the military invasion of Iraq, beginning under OPERATION IRAQI LIBERATION, later renamed OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.
26 March 1982	Ground is broken for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC; it was dedicated on Nov 13.
29 March 1918	Eddie Rickenbacker scores his first air victory. By the end of WW1 he will be the America's top ace with 26 kills.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAYMOND!!!!

District 3 VFW Commander Harold Patchen and Lifetime VFW Member Raymond Barber after being presented Certificates from NYS Commander Dan Kell and District 3 honoring his 99th birthday!

Veteran's Lunch!



*Any day you can break
bread with other veteran's
is a good day!!!*



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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



March 2024

Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Tuesday Bingo: Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm</i>			1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm	2
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Veteran's News

VA expands Health Care Eligibility for all Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service!!

VA just announced that all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country at home or abroad – including all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11 – are now eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States are also eligible to enroll.

This historic expansion of health care comes after VA eliminated the phased-in approach to health care eligibility called for by the [PACT Act](#) – meaning that millions of Veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law.

Veterans are encouraged to act NOW and get the care you, your families, or your survivors deserve. VA provides the best and most affordable health care for Veterans in America – and this is your chance to apply.

Please visit www.VA.gov/PACT or call **1-800-MYVA411** to find information on how to apply for VA health care.

If you need further assistance, do not hesitate to call your Veterans' Services Office.

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