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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

Welcome Fall! We have had a great summer with all our activities.

State of the Post: We continually are improving our Post with small projects needing to get done. Please let an officer of the Post or Auxiliary know if you would like to volunteer to help. We have been getting volunteers and it has been great. Bingo every Tuesday regularly, we thank all our volunteers and especially our Auxiliary for the support of Bingo. Other events occurring are: Dart League, Friday Night Dinners, Open Mic Night, Karaoke, Canteen Football Nights, etc.

October Post Calendar Highlights!

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

Oct 3rd – WIC 8-2pm and **Oct 4th** WIC 9-3pm

Oct 4th, 11th, 18th, – Friday Night Dinners start, 4-7pm. **There will be no Friday Dinner 25th.**

Oct 10th – “Cup of Joe” SPoTCoffee 4:30-6:30pm

Oct 14th – Veteran’s Lunch 11:30-1pm

Oct 14th – **Post/Aux Meeting 6:30pm**

Oct 16th –Canteen Open Mic Night 6pm

Oct 17th –Canteen Amateur Cornhole Competition 5pm

Oct 19st – Cooper’s Cave Coin Show 8am

Oct 20th – Fan Club 2pm

Oct 25th – “Baskets for Ben” 6pm

Oct 26th – Polsun’s Halloween Show 5 -10pm

Oct 27th - [ADK Bluegrass Show](#) 1pm

Well, we are in our Fall season so, but we have a lot of plans for November, and December!

November: 9th Polsun’s Veteran’s Benefit Show

23rd Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 12-3pm (Sign-up sheet in the canteen)

December: 8th VFW Kids Christmas Party 12pm (Sign-up sheet in the canteen)

14th Polsun’s Country Christmas

21st VFW Christmas Party

We need volunteers to set up and run a recruiting table in “Texas Roadhouse” with these tentative dates, November 9th, 10th and 11th. Let us know if you can participate!

Until we all get together again, my wish is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable September with family and friends! See you at our next event.

Commander Mike Varmette





Auxiliary Message

Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes



Lest We Forget.

Hello Comrades,

Hope this letter finds everyone in good health. As some of you know we are just finishing up our month long vacation out west. We seen a lot of beautiful country and seen some real neat places. One place has some history to it just a little fun fact we learned on our journey. On October 5th 1877 - following a 1,700 mile retreat, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians surrendered to the us Cavalry Troops at at Bear's Paw near Chinook Montana. Chief Joseph quoting " From where the sun stands, I will fight no more forever. We traveled the high way named after him it is a beautiful drive.

On to some mor important businesses fall is approaching fast if there is anyone in need to prepare for winter please let me know so we can round up some volunteers to help them out. Also if you know of a veteran deployed or unable to get things done please let me know. Also we need some ideas for fundraisers also, and was to support the post.

In closing I would like to tank everyone that has stepped up to buying food preparing it and working the kitchen also everyone that helps out at bingo. It is much appreciated.

If anyone needs help, questions, or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email is bobyluv@frontiernet.net and my phone number is 518-696-5265 home and cell is 518-683-2458.

Thank you

Bob Brooks

Auxiliary President





**WE HAVE
BINGO
TUESDAYS !!!!**

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For October @ 6:30 pm

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

All Members,
Mary Jo White is our Post Chaplain. You can reach her via the Post phone number 518-793-7535.

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.

RESERVATIONS FOR HALL RENTAL

Post Office: 518-793-7535
Diane Perry: 518-636-8470

VFW MOTTO

“Honor the dead by helping the living”

VFW POST DONATIONS

September 2024 Total: \$705.56

Traveling Memorial	\$200.00
Salvation Army	\$ 50.00
Special Olympics	\$100.00
Dept NY VFW	\$205.00
Special Olympics	\$100.00
Open Door Missions	\$ 54.56
American Cancer Society	\$100.00

AUXILIARY DONATIONS

September 2024 Total: \$820.00

VFW Aux Donation Report	\$500.00
Veterans & Family Support	\$ 50.00
Cancer Grant Donation	\$250.00
National Home Cash Bash Raffle	\$ 20.00

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY



Private First Class Desmond Thomas Doss Medal of Honor

On October 12, 1945, US Army medic Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor, having previously received the Bronze Star for Valor on Guam and Leyte.

The 307th Infantry Regiment moved into the line on Okinawa on April 29, on the top of the Maeda Escarpment known as [Hacksaw Ridge](#). The Japanese had spent years entrenching their soldiers, creating a maze of tunnels in the hill. After A Company's near annihilation in taking the escarpment, the remainder of A Company, plus B Company, of which Doss was a part, climbed cargo nets to the top on May 2, 1945.



The escarpment where the men were fighting was a cliff roughly 400 feet high. The top 35 feet created an overhang, where the cargo nets had been necessary for the men to reach the top. For days, men of the 307th held out, fighting against heavily entrenched Japanese forces. Unarmed, Doss treated the wounded under enemy fire. He had removed any markings indicating he was medic, as Japanese forces knew taking out one medic could result in the loss of more GI's who would have no one to help them. Over the next several days, Doss continually put himself in mortal danger to aid his fallen comrades. Unafraid to rush into harm's way, he worked to save the very men who had once threatened his own life.

By May 5, the fighting intensified to the point that all men were ordered to retreat. Doss refused. An estimated 75 men remained behind, too wounded to retreat under their own power. He would not leave them behind. Doss successfully rescued 75 men trapped at the top of the escarpment by lowering them with a special knot he knew. On October 12, 1945, President Harry S. Truman presented Doss with the Medal of Honor in a ceremony on the White House lawn.

Medal of Honor Citation

"He was a company aidman when the 1st Battalion assaulted a jagged escarpment 400 feet high. As our troops gained the summit, a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar, and machine-gun fire crashed into them, inflicting approximately 75 casualties and driving the others back. Pfc. Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire-swept area with the many stricken, carrying them one by one to the edge of the escarpment and there lowering them on a rope-supported litter down the face of a cliff to friendly hands. On 2 May, he exposed himself to heavy rifle and mortar fire in rescuing a wounded man 200 yards forward of the lines on the same escarpment; and two days later he treated four men who had been cut down while assaulting a strongly defended cave, advancing through a shower of grenades to within eight yards of enemy forces in a cave's mouth, where he dressed his comrades' wounds before making four separate trips under fire to evacuate them to safety. On 5 May, he unhesitatingly braved enemy shelling and small-arms fire to assist an artillery officer. He applied bandages, moved his patient to a spot that offered protection from small-arms fire, and, while artillery and mortar shells fell close by, painstakingly administered plasma. Later that day, when an American was severely wounded by fire from a cave, Pfc. Doss crawled to him where he had fallen 25 feet from the enemy position, rendered aid, and carried him 100 yards to safety while continually exposed to enemy fire.

On 21 May, in a night attack on high ground near Shuri, he remained in exposed territory while the rest of his company took cover, fearlessly risking the chance that he would be mistaken for an infiltrating Japanese and giving aid to the injured until he was himself seriously wounded in the legs by the explosion of a grenade. Rather than call another aidman from cover, he cared for his own injuries and waited five hours before litter bearers reached him and started carrying him to cover. The trio was caught in an enemy tank attack and Pfc. Doss, seeing a more critically wounded man nearby, crawled off the litter and directed the bearers to give their first attention to the other man. Awaiting the litter bearers' return, he was again struck, this time suffering a compound fracture of one arm. With magnificent fortitude he bound a rifle stock to his shattered arm as a splint and then crawled 300 yards over rough terrain to the aid station. Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions Pfc. Doss saved the lives of many soldiers. His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty."

Retrieved from The National WWII Museum: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/private-first-class-desmond-thomas-doss-medal-of-honor>



**Our Veteran's Lunch
With
Warren County Veteran Ser-
vices, Albany VA and Medi-
care/Medicaid Briefs**





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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



October 2024

Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		B 1	2	W 3 WIC 11AM-5 pm "You're Not Alone" 6 pm	W 4 WIC 8AM-2:30pm Friday Dinners 4-7pm	5
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27 Adirondack Bluegrass Show 1-6pm	28	29 Tuesday Bingo: Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm	30	31 		

HAIL AND FAREWELLS

Hail:

May all have "Calm Seas and Fair Winds"

Warren County Veterans' Services Outreach Initiative... "You Are NOT Alone"

We will be collecting items for "care" boxes to be sent to Soldiers currently serving overseas. Below is a list of needed items for the "care" boxes. Usually two boxes are sent to every soldier every month but supplies are low, especially with food and fun items.

It would be extremely helpful if you could drop off your items ~ 1340 State Route 9, Human Services Bldg., Lake George NY 12845, **Monday - Friday from 10am - 4pm.**

It's important to donate items that are **Individual Sized** that will fit in a postal box and that a soldier can put in his/her pockets and take with them on missions.

~ You Are NOT Alone ~

Troop Support Group

Support Our Troops! Every Day! Every Mission!

* If you know someone serving overseas, please contact Rob McAvoy directly at the address or phone number listed.

**Monetary donations are accepted: Donations are used to cover postage. Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 6196 (in the memo write You Are Not Alone - Troop Support Group) and send to the address listed above.*

Boxes are packed the 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm at VFW Post 6196 ~ 32 Luzerne Road, Queensbury NY 12804. **Contact person: Rob McAvoy 518.338.8758.**

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