



# VFW NEWSLETTER

## SGT MAJ RALPH E GIBBS, JR - POST 7041



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### COMMANDERS CORNER



**Jim Rutan**  
Commander

#### Comrades and Ladies:

Comrades, by the time that you read this newsletter our post will have its new carpet installed. I know that this has been a long process and many questions were asked about the money and when it was going to be installed. This all hinged on the rental agreement for the next year. The landlord for the building has agreed NOT to raise our rent and on top of that he has reduced it by \$500 per month and we still do not pay rent for the month of February. All in all I believe that we came out on top. I really believe that this will help us financially throughout the year. If you have any questions in regards to our rent or carpet please address them to the post officers. I also want to thank the Purple Heart Association for the final donation of two hundred and forty dollars for the carpet.

As you know June is just around the corner and that means post elections are on deck. We are losing our post Quartermaster Eric "Mo" Motier on March 10<sup>th</sup>. He and Mary Jo are relocating to Barclay, Maryland and as you know they have been instrumental in just about every function over the past several years, so stop by and say good bye before they move on. Our Junior Vice Commander Mark Larkin will be retiring from the Marine Corps in April and moving back to North Carolina. As you can see this puts our post in a bit of a dilemma. What I would like to see happen is for a few folks to step forward and help out. The Quartermasters job is important and requires the most time but it is a paid position. The Junior Vice normally oversees the programs for the post such as the Patriots Pen and things of that nature. So please look around and see if you have the time or know of another member who could hold a position.

In closing I would like to thank all of you who support our post and the volunteers who help out every week. I hope to see you at the next meeting on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1000. "Semper Fi"  
In your comradeship,

**James R. Rutan**  
Commander

### LADIES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Monica Camargo**  
Ladies Auxiliary President

#### Sisters and Comrades:

Can you believe our year is half over? We still have so much to accomplish and so little time to do it in. Ladies, what I mean by that is the post needs our help. As you all know, Mo & Mary Jo are leaving us. That means we need help in the kitchen, ideas for parties and ways to make money for the Post. It's what keeps us afloat. It also opens a Friday night dinner for anyone to take over. With that in mind Mark (Pigboy) will also be leaving us come May or June which means the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month is open for a new grill master for "2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday". It's hard on the people who are always in the kitchen. Come on people.... step up to the plate!!!

As you all know we had a district dinner on Feb. 6 with a meeting that followed on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Our State President Sue Wells & District President Rosanna Vasquez with their entourage were here Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> for a snack & drink. I had the opportunity to meet Sue Wells. She thanked me for all our hard work and dedication to our Post. Our dinner did quite well that night.

I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work & dedication again. We work better as a team. Dates to remember are the March 12<sup>th</sup> dinner and we'll also have the opportunity to cook corned beef & cabbage for St. Patrick's day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Come out & enjoy a great dinner. April 9<sup>th</sup> we will serve fried chicken with all the sides. Our Sunday breakfast is not until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ladies, let's get out there and recruit.  
Remember what Nancy said.... We need new members!  
Thank you,

**Your President**  
**Monica Camargo**

## Notes from the Auxiliary Treasurer



Nancy Rivera

### Greetings to all

April is election month for the Auxiliary. We're always hoping someone will come out of the woodwork and run for office. None of the jobs are hard, most are not even time consuming; exception being the President, Treasurer and Secretary. So why not think about it? Start at the bottom and work your way up the ladder. In a couple of years you will be an expert. New officers will not take over until July. Also, I will not be running for treasurer this year. I've gotten old and starting to make mistakes. Time to hang it up.

The trustees did our audit in January and at the February meeting I gave the members the news. For the past one and half years we have been spending more than we make. It's as simple as that. Our reserve is about gone. Our dinners and breakfasts are just not cutting it anymore. Attendance at dinners is really down. In December, after paying everything, our net profit was \$30.00! Where were you? Certainly not supporting us at our dinner.

As for our breakfasts, they are going great; however we share the profits with the men's auxiliary because they help us so much. Without them, we couldn't do the breakfasts because we don't have people able to stand and cook eggs for four hours, not to mention setting up and cleaning up. That easily adds another 3 hours to the time. After paying for everything and sharing the profits, we usually make about \$200 per month.

The Auxiliary has to think of other ways to make money. We could certainly use some ideas and some able bodied human beings to help. For years Nancy Marshall chaired two rummage sales a year. She is no longer able to do that, Betty Rowell chaired bakeless, cakeless sales and occasional parties. She is no longer able to do that. Mary Ann would put on fabulous parties for us, and I've even done a few also. I don't want to leave anyone out but I really can't list all the "used to helpers". At one time there were many of you but now many are to old and tired. Most of the younger members seem afraid to try. Of course there are exceptions. Some work really hard, but I'm not going into the names. Just saying a big "Thank You" to all.

The Auxiliary is hosting the St Patrick's day dinner this year. See other parts of the newsletter for the info, and plan to attend. It will be good.

**Your Treasurer,**

**Nancy Rivera**

## House Committee



Paul Cline  
House Committee Chairman

### Comrades and Ladies

As you can see, the new carpet has been installed at your Post. It really makes this Post look so much better again. I thank all of you members who came through and made this happen.

Our Buddy Poppy drive is coming along nicely. We would sure like to see more donations from those that haven't donated yet. You can mail in your check or just drop it off with the bartender. As a reminder, the small boards are \$10.00 and the large ones are \$25.00. I know it's wishful thinking on my part, but it would be great to have 100% of our members donate this year. Just think how many more veterans we could help form our relief fund.

This month we are losing our Quarter Master Eric "Mo" Motier and his wonderful and hard working wife Mary Jo. They are sure going to be missed but we wish them the best in their new endeavors in Maryland as chicken farmers.

We are looking for some new officers and committee members to keep our Post alive and thriving. Roger Loiselle will be taking over as Quartermaster and Rick Huff as our clean-up person. We also need some members on the House Committee. Mark Larkin will be retiring from the Marine Corps in May and heading home to North Carolina. A replacement for Mark will be needed in May.

It will only take a few of you to step forward and fill these Officer positions which will make work much easier for everyone.

#### Dates to remember:

Wednesday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day.

Come on down for a Traditional Irish Dinner and music.

April 4th will be our Easter Day Brunch.

You don't want to miss this

### In Comradeship, Paul Cline



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**Cootie Seam Squirrel**



**Roger Loiselle  
Cootie Corner**

**Listen up Cooties.**

Our Cootie Scratch will be held on Saturday, March 27th and on Saturday April 24th at 10 AM. Please plan on attending.

**Mark your calendars for our annual  
Cootie Golf Tournament  
which will be held on Saturday, June 5th.  
Further details to follow.**

Love your country. Be a good citizen.

**Seam Squirrel,  
Roger Loiselle**

**Men's Auxiliary**



**Rick Huff  
Men's Auxiliary President**

**Fellow Auxiliary Members:**

As President of the Men's Auxiliary, "It is my distinct honor to be associated with cadre of men and women who have served their country with honor, on the field of battle. I salute you all."

The great thing about this Post is, it was my dad's post for many years until his death on Memorial Day in 1990. "What a fitting day for a warrior to die."

Dad for years tried to get me to join the "Sons of the VFW". To this day it is one of the great regrets of my life, "not being here with him among you all."

One of the Men's Auxiliary mandates is to support our community and we are looking forward to it. But the #1 goal of the Men's Auxiliary is "Post Support." In volunteering our time in the kitchen and other functions, and with monies that we earn from our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfasts and cheeseburger sales on Saturdays. Please help us by supporting our efforts to help deal with the everyday cost of running the Post. And please, we all depend on the volunteers for what they do. It is a small core group that will soon be getting smaller with the departure of Mo and Mary Jo Motier. So please, if everyone volunteered just one day every other month we would never have a shortage of smiling faces to serve our members and the public. So please, your help is needed.

Be advised of the going-away party celebrating all the hard work Mo and Mary Jo have done over the years. It will be 5 March; they will be leaving on the 10<sup>th</sup>. So if you see either one of them then be sure to show your appreciation for all the time they've donated to this Post. They will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the Men's Auxiliary, we will truly miss the both of you. "Safe journey on your next adventure."

In closing, the state of the Men's Auxiliary is strong and getting stronger. Six new members have joined our ranks over the past months. We are looking forward to working with the Post and the wonderful ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary.

"Don't forget, support poppy sales."

**Thank you,  
Rick Huff**



VFW Post 7041 Comrades and Auxiliary Sisters wish to express our appreciation to all for their dedication, hard work, and support each and every one has given to help keep this post thriving.



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### Post Officers

Commander  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Officer of the Day  
Quartermaster  
Adjutant  
Judge Advocate  
Service Officer  
Chaplain  
Historian/Editor/Webmaster  
Post Surgeon  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee  
House Committee Chairman  
House Committee Member  
Auxiliary House Committee Member  
Auxiliary House Committee Member

### 2009 • 2010

Jim Rutan  
Roger Loiselle  
Mark Larkin  
Jerry Moore  
Eric "Mo" Motier  
David Spensley  
Gene Berbaum  
Paul Cline  
Monica Eroh  
David Spensley  
Howard Wooton  
Will Gubbins  
Bob Poulin  
David Barr  
Paul Cline  
Bill Clair  
Monica Camargo  
Jim Sibble



### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President  
Senior Vice President  
Junior Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Conductress  
Chaplain  
Guard  
Patriotic Instructor  
1st Year Trustee  
2nd Year Trustee  
3rd Year Trustee

### 2009 • 2010

Monica Camargo  
Marilyn Haug  
Donna Sibble  
Nancy Rivera  
Karen Bowman  
Jean Groneman  
Jeanette Hernandez  
Rosemary Humann  
Irma Apodaca  
Rosemary Humann  
Donna Sibble  
Doreen Comerford



### Military Order of Cooties Officers 2009 • 2010

Pup Tent 40  
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Blanket Bum  
High Gimlet  
CCDB  
Shyster  
Sky Pilot  
Pill Pusher  
Keeper of the Crummy Records  
Tightwad 1  
Tightwad 2  
Tightwad 3

Roger Loiselle  
Jim Rutan  
Eric "Mo" Motier  
Bob Poulin, Sr.  
Gene Berbaum  
Monica Eroh  
Bruce Mackamul  
Dale Smith  
Al Housewright  
Howard Wooton  
Mark Larkin



### Men's Auxiliary Officers

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Chaplin  
Trustee

### 2009 • 2010

Richard Huff  
Chuck Potter  
Jim Sibble  
LeRoy "Lee" Nicholson  
Mark Cincerellio  
Joe Jaeger



# March - 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	3 1 PM Hors d'ouvres Ladies Auxiliary JEANETTE'S SPECIAL 5:00 to 7:00PM	4	5 Dinner Special Kielbasa & Sweet Peppers Plus regular menu 5:30-7:30 PM	6 Open at 11AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
7 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu	8	9 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	10 1 PM Hors d'ouvres	11 6 PM Officer's Mtg. 7 PM House Com.	12 Ladies Auxiliary Pork Chop Dinner Plus regular menu 5:30-7:30 PM	13 General Mtg. ALL Groups 10 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2 AM All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon	15	16 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	17 1 PM Hors d'ouvres St.Patty's Day dinner 4:00 PM See Events	18	19 Dinner Special Pot Roast Plus regular menu 5:30-7:30 PM	20 Open at 11AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM Cocktail Party 6 to 10 PM \$10
21 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon	22	23 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	24 1 PM Hors d'ouvres	25	26 Dinner Regular Menu 5:30-7:30 PM	27 Open at 10AM Cootie Scratch 10 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2PM
28 All Specials Cootie Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu	29	30 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	31 1 PM Hors d'ouvres			Open at 11AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM

REMEMBER ALL KITCHEN CREWS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND WORK FOR TIPS ONLY.  
PLEASE BE GENEROUS SO THEY CAN AFFORD A COUPLE OF DRINKS WHEN THEY ARE FINISHED.  
**Your Patronage and Support Keep Our Organization Growing**

# April - 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday Dinner Special Fish & chips Plus regular menu 5:30-7:30 PM	3 Open at 11AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
4 EASTER BRUNCH 9 AM to 1 PM	5	6 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:30 PM	7 1 PM Hors d'ouvres Ladies Auxiliary JEANETTE'S SPECIAL 5:00 to 7:00PM	8 6 PM Officer's Mtg. 7 PM House Com.	9 Ladies Auxiliary Fried Chicken Plus Regular menu 5:30 to 7:30	10 Open at 10:30AM General Mtg. ALL Groups 10 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
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Club hours - Mon - Thurs 11-9 Friday 11-12 Saturday \*\*See Calendar\*\* Sunday 8-8 Phone 760-724-7041

# Upcoming Events

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! PUT ON YOUR GREEN AND BE SEEN!!!!

EVERYONE IS IRISH AND LUCKY

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES AND KICK UP YOUR HEELS--

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

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