



VFW POST 445 AND AUXILIARY



GOD BLESS AMERICA

"WE WILL NOT FORGET"



The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure, and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we -- in a less final, less heroic way -- be willing to give of ourselves.

Ronald Reagan 1982

September 15, 2017 is POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Set aside time to remember those who are prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.



COMMANDERS COMMENT: Comrades and Members

The current floods in Texas and Louisiana have been devastating to much of the coastal areas of these States. As a result, the loss of life, homes and businesses to torrential rains and flooding is beyond belief. Thousands are now housed in shelters throughout the area and many more have been forced to evacuate the area completely.

We have, in response to this disaster, begun accepting donations which will be dispensed through recognized organizations such as the VFW, to ensure that all the money collected, reach the people for which it was intended.

We will be asking for donations in the Canteen over the next several weeks and to this end we will have a jar labeled "Texas Disaster" to receive your contribution. We will post a running total to keep all of you apprised of monies raised. You may also mail donations to the Post, checks should be made to VFW Post 445 and noted "Texas".

Post Adjutant Annie has been in contact with a VFW Post in the area that was demolished by this storm to determine if and how we may be able to help them. We will keep you advised as to the outcome.

Please help if you can! God Bless America and the VFW

Jim

PS: Have you looked around the Canteen lately?

ADJUTANTS REPORT:

House Committee

The ceiling tile replacement project is almost complete and the walls in the canteen are being painted - looking purty good out there!

Membership Committee

Sr. Vice DeMers reported that the committee would be looking at contacts with local Student Veterans of America chapters. Our Post will be participating in the 9/29 Transition Assistance Program seminar at the Joint Base. Eventually we want to make arrangements with the District to have each Post participate in running TAP seminars. Postcards reminders will go out to expired and soon to expire membership. The committee is also looking at posting flyers at local City Hall and the JI Senior Center. The next meeting will be on 9/5 at 6:00.

July Meeting Minutes - Highlights

Full minutes are posted on the Business Bulletin Board (Blue) in the Canteen hallway.

- Membership applications for Jonathan Baxley and Cecil Johnson were unanimously approved. Please welcome our new comrades when you get a chance!

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay Changes Mailing Address

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service addresses changed effective May 1, 2017. The old addresses are being discontinued. The new addresses are:

Retired Pay: Defense Finance and Accounting Service
 U.S. Military Retired Pay
 8899 E 56th Street
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

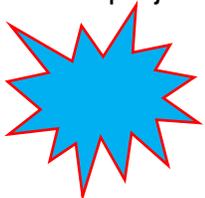
Annuitant Pay: Defense Finance and Accounting Service
 U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
 8899 E 56th Street
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

The old PO Boxes in London, KY will remain open and all mail will be forwarded to the new address for one year (adding three to five days to the normal processing time.)

Telephone and fax numbers remain the same.

Please copy and paste the following web address into your web browser for additional contact information: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

Service Notes - Project Street Outreach is a local organization that supports homeless veterans, active-duty service members, and their families in crisis with food, hygiene kits bus passes, gas cards, bicycles etc. A few weeks ago, we provided the dinner for one of their outreach events. They are currently holding a Pre-Thanksgiving Fund Raiser. Please consider donating or spending time helping our areas homeless vets. Visit their website at: www.projectstreetoutreach.org.



Join fellow Veterans to learn about topics related to Your VA & Mental Health.
Every Month on 4th Wednesday 2:00-3:00 PM,

Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22

Ralph H Johnson VA Hospital - Mental Health Research Building, Room 113
(Behind the hospital near the West Entrance)

Sponsored by Lowcountry Veterans Mental Health Council

For more information contact: Lester Pittman (843) 452-1241 or lesterpittman@me.com

Chaplain's Message

Last month was a busy and sad month as we lost several of our comrades at our Post and in our district. Our prayers go out to the families for the loss of their love ones.



This month I would like call to your attention of two recognition days that occur in September.

The first one is called Patriots Day on September 11 observed as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. In the months after the destruction caused by these terrorists, I volunteered as a Chaplain to go to New York and work with the people and the families that were involved in this tragedy.

The second one is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third of September.

The POW/MIA flag was designed by Newt Heisley, and it features a white disc bearing the silhouette of a young man, a watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire. Above the disc in white letters is written POW and MIA. Below the disc is a black and white wreath above the motto, "You are not forgotten." We will not forget.

Rev. Jed Hermes

Post Meetings & Events

Labor Day, 9/4: All Day Happy Hour & Hot Dogs!!

9/5 @ 6:30 Building & Grounds Committee

9/5 @ 7:00 House Committee Meeting

9/12 @ 7:00 General Membership Meeting

9/14 @ 7:00 Auxiliary Meeting

Breakfast every Sunday from 9:00–11:30

Pool Tournament every Monday @ 7:00. \$10 entry fee - Prizes awarded!

Wings & Things every Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:30

Shuffleboard Tournament every Friday @ 7:00. \$5 entry fee Winner takes all!

September's Friday Night Dinners

9/1: **No Dinner**

9/8 @ 6:30 Dinner by Montana

9/15 @ 6:30 Auxiliary Stuffed Cabbage Dinner; Music!!!

9/22 @ 6:30 Auxiliary Bangers & Mash Dinner

9/29 Fish Fry & Music!!

On September 29th:

Join us for a special MEET AND GREET for the crew of the USCG Willow

AUXILIARY UPDATE;

Your Auxiliary has been busy. cook an awesome Sunday Chicken along with Baked boxes of goods to deployed just don't have a store or any



Last month Tim and Greg teamed up to dinner. Barbeque Pork, Roast Pork and beans and Coleslaw. We shipped 8 Marines who are in an area where they other comforts of home.

Thanks to our generous members, helped by some arm twisting from Richard Schramm, we collected \$281 to purchase these items and Tamme Suggs packed and shipped everything. God Bless our Troops!

Then we welcomed our State President, Theodora Montague - Senior Vice Pres., Jody Sullivan and Chief of Staff, Audrey Smith to our August meeting. We had a great turnout and everyone participated in the meeting. Theodora congratulated us on our efforts and enthusiasm. On August 25th, Barb Barger cooked an amazing dinner of Roasted stuffed pork, green beans and a fantabulous potato casserole. Mariannae Eagan shared her Birthday and her cake with us.

What a great evening!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Our regular Auxiliary meeting is Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there. We have several events coming up and would love to have more participation by our members.

Friday, September 15th is our Auxiliary Dinner with Cabbage rolls, stuffed with Sausage, ground beef and rice – smothered in homemade sauce and nesting on a bed of fluffy potatoes. Dinner is served at 6:30 – so come early and enjoy your favorite beverage.



On Friday, September 22nd Sheila is cooking one of her yummy dinners for us – the proceeds of which will go to help the victims of hurricane Harvey in Texas. Post 3904 in Rockport, Texas was completely destroyed and I am sure many of our Veterans in the area were also affected by this terrible disaster. If you would like to contribute – but can't make the dinner, please drop by the Post and give it to one of the Bartenders. Or mail it with notation "Texas" on the Check.

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Quarter Auction....Quarter Auction

Sunday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m. is when the fun starts. C'mon down and check out all the treasures we have been collecting. Enjoy some refreshments and do some shopping.....you never know what gems you might find.



Do you know what it means when you wear the color RED on Fridays?

**REMEMBER
EVERYONE
DEPLOYED.....**

...hope to see more of you
in RED on Fridays from
now on.



SEPTEMBER ADOPTION

USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70)

307 MALES AND 47 FEMALES ON DEPLOYMENT

Wish List:

Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothbrushes
Lip balm
Snacks in general
Beef jerky
Peanuts
Puzzle books, playing cards, small games
Letters and cards

Body wash
Toothpaste
Sunscreen
Feminine hygiene products
Candy, gum
Ramen noodles

DVD movies

Shipping will be the last week in September.

Thank you for your support. God Bless and protect our Troops.

Tamme Suggs, telephone: 843-224-1039



USS LAKE ERIE CG 70