



WHEATON VFW Post News

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS &
FRIENDS OF DU PAGE MEMORIAL POST 2164

Autumn 2013



A Message from the Commander

By Commander Lew Youngs

It's been a hectic few months since our last newsletter in May and Post 2164 has seen many changes that can be summed up with one word—NEW. We have a new slate of officers, a new website, new events, and a new esprit de corps. I want to commend those who stood for election in our Special Election on July 2: Tex Tracy (Sr. Vice Commander), John Milton (Jr. Vice Commander), and Jim Myrick (Quartermaster). For full officer rosters see the back of this page.

One of the focal points of the Post's new leadership this year is **membership**—both old and new. We want to engage our current members by keeping them informed of Post events and activities. A lot goes on every month that the majority of members don't know about because we promote activities via email. If you're not on our email list, you're not keeping up to date with what is happening so I encourage you to sign up for email announcements—especially since the newsletter will only be published quarterly.

Recruitment of new members is extremely important and it will take the effort of everyone to spread the word about the benefits of joining our VFW. The new website is a good way to introduce people to our Post and I hope that all of you visit the website. See details in column at right.

I'd like to thank the **Men's Auxiliary** for their work during Burger & Beer Nights every Thursday and the **Ladies Auxiliary** for their work at Blind Nights and Hines Bingo, sending care packages to our overseas troops and helping with Post events.

New Post 2164 Website!



Check out our new website at
www.wheatonvfw.org!

It's got all kinds of information on Post 2164 such as our history, mission and officers, programs, current events, membership categories and applications, calendar listings, hall rental, and contact info. It also includes handy links to VFW national, state and district websites.

Here are some items on the website that may be new to you:

- [Friends of the Post membership category](#)
- [SheServes video](#)
- [Checkpoint bi-monthly national newsletter](#)
- [Hall rental flyer](#)



If anyone has Color Guard uniforms at home, please bring them back to the Post. We need to inventory our current supply.
THANKS!



2013-2014 Officers



POST

*Commander: Lew Youngs
Sr. Vice Commander: Tom "Tex" Tracy
Jr. Vice Commander: John Milton
Quartermaster: Jim Myrick
Chaplain: Jim Lopez
Judge Advocate: Tom Mouhelis
Surgeon: Bill Nates
Trustees:
John Meschi / John Olejnicki / Tom Mouhelis
Service Officer: John Milton*



LADIES AUXILIARY

*President: Pam Turner
Sr. Vice President: Laura Farrell
Jr. Vice President: Judy Gutierrez
Treasurer: Mary Richter
Secretary: Mary Richter
Chaplain: Shirley Vega
Conductress: Char Wiedel
Guard: Pat Millard
1-Year Trustee: Linda Sane
2-Year Trustee: Cheryl Chandler
3-Year Trustee: Tawn Williams*



MEN'S AUXILIARY

*President: Mike Popow
Sr. Vice President: John Ascher
Jr. Vice President: George Flaherty
Treasurer: Herb Johnson Jr
Secretary: Bill Schoeneberg
Chaplain: John Dawson
1-Year Trustee: Jim Paradowski
2-Year Trustee: Mark Johnson
3-Year Trustee: Ed Zygiel
Sergeant At Arms: Ed Zygiel*

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Email John at dawson437@comcast.net.



OUR MISSION: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

OUR VISION: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Summer 2013 at the Post

We shared some good times with our members and friends from the community over the summer months. The events that we sponsored help us raise funds to continue our veterans' assistance programs and we thank all who participated by attending or pitching in with their assistance.

Special shout out to our Men's Auxiliary for their donation of a new Brinkman gas grill!



Photo by Tony Zapilik
Folks enjoying Steak Fry indoors and outdoors



John Ehardt selecting tunes on new jukebox in Canteen



Photo by Tony Zapilik
Shirley Vega taking a break from kitchen duty at Steak Fry



Mike Popow prepping a fresh batch of corn at Corn Boil



Photo by Tony Zapilik
Steak Fry Grill Master Owen O'Reilly



One of the many vintage autos at the Car Show



Owen O'Reilly and Frank Caligiuri working the grill during a Thursday Burger Night. Men's Auxiliary would like to thank [Wheaton Meat Co.](#) for their support of this event.

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON POST EVENTS BY JOINING OUR EMAIL LIST.

Don't wait for the newsletter to arrive in your mailbox.
Get first-hand news via email and never miss another event!

SEND YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO vwfpost2164@yahoo.com

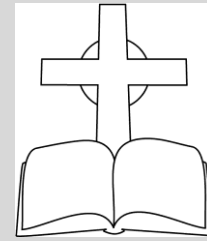
Chaplains' Corner

Jim Lopez, Post Chaplain/Shirley Vega, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain/John Dawson, Men's Auxiliary Chaplain

TAPS

It is our sad duty to report the passing of these comrades and sisters:

- Theodore Adkins, age 87 - April 3 - Post member (WWII)
- Jerry Douglas, age 69 - June 23 - Post member (Viet Nam)
- Robert Jones, age 90 - July 5 - Post member (WWII)
- Louis LiCastro, age 94 - May 14 - Post member (WWII)
- Alice Rabon, age 86 - June 21 - Ladies Auxiliary member



Ladies Auxiliary

Pam Turner, President

We thank the 2013 Post and Men's Auxiliary leaders for their help with our events and activities over the past year and extend to the 2014 officers and members congratulations and hopes for a successful year going forward.

Our care packages require names and addresses in order to be delivered to the troops. Let us know the names and addresses of those serving overseas so that we may send them care packages.

13th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Every year since 2000, the Post has provided a home-cooked Thanksgiving Dinner to veterans, families of veterans and active-duty soldiers, and Post members or community residents who have no plans for Thanksgiving—*absolutely free!*

Dinner includes turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn, cranberries, rolls and butter.



Thanksgiving Day / November 28 / 12:00-5:00 pm

Invite a veteran to dinner with your VFW family!

Blind Night Entertains Hines Hospital Veterans

For over 35 years, our Ladies Auxiliary has been sponsoring Blind Night for veterans from Hines Hospital. The veterans are entertained by The Bunk House Boys live band and special attention from our VFW ladies and volunteers. Their evening at the Post is a way for them to spend some time away from the hospital and socialize with other folks.

Blind Night is held on the second Wednesday of every other month—the next one is on November 13. The veterans arrive at the Post between 7:15–7:30 pm and depart around 9:45 pm. Volunteers are very much appreciated. So, if you like live music and are looking for a way to assist veterans, Blind Night is a perfect match for you. Call Char at (630) 894-2345 for more information.



Photo courtesy of Central DuPage Camera Club

Post volunteers also help out at Hines Hospital's Rehab unit, where they play bingo with the residents on the second Monday of each month from 7–8:30 pm. Upcoming dates are October 14, November 11, and December 9. If anyone is interested in going, Char can pick you up at the Post at 6:15 pm so give her a call.

Upcoming Events

Over the next three months, we have several events planned and we hope you can join us at one or more. If you can lend a hand, it will be appreciated very much. Most of our events are suitable for families, and as always, friends are welcome, too.

October 20

POST

POST BREAKFAST

8:00 am—noon

EGGS OR OMELET, HAM OR SAUSAGE
BISCUITS & GRAVY, TOAST, JUICE, COFFEE

\$5 (adults) / **\$3** (kids under 10)

October 27

LADIES AUXILIARY

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

noon—3 pm

HOT DOGS, CHICKEN TENDERS, JUICE, SNACKS

Haunted House / Crafts

For kids up to age 12

Candy donations are greatly appreciated!

November 2

POST

PASTA DINNER

4:30—8:30 pm

SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS OR SAUSAGE
BREAD & SALAD / WINE OR BEER

\$10 (adults) / **\$5** (kids under 10)

December 14

POST

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date!

Details to come

December 15

LADIES AUXILIARY

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

noon—3 pm

HOT DOGS, COOKIES, JUICE, HOT CHOCOLATE

**Visiting Santa Claus will bring gifts
for all boys and girls***

** Get forms online and at Post to let us know
age and gender of kids who are coming.*

December 31

POST

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

6:00 pm: Cocktails / 7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm: Dancing / (DJ Charles)

\$25 per person / \$30 December 11-24

Sorry, no sales at the door.

January 1

BLOODY MARY DAY

In Canteen at Noon

BLOODY MARY COCKTAILS
SPECIALLY PRICED BUCKETS OF BEER
FOOTBALL ON TV
Bring a dish to share

Every Thursday

Voted Most Popular New Event!

BURGER & BEER NIGHT

5:00—8:00 pm

GRILLED BURGERS OR BRATS / FRIES & COLESLAW

\$5

5-BOTTLE BEER BUCKETS

Domestic \$10 / Premium \$15

October 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Carpenters Meeting	2	3 Ladies Aux Civil War Burger Night	4 Fish Fry	5 Block Party
6	7	8 Board, Post & Men's Aux Meetings	9	10 Civil War Burger Night	11 Fish Fry	12
13 Navy Day 238 th Birthday	14 Hines Hospital Columbus Day Bingo	15	16	17 Burger Night	18 Fish Fry	19 Sweetest Day
20 Post Breakfast	21 Bingo	22 Marine Corps Meeting	23	24 Burger Night	25 Fish Fry	26
27	28 Bingo	29	30 Halloween	31 Burger Night		

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November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fish Fry	2 Pasta Dinner
3 Daylight Saving Ends	4 Bingo	5 Carpenters Meeting	6	7 Ladies Aux Civil War Burger Night	8 Fish Fry	9
10 Marine Corps Day 238 th Birthday	11 Hines Hospital Veterans Day Bingo	12 Board, Post & Men's Aux Meetings	13 Blind Night	14 Civil War Burger Night	15 Fish Fry	16 Blood Drive
17	18 Bingo	19	20	21 Burger Night	22 Fish Fry	23
24	25 Bingo	26 Marine Corps Meeting	27	28 Thanksgiving Dinner Noon-5 pm Canteen Closed	29 NO Fish Fry	30

December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Bingo	3 Carpenters Meeting	4	5 Ladies Aux Civil War Burger Night	6 Fish Fry	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8	9 Hines Hospital Bingo	10 Board, Post & Men's Aux Meetings	11	12 Civil War Burger Night	13 Fish Fry	14 Post Christmas Party
15 Kids Christmas Party*	16 Bingo	17	18	19	20 Fish Fry	21
22	23 Bingo	24	25 Christmas Post Closed	26	27 Fish Fry	28
29	30 Bingo	31 New Year's Eve Party	JANUARY 1 Bloody Mary Party	JANUARY 2 Ladies Aux Civil War	JANUARY 3 Fish Fry	JANUARY 4

(*) Signup forms to let us know age and gender of kids who are coming are available online and at the Post. You must submit a form in order for your kids to receive a gift. *Please submit forms by 12/5.*

Community Blood Drive



1 pint of blood can save **3** lives

Saturday, November 16 / 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Give a Pint, Get a Pint from Culver's! Post 2164 blood donors receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard valid at participating Chicagoland area Culver's locations.



PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION • EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID

Please bring ID with you on the day of the blood drive.

Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID.

Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.



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BINGO is BACK!



EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Beginning October 14

7 pm

**Burgers
& Beer**

**Burger & Beer Special
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT!**

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Grilled Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Brat
Fries & Coleslaw

\$5

Buckets of Beer

5 bottles domestic **\$10** | 5 bottles premium **\$15**

Voted Most Popular New Event!

*Grab a few friends and drop in at the Post on
Thursdays for great food, cheap beer, jukebox tunes
and friendly folks to mix with!*