



WHEATON Post News

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS &
FRIENDS OF DU PAGE MEMORIAL POST 2164

January-February 2013



A Message from the Commander

By Commander John Milton

Hope that everyone had wonderful holidays with family and friends and that all of us will prosper in the New Year! And, we look forward to a prosperous year for our Post, too. As we begin 2013 and embark on our 82 year as a VFW Post, it seems like the right time to reflect on our goals as an organization. With this in mind, we're including the VFW mission and vision statements in our newsletters and will focus on a key point in each issue.

One of our stated missions is *"To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts."* Post members share unique bonds formed by their military service in foreign wars. And, as a VFW member, there is a particular fellowship that comes with being part of the nation's largest group of combat veterans. We take pride in extending our fellowship to members both young and old—at Post 2164 we strive to make all members feel part of our family.

You can do your part by keeping informed about our Post's activities and participating in as many as you can. Sign up for our [email](#) announcements and check out our [Facebook](#) page. And, to learn what's going on within our 19th District, visit their website at www.vfwildistrict19.org.

Thanks to all who tirelessly support our Post!

New Backyard Patio!



John Dawson and Albert Baker take a patio break.

Step out onto brick splendor! Through donated materials and volunteer labor the Post now has a spacious patio area. Our thanks go to Men's Auxiliary members Frank Caligiuri, George Flaherty, Art Gutierrez, Herb Johnson, Kurt Muehlfelt, Mike Popow, Ed Zygiel, and Post member Ben Prorwicz for lending their time and talents to its construction. Nice job, guys!

Pancake Breakfast



Hosted by Men's Auxiliary

**Sunday, January 20
8:00 am - noon**

Pancakes, eggs (fried or scrambled), sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee

\$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Kids under 12



2012-2013 Officers



POST

*Commander: John Milton
Sr. Vice Commander: Tom "Tex" Tracy
Jr. Vice Commander: Sam Maggio
Quartermaster: Tim McNally
Chaplain: Jim Lopez
Judge Advocate: Lew Youngs
Surgeon: Bill Nates
1-Year Trustee: John Meschi
2-Year Trustee: Jerry Douglas
3-Year Trustee: Jim Myrick
Service Officer: John Milton*



LADIES AUXILIARY

*President: Pam Turner
Sr. Vice President: Tawn Williams
Jr. Vice President: Linda Sane
Treasurer: Heather Klemm
Secretary: Mary Richter
Chaplain: Shirley Vega
Conductress: Char Wiedel
Guard: Amanda Naickilath
1-Year Trustee: Cheryl Chandler
2-Year Trustee: Karen Augustyn
3-Year Trustee: Linda Sane*



MEN'S AUXILIARY

*President: Art Gutierrez
Sr. Vice President: Albert Baker
Jr. Vice President: Owen O'Reilly
Treasurer: Herb Johnson Jr
Secretary: Garry Klemm
Chaplain: John Dawson
1-Year Trustee: Ted Schab
2-Year Trustee: Richard Augustyn
3-Year Trustee: Stanley Garrett
Sergeant at Arms: Edward Zygiel*

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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.

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program

By Pam Turner, Ladies Auxiliary President

Voice of Democracy has been the premier scholarship program of the VFW since 1947. Each year more than 50,000 high school students from across the nation compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete annually by writing and recording a broadcast script on a patriotic theme. This year's theme was *Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?*

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12 and prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state and national level. State winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2013, to tour the city, meet our nation's leaders and be honored by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards. The top scholarship winner receives \$30,000!

This year Post 2164 had 15 students, all from Wheaton North High School, participate in the contest. We are pleased to announce that Clay Corso of Winfield has been named as our local Post/Auxiliary winner. Clay and his parents will

be our guests at a banquet on January 12 where all the student winners from District 19 posts will be recognized and the District winner will be named. We wish Clay the best of luck!

We extend our congratulations to the students who participated in this year's contest. They are all superb young patriots!

Margaret M. Barker
Emma S. Bradford
Justin Butzon
Clay Corso
Olivia G. Hacker
Marina A Magnelli
Kathleen J. McGivern
Cara C. Morrison
Madeline C. Newhouse
Claire E. Nussbaum
Lindsey A. Schulenburg
Hannah E. Sinarahua
Casey F. Watson
Elizabeth A. Wolfe
Kateryna Yakovenko

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 members and friends:

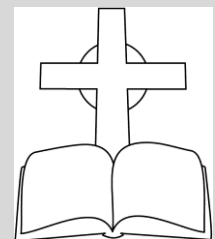
- Mel Leavitt, Post member (World War II)
- Sandra Burr, beloved wife of Post member and past Commander, Lee Burr

SICK CALL

- Alice Rabon
- Toni Manor

We shall keep them and their families in our prayers.

Please contact the Post (630/668-8756) if you are aware of a member who is ill or needs assistance.





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www.funintheburbs.com



<http://my.vfwwebcom.org>

College of DuPage Career Workshops and Job Fair

January 28 to February 2

All Workshops and Job Fair are free.

HOW-TO WORKSHOPS

Monday to Friday, Jan 28-Feb 1

Held prior to the Job Fair, these workshops prepare you to stay ahead of the competition. Discover how to grow your professional network using LinkedIn, prepare and refine your resume, brush up on your interview skills, and receive tips on filling out an online application.

JOB FAIR

Saturday, February 2

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Employers will meet with potential employees, review resumes, interview candidates and have the potential to hire on the spot!

Visit <http://cod.edu/careerfair/> to learn more and to register for the Job Fair. Or contact Janeen Paul in Career Services at (630) 942-2231 or careerfair@cod.edu.

January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2 Bingo	3 Ladies Aux Civil War	4 Fish Fry	5
6	7	8 Board & Post Meetings Men's Aux Meeting	9 Bingo	10 Civil War	11 Fish Fry	12 District Voice of Democracy Banquet in Addison
13	14 Hines Hosp 7 pm	15	16 Bingo	17	18 Fish Fry	19
20 Pancake Breakfast	21 Martin Luther King Day Inauguration Day Blind Night	22 Marine Corps Meeting	23 Bingo	24	25 Fish Fry	26 Vegas Night
27	28	29	30 Bingo	31		

February 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fish Fry	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Carpenters Meeting	5 Bingo	7 Ladies Aux Civil War	8 Fish Fry	9
10	11 Hines Hosp 7 pm	12 Board & Post Meetings Men's Aux Meeting	13 Bingo	14 Valentine's Day Civil War	15 Fish Fry	16 Valentines Dance
17 19th District Mtg 1 pm at Post 5036	18 Presidents Day Blind Night	19	20 Bingo	21	22 Fish Fry	23 Vegas Night
24	25	26 Marine Corps Meeting	27 Bingo	28		



Valentine's Dance
Sunday, February 16
6:00 pm Cocktails
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Dancing
\$20 per person
Ticket price includes two drinks
Advance Tickets Required
Call (630) 886-8756 for tickets
or email us at
vfwpost2164@yahoo.com
for more info.
Hosted by Men's Auxiliary

Vegas Nights



January 26 & February 23

5:00 pm—Midnight

Money Wheel, poker, blackjack, chuck-a-luck, bang table

Dealers needed—call (630) 668-8756 or email vfwpost2164@yahoo.com if you can help out.