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Post News

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF
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A Message from the Commander

Greetings! The New Year has arrived and it continues to be lively here at the Post. January and February were very busy with several successful events, particularly the two Vegas Nights and the two Breakfasts. Also, the comedy team of Ike and Spike had such a record crowd for their \$3 burgers on February 2 that they're scheduled again at the "V" on Wednesday, March 7. The menu now includes a bowl of chili.

We have a lot of things planned as we shake off the winter blues and welcome spring so please continue to share in our journey through 2012.

I know all of us have busy personal schedules and our Post calendar is filled with events sponsored by the VFW, the Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, and others who use our facility. As a result we tend to put things off until the last minute. **Please consider purchasing event tickets well in advance so we can avoid risking the loss of cash deposits for food and entertainment as well as the use of the hall.**

As members you are WELCOME at the Post any time. We encourage you to stop by and connect with your fellow members. Because we are a private club (except when the Post is open to the public) our door is locked so you'll need to ring the buzzer to get in. It helps to have your current dues card. Key cards are available.

*Lee I. Burr
Commander*

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Capture your favorite leprechaun and whisk over to the Post on March 17 for a real Irish dinner—corned beef and cabbage, of course, plus shepherd's pie, carrots, potatoes, coffee and dessert.



March 17 / 5:00—12:00 p.m.

\$15 per person

To help us with an accurate head count, we ask that you purchase dinner tickets in advance or phone in your reservation. You may also RSVP via email at vfwpost2164@yahoo.com.

Prayer for Vets

For all who have gone over there to fight for our freedom, for those who have lost their lives while serving our country, for their loved ones, family and friends, we pray that God looks down on them. For those who are going over there, may they stay safe. For those who got hurt, we pray for their recovery. May all come home safe!

By Anna



2011-2012 Officers

POST OFFICERS

Commander: Lee I. Burr, Jr.
Sr. Vice Commander: Thomas E. Tracy
Jr. Vice Commander: Sam J. Maggio
Quartermaster: John R. Finn
Chaplain: James Lopez
Judge Advocate: Charles D. Earnest
Surgeon: Howard W. Nates, Jr.
1 Year Trustee: John Milton
2 Year Trustee: Tim McNally
3 Year Trustee: Lewis E. Youngs
Service Officer: John Milton

LADIES AUXILIARY

President: Pam Turner
Sr. Vice President: Tawn Williams
Jr. Vice President: Nicolette Laurich
Treasurer: Heather Klemm
Secretary: Mary Richter
Chaplin: Samantha Augustyn
Conductress: Char Wiedel
Guard: Amanda Klemm
Trustee: Linda Sane
Trustee: Karen Augustyn
Trustee: Kathy Youngs

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President: Mike Popow
Sr. Vice President: Albert Baker
Jr. Vice President: Owen O'Reilly
Treasurer: Herb Johnson, Jr.
Secretary: George Flaherty
Chaplin: John Dawson
1 Year Trustee: Rick Malina
2 Year Trustee: Ted Schab
3 Year Trustee: Richard Augustyn
Sergeant at Arms: John Ascher



*God Bless America.
 God Bless the Comrades & Sisters
 of this Great Organization.*

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Ladies' Auxiliary News

By President Pam Turner

A big Thank You goes to all Auxiliary members who have volunteered their time and talents to the Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary and Post during the past few months. Too often we are not thanked for our help and I feel that you all have done a tremendous job.

We have several events planned during the next few months. See "Upcoming Events" on page 5 for details on the **Sadie Hawkins Dinner Dance**, **Vegas Night**, and **Mother's Day Breakfast**.

Hines VA Hospital "Blind Night" is held on the *3rd Monday of each month*. The veterans arrive at approximately 7:00 pm. We have entertainment, snacks and a light meal for them each month. Your attendance is needed to help make these veterans feel welcome. They really enjoy talking to us and sometimes even dancing. Please consider joining us for this fun night.

In April we will again be sending 'care packages' to our troops. If you know anyone who is currently deployed please forward their name and APO address to us so that we can send them a few packages. We will be updating our mailing list in March.

Sick List: Please take a moment to send a card to Toni Manor, who is in a nursing home since she suffered a stroke. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

Toni Manor
St. Patrick's Nursing Home
1400 Brookdale Road / Room 243
Naperville, IL 60563-2125

Remember that meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. I hope to see many more of you soon.

I would like to thank all of you for your cards, prayers and encouragement these past few months. You have no idea how much your kindness means to me. Treatments are all completed and hopefully by the middle of February I will receive good news from the oncologist.

New Look for Our Newsletter!

By Editor John Dawson

We've redesigned "Post News" into an easier-to-read format and reduced the size from 6 pages to 8 pages. This will help us save on printing and mailing costs. Future issues will provide news on a variety of topics including the Post's:

- Troop support efforts
- Community programs
- National Military Services involvement
- Resources for veterans and their families
- Upcoming events



We'd like to know what you'd be interested in reading about!

Send a note to me at vfwpost2164@yahoo.com to suggest topics for future issues.

Other News . . .

The **Men's Auxiliary** hosted a hugely successful **Pancake Breakfast** on January 15. At the end of the event, only a half bottle of orange juice remained on the buffet table! Congrats, guys, for serving 308 breakfasts!

The **Valentine's Dance** on February 11 was well attended by approximately 90 sweethearts who enjoyed a delicious dinner and great music.

Men's Auxiliary meetings are held at the Post on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.**

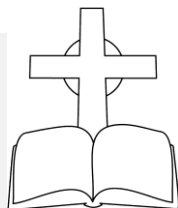
\$3 Burger Night makes an appearance on Wednesday, March 7 from 4:00–8:00 pm. Delicious burgers *plus* chili!

Every Monday night, the **Canteen Special** features liquor discounted \$1.00.

Every Thursday night, the **Beer Specials** feature domestic beer for \$1.50 and draft beer for \$1.25.

Bingo on Wednesday nights has been cancelled until further notice.

Chaplain's Corner



TAPS

It is my sad duty to report the passing of these members:

- *Richard L. Scrimsher*, also known as Mumbles, passed away suddenly. He was a Post member briefly and a friend to many.
- *Robert Knippen*

Please keep their families in your prayers.

SICK CALL

- Toni Manor is at St. Patrick's Nursing Home, recuperating from a stroke.

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


James Lopez
Chaplain

Online Database of Post Members & Friends

Members and friends are the Post's strongest asset, but only if everyone is kept informed of events, activities, and the volunteer efforts of the Post and its auxiliaries. Online communication is the way most people get their news and information so the Post is going online, too—starting with a database of all members who have an email address.

Many of you have seen the email newsletters that have been sent from the Post over the past few months. These types of emails will continue throughout the year so be sure that you receive them in your inbox by joining the email list. Tell your friends and neighbors to join also. The Post welcomes everyone!

Join the Email List!

The Post's email address is  vfwpost2164@yahoo.com. Just send an email to this address and include your first and last name. You'll be added to the database and will begin receiving online announcements from the Post.

Check out the Post's Facebook page for past announcements. Search on *Wheaton VFW Post 2164 Facebook* or click on the link below.

Like us on Facebook 

Thanks for your assist in building the email database. You'll be hearing from the Post soon online!

Upcoming Events

Over the next few months, we have several events planned that we will need your help with. 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. Keep these dates in mind and, please, **buy your tickets early**.

March 3

LADIES AUXILIARY
SADIE HAWKINS DINNER DANCE

6:00 pm: Cocktails
7:00 pm: Dinner
(chicken and ham)
8:00 pm: Dancing
(DJ Albert Baker)

\$15 per person
(Please buy tickets in advance)

March 10

POST
VEGAS NIGHT

5:00–12:00 am

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

March 17

POST
ST. PATRICKS' DAY DINNER

5:00–12:00 pm

Corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie,
carrots, potatoes, coffee and dessert

\$15 per person
(Please buy tickets in advance)

March 25

POST
BREAKFAST

8:00 am–12:00 pm

Omelets or 2 eggs (fried or scrambled),
ham or sausage, hash browns, toast,
biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee

\$5.00 (adults)
\$3.00 (kids)

April 22

POST
BREAKFAST

8:00 am–12:00 pm

Omelets or 2 eggs (fried or scrambled),
ham or sausage, hash browns, toast,
biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee

\$5.00 (adults)
\$3.00 (kids)

MAY 13

LADIES AUXILIARY
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

8:00 am–12:00 pm

Omelets or 2 eggs (fried or scrambled),
ham or sausage, hash browns, toast,
biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee

\$5.00 (adults)
\$3.00 (kids)

April 21

WHEATON SENIOR CYCLE CLUB
BURGERS & BRATS

Noon–8 pm

\$8.00 (adults)
\$7.00 (kids 12 & under)
Cash bar

Proceeds will be donated to Post 2164



IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMITMENT, CAMARADERIE, COMMUNITY.

Visit the websites below for news from the national VFW organization.

[The Veteran's Voice On The Hill](http://www.vfwonthehill.org) (www.vfwonthehill.org)

The VFW monitors all legislation affecting veterans, alerts VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and actively lobbies Congress and the administration on veterans' issues. With VFW's own priority goals in mind, combined with the support of 2 million members of VFW and its auxiliaries, our voice on "the Hill" cannot be ignored!

[Ladies Auxiliary Washington Weekly](http://vfw.ladiesauxvfw.org) (vfw.ladiesauxvfw.org)

Veteran-related news and policies summarized weekly

[Community Programs](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Programs) (www.vfw.org/Community/Programs)

The good will of the Veterans of Foreign Wars reaches far beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. In fact, direct involvement with America's youth and communities has always been – and always will be – a VFW priority.



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