

The Palmer Lake Post

August - 2009

PALMER LAKE VFW NEWS - POST 3915



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Comrades - Post 3915

Last month I said I would tell you how we did at the State Convention. Well, I am happy to report that we did receive a couple of awards.

- We were first in new life members recruited with 22 new members.
- Our Web Site was voted second in our category. This award was due to the hard work of our web master, Scott Hanson, and Judy Peterson.
- Lee Ulferts, our past Post Commander and 7th District Commander, is now in the State chairs. He was elected State Judge-Advocate at the State Convention and will be the State Commander in four years.

The other news that just happened in the past week is that our adopted Unit, the 353rd Transportation Company based in Buffalo, MN, came home on July 13th completing their second deployment to Iraq. For my wife, Judy, and I, the welcome home ceremony at the Buffalo High School had a special meaning because our youngest son, SSG Edward Hystad, is a member of the 353rd and was also completing his second tour in Iraq.

The 7th District Horseshoe Tournament if Saturday, August 8. Sign up at the Post by 11:00 a.m. with a Noon start.

Remember that on August 24 we have Blood Drive which continues to grow. If you would like to donate blood or help with the Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. Thanks!

Yours in Comradeship, Bob Hystad - Commander, Post 3915

Post 3915 Meetings: 2nd Wednesday

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – August 12

Comrades and Sisters - Post 217

The VFW State Convention in Rochester is history, but the VFW Post 217 made history. We took 3rd place in Community Service Record Book and first place in Americanism Record Book. We may have placed in this before but not in the last twenty years!

Also from National we received outstanding Community Service Program Activities. We received for the seventh year in a row All State Commanders Team White Cap and that was followed by the All State Team Captains White Cap. This was a great honor and a huge surprise.

Our Great Post has had an incredible year for 2008 & 2009. Our Post members and Auxiliary members have put in a lot of hard dedicated work. I almost forgot we got a plaque for selling the most poppies and one for bringing in the most money. What a great Post and Auxiliary we have, walk proud VFW Post 217 - you earned it! Be as proud as I am of our Post.

I just received word from VFW National Headquarter that VFW Post 217 has been granted All American Honors. WOW! Now I've done some research and I can't find any info that we have done this before. What a great honor to cap off a banner year!

Comrades and Sisters, your Post and Auxiliary deserve so much credit for all they do for 217. I thank them and feel blessed to be part of this Great VFW Post 217. Thanks again Post & Auxiliary Members. Job well done! With this honor, the Commander is made All American Commander and Tom Boris, our Quarter Master, is made All American Quarter Master. Congrats Tom - well earned.

- REMEMBER-

We have a free country because veterans made it free and veterans will keep it free.

Till next time,

Chuck Quigley - Commander, Post 217 - 763-424-6417 Jackie Gehrke Auxiliary Pres., Post 217 - 763-559-7430

Post 217 Meetings: 3rd Wednesday

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. – August 19

Watch for these Post Events:

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Every 60 Days in 2009! Monday, August 24 – Time 2:00-7:00 pm at the Post

Visit our website for Officers, Post events and Post information: www.palmerlakevfw.com REGISTER ON LINE AND YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE EMAILED!! Important: Please notify the Post if you have an address change.



PALMER LAKE LADIES AUXILIARY POST 3915

Dear Sisters,

Ladies Auxiliary Moments

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over! Things are in full swing for our annual Pig Roast in September and we are going to need volunteers. Let your Junior Vice President, Jan Linderholm, know what area of interest you would like to help out!

Bonnie Cobb's Fund Raiser - August 2 - A special thank you to all the members and all the organizations that participated in Bonnie's fund raiser. Also, to the people who donated the wonderful items for the silent auction. It is times like these when others truly show their care and compassion for others.

Steak Fry - 3rd Friday of each month from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Steak Fry includes:

Grilled Steak or Chicken, Salad Bar (one trip), Baked

Potato, Bun, Coffee

Price: \$13 for Steak (\$12 senior age 62) or

\$8 for Chicken (\$7 seniors)

Mark your Calendars:

August 8 – District Horseshoe Tournament - Noon

August 11 - Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

August 21- Steak Fry - 5:30 p.m.

August 23 – Pancake Breakfast - 9:30 am August 24 – Blood Drive – 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday Each Month

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – August 11

In closing, I congratulate those celebrating a birthday or anniversary. I wish a speedy recovery if you are injured or ill. I offer my deepest sympathy if you have lost a loved one.

Loyally, Jill Morton

Auxiliary President

Email: jill.morton@yahoo.com

Membership Minute with Sr. Vice Francesca Bill

Have you thought about going life?

- Did you know the Ladies Auxiliary will pay your first \$50 towards your membership?
- For those who have not gone life...gentle reminder...it is time to send in your dues for the 2009-2010 year!

Please mail your dues to: Pam Johnson, Auxiliary Treasurer 9228 Windsor Lane N Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Loyally,

Frankie Bill, Senior Vice President Email: <u>frankiebill@msn.com</u> Phone: 651-263-6721

Watch for these Ladies Auxiliary Events: August 21 - Steak Fry (3rd Friday Each Month) August 23 - Pancake Breakfast (4th Sunday)



PALMER LAKE MEN'S AUXILIARY POST 3915

Members.

The Fall Golf Tournament will be at Brookland Golf Course for Saturday, Sept.12, at 11:00 a.m. This is the day before the Annual Pig Roast so we will be very busy that weekend. Sign up to help! Regarding the Golf Tournament, we need hole sponsors, prizes, volunteers and of course players! Sign up is at the Post.

More information on the Fall Raffle will be coming soon!

I would also like to mention that the Bonnie Cobb Benefit will be on Sunday, August 2, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Post. The benefit is \$10 per person which includes a spaghetti dinner, entertainment, bake sale, raffles and silent auction. Donations to the silent auction are appreciated.

Men's Auxiliary Meetings: 1st Wednesday Each Month **Next Meeting**: 6:00 p.m. – August 5

If you have any membership issues or want to get signed up, see Mike Marthaler. If you have any community service to report, contact Stuart Ruud, Jr. Vice, and he will document it for you.

Also, we are all trying to help build the Blood Drive donations that are held every 60 days at the Post. If you would like to donate blood or help with the Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. The next Blood Drive is August 24. Your help and your donations are appreciated! Blood is needed!

Future meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.! Attend the meeting and be heard!

Respectfully, Gary Lind.

Men's Auxiliary President - Post 3915

Watch for these Men's Auxiliary Events: Fall Golf Tournament - Sept. 12 - 11:00 a.m.



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