

May 2014 Newsletter

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Good day Comrades,

Memorial Day Ceremony: Located at Mound Cemetery; beginning 1100 on Monday, 26 May. All are invited back to the Post for the reading of our fallen and a light lunch.

Congratulations: Robert Hystad elected as our 7th District Commander and Don Herman as our 7th District Quartermaster, both from PLVFW. Nice job Comrades.

Home Depot Remodel update: Thank you to the countless numbers of volunteers who made the remodel of the hall a success. This THANK YOU is inclusive of everyone who put in the effort to give our hall a face lift and remove that ugly stage. We have pictures and videos available for viewing and sharing. The website for these pictures is at: https://plus.google.com/photos/112707163499124175751/albums/6005662252139508641.

The hall looks great and we are almost there. Sr. Vice Commander, Scott Hanson, has secured a contract to have the floor completely redone with the help of a Home Deport Contractor. We will finish the floor before Memorial Day and just in time for our Installation of Officers. If you haven't attended this before, it is fun to see. We do this when the Post Leadership changes hands and since that has been four years; you may want to stop out. We also have an invite posted on the website. www.palmerlakevfw.com

Over the next few months, you may see format and style changes of the newsletter. This is normal as a new Commanders takes over. One change will be the elimination of the calendar at the end of the newsletter. The calendar can be found on our website and is the best place to get all the information during the month.

The Buddy Poppy Campaign is now underway. As you know, every dollar raised goes to help veterans. There are many ways each member can assist in the important fund drive. 1) Make a donation for a Buddy Poppy card from your friendly bartender. 2) Sign up to distribute poppies at one of four local businesses. 3) Proudly wear your buddy poppy and tell the Flanders Fields story. 4) Donate money as you are able! Here is the website address for more information on Palmer Lake's 2014 campaign: http://palmerlakevfw.com/PoppyDistribution.html

Drink Chip update: Effective 01 May 2014, the bar staff will only accept yellow and green drink chips.

Post Spring Cleanup: Thank you to all who came out and helped on 26 April to clean up our Post home. This cleanup was not just for the summer, but for Memorial Day and the Installation of new officers on 31 May.

Department Convention: 06-08 June, all newly elected Post and Auxiliary officers take their new positions on 08 June at the close of the Department Convention.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2014/2015 year:

Commander-Scott Hanson	Surgeon-Don "Nellie" Nelson
Sr. Vice Commander-Brad Klein	Trustees-Blair Sorvari (1yr)
Jr. Vice Commander-Terry Wagner	Trustees-Keith Brown (2yr)
Quartermaster-Gary Archambault	Trustees-Tom Heinrich (3yr)
Chaplain-Stew Whalen	Adjutant-Andrea Fierst
Judge Advocate-Rich Vosika	Service Officers –Jim Hamann/Jeff Jarosz

Next Post meeting is: 14 May @ 7pm Next District meeting is: TBD Next Blood Drive is: TBD June

Yours in Comradeship, Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915 palmerlake.vfw3915@gmail.com



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March 2014 Newsletter

Comrades and Sisters,

Two months from now we start a new VFW year. We have had our elections and the slate is pretty much the same as last year. Installation of officers will be May 21, 2014. Let's start the summer with a post meeting, third Wednesday at 7:00PM. Hope to see you there.

Poppy distribution takes place May 16 & 17 call me if you can help.

State Convention is June 5th - 7th in St Cloud. I'll give a report at the June meeting.

REMEMBER

All the summers lost by our Veterans so we could have our summers now.

Chuck Quigley, Commander, Post 217, 763-424-6417 Candie Pelz, Auxiliary President, 612-521-5232



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Dear Sisters,

May is a busy month for us beginning with our Taco Fiesta on May 4 from 1-5 pm. Thanks Kandy for spearheading this event and thanks to all the volunteers who help make this such a fun and successful event.

May also brings Memorial Day and the Poppy program. We still need volunteers to distribute poppies. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Don't forget to promote the poppy cards when you are at the Club. Once again the Ladies Auxiliary will participate in the Memorial Day ceremony at Mound Cemetery and the luncheon following. Please join us in honoring our Veterans.

Elections were held at the April meeting. Incoming officers are as follows:

President: Kim Mudge Conductress: Carolyn Puttin Kandy Charlet Silver Whalen Sr. Vice: Guard: Kim Doreen Gaye Palmquist Jr. Vice: Chaplin: 3 year Trustee: Frankie Bill Treasurer: Pam Johnson 2 year Trustee: Silver Whalen Secretary: Lisa Clinton 1 year Trustee: Tracey Miller

I am looking forward to serving as your President again this year. I will be asking for volunteers to serve as Committee Chairs for this next year. If you have a particular interest and would like to volunteer please let me know. It is very important to fill these positions so we can continue to promote the programs that support our Veterans!

Sr. Vice President Kandy and I attended the 7th District Convention on April 26th. Our Auxiliary received several awards and commendations for our work this past year and our poppy display took 2nd place. Way to go Sisters!! This was President Frankie's last meeting of her term of office. Congratulations Frankie on a very successful year! The President elect is Mary Kay Kath. Some of you may remember her as our inspecting officer last fall. Bob Hystad was installed as the incoming District Commander and I know you all join me in wishing them all the best in this upcoming year.

Our joint installation of officers will be held on May 31st at 4pm. An open house will follow from 5-7, not only to welcome our new Post Commander Scott Hanson and all the incoming officers, but also to thank Home Depot and all the volunteers who participated in the hall renovation. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net.

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Members,

Dates: May 2nd 5PM to 6:30. Cabala Raffle and other Raffles (there are still tickets available).

May 4th. Taco Fiesta. Please show your support. May 7th 6:00 Men's Auxiliary monthly meeting.

May 31st 4:00 Installation of Officers

Please see one of the Men's Auxiliary members if you wish to purchase Cabala Raffle tickets. Proceeds from this raffle, benefit several Veteran and Community organizations. With your help the Men's Auxiliary donated \$8400.00 last year (April to April) to 20 separate groups and some of them twice. We are proud to use your donations to help the needy. If you have questions or concerns, please ask Gary Lind. Gary runs a tight ship with screening requests etc. And thanks again for all your support.

I'd like to echo Commanders Scott's statements concerning the Hall renovations. The hall looks so much cleaner and once the new floor goes in, it's going to look even better. Randy has done some much needed construction at the bar which I cannot overlook. Once again I heard a share of criticism. I challenge the skeptics to get involved, share your ideas and share in the work load. Let me tell you this: helping with the renovation was a blast. Some of the work was hard and some easy. What I personally gained from the experience is the fun and comradely of our greatest asset. OUR PEOPLE. I am getting used to the talents of the members and auxiliary and very much enjoy working with them. Thank you (and you know who you are) to those of you that are light and happy and pick up the spirits of us all. You make it fun.

Furthermore: The Home Depot staff had some great helpers. They were also volunteers and came from other areas of the metro and out of metro on their own time. Ms. Jolene Ramseth, the Project Manager was thrown into the position at the last minute. Jolene and her staff deserve a big thank-you. **DID YOU KNOW**: There is a 10% discount for card carrying Servicemen and Veterans at home depot. I use my card every time and it counts up over the year. Thank you Home Depot for your service to the Military community. Our grant was sponsored by the Home Depot at 6701 Boon Ave. Brooklyn Park.

Thanks to all who participated in the spring cleanup day. The date selected ended up being bad for some of us. We received word that folks would come in and help on their own time if they just knew what to do. We have made a list and have it posted on the inside of the garage door. We truly appreciate mini work days etc. that you may organize on your own. Please cross out completed chores and add anything you see that needs doing. We want our outside looking sharp. Thank you.

This year's fish fry turned out to be a success. The Men's Auxiliary enjoyed serving out of the Hall. Special Thanks to Jeff Marsyla for Chairing the seven week-long event and Randy Cartwright for getting the enclosure and outside facilities set up for us. Thank-you to all who helped and especially to those of you who help year after year. Your dedication has not been overlooked.

Officers for 2014/2015

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President-Dave Thompson	Trustees-Ken Cudo (3 rd Yr.)
Sr.Vice-Jeff Marsyla	Trustees-Tim Lee (2 nd Yr.)
Jr. Vice- Brian Melchior	Trustees-Gary Lind (1 st Yr.)
Adjutant- Lenny Medearis	Community Service- Stu Ruud
Treasurer- Mike Marthaler	Membership- Del Lottman
Chaplin- Dale Palm	Donation/Contribution- Gary Lind

For membership issues or payment of you annual dues, please contact Del Lottman. For any member referrals, contact any of our members. Please remember to turn in your community service hours to Stuart Ruud, Community Service Officer.

Dave "Booya" Thompson

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Your are cordially invited to attend the

Installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers at Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915



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Hall Remodel Open House

Saturday May 31st

Installation of Officers at 4 pm Open House 5 – 7 pm

Light dinner to be served Dress for Installation is business casual

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