

Henry J. Thomas Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 845



Meeting Schedules

- **Post Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM**
- **Home Association Meeting: Bi-Weekly at 7:15 PM**

From the Post Commander



Commander: Paul D. Dougherty

As always, I would like to thank all the membership for their attendance at our meetings, functions, and social activities.

Welcome home "Bravo"! We will continue to keep our unit adoption active even after Bravo's redeployment and to schedule picnics, parties and other events that will honor the returning troops and their families. We should all commend and thank our Sr. Vice Commander, Miguel Hernandez for his superlative efforts in supporting Bravo Company and heading the events connected with the Post's Adopt a Unit program. Job well done.

A reminder as Veteran's Day approaches. There will be daily events at the VA Hospital during the week of 3-11 NOV. I intend to find out what needs our OIF/OEF veterans have at the hospital. Many of these folks are in need of clothing as well

as many other items.

Congratulations to Comrade Walton for his efforts running our Buddy Poppy program. The Post was honored with the Buddy Poppy Citation for outstanding participation for 2008-2009.

We are still looking to fill a number of committees or projects that can use more support (Buddy Poppy, Veteran Funerals, Service Officers, Boy/Girl Scouts, VA hospital volunteers, etc.). I encourage everyone to think about an activity that appeals to them and inquire about what they can do to help. The personal reward for even just a little involvement whenever you can help will be immeasurable to you and greatly appreciated by the Post at large. All Post members, whether regular or social, are welcome to get involved with their favorite programs.

A reminder of membership criteria as we attempt to bring in new members. There are three requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States: 1) citizenship 2) honorable military service 3) service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and/or VFW bylaws. A potential applicant must have served overseas and earned a campaign, service medal or insignia recognized by the VFW as meeting the requisite for VFW membership. (The only exceptions are a combat action ribbon, imminent danger pay or for service in Korea after June 30, 1949, until present.)

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Post Events

- 10/3 Band, Midnight Sky
- 10/17 Band, Rapid City Rockers
- 10/31 Band, Flames
- 11/1 District Meeting (2:00pm)
- 11/4 Veterans Day
- 11/14 Band, Fast Trac
- 11/21 Band, BT Cruisers
- 11/26 Thanksgiving
- 12/12 Veteran's Turkey Dinner (12:00 pm)
- 12/19 Children's Christmas Party (1 -3pm)

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Post Officers

- ◆ **Commander:** Paul D. Dougherty
- ◆ **Sr. Vice Commander:** Miguel Hernandez
- ◆ **Jr. Vice Commander:** Craig M. Wiley
- ◆ **Quartermaster:** Robert Broody
- ◆ **Chaplain:** Marvin Walton
- ◆ **Adjutant:** Tom Hrynkow
- ◆ **Judge Advocate:** Claude Frisbie
- ◆ **Service Officer:** Paul D. Dougherty
- ◆ **Post Surgeon:** Barry Molyneaux
- ◆ **Officer-of-the-Day:** Barry Molyneaux
- ◆ **1 Year Trustee:** Tom Wise
- ◆ **2 Year Trustee:** Tom Ames
- ◆ **3 Year Trustee:** Jerry Banks



Auxiliary Officers

- ◆ **President:** Debbie Albright
- ◆ **Sr. Vice President:** Dot Swisher
- ◆ **Jr. Vice President:** Carol Osborne
- ◆ **Secretary:** Ginny Pringle
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Susan Hernandez
- ◆ **Chaplain:** Yolanda Walus
- ◆ **Guard:** Simone Luminello
- ◆ **Conductress:** Myrtle Butterman
- ◆ **1 Year Trustee:** Betty Alexander
- ◆ **2 Year Trustee:** Carol Gill
- ◆ **3 Year Trustee:** Jeanette Beam

A Note From the Chaplin

Over the past years I have been involved with the VFW. As you know, on the first Tuesday of each month the VFW holds a monthly meeting. The meetings are held to discuss items pertaining to the VFW. It's at these meetings that decisions are made to make changes at the VFW. When changes take place there are usually members that are not satisfied with them. These are usually the same people that do not attend the meetings where their voice can be heard. I want to encourage you all to come out to the meetings.

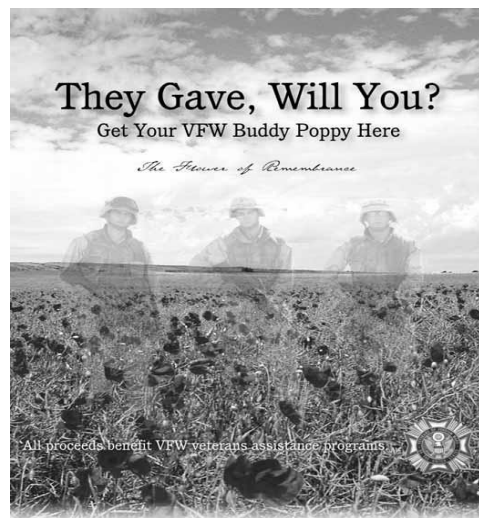


As you know Veterans Day is coming up fast and we need your help. Collecting donations for the "Buddy Poppy" is a very small way to give back to those that gave to

us! I have been doing this for quite some time. When I first got involved with this program I had quite a few people helping me and most are not longer with us. One man in particular, I remember had only one leg and he was out every weekend doing what he could to sell the "Flower of Remembrance." That year we brought in over \$2,000. Let's show our disabled Veterans that we appreciate what they did. Let's put Post 845 on the map! We have the month of October through November 11th to collect money for our Veterans. All proceeds will benefit the VFW assistance programs.

Your Chaplin,
Marvin Walton

"As you know Veteran's Day is coming up and we need your help!"



Lena's Catering - "News from the Kitchen"

Visit the Post for a complete menu. Delicious food, unbeatable service and great prices!

Daily Specials:

Sunday & Monday Football - 50 cent Wings!

Tuesday - \$3.00 Hoagies (Italian, Ham & Cheese, Tuna)

Wednesday - 1/2 price appetizers

Thursday - \$5.00 ALL-U-CAN EAT Nachos

Friday & Saturday - Chefs Special



Lunch Hours

Mon - Fri 11:30am to 2pm

Sat. & Sun. 12:00pm to 3pm

Dinner Hours

Mon - Sat. 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm to 8:00pm

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- Saturday Extravaganza - Any Saturday in October
- Seafood Oysters
- Mussels Little Necks
- Clams
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Chef & Proprietor
Michael Digiamberardino
484-886-9448
Please ask for our special catering menu!

Community News for Veterans

Coatesville VAMC's Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic

- ◆ Beginning September 1, 2009, Veterans, Volunteers and Employees may receive their flu shots. No appointment is necessary and the shots are free-of-charge. If a veteran, please bring your veteran's ID card.

Get your flu shot, it's free of charge!

Walk-In Flu Clinic

Building 2 Room 115

Building 57 Room 131

Monday through Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

Starting 9/21/09 Building 2 (Urgent Care) Mondays 4:00pm - 7:00pm



- ◆ **October 4th - 10th is Mental Illness Awareness Week** - Coatesville VA Medical Center will be out in the community the entire week to educate and advocate about mental illness.

MIAW exists to raise awareness of mental illnesses and to decrease the associated stigma.



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The purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is to preserve and support the patriotic and historical interests of our country, our communities and our veterans; to strengthen the common bonds of the men and women who have served and who are currently serving in our military; to assist them and their families to enhance their quality of life; to maintain true allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and defend her from all enemies, whomsoever.

We will accomplish our mission by:

Perpetuating the memory and history of our dead through public and private acts of remembrance;

Preserving and defending the honor, integrity and rights of all veterans and those currently serving in the military;

Fostering patriotism through education and volunteerism within the community; Advocating a strong national defense.



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Come celebrate the Phillies making the play-offs at the VFW.



Let's watch them win the World Series AGAIN!

VA Loans

- ◆ If you are looking to purchase a home, there are programs for VA's that will allow you to purchase with NO money down, obtain lower interest rates, eliminate PMI and save you hundreds of dollars a month.
- ◆ Contact Craig M Wiley, REALTOR to learn more about the programs available to you. www.wileyrealestate@comcast.net or 610-812-8691.

VA Loan Rates

As of 10/06/2009

30 Year Fixed
0.000 points
5.250%
5.358% APR

15 Year Fixed
0.000 points
5.000%
5.183% APR

