

Henry J. Thomas Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 845 NEWSLETTER

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POST Officers

- Commander: Tom Ames
- Senior Vice Commander: Miguel Hernandez
- Junior Vice Commander: David Hrynkow
- Quartermaster: Robert Broody
- Chaplain: Marvin Walton
- Adjutant: Tom Hrynkow
- Service Officer: Paul Dougherty
- Judge Advocate: Claude Frisbie
- Post Surgeon: Leroy Swisher
- Officer of the day: Barry Molyneaux
- 1 Year Trustee: Jack Powell
- 2 Year Trustee: Barry Molyneaux
- 3 year Trustee: Tom Wise

Auxiliary Officers

- President : Debbie Albright
- Senior Vice President : Dot Swisher
- Junior Vice: Ginny Pringle
- Secretary: Carol Osborne
- Treasurer: Paula Wilson
- Chaplain: Yolanda Walus
- Guard: Simone Luminello
- Conductress: Myrtle Butterman
- 1 Year Trustee: Sue Pierson
- 2 Year Trustee: Carol Gill
- 3 Year Trustee: Jeanette Beam

Home Association Officers

- President:: Tom Ames
- Treasurer: Robert Broody
- Board of Directors:
- Tom Hrynkow, Tom Wise, Jack Powell,
Jerry Banks, Barry Molyneaux

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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 Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7:30 PM

From The Post Commander

The changing of the guard is upon us. After the close of the Department Convention at the end of June, the newly elected officers of Post 845 will take their chairs. Commander Paul Dougherty, recently returned from deployment in Iraq, is our incoming Post Commander and I have no doubt that the dedication of our new Commander along with Sr. Vice Commander Miguel Hernandez and Jr. Vice Commander David Hrynkow, will serve our Post with distinction during the upcoming year. Paul's dedication, managerial and organizational skills have been stringently tested under combat conditions in Iraq. Having served two elected terms, I am honored to now turn the reins over to Commander Dougherty. I know he and his staff will serve our Post well.

There seems to be a common misconception among the membership. As I write this, Memorial Day approaches and I have been made aware that some of our Social Members feel that our various details such as making a public appearance for our Poppy Drives, our cemetery flag placement details and the like, are limited to our veteran membership. Such is NOT the case. As a Social, Auxiliary or Veteran member of the Post we would be honored to have you support such details. In recent years a few of our Social Members have been supporting our activities but there are many among you who may feel you may be infringing upon veteran responsibilities and that these details are not for you.

There is a common saying among us: *We serve the living by honoring the dead.* "We" means the all-inclusive membership of our Post, veteran and non-veteran alike. As my last duty call as Commander, I invite you to serve your VFW Post. Take part in the details we field, take part in the ceremonies where you can, or just attend them with respect to the sacrifice given for this nation. Join us when we go to the cemeteries to place flags on gravesites then stand in awe at the hundreds of new flags fluttering in the breeze and know that each flag represents not just one story of service and sacrifice, but hundreds of stories untold. We need to be seen in our community as something other than just a local watering hole. By stepping up and stepping out the door you will be showing your support of your Post. Our responsibility is not about *buying* a Poppy at the Post Canteen, rather it's all about getting out in public so the community sees our active support of our troops and veteran issues. And when I say "our," I mean to include all who are members of Post 845.

As your public statement of support, it is an honor and privilege to be a part of a VFW Post, just as it has been my honor to have served you during my tenure as Post Commander. Thank you all for your support and encouragement, and please remember that by the end of this month, the complaint department will have a new OIC.

**COME TO THE COMMANDER'S BALL AND MEET THE NEW
POST COMMANDER**

Thomas E. Ames
Post Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

Greetings from the Post Chaplain.

I would like to thank those members who helped us sell poppies in the Month of May.

Acme May 10th: Regular Members Jerry Banks, Miguel Hernandez and Guest Jose Hernandez Total \$115.00

Acme May 17th: Social Member: BJ Barrett Total \$220.00

Acme May 18th Post commander Tom Ames and Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Albright Total \$270.00

Brandy Stewart \$1,108.00

Brandy is not a member of the VFW she is a co-worker of Miguel Hernandez and designed our Web Site. She took it upon herself to ask for donations from friends and co-workers.

GREAT JOB BRANDY!!

A great big thanks to all of who donated their time to assist in the sale of poppies!

I would also like to thank the many members who have purchased the poppy cards that are on sale at the front bar.

As of this printing we still have one more weekend to go.

Marvin Walton
Post Chaplain

HOURS OF OPERATION

BAR

Monday through Friday 9:30 Am till 12:00 AM
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 Am till 12:00 AM

KITCHEN HOURS

Have Changed for the Summer Months
Tuesday through Friday 2:30 pm till 8:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday 12:00 PM till 6:00 PM
Evening Hours Mon. 6 pm till 9 pm
Special Hours on Saturday Band Nights
12:00 PM till 9:00 pm

AUXILIARY CORNER

Hello everyone,

VFW SPORTS WEAR is still available and on display in the front bar. Order sheets are on the bulletin board.

In July we will be having our Annual Auction/Picnic watch for the date in next months Newsletter.

Saturday August 9th: **Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise.** Price will include round trip bus transportation, from the post to Penn's landing, dinner, entertainment, dancing, taxes and tips. Price per person \$115.00 Limited to the first 50 people that sign up.

Sign up Sheet and details are on the bulletin board.

If any of you know of an Auxiliary Member that may be ill please contact Jeanette Beam so that a card can be sent.

Have a Great Summer!!

Debbie Albright
Ladies Auxiliary President

In Remembrance

Tom Deets
Ted Thompson
Marylyn Snyder

Please stop by and pickup your Membership Cards

The Post is offering a 20% Discount for any Member wishing to become a Life Member. This applies to Ladies Auxiliary members also

★ All Members: VFW Post 845 has adopted the
★ National Guard Unit Bravo Company 1st/111
★ based out of West Chester. As a part of our
★ support we will be sponsoring a family picnic
★ for them in late Aug./Sept. This picnic will be
★ held as their final gathering before they are
★ deployed to Iraq. In order for us to make this
★ a success we will need your help. We need
★ volunteers to work on various committee's.
★ Please contact Miguel or Susan Hernandez or
★ Dorothy Hrynkow via our website e-mail or
★ Susan Hernandez @ cell# 484-883-7079
★

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Oldest Member: Eugene R. Watkins (Reds)
First Army 348th Sergeant
Awards: Good Conduct
Time in Service 3 years
VFW Member Since 1945

Youngest Member: Craig Wiley
Army 101st ABN DIV & 28th ID 1ST LT
Awards: Meritorious Service Medal,
Army Accommodation Medal (301C), Kosovo Ser-
vice Medal
Time in Service: 10 years
VFW Member Since 2006



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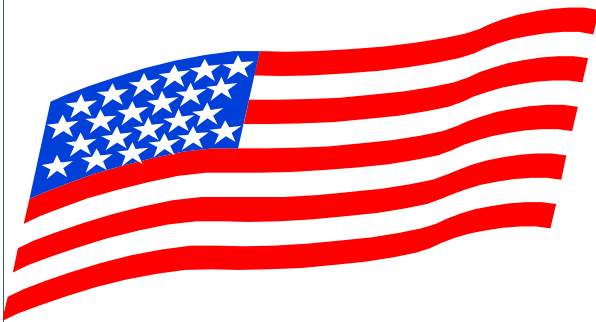
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**Commanders Ball June 21st
5:30 pm till 12:00 am
Open Bar 5:30 till 6:30
6:30 till 8:00 Prime Rib Dinner
8:00 pm till Midnight
Entertainment By: Miguel
\$20.00 per Person Tickets on sale Now!!**

**VFWsports Wear Now Available
& on Display at the Post**

**1st ANNUAL VFW POST 845 GOLF TOURNAMENT
Honeybrook Golf Club
Monday June 30th 9 am Shotgun start
\$75.00 per Golfer
Includes: golf, lunch, prizes and more!
Sign up Sheet at the Post**

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**AUGUST 9TH SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA DINNER CRUISE SIGN UP SHEET AND DETAILS ARE
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE**