

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

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## *POST Officers*

- Commander: Paul Dougherty
- Senior Vice Commander: Miguel Hernandez
- Junior Vice Commander: David Hrynkow
- Quartermaster: Robert Broody
- Chaplain: Marvin Walton
- Adjutant: Tom Hrynkow
- Judge Advocate: Claude Frisbie
- Post Surgeon: Jerry Banks
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- President : Debbie Albright
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- 3 Year Trustee: Carol Gill

## *Home Association Officers*

- President: Paul Dougherty
- Treasurer: Robert Broody
- Board of Directors:  
• Tom Ames, Tom Wise, Miguel Hernandez,  
• Jerry Banks, Barry Molyneaux

## **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:** Bi-Weekly at 7:15 PM



## From The Post Commander

I would like to thank all of you who helped make our October post events a great success. On October 3rd we were honored with a visitation by the Department Commander (Pennsylvania) as well as the District 9 Commander. Although the department delegation was only able to spend a few hours at Post 845, they indicated that they had a great time and wanted to extend their sincere gratitude for the magnificent accomplishments that the post continues to make.

A very special thanks to Joyce, Mike and Debbie, as well as our Ladies' Auxiliary for their much appreciated assistance. There were many favorable comments made with regard to a most delicious dinner. GREAT JOB and THANK YOU ALL!

Please be considerate of us as continuing change comes to VFW Post 845. We are making every effort to meet the demands of a growing patronage. Growth is important for our survival as a service to the community and as a veteran's organization. Our future is positive! We are still looking for volunteers to manage and support our Youth Activities Committee, the student activities committee for programs such as the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen competitions as well as a volunteer to become a Post Service Officer. Please also remember to give Comrade Walton a hand with our Buddy Poppy efforts. Your assistance will be most appreciated.

Finally, it costs considerably more for a veteran to be a VFW Member-at-Large than it does to be a member affiliated to VFW Post 845.

Paul Dougherty Commander

**CHAPLAINS CORNER:**

Greetings from the Post  
Chaplain

Included in this Newsletter is an *updated* copy of the rules and Awards list for the 2008-2009 Buddy Poppy Poster Contest. Formal applications are available from Debbie Albright.

**Symbolism of the Buddy Poppy**

The *Red Petals* stand for the vast Outpouring of blood. The *Yellow and black center*, the mud and desolation of all battlefields. The *green of the stem* is symbolic of the forests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free. The *stem* represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors. The assembled product *a flower*, is a symbol of resurrection which is sure to follow  
Marvin Walton 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**

Open Sundays for Football 1 pm till 6 pm  
See the Calendar for special events Pancake  
Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners and Dinner  
Specials

**In Honor of Veterans Day November 11th  
Saturday November 8th Bring a Veteran to breakfast  
day**

The Post has offered to pay for the breakfast of any Veteran with Id

**November 23rd Turkey Fair 1 pm  
Free refreshments and food!!**

***In Remembrance***

Betty Thompson  
Bill Warren

**AUXILIARY CORNER**

Hello Everyone,

The Holidays are rapidly approaching and we have many events taking place that we will need help with.

**First Off November the 10th is the deadline** for ordering Christmas t-shirts and sports wear

**December 13th** Kids Christmas party for members children, and grandchildren only. 1 pm till 3 pm

Newborn to 12 years of age. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Deadline for sign up is December 5th**

**December 13th** Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party covered dish cocktail hour 5 pm till 6 pm

**December 14th, 2008 at noon**

We will be serving a Turkey Dinner for 50 VA Patients from the Homeless ward. Turkey donations, and fixings are being accepted now.

We are also running a **clothing drive** for these Veterans, anyone who wishes to donate new or very clean used items may do so by contacting any of our Auxiliary members. Socks, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, etc. Sizes Medium to Large.

Once again we are collecting donations for phone cards these phone cards will be ear marked for our adopted unit Bravo Company. With the Holidays rapidly approaching and these men and women being deployed over seas soon. They will be able to keep in touch with their families and loved ones at home.

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

Debbie Albright

Ladies Auxiliary President

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**We Would like to get input from our members. New Births, Grandkids, Married the longest, etc. etc. If you have something you would like to see in here please contact Mike Wealer at the Post or Miguel Hernandez via our website.**

Thomas and Susan Scheel Life Members of the Post Married July 4th 1956 6 children, 12 Grand Children and 4 Great Grandchildren. Both Tom and Sue are Past 9th District Commander and President Ladies Auxiliary

Diane Witman fractured her right foot and has it in a cast, so she will not be dancing for a while, she can however do a snappy "one step" (submitted by Steve Barnett)

Member Dr. Lawrence Murray was married in January 2008, him and his new bride have since adopted a 9 year old boy, Adam from China.

**60 Sensations coming in December** (This is the band that played for the Bravo Company picnic)

First **Annual Chili Cook off** coming in January. Prizes will be awarded for Best Chili, Best Decorations, Best presentation. We will invite other Posts to join in the competition as well as any member. Dig out your recipes!

Since this our first official submission to your post's newsletter, we would like to start out by saying "Thank You." The family picnic you arranged for Bravo Company was wonderful! Your kindness and generosity has touched us beyond our meager attempt at words. Normally, it is a handful of Bravo Company's families that put together our picnic. So, as you can imagine, some of us got the chance to relax and enjoy ourselves for a change. The support from the community was overwhelming too. As we send our loved-ones off for their long mission, knowing that so many people are standing behind us has helped us know that we will have the support we'll need in the upcoming months – a comforting feeling in a stressful time.

By the time you read this article, our soldiers will have already been gone about a month and a half. We are trying to get used to the fact that our soldiers are gone. Many of us are getting into our "routines." Life is difficult – but we are strong. We have already hit some bumps in the road. For example, one of our families with small children ran out of oil and had no hot water for a week. We were able to get them in touch with a company to supply them with a little bit of oil until pay day. This is just one of the examples of how important community support really is. So, if you have a service you think may be helpful in the future, please let the Post know. It doesn't matter how small you think it is because it may make a difference to some family.

I'd like to close by saying that we welcome any VFW member or community member who wants to attend any of our Family Readiness Group (FRG) meetings. Our FRG works hard to care for the soldiers and their families. We also try to give back to the community where we can. Strong communities make better lives for everyone.

Wendy Wright

President Family Readiness Group Bravo Company 1/111th

**BUDDY POPPY POSTER CONTEST**  
**2008 - 2009 RULES AND AWARDS**

**THEME: \* POPPY TREE OF LIFE"**

1. This contest is for grades 4 thru 8, in all public, private and parochial schools, as well as home schooled students.
  2. There will be two divisions. The first is grades 4 thru 6, and the second is grades 7 & 8.
  3. There will be three awards in each division at State level. 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75.00 & Certificate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & \$50.00 & Certificate, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$ 25.00 & Certificate.
  4. Poster size: Not smaller than 8'X 14'. Not larger than 20'x 36'. May use craft cut paper, colored craft paper or poster board. Crayons, ink, oil paints, pencil, water colors or any combination of these may be used.
  5. Poster must include a Buddy Poppy, which will be provided by Post or Auxiliary, along with the story of the Buddy Poppy and its History.
  6. The poster must be the work and effort of one individual.
- The Posters will be judged on the theme, neatness, originality and art. The contest is meant to be a Post, Auxiliary and District function. Each District should judge the posters submitted by the Post and Auxiliaries, and forward the first, second and third place winners in each division on to the State Chairman Russ Cornelius, by **January 5, 2009**. The State winners to be announced at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 22 thru 25, at the Lancaster Host.
- Each District is permitted to enter three posters in each division for State judging. This is a **Department of Pennsylvania** Function.

Topics may include rows of crosses, fields of Poppies, monuments, cemeteries, table decorations, floral arrangements, military uniforms, or parts of uniform. **NO COMBAT OR WAR PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

If there is any question or more information contact:

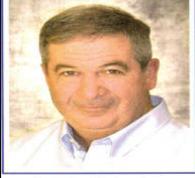
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**The Post is offering a 20% Discount for any  
Member wishing to become a Life Member.  
This applies to Ladies Auxillary members also**

Kitchen Open for Sunday  
Football 1 pm till 6 pm  
See Calendar for Spaghetti  
Dinner & Pancake Breakfast  
Dates.

**VFW Sports Wear  
Available Until November  
10th Last Chance**

*New Years Eve Dinner and Dance  
Night ! Tickets will be available the last  
week in October. They will be limited !*

**A DAILY PRAYER.  
BRING OUR MEN AND WOMEN  
HOME SAFE LORD.  
THANK YOU**

*Eugene and Marie Cummings*

*Saturday November the  
8th Bring a Veteran to  
Breakfast! In Honor  
of Veterans Day  
See page 2 for details!!*

**TURKEY FAIR NOVEMBER  
23RD 1PM FREE  
REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD**

**New Years Eve !! Buffet Dinner various entrees, and more ! BT and the Cruisers !! Ticket price and Tickets will be available by October 27th Watch for Posters in the Post.**