

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

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## *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 just want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the various VFW contests that are out there. Many of these opportunities have a short suspense, so we must act quickly. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in participating in any of the following;

- Patriots Pen
- Perpetual Scholarship Donation
- PA Voice of Democracy
- Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year
- National Scholarships

There are scholarships available for Veterans of Service in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Fund for Veterans' Education was established to provide scholarships to veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan or Iraq since September 11, 2001 and who are now enrolled in college or vocational-technical school. Currently, the maximum educational benefit available to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan is \$1,101 per month. Those veterans who served combat tours with the National Guard or Reserves are eligible for up to \$440 per month.

It's time to pay your yearly dues or better yet, go for Life Membership. It is a better deal in the long run.

We encourage everyone to attend the Post meetings. Having good attendance at our meetings is important, and we should make an effort to increase our attendance at each meeting. By attending, you show that you care about your fellow comrades and you are not just another name on our roster. Please let us know if we can make attending the monthly meetings a more appealing and rewarding experience.

I've been out of town recently with back-to-back Annual Training tours with my Army Reserve unit. However, I plan on being home for a while and look forward to seeing all of you soon at our various upcoming events.

Paul Dougherty Commander

**CHAPLAINS CORNER:**

Greetings from the Post  
Chaplain

**WHAT IS A VETERAN ?**

A "VETERAN" - whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserved- is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for the amount of "up to , and including his life." That is honor, and there are way to many people in this country, who no longer understand that fact.

Remember to keep all of our armed forces in your prayers and those here at our post.

Marvin Walton Chaplain

Dear Fellow Post Members and Community Friends:

Many, many , thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation and undertaking of the Bravo Co. Family Picnic.

Miguel and Susan Hernandez did a terrific job organizing and working out the details of the event. Mike & Debbie Wealer were so helpful, too, but also outstanding was the input and co-operation of so many individuals. We are so good and successful when **we work together!!**

Please everyone, take the time to give yourselves a pat on the back—you deserve it! The result of your efforts was a very happy and fun filled day for Bravo Co. and their families.

God Bless each one of them and each one of you!

Carol Osborne

Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice Pres.

***In Remembrance***

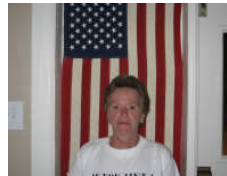
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**HOURS OF OPERATION****BAR**

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

**KITCHEN HOURS**

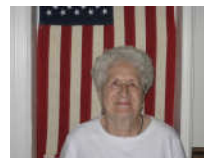
**Have Changed for the Summer Months  
Closed for the remainder of the Summer  
Will possibly reopen in the Fall  
See Notices at the Post!!**

**AUXILIARY CORNER**

Hello everyone,

Where has the summer gone? The days seem to fly by to fast anymore. The dinner cruise went well and a great time was had by all those who attended. While on the bus it was mentioned that we should plan a Casino bus trip checking into it now. If your interested give me a call so I can get an idea of how many to plan for.

Looking at our Auxiliary membership we have a member who has the distinction of being our longest running member. That lady is Sister Jeanette Beam who has been a member since 1955 to the present. Jeanette we thank you for all those years of help and dedication.



.Jeanette Beam

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

**1st Sunday in October (5th) Quarter Auction Fund  
Raiser to Benefit the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk.**

If you wish to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail rather than regular mail. Please notify our Webmaster at [webmaster@vfwpost845.org](mailto:webmaster@vfwpost845.org) This will help defray postage costs

**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.**

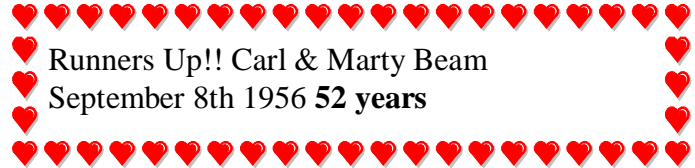


**Married the Longest?  
Leroy and Dot Swisher 53  
years!!  
11 grandchildren & 1 Great  
grand child**



**Motorcycle Ride a Success !!**

On August 3, VFW 845 held a motorcycle ride that began and ended at the VFW. The idea for a motorcycle ride was spawned from Tom Miller. After hearing that the post was hosting Bravo Company's family picnic, Tom volunteered to organize a ride and raise money for the picnic. "He took three weeks to set up and prepare for the ride." Nothing like working under pressure. "It was better than we expected and look forward to doing it again next year." Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and baked beans were ready at the VFW some of which was prepared in the kitchen. Our thanks to Clyde and Jerry for cooking at yet another function. In conjunction with the ride, a 50/50 raffle was held to raise funds to support the picnic. The winner of the 50/50 Mary Rice returned her winnings to support the cause.



**Runners Up!! Carl & Marty Beam  
September 8th 1956 52 years**

One of the favorite mementos from the ride was that each rider received a yellow ribbon to place on their motorcycle.

Tom and his wife Kim, want to thank everyone that helped in the preparation, the advertising, gathering donations and helping on the day of this event.



**OUR CONTRIBUTORS (RIDERS)**



**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**We Wish to thank the many Sponsors of the Bravo Company Picnic without them the picnic would not have happened!!**

Kelly sports Mr. Al Kelly, Robert Pringle, J&B Cleaning, Dinniman, Andrew E. (D) - District 19 Colburn Brothers Garage, Devault Foods, Motorcycle Run - Tom Miller, Ladies Aux Post 845 1/4 auction, Communications Construction Group, Bruno Shell Station, Fred Krumaker, National VFW, Roberts Oxygen, Staples ,Bentley Systems, Minquas Fire Co. No. 2, Joel Swisher, Captain EMS, A. Anchor ,Tophyr Hrynkow, Joyce Jones, Pepperidge Farms, WAWA ,Lamb Beverage, Miller, Budweiser, Coors, Chilla Rentals ,60 sensations (band), Festive Fotoboosts, David Hickman's, Home Depot , Lowe's, Valerie Strawley, Fulcrum Business Solutions ,Giant Foods, Sam's Club, Low Riders, B.J.'s, Wegman's, Cracker Barrel , Max and Erma's , Dr. Bernie Logan/Dr. Gary L Riggs, CrStyle, Lanky Tester, Kevin Joyce (Magician), Brandywine Flags, Five Below, Mike Leslie (DJ) for the Bike run, Pretzel Boy, Alan & Gloria, (marshmallow shooters), Lavonne & Winona, Citizen's Bank Park/Phillies, West Chester VFW Post 106, Wealer Catering.

**Again we thank all of you for your help and donations!!  
The Officers and Members of the VFW Post 845**

**Please Note:** These are our Donors as of this printing: We will acknowledge all donors again in October's Newsletter

**This was submitted to late to make July's Newsletter and was omitted in error for August's Newsletter. We sincerely apologize to all who participated and to the many sponsors of this event for our error.**

The **First Annual VFW Post 845 Golf tournament** was held on Monday, June 30th and was a huge success for a first-time event. Eighty-four golfers enjoyed the shotgun scramble format held at Honey Brook Golf Club, coffee and donuts, beverages on the course, lunch back at the VFW and the opportunity to win prizes for golf - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place low team scores, longest drives (2), closest to the pin for men and women, 2 each. Additional prizes were raffled off and our thanks go to all who provided the prizes -

VFW Post 845, the Desmond Hotel

(thanks, Bob and Carol Miller!) and Jeff D'Ambrosio Dodge.

The tournament committee would like to thank all who participated and encourage them to play again next year. We also thank the people who helped make it all work - Joyce Jones, Mike Wealer, Debbie Albright, Kathleen Scalia, Topher Hrynko, Winona Hill and, of course, the beverage cart girls - Shannon and Joyce.

Finally, the tournament could not have been what it was without the generosity of the hole sponsors:

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Please support these sponsors - they were critical to the success of the tournament. Call Jim Carey (610-585-1028) if you need contact information for any of the sponsors.

Hit 'em straight and we'll see you next year!

Jim Carey



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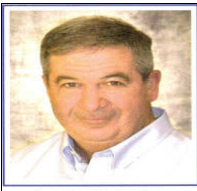
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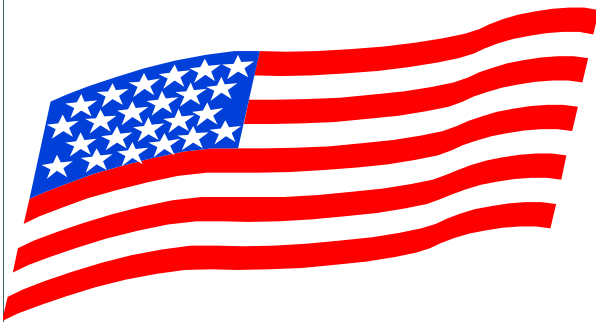


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