

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 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the Bravo Company, 1-111th INF, Family Picnic such a wonderful success!

The "Bravo" Company picnic was held on the grounds of the VFW Post 845 on August 24th. The picnic might normally have been a traditional summertime activity that nearly all reserve component units have. However, since they are deploying, and given that the Post had "adopted" Bravo Company, we were honored to host their family day picnic. There were nearly a hundred families. Total attendance including Post 845 members who volunteered was likely over 300 folks. There was picnic type food. (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, baked beans, salads, chips, pastries etc), a live band, face painting for kids... of all ages! Home Depot sent some volunteers who set up an activity booth for the kids. There was even one of those blow-up cages in which kids can bounce around inside of with all of those plastic balls inside. There were also speeches from State Senator Dinniman as well as Minnesota Gov. Pawlenty.

I would be remiss if I did not commend our Sr. Vice Commander, Miguel Hernandez (who was the main catalyst for this event's success) and who is a former member of the unit, for his superlative efforts in putting the picnic together. There was also a tremendous amount of volunteer support from regular and social members as well as from the lady's auxiliary. We had fund raising events and contributions from local vendors as well.

The event was important because the soldiers were able to relax with their families and comrades as a cohesive unit just prior to their mobilization and deployment overseas. I think that many of them may have thought it would be "mandatory fun". It was the final few hours of their weekend drill, but the vast majority of the troops and their families were pleasantly surprised. We got a lot of positive feedback. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. The unit leadership was grateful. We wanted to help out the troops and their families. Give them a chance to spend time together in a pleasant atmosphere. I believe we were successful in this endeavor!

Paul Dougherty Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

Greetings from the Post
Chaplain

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the rules and Awards list for the 2008-2009 Buddy Poppy Poster Contest. I encourage any one with children, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, or your friends with children to enter the contest

I can use help with poppy can placement again this year. Please contact me at the Post if you can help.

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

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

**Dinner Specials are returning for the Fall & Winter
Months!!!**

**October 18th 5-7 pm Stuffed Chicken Breast, parsley
potatoes, salad, rolls, butter & desert \$7.50**

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Mike or Debbie Wealer

In Remembrance**AUXILIARY CORNER**

Hello everyone,

We have several functions and charity drives going on in the next few months.

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

October 16th Meeting at 7:30 pm

Visitation from our 9th District Ladies Auxiliary President Kathy Kauffman and her escorts.

**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.

Membership:

Oldest Charter Members:

Blanche Hilton 1952 to present

Mary Sheridan 1952 to present

Oldest Active Charter: Member Jeanette Beam

Oldest Active Member: Betty Alexander

Youngest Active Members: Paula Wilson & Ginny Pringle

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

If you wish to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail rather than regular mail. Please notify our Webmaster at 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.



From Our Sr. Vice Commander Miguel Hernandez

I would like to start off by thanking all of the members that came out on the day of Bravo Company's picnic. It was a great day to have a picnic and show that VFW Post 845 is committed to supporting them and their families. I have to admit that I was more than surprised at how smoothly the day's activities went. With all of the committee member's assistance and commitment to making this a success it went off without a hitch.

We worked very hard as a team, to make phone calls, make personal visits and jumped in when I needed help. I very much appreciate everyone's help and look forward to working on committees to help support Bravo Company. I also thank the many members that donated their time and volunteered to assist the committee and helped at the picnic.

As we should all recognize these young families' commitment to this country we should also recognize them as being a part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I would also at this time like to put another volunteer calling out to our membership. I feel that we have taken a great step to make these families feel welcomed.

I would like to see if anyone is interested in adopting a family of the unit. Maybe you have a trade that may be needed in an emergency or would be willing to help cut grass or shovel the driveway. If you are interested please contact me or send me an email thru the Post website.

I will leave forms at the post to fill out if you are interested and what service you could provide.


Lastly and most importantly, please remember our Sponsors. Many of them donated items free of charge, many at a much reduced cost and many donated cash to help with the cost of services and food. A list of our sponsors is on our website under the Bravo Company Picnic. Please think of using them first and thank them for their donation.

Thank You all again!

Miguel Hernandez
Sr. Vice Commander

Buddy Poppy Poster Contest Rules

1. This contest is for students in grades 4 through 8 in all public, private and parochial schools, as well as home schooled students.
2. The contest has two divisions. The first division is students 4 thru 6. The second division is for students in grades 7 and 8.
3. The theme for the contest is: “Poppy Tree of Life”
4. Poster size: Not to be smaller than 8'X14'
Not to be larger than 20' X 36'.
5. Poster materials: Cut craft paper, Colored Craft paper or Poster Board. Crayons, oil paints, pencil, water colors or any combination of these may be used.
6. Poster must include a Buddy Poppy which is to be provided By the post or auxiliary sponsoring the contest.
7. The poster must Be the work and effort of one individual.
8. Each poster must have a fitting slogan, not to exceed ten words. The articles "a", "and", "an", e£ "the" are not counted as words.
9. Topics may include rows of crosses, fields of poppies, monuments, cemeteries, table decoration, floral arrangements, military uniforms or parts of uniform. **NO COMBAT OR WAR PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED**
10. The posters will be judged on the theme, neatness ,originality and art.
11. Each entry must be accompanied By a 3" X 5" card with the following information:
Students Name, Address, grade, and School Post/ Auxiliary and District sponsoring the entry
There will be three awards in each Division 1st Place \$75.00 Certificate. 2nd Place \$50.00 certificate
3rd Place \$25.00 certificate.



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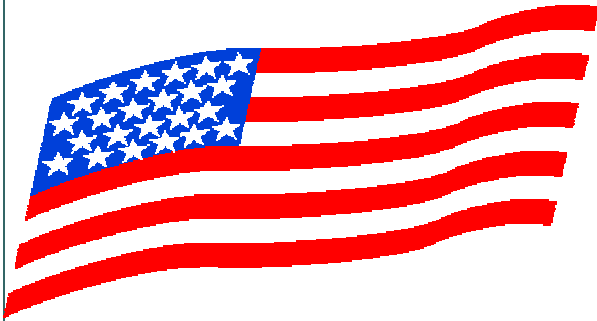
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See Calendar for Spaghetti
Dinner & Pancake Breakfast
Dates. Dinner Specials also listed.

VFW Sports Wear
Available Until November
10th Last Chance

*New Years Eve Dinner and Dance Night
see next months Newsletter for details
and ticket info. Tickets will be limited*

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