



Commanders Message

All Hands on Deck

On Monday, Feb 20, at 7pm, we are having an “All Hands on Deck” meeting to plan for the future of this Post and its use by other veterans organizations. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how to raise funds for improvements. As I mentioned in the January Newsletter, anyone who comes to the Post is welcome to attend the meeting. I am still looking for three or four people to form a committee to move this project forward. Thank you for your support.

Let’s talk Military History

Remembering the “Four Chaplains”

The first Sunday in February is the day we remember the Four Chaplains. On Feb 3, 1943, The USAT DORCHESTER was torpedoed while transporting troops in the northern Atlantic to Europe. Army Chaplains George Fox, Methodist; Alexander Goode, Jewish; Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed; and John Washington, Roman Catholic, were on board. As the ship was sinking, the four Chaplains calmed the frightened men, got them into life jackets and urged them over the side. They gave up their own life jackets to save others. They decided to stay with the ship. They were last seen leading the men in prayer. The self-sacrifice of the Four Chaplains should never be forgotten. It is our charge to see that this brief moment in American history is never lost.

Sinking of the USS Maine, 1898

At 9:40pm on the night of Feb 15, 1898, the battleship USS Maine, anchored in Havana Harbor, was suddenly blown up. The explosion tore the bottom out, killing 260 officers and men on board. The sinking of the Maine led to the brief Spanish American War of 1898. Eighteen months later, 13 veterans, who fought in Cuba during the war, gathered in a tailor shop in Columbus to share their stories and how they could assist their fellow veterans and the dependents of their fallen comrades. This was the beginning of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Iwo Jima Flag Raising, 1945

On the morning of Feb 23, LtCol Chandier Johnson CO, 2Bn, 28th Marine Reg, 5th Marines Division, ordered Capt. Dave Severance, CO, Easy Co., to send a platoon to seize and occupy the crest of Mount Suribachi. 1stLt Harold Schrier lead the 40 man patrol. Despite the large number of Japanese troops in the area, the patrol reached the rim and raised the American Flag at about 10:30am.

Operation Homecoming, 1973

On February 12, 1973, three C-141 transports flew to Hanoi, North Vietnam, and one C-9A aircraft was sent to Saigon, South Vietnam to pick up released prisoners of war. The first flight of 40 U.S. prisoners of war left Hanoi in a C-141A, which later became known as the "Hanoi Taxi" and is now in a museum. From February 12 to April 4, there were 54 C-141 missions flying out of Hanoi, bringing the former POWs home. The last POWs were turned over to allied hands on March 29, 1973 raising the total number of Americans returned to 591.

Meeting Times

VFW 4719
3rd Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary
1st Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797
3rd Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Aux.
4th Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League
3rd Wednesday @ 7P

40&8
1st Tuesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5
1st Wednesday @ 6P

Post Canteen Hours

Sunday~9A- 8P+
Monday~4P-10P+
Tuesday~12p-10p+
Wednesday~12p-10p+
Thursday~12P-10P+
Friday~12P-10P+
Saturday~12P-10P+

Canteen Manager **Dutch Grootendorst**

Post Officers

Bill Pederson, CMDR
Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice
Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice
Richard Leister, Adjutant
Bill Scharff, Quartermaster
Joel Miller, Chaplain
Chuck Rees, Trustee
Steve Ebersole Trustee
Steve Pearson, Trustee

MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



*Drawing every Thursday
at 8:00pm*

Must be a VFW, American Legion,
Amvets, Auxiliary, or Social
Member to play

*Sunday, Feb 12, Movie
Call of the Wild
Harrison Ford*



*Friday Dinner
Sunday Breakfast*

It takes several volunteers to help meals run smoothly. Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts need people to serve the meals, distribute desserts, and clear tables, and wash dishes.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age or older.

*If you are interested in volunteering contact:
Tom May at the post or via email
thomas.may728@yahoo.com*

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:00A – 11:00A

Choose from:

Eggs to order, Pancakes, French toast, Waffles,
Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast \$8

EVERYDAY

Cheeseburgers, Chicken Potpie, Hotdogs, White
Castle Sliders and More!

Subject to Change ~See bartender for availability

FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30P – 7:30P

1st Friday ~ Steak Night

Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert \$17
(Chopped steak option \$10)

2nd Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf

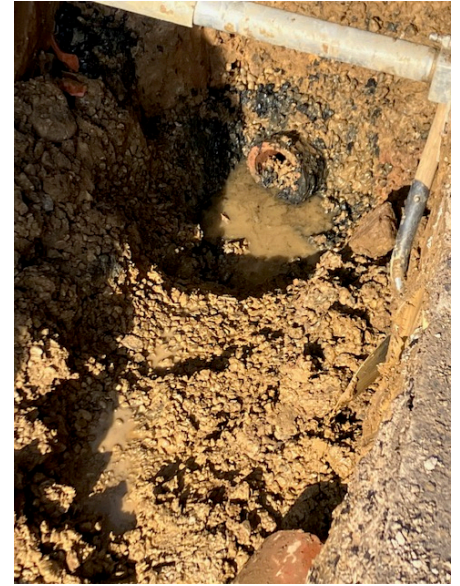
Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert \$9

3rd Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the Day \$9

4th Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ Sloppy Joes, Hot
Dogs, beans. Donations Accepted

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST



On Jan 24 we began the repair of the sanitation line from the building to the city line. Forty feet from the building we repaired the break in the line and put in new pipe. We discovered three other problems, a second break in the line coming from the south bathrooms, a large grease ball coming from the kitchen and a third line was a dead end. All repairs are complete. More information at the monthly meeting.

VFW & Auxiliary Information & Reminders

POST EVER AFTER

Charles Higginbotham 88 - Died January 15, 2023 - Navy from 1952-1974 Past Commander 1997-1998 Member of the Honor Guard, Transferred to Post 10523.

Paul McGonigle 74 - Died January 22, 2023 - Army 20 years - Master Sergeant

WINNER!! WINNER!! WINNER!!
Congratulations JoAnn! First Queen of Hearts Jackpot winner of the year!
Thank you for sharing your good fortune with those in attendance!





February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ammvets 6pm Ammvets Riders 7pm	2 VFW Auxiliary 6:30pm Queen of	3 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	4
5 Breakfast 9-11	6	7 40&8 7pm	8	9 Queen of Hearts Drawing	10 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	11
12 Breakfast 9-11 Call of the Wild 2pm	13	14 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	15 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	16 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of	17 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	18
19 Breakfast 9-11	20 All Hands on Deck 7:00pm	21 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 Queen of Hearts Drawing	24 Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	25
26 Breakfast 9-11	27	28				

Printed copies of the Newsletter can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway



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