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COMMANDERS CORNER

I want to thank all those who participated in the annual Four Chaplains' Service and also Post Everlasting Services at the Jacobetti Veterans Home Chapel in February. This is always a moving ceremony.

I also want to give a huge heartfelt thanks to Wendel Suckow for all his efforts in making the seven beautiful uniform showcases that are now up and displaying members uniforms in the Post. They are superb! Come to the Post and see for yourself. Thanks also to Mikki Hastings for handling the uniforms for display.

Please support our efforts at the Post in raising money for our programs and for our Post itself. We have Fish Fries and Burger Nights on alternating Fridays. We are also having a Spring Gun Raffle that is ongoing now. Tickets are on sale by members and also at the bar.

Post elections are coming soon. If you are interested in becoming a Post Officer or a member of the Executive Board, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. They are Mike Paluda (228-5381), Jim Constance (228-5178), or Barb Carberry (249-2135). Please do so by March 14th.

Spring is coming, so hang in there and keep shoveling! See you at the Post!

Ray Carlson - Commander

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

We are handling the cash flow needs well. Our responsibilities are much increased due to the commercial loan for the building renovation. Ron Titter manages the Charity Gaming well enough to provide \$2-3K per month over to the post. I then deposit this into our business checking at Range Bank. Then each month our payment of \$1,439.90 is drafted to pay on our loan. We are down to \$215,000 from our original \$222,750 of January 2009. We have also retained earnings of \$11,700 set aside to pay down principal. I will retire some principal in May 2009 prior to our FY close. We project to pay into principal \$5-10K. We will retain 6 months of future payments as a buffer. SO, play the charity gaming machines!

We are covering the building overhead expenses largely from the canteen. Cathy has done a fine job of managing her crew and spearheading our post events. The canteen surplus is on a record pace! Come have a Pepsi with us. Thanks to our members and guests, we are running well. Frank Donckers and his team are handling the rental and fish fry action. This has helped us round out our uneven post cash flow a number of times. Thanks Frank and crew.

Big thanks to Skandia Truss and the Gutzmans. They made a generous cash gift to the building renovation fund. These gifts will be used to pay down loan principal. Thank you very much. We could use your help, too.

For the Good of the Legion

Michael Trickey

Finance Officer, Past Commander

SHOWCASE SALES

Do you know about our showcase? Do you know that everything marked in it is for sale? The proceeds go to the Auxiliary Children and Youth Programs.

We have Auxiliary sweatshirts, \$17 (\$19 for 2X), Polo shirts \$20, T-shirts \$10, Rada Cutlery, and cook books at discounted prices.

Keep your eye on the showcase, it's getting a facelift. I plan to have season themes and introducing gift items made by our Members. The items will be well marked and displayed so you can see them. These items will make great gifts for birthdays, holidays, graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day or get well and thinking of you. Please check out the showcase and help support our programs. When you see something from the showcase you would like to purchase, ask the bartender they can get the items for you.

For any Member's not paid for 2010, pay your dues soon. If you pay between now and our March 9th meeting, your name will go into a free drawing. The winner will have their choice of one of our polo's, t-shirts, or sweatshirts (available sizes only). If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me. Thank you.

Lynda Trickey, 361-6404

UNIFORM CASES

The seven uniform display cases I made are up and in place at the club. I enjoyed making them and hope they are acceptable to all, at least workmanship wise.

I wish to thank the following people for their assistance:

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Turner, for the Oak tree they cut down in their back yard and gave to me, **Scott Seaman**, for hauling the logs to the mill and the lumber back to my home after it was cut, **Mikki Hastings** for applying the suede tex to the back panel of the cases, **Pete Hendrickson** from **Northern Window and Awning** for cutting the glass I had and supplying the rest that was needed, **Getz's** for the wooden hangers for the uniforms, and my two sons, **Chuck** and **Duane** for helping me hang the cases.

Wendel Suckow

BOYS STATE & GIRLS STATE RAFFLE

The U.P. Boys State and Girls State programs are having a raffle with the proceeds going to pay for the cost of bussing these young men and women to their respective programs downstate. This cost is considerable. What is needed are items to have as prizes for the raffle. They are looking for packages for golf, skiing, casino or get-a-ways. Also gift certificates, Pro football or baseball tickets or any quality prizes. Smaller donated prizes will be raffled off at the U.P. Summer Convention in Bessemer on June 12th, 2010.

If you have a prize that you would wish to donate, please call Mr. Bill Hafeman, U.P. Boys State Coordinator at (906) 639-2254 or (906) 280-2342. Or you can contact Ray Carlson, Commander at Post-44 (225-0781). Thank you!

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings to you all in the midst of winter which has been a real cold and snowy month to the future beginning of the start of Spring in April. March will be a time to interview the Girl's State selections and have a dessert and tea party in the following month of April to celebrate our selection of the girls chosen for Girls' State. We also will be setting a date to fill out the annual reports of the Auxiliary to be sent into State.

New business will cover bills for the Secretary, Historian, coupons, cheer, membership and packages for the troops. Reports from the troops chairmen along with purchasing a joint summer UPAA ad with the American Legion. Beyond that the Nominating Committee will be selected to prepare ballots for the purpose of selection of officers to be voted on for the year 2010-2011. All present officers please let the Election Committee know whether you are going to continue to serve this great organization of the American Legion Auxiliary for the next year. Please consider this as time to move forward. April meeting will consist of a Girl's state tour and orientation to the Girl's State selectees.

A poppy report will be given by the chairman of Poppy sales in April. We will need a set up and clean up crew for the May Potluck. Please bring one of your many tasty dishes to this meeting in May. Poppy sellers will be invited to the Potluck for appreciation for their eagerness to help the sale of Poppies. Thank you!

Also in April, at the meeting we will set up a Scholarship Committee meeting as well as an Executive Board Meeting to go over the Budget for the next year. So in the mean while hang in there! Spring is not that far off!

Barb Carberry
President American Legion Auxiliary

JUNIOR AUXILIARY NEWS

The Juniors met on February 6th at 1:00 at Pam's house. They decorated heart shaped cookies for Valentine's Day. The cookies were made by Sandy Roose, Jen Stanaway, Jeanette Vaughan, Lynda Trickey, Pat Laine, Deb Reider and Pam. The cookies will be placed on the lunch trays of all the Veterans at the Jacobetti Home on Valentine's Day. The girls also voted to donate \$50.00 to help pay for the postage of troop packages, \$120.00 to the Jacobetti Home so all the female residents can have their hair cut and set and \$100.00 to sponsor a game night at the Jacobetti Home. They will meet on March 21st at the Post at 2:00 pm to make an Easter tray favor for the Jacobetti home. They will also hold the annual Good Friday bake sale with the Legion's fish fry on April 2, 2010.

Historian Courtney Reider is hard at work making a history scrap book and a history summary to be submitted for judging at the District level.

Thank you, Pam Lajewski-Pearson, Junior Advisor

S.A.L. NEWS

For you few who have not paid your 2010 dues we need those paid now. We are very close to our 100% goal and would sure like to hit it.

We would like to thank all the members who attended our Valentine's Dinner. As usual, it was a great success. Also I would like to thank Cathy, Karen, Kim, and Rich for their help. The support is greatly appreciated.

Maybe next time we write this newsletter we will see a little spring. Later and see you at the Post,

Rob Neumann, S.A.L.

FROM THE CANTEEN

Tacos are up and running very well. Every other Tuesday. We serve 5-7:30 only a buck a taco!

Cribbage Saturday March 6th and Saturday April 3rd 1pm.

March 17th we will be serving Reubens from 4-7 pm. \$5.00 will get you a great sandwich, chips and a pickle.

We will be closed April 4th Happy Easter!

The Blues Baseball team has a couple of events coming up: March 11th Spaghetti Feed and April 24th Pancake Breakfast.

The Super Bowl Party was a great success. Thanks Rich for Trivia and a big thank you to Mary, Pam and Deb for all you did.

Look for the upcoming events like a Kentucky Derby Party, 50/60 Night and a Luau Party.

Cathy and Crew

POST ELECTIONS

Elections of Post Officers and Executive Board. Elections will be held May 19, 2010 in room 7 at Post 44 from 2pm until 8pm. Results of the election will be announced following certification. To Vote you must show your 2010 Membership card.

The nominations and elections for all post positions are now underway. We would hope that all candidates are aware of the duties and commitments, when asking for their Post support in the upcoming elections. To the candidates remember: when you accept positions at your Post, you have agreed to do your very best for your membership. We would also ask you to strive to achieve all the goals within your Post, as well as the District and Department. Do not settle for anything less than being the best in the position that you are elected or appointed to. Post membership will be looking for leadership, not someone to fill the chair.

Post Officers to be elected are: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant At Arms; and five Executive Board positions. A list of those expressing a desire to run for Post positions will be placed on the bulletin board at the Post Home. Please call or see one of the election Committee members to be placed on the election ballot or write your name on the posted list at the Post.

Appointed positions, by the incoming Commander, are: Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Service Officer. Interested parties should let the elected Commander know of their interest.

Election Committee: Mike Paluda, Jim Constance,
Barb Carberry

ADDRESS CHANGES

Any member who has changed his/her address or will be changing it in the near future, please let us know. By letting us know it speeds up getting information to you from the Post, Department or National. You can do this by stopping by the Post, mail, phone (906-225-0781) or e-mail post44mi@charterinternet.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 S.A.L. Meeting 7PM	2	3	4	5 Fish Fry 5 PM to 7:30 PM	6 Cribbage 1 PM
7 Pitcher Day	8 Executive Board Meeting 7PM	9 Aux. Meeting 7PM Taco Night \$ Specials	10 Whiney Wednesday	11 Blues Baseball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	12 Burger Night 5:30 - 8:00 PM	13
14 Pitcher Day	15 Post Membership Meeting 7PM	16	17 Reubens for St. Patrick's Day Whiney Wednesday	18	19 Fish Fry 5 PM to 7:30 PM	20
21 Pitcher Day	22	23 Taco Night \$ Specials	24 Whiney Wednesday	25	26 Burger Night 5:30 - 8:00 PM	27
28	29	30 \$ Specials	31 Whiney Wednesday			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Fish Fry 5 PM to 7:30 PM	3 Cribbage 1 PM
4 CLOSED Easter	5 S.A.L. Meeting 7PM	6 IBEW Meeting 7 PM \$ Specials	7 Whiney Wednesday	8	9 Burger Night 5:30 - 8:00 PM	10 Mineau Baby Shower Room 7 12:00 PM - ?
11 Pitcher Day	12 Executive Board Meeting 7PM	13 Aux. Meeting 7 PM \$ Specials	14 Whiney Wednesday	15 Post Office Meeting	16 Fish Fry 5 PM to 7:30 PM	17 McClintock Dinner 5:00 - 10:00 PM
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2009 BLOOD DONATIONS

During the year we had 77 donations, 7 less than 2008. We thank these donors as blood and its products are often critical in saving lives, their being no substitutes. For those who have not donated blood recently or have never given blood, please consider making a donation by calling the Blood Donor Center at 225-4610 for an appointment (it's not necessary to have an appointment) or by visiting the Regional Blood Center corner of College Avenue and Hebard Court. There are parking spots reserved for donors. Please ask that your donation be credited to Post 44. If you have questions about these or past donations statistics, please call Joe Buys at 226-2624 or email jbuys@up.net. Periodically I post donations to my website at www.superiorfishing.net. Thank you.

DONORS	2009	TOTAL
Armstrong, James	8	18
Armstrong, Mary	8	14
Buys, Joseph	29	351
Constance, James	5	138
Fletcher, Edwin	2	55
Irwin, Janet	1	2
Jackovich, Dan	3	70
Lafayette, Ken	3	84
Mahaffey, Steven	4	26
McLaughlin, Richard	2	20
Peterson, Diana	4	95
Schenke, Richard	2	67
Stanaway, Jr, Bernard	3	13
Voorbees, Dan	2	7
Winslow, David	1	1
TOTAL	77	

AUXILIARY UNIT 44 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently, our unit stands at 94.80% to goal. Our goal is at least 100% for the 2010 membership year. Please remit your dues as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. We want to make history, by achieving 100% or greater for the 31st year in a row!

We only need 23 more new members or renewals to accomplish this feat!

Thank-you for your teamwork.

Sandy Roose, Unit 44



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