



February 2012 Newsletter

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CHARTER 1965

Good Day Members,

As I write this today, I am still amazed at how lucky we have been this winter. It was 40 degrees today. Our next District Meeting is scheduled for March 10 at Kraus Hartig at 1000, stop out and see how the process works at the District level.

Our next Blood Drive will be March 5th at the Post, thank you to all who continue to donate. Also, please remember to fill out a community service form after you donate.

Our Post has officially begun our support for the Brooklyn Park “Beyond the Yellow Ribbon” Program. The Post members that will represent us are Terry Wagner, Stew Whalen, and Brad Klein.

If you haven’t visited us on our Facebook page please do so and “like” us. Moving forward, I will be adding additional Veterans information on that page. This is a great tool for moving a great deal of Veterans data.

I want to thank all of you who have helped in membership this year; we are once again above 100%. My personal challenge is still out there for all Post and Auxiliary Members. If each one of you go out and get just one person to join our organization, we will have another successful year. The 7th District is in 8th place as far as membership goes which is embarrassing considering we are the most populated District in the State.

REMEMBER Post Officers are to be elected in April 2012 for the upcoming year. If you have a desire to be more involved, I would like to see you at the meetings. The future of our Post depends on new people stepping up to take the reins.

I want to personally thank Scott Hanson who has made additional updates to our website. I am hoping we take home first place for our website design this year during the contest. Also, the Post prayers go out to Scott and his family as he prepares for his deployment to the desert. Our next Post Meeting will be February 8th at 7pm.

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915



CHARTER 1930

Comrades and Sisters,

Once again the holidays are over and we are back to work. The Post and Auxiliary are working hard on our programs and will be done by State Convention time. We had a winner in Teacher of the Year for the District, but did not win the State. She is a great teacher and patriot and was a credit to our Post and Auxiliary.

We would like to have a 55 and Alive Program this May as it will be three years since the last Class. Without a mailed newsletter, we can't reach everybody to notify our members of the 55 and Alive Class. I shall try and figure out a way to reach everyone.

The Post Meeting night is the 3rd Wednesday every month at 7:00 pm. Come and join us! The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 217 will be meeting on February 11th and March 3rd at 1:00 pm at Barb Erickson's home. The address is 5624 Dupont Ave. N. Please mark your calendars.

If you know of a Veteran or Veterans family in need of help, call me.

REMEMBER

So many gave so much
so we could be FREE!

Thank A Vet!

Chuck Quigley, Commander, Post 217, 763-424-6417
Alice Naslund, Auxiliary President, 763-432-6737



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CHARTER 1966

Dear Sisters,

We have officially reached the midway point of winter. Mother Nature has certainly provided a fairly brown and extremely mild winter season, but now that it is February, spring is just around the corner.

Congratulations once again, Ladies, for earning 2nd Place on the Poppy Display Contest at the 7th District meeting in January. This time around, we owned 2nd place! It has been the year of ties for Palmer Lake, but once again our creative thinkers came through and built a very 'sunny' display.

Please review **Sec. 809B – Auxiliaries** of the Bylaws and Rituals of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the guidelines surrounding absenteeism during Auxiliary Meetings. Sisters, in the event you are unable to attend a meeting, as an officer, please notify me in advance of the meeting. This ensures we have a backup for you as the duties of officers are important during each meeting.

It is already year end reporting time! I will be scheduling a meeting in early February with all of the respective committee chairs to review the 2011/2012 year. I would like to complete all reports by the end of February. Come with photos, samples, examples, and activities of what we have done to fill out a very productive year.

This month I would like to outline two more of the programs we support within the Ladies Auxiliary: Cancer Aid & Research and Legislative. Lil O'Donnell is our Chairperson for Cancer Aid & Research, while Dorothy Clarke is our chairperson for Legislative. If you have any questions or would like more information on either of these programs, please contact Lil at 763-566-6720 or lil071538@aol.com or Dorothy at 763-425-3652.

The intent of the Cancer Aid & Research Program is to act as an instrument to fund cancer research by offering grants to Ladies Auxiliary members who are ill with cancer. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW have been raising money to fight cancer and help those sisters challenged by the disease since 1947. One way we support this program is by donning pink at our meeting every October to raise breast cancer awareness. If you are battling any form of cancer, you may be eligible for a cancer grant. February is National Cancer Prevention Month.

The Legislative Program keeps members current on all bills affecting soldiers, veterans and their families, and national defense. This program is designed to make legislators aware of our positions and hold them accountable to honor America's promise to veterans. We support this program through visits to the State Capitol, including phone calls, letters, and emails to our state representative, senators, and Washington D.C. government officials.

I would like especially thank you, Ladies, for your time and support in preparation and execution of Shorty's Benefit in late January. As a part of the triad of Palmer Lake, it is wonderful to see our three groups work together so well to step up and help our veterans, brothers, and sisters when the need calls.

Games Night at the VA Hospital will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of Palmer Lake on Tuesday, **February 28th**. We will need to arrive by 6:30 to setup snacks and games with the veterans. We will finalize details during our February meeting on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, **February 14th** beginning at 6:00 PM. Attend the meeting for details!

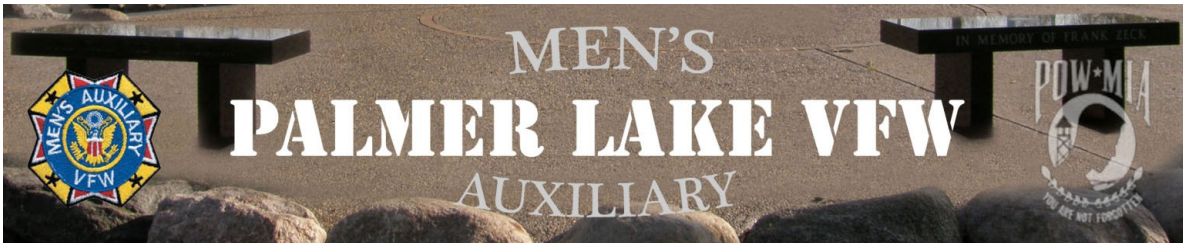
Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net. Happy Valentine's Day! Hug a veteran. I just did...virtually <3. Please continue to keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Yours in Sistership,

Francesca Bill, Ladies Auxiliary President, Post #3915

-Frankie-

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CHARTER 2004

Members,

Brrr, it finally got cold. We hope everyone has enjoyed this mild winter (so far). The Men's Auxiliary winter get-away to Turtle Lake Casino will take place on February 11th. Check-in will occur on the 11th from 10:00-10:45 AM at Palmer Lake VFW. The bus will leave precisely at 11:00 AM. Refreshments will be available on the bus along with a few games and raffles. Once we get to the Casino, each person will receive \$5.00 from the Casino. We plan to be back to the Palmer Lake VFW by 6:00 PM. For any additional information, contact Brian Melchior. The cost is only \$20.

All you can eat Fish Fries will begin on February 24th and continue thru Lent. The Men's Auxiliary Members are asked to mark this on your calendars as we will need your help through April 6. As for everyone else, please bring your appetite. The cost will remain at \$8.00 again this season. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Thank you for the donations and volunteer help provided to "Shorty's" Benefit. Shorty received tremendous support. We wish Shorty the best in continuing his treatments.

It is really nice to see some of our new Veterans in the Club recently. What's even better is how we, as a Community, treated them when in our building. Please continue to welcome them into our Community as they are our future.

For membership issues or payment of you annual dues, please contact Mike Marthaler. For any member referrals, contact any of our members. Please remember to turn in your community service hours to Stuart Ruud, Jr. Vice.

If you would like to donate blood or help with the Blood Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. The next Blood Drive is March 5. Your help is appreciated!

Thanks to all that are currently serving and thanks to you that served.

For God and Country,

Dale Palm
Men's Auxiliary President – Post 3915

Four Time All-American
PALMER LAKE VFW
 Post 3915

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	31 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 7 pm - Bargo	February 1 Taco's - Two for \$3 (All Day) 5:30 pm - Aux. Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	2 Chili Dogs - \$2 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	3 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	4 12:00 Noon - Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
5 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - Pot Luck starts at 2:00 PM	6 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	7 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 5:30 - 6:30 pm House Committee Mtg. 7 pm- Bargo	8 Taco's - Two for \$3 (All Day) 5:30 pm - Aux. Drawing 7 pm - Post 3915 Meeting 8 pm - Karaoke	9 Chili Dogs - \$2 4:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	10 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	11 11 am - 6 pm Casino Bus Trip - Turtle Lake - Sign up at Post - \$20 12:00 Noon - Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
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