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Commanders Message

Comrades,

At our July meeting we brought in 3 member transfers. Darlis G. Cummings transferred from being a Member at Large, Thelma Ellison and Armand C. Ablenado, both transferred from Post 8925. Comrades, I welcome each of you and we certainly hope to see you around the Post.

We enjoyed a wet Independence Day parade and open house on July 3rd, but we had a good showing and a good time. I want to thank those who braved the weather to be in the parade. Another good showing for Post 3377! Larry Bartes, Bob Meny, John Touchstone, Tito Sabana, and Richard Dorescher did another fine job on the grill and our Ladies once again provided all the trimmings. Thank you, one and all.

Our Post is hosting the District 28 Training on August 14th. In preparation for that, we have scheduled a work party for Saturday, August 7th, to do some mowing, weed eating, picking up, etc. If you can participate in this clean up. Please bring your weed eaters, blowers, etc. The work party will begin when the first person shows up, but I would recommend no later than 7am so the work can be finished before it gets too terribly hot.

District 28 Senior Vice Commander Tex Kennedy and Junior Vice Commander Wayne Cooley will conduct our annual Post Inspection prior to our September meeting. With that inspection we will have a Pot Luck meal, so the schedule will be Inspection at 6pm, Meal at 6:30pm, followed by our regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm.

Department has added 6 new Remembrance Day programs for Post projects in the 2010-2011 year, for a total of 15. Comrades, I solicit your help and support in planning and conducting these programs, to ensure Post 3377 continues its strong support of all VFW programs and projects.

Chuck Gaede has agreed to head up a Current Conflict Ad Hoc committee. This committee is of composed of younger veterans and at least one spouse. The committee will work primarily to find ways to get our current conflict veterans involved with and be active in the VFW. I expect this committee to work together for approximately 6 months, at which time we will incorporate these people and their findings into our standing committees as appropriate.

In closing, remember, when the 2011 Dues Notice makes its way to your mailbox, please pay your dues.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ed Fitzgerald
Post Commander

"Faith-Fidelity-Fortitude"

Americanism Quote

A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living. Today's military rejects include tomorrow's hard-core unemployed.

John F. Kennedy

Auxiliary Presidents Message

Hello Ladies!

We have started off our new year with a good start by adding 2 new members and 2 transfers to our Auxiliary. Please join me in welcoming Dorothy Albanedo and Thelma Ellison who transferred in from another auxiliary. Welcome to our newest members Angela Lilley and Joan Pickell.

The state training was interesting and contained a lot of useful information that will be beneficial in conducting business this year.

Please mark your calendars for August 14th; our District 28 training/meeting will be held at our Post.

Registration begins at 8am. Those of you who would like to help set up, please meet at the Post around 7am.

The men are having the meal catered but asked if the ladies could provide desserts, so please dust off your baking pans and wow them with our culinary talents! ☺

Please show your support of our District President, Glenna Alexander, by attending the training, even if you don't think you will be attending any meetings, this will be a good way to reconnect with friends and see what the Post and Auxiliary are up to. We'd love to have you!

As July's meeting was held prior to our training, we did not have much to discuss.

Please keep our sisters, who are experiencing health or other issues, in your prayers.

Remember, as long as there are men and women fighting for our freedoms and our country, we still have work to do.

Support our troops and their families!

Tully Rogge-Groteluschen

VFW Post 3377 Ladies Auxiliary

Post Notes

Bingo

Throughout each year your Post donates funds to no-profit charitable organizations to show our support for the work they do. Most of the organizations are veteran related. The majority of the funds donated come from the Bingo operation we conduct on each Wednesday and Friday evening. By state law we must have a Post member present serving as the Bingo Operator during the conduct of a Bingo session. Currently there are six Post members that volunteer to do this and they have been doing it for a long time.

We need your help. To volunteer as the Bingo Operator one time a month for four hours is not much to ask. You do have to be registered with the Texas Lottery Commission, Bingo Operations Division to do so, but the application is no cost and simple. You do have to submit to a background check that the Bingo Operations Division conducts via Texas DPS for the purpose of verifying no felony convictions. There is no test to take or other demanding issue. I, as the Post Bingo Chairman, will provide all the necessary OJT you need. It's simple Comrades...we need to live up to the VFW motto "Honoring the dead by helping the living."

Terry B. Burkett, Bingo Chairman
512-786-6661

Safety

Last month you were reminded on how to keep your body filled with fluids. This month we will focus on how to handle those overheated vehicles and keep those overheated bodies from getting burned.

Opening hot vehicle radiators is a leading cause of burns to motorists, young and old alike. When your vehicle has been running for an extended period or overheats, pressure builds up in the radiator. If you open a hot radiator without using care and caution, hot steam and liquid can splash on your hands and face causing severely painful burns. These burns can be prevented if we use patience and the appropriate precautions.

Remember to:

- Always turn off your car and wait at least one-half hour before attempting to open the radiator
- Always use a heavy rag or cloth to open the radiator to prevent steam or fluid splash.
- Always stand back as far as possible and keep your face away in case the radiator should rupture.

Preventing burns from happening is like popping the top off your cold one, let it cool before opening, use a rag or cloth to open, and keep the bottle away from your face in case it explodes!

Tito Sabana, Post Surgeon/Safety Officer

Webmaster

During the coming months, the Post website www.vfwpost3377.org will undergo redesign. If there is something you would like to see on a regular basis on your website such as access to up-to-date veterans news, photos, video, family news, proposed veteran related legislation (Federal and State), etc then please contact me at webmaster@vfwpost3377.org with your idea/s. All submissions will be reviewed by the Post Commander's ad hoc website committee for possible inclusion on the redesigned site. Thanks!

Terry B. Burkett, Webmaster

Auxiliary Notes

District 28 Meeting

This will be at the Post on Saturday, August 14, Registration at 8:00 AM. Anyone want to help or attend should be there by 8:00 AM. We look forward to see you at the District meeting.

The Auxiliary will have a fund raiser; we have a cooler that we are filling up with drinks. All donations will be accepted. The Post is catering the meal but we are asking for donation for desserts. Thank you for your help with these two items.

Membership

I have sent out the notice for our 2011 membership. Please get those back to me so that we can meet our quota. Last year we received several Membership Awards thanks to you responding to our notices. Mail Membership to: Glenna Alexander, PO Box 786, Manchaca, TX 78652. Remember any membership received after December 15th will be \$1.00 extra- Dues for Department of Texas will increase by \$1.00 effective December 31, 2010. We have to have the membership in to the Department by the 15th of December to get credit.

Tully Groteluschen

It is time to start thinking about getting your dues paid-they are \$11.00 for continuous members. (Remember if you get them in after December 31, 2010 it will be \$12.00-so lets get busy and have them in early.) You can mail them to me at: PO Box 786, Manchaca, TX 78652

Cancer Grants---Several have asked about the Cancer Grants, you can now go on line at the ladiesauxvfw.org and look under Programs; print the grant forms with all the information. If you don't have a computer please call me at 512-496-3123 and I will copy it off and send it to you.

Glenna Alexander

Youth Activities

Collecting School Supplies for the Manchaca Elementary School is a good way to state the year off for the kids. Collect and bring to our next Auxiliary meeting school supplies and we can get them to the school as it starts the last of August. Thank you for your help.

Glenna Alexander

National Home for Children – Myrt Roberts

The Children learn about military service on field trips to the U.S. Air Force Museum. They also volunteer at the VA Hospitals, giving veterans crafts they make. The choir sings at the VFW National Convention each year. The past seniors have visited Washington to experience the grandeur of our Nation's Capital. This shows that the children at National Home receive many lessons in patriotism.

Myrt Roberts
Auxiliary National Home Chairman

August 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			7:00pm Bingo		7:00pm Bingo	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Officer Training Seminar, Aus			7:00pm Bingo	6:00pm House Committee Meet 7:00pm Executive Meet	7:00pm Bingo	8:00am District 28 Training (Post Home)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			7:00pm Bingo	7:30pm VFW/A Gen. Mtg	7:00pm Bingo	National Convention (Indiana Newsletter Deadline)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		National Convention (Indianapolis IN)				
			1:30pm M.S.C 7:00pm Bingo		7:00pm Bingo	
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