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## NEWS

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### Commanders Message

Comrades,

We have a winner! Congratulations to Matthew Staton for being the winner in our drawing for a VFW Life Membership. All Post 3377 Continuous members who had paid their 2011 dues prior to December 31, 2010 were entered in the drawing for a Life Membership paid for by Post 3377. At our January general business meeting, Comrade Staton's name was drawn as the recipient. Again, congratulations to Matthew and thank you to each and every member who paid their dues.

While on the subject of membership, we still have far too many members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues. Comrades, do not allow your membership in this fine organization to lapse. Send in that check today, or drop by the Post and leave your check with our Quartermaster, Bob Whitaker. Also, if you are experiencing a verifiable hardship and are simply unable to afford the \$30, please contact us and allow the Post to help you with this year's dues.

Tully Rogge-Groteluschen, our Auxiliary President, and I were honored to present the \$2,700 scholarship, sponsored by our Post at the Mid-Winter VOD Banquet. Katherine Parker, a Senior at Breckenridge High School in Breckenridge, Texas was the recipient of the scholarship.

The weekend of February 19 and 20, 2011 is a District 28 weekend in Rockdale. Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> is a District-sponsored Turkey Shoot. Details are available at the Post. On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a District 28 meeting in Rockdale. I would like for Post 3377 to be well represented, so mark that weekend on your calendar and plan to attend.

Looking ahead, March is the month when we recognize youth, patriots, public servants, and businesses that serve our community and make the area a better place to live. One part of the recognition is an individual and a business that "fly the flag" daily, and more importantly, correctly. If you know of any such individual or business worthy of recognition for flying the flag of our country, please send the information to Vice Commander Dave Pender or Quartermaster Bob Whitaker. March is also the meeting at which we open nominations for our 2011-2012 officers. It is not too early to be thinking about how you might want to serve your Post in the coming year.

Our House Committee reports great success with the December Karaoke and the January dance. These events were well attended and a good time was had by all. A member told the story of attending the karaoke and laughing all night. He said it was great fun. Peggy, our Canteen Manager, has scheduled another Karaoke for February 5<sup>th</sup>, so come on out and have an evening of fun and entertainment.

Yours In Comradeship,

Ed Fitzgerald  
Post Commander

## **Faith – Fidelity – Fortitude**

### **Americanism Quote**

I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy; Dear Jack, Don't buy a single vote more than is necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.

...John F. Kennedy

### **Auxiliary Presidents Message:**

Hello Sisters,

Last month's meeting was so cold; I couldn't blame you for not coming out into the cold. I want to thank the Post Service Officer, John **Scarpino** for talking to us. You really missed out on some good information.

With Mid Winter behind us, we have a lot to talk about at our next meeting on Feb 17, District meeting Feb 20, and the National President visit in March. Please try to attend so we can work on our plans. Easter is falling late this year but we need to start thinking about our plans.

I hope all of you that are shut in with this bad weather will be better soon and back out and about. We have several of you and hope that you will be at our next meeting.

Thank everyone who help with all the events that we had in December, we could not have had a great a program if it had not been for your help.

Tully Rogge-Groteluschen  
Auxiliary President

### **Post Notes**

#### **Safety**

Now that's what I am talking about! We all have cell phones and for the most part cell phones require batteries and chargers. Since I am new to the cell phone world I thought it would be helpful to provide some tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and CTIA-The Wireless Association:

1. Do not use incompatible cell phone batteries and chargers. If unsure about whether a replacement battery or charger is compatible, contact the manufacturer of the battery or charger.
2. Do not permit a battery out of the phone to come in contact with metal objects, such as coins, keys or jewelry.
3. Do not crush, puncture or put a high degree of pressure on the battery as this can cause an internal short-circuit, resulting in overheating.
4. Avoid dropping the cell phone.
5. Do not place the phone in areas that may get very hot, such as on or near a cooking surface, cooking appliance, iron, or radiator.
6. Do not get your phone or battery wet. Even though they will dry and appear to operate normally, the circuitry could slowly corrode and pose a safety hazard.
7. Follow battery usage, storage and charging guidelines found in the user's guide.

"Can you hear me? Can you hear me now?"

Tito Sabana, Safety Officer

### **Webmaster**

[www.vfwpost3377.org](http://www.vfwpost3377.org)

If you are a Facebook user you can now follow news and events about the Post on our Facebook page. Just enter **VFW Post 3377** in the Facebook search field to go directly to the page.

Terry B. Burkett

## **Auxiliary Notes**

### **District News**

#### **February, 2011**

District Meeting and State President Lynn Richards will be visiting our District with the meeting on Sunday, February 20, in Rockdale. I hope that some of you will be able to attend.

#### **March, 2011**

We have the Honor of Hosting a Luncheon for the National President, Cortina Barnes, on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at Our Home Post 3377. . We will be having many of the State officers and local Auxiliary attending this function. The District will be helping with the Luncheon and I hope to see you come and enjoy the visit.

### **VFW National Home**

Residents of the National Home's on-campus programs live in 40 family-style homes as part of a 70 acre campus community. This mini-neighborhood is essentially a small village with its own street system, streetlights, water treatment and waste water treatment facilities, playgrounds, sports fields and outbuildings and many park-like areas.

There are approximately 125 residents being served on any given day in the campus programs. In the 2009-2010 year alone, nearly 300 veterans and military families across the country were helped by the staff of the National Home's Helpline 1-800-313-4200.

The Helpline provides callers with counsel, support, and connections for help with posts, auxiliaries, VFW service Officers and social service programs where they live. If the need is greater than can be met by the Helpline, then the National Home's on-campus programs are available to help.

Myrt Roberts Chairman

### **Canteen Corner**

We have Karaoke coming up on February 5<sup>th</sup>, for those who haven't been able to make the ones in the past I hope you can make this one. I have it starting at 7 pm to 11pm. Please try to come by it's a lot of fun. February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentines Day "Happy Valentines Day". Come by the canteen and have a beverage.

Peggy Ballard-Canteen Manager

# February 2011

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8:00am District 28 Meeting (Rockdale)	President's Day	Washington's B'day	1:30pm M.S.C 7:00pm Bingo		7:00pm Bingo	
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# March 2011

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