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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post #106 & Auxiliary

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From the Commander: Greetings to all Post 106 members,



Now that summer is almost behind us and we are looking at the cooler and then colder season, I hope many of you will find extra time to be with us at the Post! Steve Aikman has lined up some great bands for the upcoming season. He has been doing a great job selecting and scheduling the bands, and I know we all appreciate his work. All bands and dates will be posted later in the newsletter.

Our Beef & Beer will be on November 2ND. We have a great band scheduled for the event and we are hoping for a great turnout. Tickets will be \$20.00 and will include food, beer and soft drinks. For the non-beer drinkers, we will give you two drink coupons for the beverage of your choice. There will be raffle tickets for sale to win door prizes. We are planning a fun night for all! This is a major club fundraiser for Post 106. Please come out and support us!

The West Chester Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 10th this year. After the parade we are inviting everyone back to the post for food and drink. Come out and help salute all our veterans.

I would like to welcome all our new members and look forward to meeting all of you. If anyone needs to contact me for any reason - my information is below.

Mike Ricci

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POST OFFICERS: Commander: Mike Ricci; Sr. Vice: George Clark; Jr. Vice: Dale Davidson; Quartermaster: Ralph Forrest; Adjutant: John O'Neal; Post Surgeon: Bill Lee; Service Officer: Al Duncan

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Should you be aware of a veteran or veteran's family member in need, ill, hospitalized, or has passed away, please contact me immediately. To report the same issues regarding an Auxiliary member, contact Joan at 484-653-7799. Mike (484-702-2675,) and Ralph (610-304-8221,) are also available. When issues arise, please don't assume we already know. Call one of us.

All of us experience hard times in our lives sooner or later. Unemployment, illnesses, accidents – anything, can cause a disruption, leaving devastation and stress beyond belief. If you find yourself in a situation such as this, quietly bring it to the attention of any Post or Auxiliary Officer. We have a relief fund that might be able to help you. Thank you.

Marty Mullen

484-631-6242

From the Home Association/Board of Directors:



2020 Social Membership renewal dues are now being collected. Fobs to operate the front door are \$5.00 – a one-time charge, not a yearly expense. (Unless lost or stolen – \$5 to replace.) All dues are due by January 1, 2020, or your Fob will be deactivated. Please renew to avoid having to re-apply for membership.

We have been getting a lot of new members, which is wonderful! Now, we need to remind all members that your guest must be signed in at the door, and you may sign-in a guest for a total of three times. After the third visit, your guest must become a member if they want to return. Please

remember that Social memberships are only available for those guests unable to meet the eligibility requirements for Active or Auxiliary.

This spring and summer season once again we have experienced appliance troubles, causing us to have the main refrigerator in our kitchen replaced with a new model. Maintaining a club of this size is an ongoing expense for us.

Epic Caterers are doing such a magnificent job, the kitchen hours have now changed! See the expanded hours below. They will also be providing special foods for all the Home Eagle Games.

We are also close to signing a deal with a Bocce League that will be using our yard behind the pavilion. The Post will be building two regulation sized Bocce Courts. The courts will be available to the members when not being used by the league.

Ralph Forrest, President

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: President: Ralph Forrest; Vice-President: Mike Ricci; Treasurer: Joe Mitchell; Secretary: George Clark; Directors: Bob Saenz, Marty Mullen.

EPIC CATERING KITCHEN HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM



BAR HOURS

Jan Christner, Manager

Monday: 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday: 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Friday: 3:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM

(Except band nights)

Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM



BANDS

Steve Aikman, Chairman

September 7 – Northern Rednecks

September 21 – Shadow Force

October 5 – Crooked Rose

October 19 – Tommy Froelich

October 26 – Sin Brothers

November 9 – Project X

November 16 – Usual Suspects

From the Auxiliary: Brothers and Sisters, Comrades, and Club members,

Congratulations to all the new Officers! And Thank you to every member who helped us become an **“All-State Auxiliary for 2018 - 2019.”** A lot of hard work, but we did it! A special Thank You to our Treasurer – Dottie Cook. She handles books and our dues and it is very time consuming. But, can we repeat for 2019 – 2020? Dues are now being collected for 2020 and our goal is 100% paid members by December 31st. Please, go on MALTA to pay yours or send them in to Dottie!

Reaching our goal was an honor, but membership never closes. We are always looking for new members. Did you know - every Veteran has 12 people who qualify through their service, as an Auxiliary Member - mother, father, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, 4 grandparents, and all grandchildren. Who do you have in your family that can carry on your legacy?

Current Social members – if you think you are related to a Veteran you may be eligible to join the Auxiliary. Dottie Cook or I will help you find the qualifying paperwork to transfer to the Auxiliary. The benefits of Auxiliary Membership are many, and not everyone has someone under whom they can join this great organization. Auxiliary members are welcomed into VFW Posts worldwide. Applications are available at the club and from any active auxiliary member. Let us help you join us! Now accepting male applicants too!

Tee-shirts and Hats are still available for order, and Dottie will consider placing an order for sweatshirts in the fall based on demand. See the samples in the display case, and please feel free to try any of them on for size. Order forms are on the top and can be given to the bartender with payment. Checks are to be made out to VFW Post 106 Auxiliary. Questions? Contact Dottie Cook.

Meat Raffle – Winner receives \$179 “Freezer Special” worth of meat products from Colonial Meats. Fully wrapped and frozen, ready for pick up in West Chester. Tickets are \$5.00 each, available from any active Auxiliary Member and at the Club. Drawing October 25th at 7:00 PM at the club.

A “private event” fundraiser for the Auxiliary will be held on November 22nd. Doors open @ 6:30 PM and show starts @ 7:30 PM at the post. See Dottie Cook or Tami Mullen for information and tickets.

Yard/Crafts/Vendor Sale is scheduled for April 25th. Weather permitting, we will be outside. We will provide further details in the next newsletter. Those interested in renting a table, please contact Brittani Johnson at 484-889-9242.

For the students among us - Continuing Education Scholarship applications are available at the club. This is a \$1,000 scholarship available to any Auxiliary member, their spouse or their child. Details are available on MALTA. We are helping the Post to sponsor The Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition, a \$30,000 scholarship for 9th – 12th grade students, and Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest for 6th – 8th grade students. For the artistic student – the Young American Patriotic Art Competition is another scholarship opportunity for 9th – 12th grade students. All scholarship details are on the MALTA website, Auxiliary bulletin board or contact Joan Faddis.

Meetings are tedious. Not everyone can clear their schedule to attend, and we understand. But there are other ways to help and be an active member. We need help at many of our functions – shopping for Kid’s Christmas Gifts, and wrapping, baking for our bake sale table, making phone calls to line up Vendors, or collect membership dues, etc. Volunteer! Do you have fund raising ideas that could benefit our cause? Call me and we can talk about it. We are always looking for new ideas to support cause for our veterans, their families, and our community. Ask any one of our officers how you can help. Thank you.

Joan Faddis, President

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS: President: Joan Faddis; Sr. Vice: Tami Mullen; Jr. Vice: Shelley Ricci; Treasurer: Dottie Cook; Secretary: Tracey Fazio; Chaplain: Linda Pizzi; Conductress: Maryann Saenz; Guard: Mike Reitman



UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- September 3 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- **MONDAY** September 9 – Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 PM. (Change of Meeting night!!!)
- September 15 – District 9 Meeting in Mt. Joy @ 2:00 PM.
- September 17 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00
- October 1 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- October 8 – Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM.
- October 15 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- November 3 – District 9 Meeting in Parkesburg @ 2:00 PM. Dept. Pres. Sandy Wilder’s Official Visit.
- November 5 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- November 12 – Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- November 19 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00
- November 22—Auxiliary Fundraiser
- November 22 – 23 – Dept. Commander Wayne Perry’s Testimonial Weekend in Cranberry Twp., PA.
- November 24 – Turkey Raffle @ 2:00 PM.