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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,

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Here it is 2020 and I am looking forward to another great year at Post 106. We have a lot of new members, including Active, Auxiliary and Social and I am looking forward to meeting all of you. If you haven't renewed your membership for the new year please do it soon, especially the Active members. Last year we made 100 % paid Active Membership, and we would like to achieve that goal in 2020. My congratulations to the Post 106 Auxiliary for achieving 100% + again. We have one of the best in the state.

I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes while I was laid up with Thyroid cancer. The operation and treatment went well, and the prognosis is positive. I hope to be back full speed at the post soon. Being part of the VFW and Post 106 means a great deal to me.

January 21<sup>st</sup> was the date Post 106 celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year. This is a great accomplishment. So many posts have closed due to lack of membership, but we are still going strong. This is due to the support of our members. We will be having a formal anniversary celebration in September where our members, State Officers and other VFW Posts will be invited to attend. This will be a proud moment for the post and want everyone to share in the celebration. We will keep you advised to the date as it approaches, and plans are made.

I am not making a political statement, but I think it is a disgrace what our elected officials in Washington are doing. We who have served and are proud of our country and flag deserve better. This is a free nation. Our citizens deserve elected officials who understand the country's welfare, and legitimate citizens should be a priority, regardless of party affiliation. I have seen our politicians not wear the American Flag and not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. This is not being proud of your country! I will not vote for anyone, regardless of their party who disrespects our flag and country. We who have fought and died for the flag deserve better leaders.

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 relief funds that might be able to help you and your family.

Marty Mullen

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## From the Home Association/Board of Directors:

All dues for 2020 Active, Auxiliary, and Social Memberships are now past due and are being collected. Please renew now to avoid having to re-apply for memberships.

FOBs to operate the front door will be deactivated as of February 1<sup>st</sup> if your dues are not paid. FOBs are a one-time charge of \$5.00 (unless lost or stolen - \$5.00 to replace.)

We have been signing up a lot of new members, which is wonderful! As a reminder, all guests of members must be signed in at the door. 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 eligibility requirements for Active or Auxiliary Membership.



 The Annual Pork Loin & Ham  Raffle will be held on April 5 at 2:00 PM and will coincide with the Annual Easter Egg  Hunt for children aged 12 and under. The Easter Bunny will be here too! A Sign-up sheet is available at the post for Member's Children and Grandchildren only.

We would like to welcome our newest Director to the Board – Mr. Donald Haldeman. Don has recently retired and has been donating his time to us! Please join me in making him feel at home here at 106!

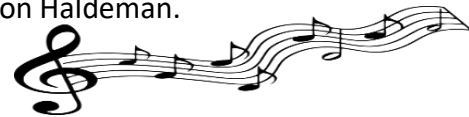
Our Commander Mike Ricci was recently diagnosed with cancer and has begun fighting back following surgery to remove his thyroid and now radiation therapy. It goes without saying, that our club has greatly improved under his leadership and we cannot wait to have him back with us at 100% healthy. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers and thoughts.

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, Don Haldeman.



### 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**

February 1- Shadow Force

February 15 – Late April

February 29 – Tongue & Groove

March 7 – Project X

March 21 – Amanda & Teddy Thomas Band

March 28 – Sin Brothers

April 11 – Usual Suspects

April 25 – Tommy Froelich

## From the Band Chairman:

We still need more of our regular members to come out and support these nights! I have booked some very good new bands for this coming year, along with some of everyone's favorites who always put on a great show and have lots of talent. Hope to see you soon!

Steve Aikman, Chairman

### EPIC CATERING KITCHEN HOURS

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

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

The Auxiliary is so very proud to announce that we have not only met, but exceeded the 100% +1 paid membership requirements for the 2019 – 2020 year! This is the first step towards achieving All-State status for the second year in a row. Thank you so very much for those members who paid their dues early so that we could reach our goal. A very special thank you to Auxiliary Treasurer Dottie Cook, who was responsible for handling all the paperwork to get this done. Many of her weekends and evenings were devoted to us! For our still unpaid members, please don't let your membership lapse and your benefits vanish. Go online to MALTA and pay by debit card or send your check to Dottie to process for you.

To our Commander, Mike Ricci, we are all keeping you in our prayers as you continue your fight against cancer. God Bless you!

To our new members – the Social members who switched memberships to Auxiliary, and to those from the Bocce Club that qualified as Auxiliary – welcome to Auxiliary 106! I met some of you at the Children's Christmas Party and hope to meet more in the coming months. Watch for notices of events around the post, here in the newsletter, or feel free to contact me personally with questions. I hope all of you find your special niche in our Auxiliary!

Speaking of the Children's Christmas Party – a personal Thank You to Santa (Jack Lammey,) our Elf (Dina Zonetti,) and the lady who pulled the entire party together, Party Planner Extraordinaire, and Mrs. Santa – Joann Melton.

Do you have a veteran in your family? Your Mother, father, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, grandparents, or a grandchild? If you do – then we are looking for you! Contact me or Dottie Cook and we will help you transfer your social membership to the much more valuable Auxiliary Membership, at no additional costs. (You'll even get a refund!) We can help you find the qualifying paperwork to become one of us. The benefits of an 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 eligible male applicants too!

Deadline for the Young American Patriotic Art Competition is March 31, 2020. All entries must be to Joan Faddis by that date. This could be your child's \$15,000 Scholarship! Please call me for more details!

Homemade Easter Eggs are coming! Milk and Dark Chocolate, Coconut and Peanut Butter choices. Chocolate covered Pretzels. All hand made by Glenmoore Methodist Church and sold by the Auxiliary. As soon as the goodies are made, they will be delivered to the club and available for sale at the bar. Get yours before they are all gone!

Tee-shirts, sweatshirts and hats are still available for order. Visit the display case to see what is available, and try 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? Special order? Contact Dottie Cook.

Meetings - don't you hate them? Not everyone can clear their schedule to attend, and we understand. But there are other ways to help – stuffing the Easter Eggs, assisting to hide eggs, supervising kids inside while other are outside with the Easter Bunny, making phone calls to collect dues, BINGO Parties at the VA, etc. Volunteer! Or, 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 our veterans, their families, and our community. Ask any of our officers how you can help.

Joan Faddis, President

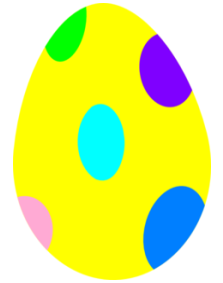
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**AUXILIARY OFFICERS:** President: Joan Faddis; Sr. Vice: Tami Mullen; Jr. Vice: Shelley Ricci; Treasurer: Dottie Cook; Secretary: Tracey Fazio; Chaplain: Linda Pizzi; Conductress: Maryann Saenz.

## UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- February 4 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- February 11 – Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00 PM.
- February 18 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- March 3 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- March 8 – District Meeting, 2:00 PM, West Chester
- March 10 – Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- March 17 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00
- March 31 – Deadline for entries for the Patriotic Art Competition!
- April 7 – Board of Director’s Meeting at 6:30 PM; Post Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- April 14 – Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00 PM.
- April 21 – Home Association Meeting at 7:00 PM.



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