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Commanders Column

Dear Veterans,

Our Sympathies to the families of Past Commander Ray Trebus who passed away recently.

We would like to welcome Sara, the new assistant bar manager.

If you have visited the Post recently, you should have noticed the new paint job in the big Hall. What a difference! We have heard many positive comments. The kitchen also was painted.

GOOD NEWS. During the lenten season, we will have a FISH FRY on Fridays. So come to the Post and enjoy.

There will be a dinner served on St. Patrick's Day March 17th. Check our website for more details.

We thank our members as we are 100% in membership.

THANK YOU TO ALL who patronize our Post.

Happy Easter to you and your family. Take time to remember a Veteran with a card, a call or a visit. It brightens their day!

We will have ELECTIONS at our April 2nd meeting followed by Installations of Officers at the May 7th meeting.

God Bless You and Stay Safe.

Commander Randy Monson

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please call me at 763-434-6580 if you have a change of address. We like to keep our records current. Also, please call if a member passes so we can update our records.



MARCH 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Check out our website for details. We will have dinner.

FISH FRY every Friday during the Lenten Season.

MEMBERSHIP

Our sympathies to the families of Loretta Domino who passed away, to the family of Mark Boda who passed away, to Jim Damman on the loss of his son, Johnny, to the families of Gloria Mrozek who passed away, and to the families of Yvonne Andert who passed away.

If you know of anyone who is qualified and would like to join our Auxiliary, please stop at the post for an application or call me at 763-434-6580 and I will mail out a form to you.

Mary Lou Michels, Sr. Vice President. & Membership Chairman.

SAVE, SAVE, SAVE

Continue saving canceled stamps, eye glasses, pop tabs and tattered flags. Drop them off at the Post and we will take care of them. THANKING YOU in advance.

Greetings VFW Auxiliary Members!

Hello Sisters, Brothers, and Comrades,

January and February was once again busy. January 12th and 13th we attended Midwinter conference. The seminars on Saturday were very interesting as we had a speaker from the VFW who spoke about Social Media and the guidelines for privacy of people. Every year we have the Green Shower for the 12 facilities for our Veterans. We gave \$500 to the shower, with a total of over \$6000 from all the Auxiliaries for our Department Hospital program for our Veterans. Mary Lou, our Poppy Chairman, won 2nd place for her poster promoting poppies and 3rd place for her poppy center piece. We gave 19 activity bags with coloring books and crayons to the St. Cloud VA Medical Center. February 3rd was our District meeting, 5 members attended as others served a Funeral Luncheon. Mary Lou won 1st place for her poppy poster honoring our Veterans. Thank You Mary Lou.

Our Sewing Ladies have been very busy making quilts, heart pillows, neck pillows, activity bags and lap robes. We gave 5 heart pillows, 5 neck pillows and quilts to the Minneapolis Veterans Home and lap robes to a Nursing Home. Thank you. These ladies meet every Thursday, 1 to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Thank you for all you do ladies.

February 12th, Monday, we played bingo at the Minneapolis Veterans Home sponsored by the Post. We had 4 Post and 4 Auxiliary members enjoyed the afternoon with our Veterans. Thank you VFW for sponsoring. On March 21st we will be having Veterans from the home to the Post for lunch. Volunteers welcome.

Elections will be held in April, Officers and Chairman are needed. Consider taking an office or Chairmanship. Let us know if there is a special Chairmanship you would like to do.

Our monthly activities, Bake Sales, Nursing Home and Veteran Home bingos, sewing, etc. continues. Check your calendar. The calendar you received at the beginning of the year is through June 2024.

To those who have been ill or lost a loved one our prayers and sympathies are with you.

HAPPY EASTER

Doris Anderson
President



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is March 31st. HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE. Enjoy the day with your family. Take time to remember a Veteran. Send a card, give them a call or if possible, visit. It means so much and it brightens their day.

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS

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MARY LOU RECEIVES A COMMENDATION PLAQUE



Born July 12, 1944 in Albany, MN
Growing up on an animal and crop farm learning quickly a strong work ethic. Completing her high school education meant getting a job, which she did in St. Cloud at Anderson Trucking Co. From 1962-1965 in accounts receivable dept.

Mary Lou married Marvin Michels on February 3, 1965, they lived in St. Cloud until 1967, at which point they moved to Spring Lake Park and on to Ham Lake in 1971, her current residence.

They were blessed with 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

After joining Sgt. John Rice VFW, she would help with the catering jobs, weddings and celebration events, she enjoyed that. Bobby Miller suggested she join the auxiliary, so she did in 1987 under her brother who served in Vietnam.

Mary Lou has and does wear many hats in our auxiliary they are as follows:

Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Secretary, President, Sr. Vice President, Poppy Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Blood Drive Coordinator, Quilt Of Valor Coordinator, Christmas Hall Decoration & Childrens Christmas Party Coordinator and also helps with veterans funerals when needed.

On January 2, 2024 Mary Lou was presented with a commendation plaque from Post Commander Randy and Auxiliary President Doris for her many years of dedicated service. In my opinion Mary Lou is the backbone of our auxiliary. Thank you from all of us for your never ending contributions to our veterans.

Joyce Pierret

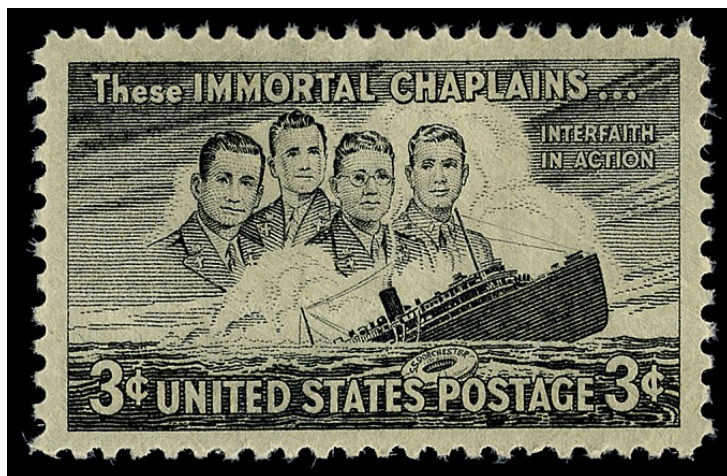
Americanism Chairperson

FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

February 3rd, 2024 marked the 81st Anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester and the legendary acts of selflessness by four U.S. Army Chaplains on board. The four Chaplains of different faiths, Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic, each gave away their life preservers and their chance of survival when their ship, the USS Dorchester was mortally struck. The four Chaplains went down together with the ship.

The Four Chaplains Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp commemorates an act of bravery during World War II which stands today as a foremost example of interfaith courage and bravery in action in the United States.

Louis Schwimmer designed the stamp. A special THANK YOU to Auxiliary Member Linda W. who passed around the stamp for our members to see at our February meeting. Joyce Pierret. Americanism Chairman



POPPY DISPLAY

Our poppy queen Mary Lou Michels makes us proud again by getting a second & third place at Mid-Winter Conference for her poppy displays.

Mary Lou's poppy display entered at the 7th District Meeting has won 1st place (blue ribbon). Congratulations!!!

Thank you Mary Lou for always making our auxiliary shine.



SEWING COMMITTEE

The committee continues to make items for our Veterans, beautiful quilts, lap robes, neck pillows, 40 activity bags, 11 shawls, 45 Kathy Caps for Virginia Piper Cancer Center, 10 lap robes to Lewis House, etc.



The sewing group meet every Thursday from 1:00 until 4:00 at the Post.

For Questions call Marge at 763-757-1729.



GAMBLER'S CORNER

HALL BINGO IS BACK!

Come have some fun, eat (full menu offered), drink and a chance to win cash.

Sunday Matinee at 1:30 PM

\$2.00 = chance at \$999 Coverall

with purchase of packet.

BINGO, BLAST FEED! Saturday. APR 13, 2024

\$10. RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PULL TAB BOOTH.

More to come on prizes
thank you for supporting the club.



CANCER GRANTS

We offer a cancer grant to members who are in need. Call me at 763-434-6580 and I will mail out a form to you. You and your Dr. fill out the form.

ATTENTION

Someone dropped off a BEAUTIFUL Diamond Kit artwork of a vase of Poppy Flowers. We did not get the person's name. If you know the name please call me at 763-434-6580. THANKS.



BUDDY POPPY

Our Buddy Poppy Card Sales start on April 18. Please sign a card and make a donation. All monies collected go into the relief fund to help a needy Veteran.

The Buddy Poppy distribution days are May 17th and 18th. Volunteers are needed to help with distribution at some of the local businesses.



BLOOD DRIVE

At our Blood Drive on February 13th, the American Red Cross collected 29 units of Blood. Thank you to all who donated and to our volunteers Ann, JoAnn and Shirley. Our next Blood Drive will be June 11th from 12:00 to 5:00p.m.



QUILTS OF VALOR

Brothers Brady and Cody Clarke received their Quilt of Valor recently. Presenter from the Grateful Hearts Quilters of Anoka was Jayne Knowles. Brady Clarke joined the Air National Guard in 2016 and is still active. Cody joined the Air National Guard in 2018 and is still active. Thank you for your service.

If you would like to nominate a Veteran, call me at 763-434-6580.



BAKE SALES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

February 16th, March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th.

Stop by the Post and check out the goodies our Auxiliary members have made. Buy extras to take home to share with your family.

Call Ann at 763-717-0641 with questions

COFFEE WITH OUR VETERANS

Every second Monday of each month we have coffee and treats for our Veterans starting at 10:00 a.m. Come to the Post to meet other Veterans, and share stories.



POW/MIA BURIAL UPDATES

Six burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and Korean War in January and February.

Joyce Pierret
POW/MIA Chairperson

POW/MIA PRAYER

May those who
did not come home,
rest peacefully.
You are not forgotten!
You are forever loved.
Thank you for your
service and sacrifice
for our freedom.



Joyce Pierret
POW/MIA Chairperson



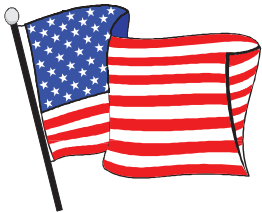
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SGT. JOHN RICE VFW





SGT. JOHN R. RICE
US Army World War II - Korea
Killed in Action Tabu-Dong, Korea on 6 September 1950

*A career soldier who gave his life for his country.
Denied burial in Sioux City, Iowa, because of his race.
Through the intercession of President Truman,
Sergeant John Rice was buried with honors at
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.*

