



# Village-Stinson Beacon-Flyer

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## **July 4th** *Happy Birthday America*

### COMMANDER'S NOTES

Well, as usual these are slow months for news. The hot weather is here, the victory garden is in full bloom and the elections are completed at the post, county, district and state levels. Our Post election results are as follows:

Commander.....	John Gubin,	Army.....	Vietnam
Sr. Vice Cmdr.....	Roger Williams,	Air Force.....	Vietnam
Jr. Vice Cmdr:.....	Richard D. Anderson,	Army.....	Iraq
Quartermaster.....	Bob Beale,	Army.....	Vietnam
Chaplain.....	Leon Hinkle,	Navy/Army.....	Vietnam
Surgeon:.....	Kurt Czapp,	Marines.....	Iraq
Officer of the Day.....:	Richard A. Anderson,	Navy.....	Vietnam
Legislative Officer.....:	Robin Strait,	Marine.....	Vietnam
3-Year Trustee:.....	Jim Muzzin,	Navy.....	Vietnam
Bar/Hall Manager:.....	Jerry Mills,	Army.....	Vietnam
Bar Committee at-Large:	Robin Strait, Bob Faulkenstein (Army, Iraq), Jim Muzzin		
Service Officer: .....	Nick LaPajenko	Army.....	Vietnam

I would like to thank our past Post officers for their service to the Post and welcome our new Post officers especially our younger veterans.

### June 8th

Our Post hosted the State Golf Outing steak dinner. I would like to thank the Post and Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries that made this a very successful event. Our Post looked clean and fresh; all the guests express how nice the Post looked and how great the steak dinner was. **THANK YOU TO ALL!**

July 29<sup>th</sup> Tank com Day

Our Post is sponsoring a beer trailer, with assistance from the UAW Veterans group. It takes place at the Warren Community Center, Arden St., off Mound Rd.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Mothers-Luncheon 12:00pm

Stop by and have some food, drinks and help honor our Gold Star Mothers. Their daughters and sons have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and the safe country we all enjoy.

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26th, 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> City of Warren Birthday Party

Our Post is sponsoring two beer trailers, assisted again by the UAW Veterans group. The Warren Fire Fighters will also be manning one of the trailers.

In Comradeship,

*John*

Post Commander, 586-216-7088

**LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES**

July 11: Auxiliary meeting at 6:30 pm. This is our first meeting with our new officers. Let's keep up the good work and help these new officers. Our meetings are short.

Good luck to our new officers:

President.....	Elizabeth Anderson
Sr. Vice president.....	Madeline Chaffin
Jr. Vice president.....	Jo Backowski
Treasurer.....	Kathy Anderson
Chaplin.....	Sandy Miller
Conductress.....	Sandy Miller
Guard.....	Lois Nolan
Trustee 3yr.....	Sandy Miller

Get Well: Our thoughts go out our shut-ins and those nursing home patients: Betty Mielke, Olga Hope, Betty Laird,

We are still collecting Campbell codes and pull tabs, drop them off at the post home.

**Mary Stolarksi, THANK YOU** for all the news articles you wrote and your service to the Post and Ladies Auxiliary. Best Wishes.

*Beth*

Ladies President

## VIEW FROM THE MEN'S AUXILIARY

Election results:

President ----- Henry Brasza  
Senior Vice ----- Mike Sewick  
Junior Vice ----- Dennis Trammel  
Treasurer ----- Jerry Szawronskyj  
Chaplain ----- Jon Green  
Secretary ----- Jon Green  
Trustee 3year ----- Tim McGraw  
Trustee 2year ----- Jerry Szawronskyj  
Trustee 1year ----- Dennis Trammel

Summer is here and we are all busy enjoying the great state of Michigan and the rest of these United States.

Steak Outs are off until October.

Post 9021 is sponsoring the Beer Tent at the City of Warren activities.

*Activity Dates: July 29. Aug 25–28, Sept 23-25 and Oct 22*

The Post and both Auxiliaries will participate by sponsoring volunteers for a Texas Hold'em Tournament at a local Poker Hall. Stay tuned for more details at an upcoming meeting.

Check the calendar for other upcoming events. Come on out to help and to enjoy some great camaraderie. Support your Post. We are looking for new ideas of community or Veterans oriented groups or events to support. Bring them to a meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. NO MEETINGS in July and August.

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer 2011.

Your President,  
*Henry Brasza*

## GOLF DAY, JUNE 4, 2011

This year's golf expedition on the much "easier" Green course proved more challenging than previously anticipated. Nonetheless, our hardy members came through with flying colors with heads held high as was to be expected. The humid conditions, sand traps and water hazards were no match for the fearless warriors of POST 9021. Once again, PAR did not hold up, and we left Sunnybrook's lush greens and fairways for the rest of the day's festivities on Ryan Road.

Two teams were crowned winners this year as they managed a 1 under par (33) on the par 34 course. Congratulations to *Joe Kaminski, Eva Lincoln, Keith Lincoln and Vince Contrera*. Vinnie was a surprise walk-on who had a choice of 2 teams to play on. Way to pick 'em Vinnie. How are you at the CASINO? *Dave Peters, John Gubin, Beth Ann Bates and Julie Stade*. Dave and John enjoyed the company of two lady playing partners who helped them win a share of the coveted club trophy. Imagine that.

A scrumptious THANK YOU goes to the volunteers of the Ladies Auxiliary who prepared our delicious meal.

And finally, it is my pleasure to announce that we will be making a donation of \$200 to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. Thank you all for your participation.

Post Golf Director  
*Jerry Szawronskyj*

PS: Rumor has it that this golf outing was George Yute's SWAN SONG. Only time will tell.

### **HISTORY OF THE CHALLENGE COIN**

During World War I, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy young men who left colleges in order to enlist in the military. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered solid bronzed medallions embossed with the squadron emblem for every member of his squadron. He carried his medallion in a small leather pouch around his neck. Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the lieutenant's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire during a mission. He was forced to land behind lines where he was captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for his leather pouch around his neck. He was eventually taken to a small French town near the front lines where he managed to escape during a bombardment. During the attack, he donned civilian clothes and fled without his personal identification. With great difficulty, he crossed the no man's land and stumbled into a French outpost. Unfortunately, the French in this sector had been plagued by saboteurs who sometimes masquerade as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He showed the medallion to his would be executioners. The French recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion; they gave the pilot time to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine. His squadron started the tradition of carrying the medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through a challenge. A fellow member would ask to see the coin. If the challenger could not produce his coin, he was required to purchase a drink of choice for the member who asked to see the coin. If the challenged member produced his coin, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. *We carry this tradition on, at our Post home.*

**Enjoy the summer days, you know what is coming!!**