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## ***HELP WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR***

### **Commanders Notes:**

This will be one of the last newsletters for the current editor. The next one (April, May & June) will be the final one for this editor. The new editor will need a PC and Command of Microsoft Word. The current editor will assist the new editor in generating their initial newsletter.

**VETERANS DAY**, highlights, we had a great turn out considering it was during the week. The Highlight, again this year the 5 – 6 elementary school classes, students and teachers who came and joined the post in the VETERANS DAY RITUIAL, the ritual was paused for an impromptu class why veterans day was created and evoled. Thank you cards where created by the students to Honor and thank the Veterans, which were presented to all veterans present, with handshakes and personal appreciation from the students, We were lucky to have a vocalist present from the Ladies Auxiliary, Carmel Parrish what a voice, Thank You Carmel. The City of Warren Parks Department participated with chairs and drinks for all present, Thank You Henry Bowman and all your volunteers.

I would like to thank the Men's Auxiliary for sponsoring the Kid's Christmas Party, Chairman Mark Knutson, outstanding job and all volunteers that helped THANK YOU.

Looking over the calendar it seems like a slow news start for the New Year!

2010 DUES should have been paid by now, to be considered a member in good standing.

In Comradeship,  
John  
Post Commander

Unemployed Post 9/11 era Veteran, I found that Dept of Labor has a program initiative to help. There seems to be some great resources for vets on here. Please pass this along if you know someone that could use the help. <http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html>

### New NPRC Address

The new address for the National Personnel Records Center is:

#### **National Personnel Records Center**

**1 Archives Drive**

**St Louis, MO 63138-1002**

The link is: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

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### Welcome Aboard

I would like to welcome life member **Doug Williams**, a Navy veteran who served in Desert Storm, to our Post. Welcome also to transferees **Dan Oprita**, from Menge Post 6756, and **Carl Renaud**, from Madison Heights Post 9507. Please join us at our monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm) to share your ideas and thoughts.

### Our Country is in Mourning – A Veteran Died Today

Since our last newsletter three of our members have been called to their final muster. We offer our condolences to the families and friends of World War II veterans **John “Papa John” Kalfaian, Eugene Stolarski, and Edward Tomaszewski** on their passing. Their service and sacrifice for our country will not be forgotten.

Submitted by Jim Muzzin, Membership chair

### Ladies Auxiliary

St. Patrick day dinner, check flyer for details. Always can use volunteers.

### Get Well

Our thoughts go out to our shut-ins and those nursing home patients: Betty Mielke, Olga Hope, Betty Laird and Mary Stolarski.

Campbell soup codes and aluminum pull tabs are still being saved and collected. Drop them off at the Post.

Dues are due (\$20.00) for 2012 year. Please send them in. If you are going through a hardship please inform Kathy Anderson, Treasurer, at 586-291-2733. *Let's make our Auxiliary 100%.*

Loyally,

**Beth Anderson,**

Auxiliary President

## **VIEW FROM THE MEN'S AUXILIARY**

Another year is set to start. After a busy December it will be a quiet first quarter for the Men's Auxiliary. The Post will be busy with multiple events scheduled, so check out the rest of the newsletter and the calendar for more information.

The Fall activities were a great success. The Children's Christmas Party sponsored by Men's Auxiliary was attended by 32 excited kids, a magician and of course, Santa himself. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen and a special thanks to Committee chairman Mark Knudsen for all his hard work on this heartwarming event.

The Gun Raffle fundraiser was well received. Thanks to all who helped - Rick A. for being chairman, Jon G. for his help with the mailing tickets and to Jerry S. for handling all the funds and a special thanks to everyone who sold tickets - Men's Auxiliary members, other Post members and the Canteen staff. The drawing of the winners took place at the December 19th meeting and winners are: 1st Place-Mike Peterson, 2nd Place – James Bryant and 3rd Place – Paul Lesnau

*Reminder: Membership dues for 2012 are due by December 31st to remain in good standing. Come to a meeting, drop a check by the Canteen or mail it in to the Men's Auxiliary at the Post address.*

The Men's Auxiliary will continue to sponsor the Steak Outs as they continue through the winter months. Thanks to Tim and John and the rest of the volunteers for keeping up this event  
Note: More volunteers are always welcome. Come on out to enjoy a good meal and some great camaraderie. Support your Post. Check the Calendar for upcoming events. Have a Safe and Healthy first quarter of 2012.

Your, President  
*Henry Brasza*

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**NEED HELP**, with veterans issues,  
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# **FLY YOUR FLAG**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

DINNER

BY THE LADIES

AUXILIARY

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

1 PM TO 6 PM

CORNED BEEF DINNER \$8.00

IRISH STEW \$7.50

CORNED BEEF SANDWICH \$ 4.50

CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$ 4.00

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

### **Three New Programs Offered by the VA Medical Center**

**Medical Foster Home Program-** A community based living arrangement for veterans who have chronic disabling illness or conditions, are unable to safely live alone, and have limited to no social support to provide the care they need

- Veterans pay directly to the homecare provider for this care. VA certifies home and monitors the veterans care
- Program just starting in this area. VA is looking for home care providers that will open their home to take care of veterans full time.
- Point of Contact at VA John D. Dingell Medical Center in Detroit; Brenda Chapman 313-476-1000 ext 6443

### **VA Caregiver Support Post 9/11 Only**

Veterans who suffered a serious injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty on or after 9/11/2001 including traumatic brain injury; psychological trauma or other mental disorders AND are in need of personal care service because of an inability to perform one or more activities of daily living

Caregivers receive monthly stipend, appropriate mental health services; respite care not less than 30 days a year, and health care coverage.

**All General Caregivers (Not Post 9/11)** All caregivers from all other war time eras can receive in person education; interactive website, telehealth training; counseling services, and respite care.

Point of Contact at the VA John D. Dingell Medical Center in Detroit is Mary Ceasar at 313-576-1282 or Gayle 313-576-1000 ext 64432

**Home Based Primary Care** This program provides comprehensive and interdisciplinary care in the homes of Veterans. Services are delivered in the homes of veterans who have complex medical, social, or behavioral conditions for whom routine clinic based care is not effective. This program does not replace Primary Care but rather it brings an extension of primary care service into the veteran's home and HBPC providers are able to keep the veteran's primary care provider updated on the veteran's status and needs.

Veterans must be enrolled in Primary Care at the VA Medical Center or Out Patient Clinics  
Frequent diagnoses of CHF, COPD, Dementia, CVA, Diabetes, ALS, Parkinson's  
Point of Contact at the VA John D. Dingell Medical Center in Detroit is Irene Norwood  
313-576-4427

## **Department of Veterans** *Burial and Plot-Interment Allowances*

### **What Are VA Burial Allowances?**

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments:

(1) A burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot or interment allowance.

**Who Is Eligible?** You paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, **AND** you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer, **AND** the Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

***In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:***

the Veteran died because of a service-related disability, **OR** the Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, **OR** the Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, **OR** the Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility, **OR** the Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, **OR** the Veteran had an original or reopened claim pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date of death, **OR** the veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.

### **How Much Does VA Pay?**

***Service-Related Death.*** VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

***Non-service-Related Death.*** For deaths on or after October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$700.00 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance. The plot interment allowance is \$150 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the Veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed. An annual increase in burial and plot allowances, for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011, begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

### **How Can You Apply?**

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, *Application for Burial Benefits*. You should attach a copy of the veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, funeral and burial bills. They should show that you have paid them in full. You may download the form at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

### **Related Benefits**

VA National Cemetery Burials / Headstones and Markers / Presidential Memorial Certificates / Burial Flags. **More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-800-827-1000**

**or Visit Our Web Site at <http://www.va.gov>**