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6	<b>7</b> Ladies Aux Bingo 6:00 pm	8	9 Post Bingo 6:00 pm	10 Board Meeting 5:30 pm Post & Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Post Bingo 6:00 pm	12	4	5 Ladies Aux Bingo 6:00 pm	6	7 Post Bingo 6:00 pm	8 Board Meeting 5:30 pm Post & Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Post Bingo 6:00 pm	10
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# **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS NEWSLETTER**

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### **Commanders Corner**

#### Dear Comrades,

I just want to say Thank you to the new officers and trustees for stepping up to the challenge for "the greater good of the order"! We have been officially taken off suspension! We have completed the two audits needed! So we hope to press forward and get to the mission at hand, serving VETERANS! With that being said, we always have room for volunteers in many areas such as bartenders, bingo workers, house committees, and sharing in the work to **serve** veterans! As always your voice and vote count. Come to our Post meeting, where **you** can make a difference! April will be officer nominations and May we will hold elections! We always welcome Post members to our monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month!

We **welcome all** suggestions and ideas here at the post/canteen, and **most importantly**, new ways to draw in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans! If you have any ideas on how we can appeal to the veterans in our community please share. We will have a suggestion box at the canteen. Our mission is to serve the veterans in our community, and welcome them with open arms. With that being said, we always want to provide great customer service to our veterans, guest, and bingo patrons!

At this time I'd like to acknowledge the Women's Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, and DAD's members whom are an integral part of the VFW's success! Thanks

for your tremendous support over the years!!! I also want to say thank you to the Honor Guard whom honor our dearly departed comrades and families! Our hats off to the Honor Guard whom represent our post with class! Thanks to Robert Gordon whom helped us out these last couple of months! Robert offered great support to both the Quartermaster and myself! Robert has decided to go back to the life of a retiree and we wish him the best!!!

Spring is officially here! With that we like to hold a spring cleaning of the Post. Sign up at the bar if you can help. We are planning to hold this cleanup day on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm. If you have stored items in the basement please collect them at once or they will be donated to Good Will.

A few house rules to go over, the VFW Henry Walters #2144, will not tolerate any form of harassment from members, guest, and or visitors. Please drink responsibly at the canteen, the bartender will gladly call you a cab. The bartender has complete authority to not serve you. The bartender also has complete discretion to ask you to leave, if necessary. All guest must be signed in. Post members should always present their ID's. If you have an address change please leave a note for the Quartermaster whom updates those with national.

Thanks for your service, Bob Goding. Commander



## Ladies Auxiliary Calendar

- April 10 Annual Election Meeting at 7 pm
- April 12 District 8 Testimonial at the Comstock Post
- April 17 Thursday dinner 4:30 6:00 pm
- April 26 Department Testimonial in Flint
- April 26 Groove Walk 9:00pm
- May 3 District 8 Meeting at the Holland Post
- May 7 & 8 Ladies Auxiliary Tulip Time Lunches
- May 8 Monthly meeting at 7 pm
- May 10 Department & District Ladies Auxiliary Presidents visit and participate in the Tulip Time Parade

# Greetings Sisters,

I hope you will join me in welcoming spring! Yes, by the time you read this newsletter we will be in the spring season. With spring comes new ideas and changes. Let this newsletter be a reminder and notice to everyone that elections are being held at the April meeting on Thursday April 10. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and all current paid members are welcome to attend. This is your opportunity to become involved and/or nominate who you would like to see as officers for the auxiliary.

As the Americanism chairman, I want to remind everyone that the Ladies Auxiliary has a variety of flag sizes and types for sale and they can be purchased from the Post at the bar as well.

Thank you service coins are available to present to service members. If you know of anyone who is home on leave or getting ready to be

deployed, please let me know so I can present them with this coin. The coin is engraved with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary logo and includes a short thank you message telling them that we are thinking and praying for their safe return.

Some exciting news for the month of May! District 8 meeting is here and our Department representative will be Department President Marilyn Malick. President Marilyn will also be our special guest for Tulip Time Saturday May 10. What an honor to have our President visit Holland twice in one month! I encourage everyone to stop by Saturday to show her a warm welcome.

Now to end with a few quick reminders; dinners are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, open to the public, still only \$7, and a great way to fellowship with others. Ladies Auxiliary bingo is every Monday starting at 6 p.m. with doors opening at 5 p.m. The Post has their bingos on Wednesday and Friday, same time as ours. And don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary is serving lunch during Tulip Time parades Wednesday and Thursday.

I cannot believe that my first year as president is almost at an end! Time did fly and I will be honest, I am having fun. A challenge at times, but mostly fun. I learned a lot and continue to learn and look forward to hopefully another opportunity to serve as your president. As always, I can be reached by calling (616) 212-9766 or email marlenegaitan1964@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted, Marlene Gaitan. President

### Veterans and Family Support

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of: Helen (Carol) Clendening, who passed away January 16, Beatrice "Bea" Hewitt, who passed away March 8, Linda Brewer, who passed away March 14, and Gladys Japinga, who passed away March 9. Please keep the following Sisters in your thoughts and prayers: JoAnn Slotman, who is very ill

in Mary Freebed, Catherine Moes, who had a valve replacement and two bypasses, and also Sue Harkema, who returned to Spectrum in Grand Rapids for an infection and some repair work. If anyone would like to send a card to any of these families or to the ladies, just give me a call for their address if you don't have it.

Keep smiling, spring is just around the corner!

Ellen Robinson, Veterans & Family Support

Men's Auxiliary

The next meeting is on April 10 at 7:00pm, we will discuss Tulip Time and Elections *Jeff Weatherwax. President* 

# DADS Post 132

Our next meeting will be April 3rd at 4:30pm for the election of new officers. We need a good turnout. Dads next state & District 3 meeting is April 5th at 10:00am in Charlotte.

Nelson Koeman, Dads President

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We are always looking for volunteers to work Bingo. If you are interested Please contact Adam Perkins (616) 499-5742	Officers & Contact Info POST: (616) 392-2144 www.vfwpost2144.weebly.com COMMANDER: Bob Goding (616) 396-7737					
Blue Star Flags If anyone knows of a household that has a family member serving overseas (Afghanistan, etc.) please contact Belinda or Marlene and we will be happy to present and honor them with a flag to hang in their window. The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities. These flags will be presented free of charge.	SENIOR VICE: Rey Avendano (616) 405-0774 JUNIOR VICE: Rachael Overweg (616) 748-2956 QUARTERMASTER: Belinda Coronado (616) 510-5352 ADJUTANT: Pam Robinson (616) 820-9286 CHAPLAIN: Thomas Elwood (616) 294-1220 LADIES AUX PRESIDENT: Marlene (616) 212-9766 LADIES AUX TREASURER: Ellen (616) 396-5415 MEN'S AUX: Jeff Weatherwax (616) 836-3596 HONOR GUARD: Adam Perkins (616) 499-5742					