

FEBRUARY 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						District 8 Meeting Wayland Post							1
2	3 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	4	5 Post Bingo 6 pm	6	7 Post Bingo 6 pm	8	2	3 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	4	5 Post Bingo 6 pm	6	7 Post Bingo 6 pm	8 Honor Guard Fundraiser
9	10 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	11	12 Post Bingo 6 pm	13 Board Meeting 5:30 Post & Aux Meetings 7 pm	14 Post Bingo 6 pm	15 Valentine's Dance 8-1 La Corporacion Band	9	10 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	11	12 Post Bingo 6 pm	13 Board Meeting 5:30 Post & Aux Meetings 7 pm	14 Post Bingo 6 pm	15
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23	24 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	25	26 Post Bingo 6 pm	27	28 Post Bingo 6 pm		23	24 Ladies Aux Bingo 6 pm	25	26 Post Bingo 6 pm	27	28 Post Bingo 6 pm	29 Past & Present Commanders Dinner
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Commander's Comments:

Dear Comrades,

Happy New Year, Post Members. I hope you all had a safe and happy Holiday Season. Unfortunately, I have some bad news to share; Commander Rachel Overweg has resigned. I would like to thank her for her help; as it is a volunteer position. We wish her the best in future endeavors, and hope she visits us at post.

At this time, I am the Acting Commander. For those of you who don't know me, I served in the Army from 1957 to 1958 in Korea. My MOS was communications and transportation. I have been married to my wife, Judy, for 55 years. We have 3 children and several grandchildren. I have been involved in other organizations for 50 years.

With that being said, we have Officer and Trustee positions open to fill with the Commanders departure. I encourage Post members to consider a leadership position within the organization.

– Bob Goding, *Acting Commander*

POST HOURS:

Mon 3:00 - 9:00 pm
Wed 3:00 - 9:00 pm
Fri 3:00 - 9:00 pm
Sat 11:00 - 10:00 pm

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Let's not forget our military personnel that are still in harms way. Also, the POWs and MIAs and their families – keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



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Ladies Auxiliary Calendar

February 1 District 8 Meeting at the Wayland Post
February 13 Monthly Meeting at 7 pm
February 20 Thursday Dinner 4:30 - 6:00 pm
March 13 Monthly Meeting at 7 pm
March 20 Thursday Dinner 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Happy New Year!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and in good spirits. And I hope everyone is enjoying the overabundance of snow. Don't complain, as there will be a day in July when we are trying to stay out of the heat.

First of all, I want to say thanks to everyone who has been coming out to the dinners. We have had some very successful dinners these past few months and hope to continue them into the new year. Dinners are the 3rd Thursday of the month, open to the public and the cost is \$7.00.

Membership is next. If you have not paid your dues, please do

Happy New Year, even though it's February. Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We had a wonderful time with our families from out-of-town. Now, first and foremost, I want to thank all of you for your generous donations. Because of you, we were able to fill all of the needs on our "Basket" list. Next, a BIG thank you to all the volunteers that worked the Fair Bingos these past three months. With the proceeds from these games, we send children to Summer Camp (\$200.00 per child), and we support our National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. The National Home does not receive State or Federal funding, but relies solely on donations. We provide aid to Veterans, active duty military, and/or their families. These are just a few things your Auxiliary does. Without the Fair Bingos, we could not provide as much help.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Sharon Vandevusse, who passed away on December 8th, 2013. Keep the following Sisters and their families in your thoughts and prayers: Linda Brewer, Carol Clendening and Jackie Zych. Also, Ruth Robbins, who had hip surgery and Susan Harkema, who had heart surgery.

— Ellen Robinson, Veterans & Family Support

DADS Post 132

DADS' District 3 Meeting is March 8th, 2014 at Charlotte VFW. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Our next DADS Post 132 Meeting is April 3rd, 2014 at 4:00 pm. This will be election of Officers. See you there. Sympathies to DAD Simon Gaitan, on the passing of his wife, Phyllis.

— Nelson Koeman, DADS President

Men's Auxiliary

As of February 1, 2014, Men's Auxiliary 2014 dues will be \$35.00. Dues are past due as of January 1, 2014.

— Jeff Weatherwax, President

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PLEASE NOTE: do not park in any spots along the embankments by the garbage cans. This is a fire hazard, and HPD will be issuing tickets. Please pass the word.

We are always looking for volunteers for our events or Officer positions for the Post and Club Board. Also, we need Post members to volunteer for Bingo and Trustee positions. Please consider this, and contact Adam for Bingo at 616-499-5742, and Mitch Schipper at 616-218-8614 or mitchschipper@gmail.com for Officer Positions.

Tom Kelly had surgery. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

so now. Your membership expired at the end of the year 2013, so let's get the dues paid so everyone is current. And if you know of anyone who is eligible to join, but don't know how to talk to them about joining, give me a call and I will contact them.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to everyone who sent in donations for the Christmas baskets! We received many donations and I can't tell you how overwhelmed I was with happiness and gratitude when I learned of yet another donation. Thank you so very much to every single one of you who helped with this much appreciated and needed yearly tradition.

Remember our meetings. They are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please join us – we have plenty of room around our meeting table. Remember to drive safe and dress warm!

Respectfully submitted,

— Marlene Gaitan, President Ladies Auxiliary
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Chaplain's Corner

Please let me introduce myself. I am Pastor Joe Cusack. I have been a Pastor in the Reformed Church in America for over 23 years. For over three years, I was the Resident Chaplain for the Holland Christian Home in North Haledon, NJ. I'm also a member of the DAV and American Legion. I have served as a chaplain for many organizations and two fire departments.

In July 2013, my wife, Beverly and I moved to Holland, Michigan. My prayer is that, as the new chaplain of the Henry Walters Post 2144, I would be a blessing to each comrade, to not only pray the prayers at the monthly meetings, but to also be there for each of you in times of need and in times of joy.

Please feel free to call me if you are in need of spiritual help. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to visit and pray with you. I especially would like you to let me know if you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit. I can be reached at 616-294-1220.

Quartermaster's Quarters

Comrades, as your elected Quartermaster, I look forward to working with you as the Post moves into the future. National has raised the dues to \$35.00 per year. Just a reminder, please bring your dues current for the year. If you are having financial hardship, please bring this to my attention.

I am enjoying this new challenge, and I know there are many senior members of the Post whom have a great amount of knowledge to share. With the support of my fellow Officers, I am eager to move the Post into the future through electronic means; as well as becoming more cost efficient.

— Belinda Coronado, Quartermaster
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