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The Next Paint Nite (Seasons II) is Monday, September 17th at 7 pm
To Register Go To: paintnite.com
Use the Code "PaintBloNo"
Cost is DISCOUNTED to \$27.00!



VFW Riders Group
Salute To Freedom Ride
Saturday September 22nd
Registration Starts 9:30 am
Kick Stands Up 10:30 am

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Hello Members of Post 454!

We have several activities happening at the Post this month. The specifics are listed throughout the newsletter. One in particular is the FLU Shot Clinic (Hy-Vee Health Van) happening on Monday, Sep 24th from 3 - 6 pm. It is OPEN to all members and the public. They accept all major medical insurance. So get the word out and let's have a huge showing for this event.

The "Paint Nites" are going well. The intent is to furnish our members and the community with entertainment. It continues to bring in people from the local community and gets our facility noticed.

We have two large fund raising events this month: Brad's Ride to Freedom and the Salute to Freedom Ride put on by our very own VFW Rider's Group.

VFW national and state are closely inspecting the records of those Posts not in compliance with submission of records and adhering to the By-Laws. Strict adherence to record keeping is the focus (Trustee Reports, Election Reports and other required administrative reports). The information from higher up is that any post that is two audits (trustee reports) behind will receive a warning letter. Those that are three reports behind could have their charters suspended.

National and State are also focusing on membership. The district provided each post with lists of unpaid members, going back nine years. They want us (the members) to reach out and try to get them back. Any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Some key dates for September are:

11th	Patriot's Day
18th	Air Force Birthday
21st	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
30th	Gold Star Mothers and Family Day

Also, a shout out to our Commander (Adam Jacobs), who is away at school, and we wish him well.

See you around the Post.

Bob "Doc" Clark
Senior-Vice Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all auxiliary members.

August started out with our spectacular three day group sale. It was a great success, and we owe Melanie Alwes a huge thank you for chairing the project, and to all the members and non-members who helped and dedicated many hours of hard work, we thank you as well.

Labor Day is September 3rd. We invite you to join us as we march in the Labor Day Parade. Please check the newspaper for details about the events happening that day.

September 11th we are going to the Danville VA. Our 7th District President, Vickie Roach, who will make her assistance visit at that time. We will have snacks after the meeting so as to spend more time visiting together. I hope many of our members will attend the meeting.

Our meeting this month is September 5th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us; it will be great seeing you.

If you have any questions regarding our auxiliary feel free to give me a call. We have a wonderful group of experienced auxiliary members who can guide you in signing up new members and learning what we are all about.

Thanks to all for what you do for our veterans and their families.

Murleen Swafford
Auxiliary President

VFW 454 RIDERS GROUP

Our meetings are held once a month, with our next one on Sunday, July 1st at 12:30 pm in the conference room of our Post.

Plan ahead to attend our "Salute to Freedom Ride" on September 22nd. There will be door prizes and a silent auction. Please bring a new toy (to be donated to Toys for Tots of Mclean

County) in exchange for a door prize ticket.

Also, if you know of a business that would like to donate small items for raffles and door prizes please let us know. We would love to involve the community in our events.

The Ride Starts & Ends at VFW Post 454

9:30 – 10:25 am	Registration
10:25 am	Briefing
10:30 am	Kickstands Up
4:30 pm	Arrive Post 454
5:00 pm	Dinner

** Meal Ticket included w/Registration
**Meal Tickets for purchase are available for those not participating in the ride

Entertainment (Live Music): **"Champaign Freight"**

Registration fee:

\$10 per bike or vehicle (\$5 ea additional passenger).

The ride is 150 miles with a few stops to Salute Freedom. So come on out and enjoy the Ride and help us "Salute Freedom"!

GENERAL INFORMATION

FLU Shot Clinic

Monday, Sep 24th from 3 - 6 pm.

We have coordinated with Hy-Vee to bring their travelling medical van to our Post and provide FLU Shots for our members and the general public.

They accept all major medical to include medicare and many others. Bring your insurance cards with you. Most medical plans cover the FLU Shot 100%. So come by and take advantage of this community service opportunity.

2018 - 2019 Scholarship Programs

Voice of Democracy (VOD) Theme

"Why My Vote Matters"

Patriot's Pen Theme

"Why I Honor The American Flag"

These programs are open to high school and middle school children. Please help get the word out to the communities. We will have printable copies available on our website and at the Post.

We need your help in getting this

information out to the community. The more entries we have the better the program. Pass this information along to everyone you know and ask them to pass it along.

Remembering WWI

Post 454 is hosting a special program, "You, Your Family and WWI — tracking your family in WWI," at the Post on Sep 12th at 7 pm as part of a yearlong recognition and remembrance of WWI.

Attendees should bring pictures, letters, documents and other materials from World War I that can be shared with others present at this event. We will have another similar type event on Sunday, Sep 30th at 2 pm.

Kitchen! Kitchen! Kitchen!

At the time this newsletter was sent to print, we are waiting on attorneys to hammer out the last couple of items in the lease agreement. We hope to have the kitchen operational very soon.

Please pay attention to our website, facebook page, and other media to hear the possible opening date for the Pop-Up Chicken Shop.

Quincy Veterans Home Trip

The Post and Auxiliary will be going to the Quincy Veterans Home on Saturday, October 27th. Please save the date.

They will accept donated clothing for men and women, but it must be clean and boxed. Remember we are donating those items as gifts to a veteran who has sacrificed much for this country.

We are leaving the Post at 9 am and should arrive by noon at Quincy. We have time for lunch at the snack bar. Then bingo starts at 1:30 pm in the Lippincott Center.

We invite all members, old and new to join us. Contact Mary Sheehan at 309-585-0489.

Post Membership

Annual members consider accepting the Post's offer to help you become a "Life Member". The Post will pay \$100 towards a life membership. Contact the Post at 309-827-9733 and ask for Jim (our Quartermaster). He can help you become a Life Member.

Auxiliary Annual Dues

Your 2019 annual dues (\$25) can now be paid. Send a check to Diane Hawk, Treasurer, to 1006 E Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61701. Become a Life Member and you never have to pay dues again.

Packing Boxes

We need names and addresses of military members serving in combat areas. Please send or bring their information to the Post or Auxiliary office. We want to continue this wonderful program and support of our service members. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Pot Belly's Veterans Fund Raising

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a fund raising event that WE need to support. If we don't support the event, they may pull the plug on this fund raising event. That would be a shame to see it go away.

So please stop by Pot Belly's at 609 South Main Street in Normal and have dinner on one of the dates shown below. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Here are the dates for this year:

September 12 October 10
November 14 December 12

Entertainment Events

September 17th is our next Paint Nite. It is titled "Seasons II". We have 3 more Paint Nite's scheduled. Here are those dates. We hope you can make one of them and share your talents with us.

October 15th November 19th
December 10th

There are several musical events happening over the next few months so check your calendars. For these events to be successful, we need our members, to attend these events. Please consider coming to these events and supporting your Post.

We are looking at a comedy night, or dinner and Elvis impersonator and other types of events. If you know of something that might work for our venue please stop by and discuss it with us.

Auxiliary's Danville VA Trips

On the latest two trips to Danville we met Richard and Joe. Both are originally from Danville and are now residents of the hospital. Richard is a Vietnam vet and Joe is Korea. Both enjoy the trips out to lunch to get away for a different type of food, such as steak, buffalo chicken wings, pizza or even breakfast.

We are praying for these two brave men who are battling PTSD and cancer. Our next trip is September 11th. We will leave at 9am for bingo at Liberty House and then on to lunch. We always have room for members wanting to ride along with us and bring some joy to deserving veterans.

District Meetings

Our District 7 meetings are:
Nov 18th Bloomington (Post 454)
Feb 17th Pontiac (Post 886)
May 19th Champaign (Post 5520)

Canteen Hours

Effective Sunday, August 5th we close the canteen at 12:00 am on Sunday & Monday nights, **IF** there are no customers. The canteen **WILL** be open if customers are present. Staying open until 1:00 am on those nights is not cost effective. Once the late fall and winter season picks back up, we may opt to change back to the 1:00 am closing time.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND SISTERS

Linda Friend (July 2018)
Mary Stith (August 2018)

Lois Patterson (July 2018)
Harold Rotramel (August 2018)



SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 VFW Darts 7 pm
2 VFW Rider's Meeting 12:30 pm	3 Labor Day	4 Post Mtg 6 pm Pool 7 pm	5 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30 pm Pool 7 pm	6	7 VFW Darts 7 pm	8 Brad's Ride 10 am Set-up VFW Darts 7 pm
9	10	11 Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm Pool 7 pm	12 World War I Event 7 pm Pool 7 pm	13	14 VFW Darts 7 pm	15 Golf Lunch (rain date) 12 pm NALC Dinner 5 pm VFW Darts 7 pm
16	17 Paint Nite Setup 5 pm Starts 7 pm	18 Open Mic Night 7 pm Pool 7 pm	19 Pool 7 pm	20 BBQ & Brews Fundraiser 5 pm	21 VFW Darts 7 pm	22 Salute to Freedom Ride 9:30 am Champaign Freight Band 6 pm
23	24 FLU Shot Clinic 3 - 6 pm	25 Pool 7 pm	26 Pool 7 pm	27	28 VFW Darts 7 pm	29 VFW Darts 7 pm
30 World War I Event 2 pm	1 House Mtg 5:30 pm AMVETS Mtg 6:30 pm	2 Post Mtg 6 pm Pool 7 pm	3 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30 pm Pool 7 pm	4	5 VFW Darts 7 pm	6 VFW Darts 7 pm
7 VFW Rider's 12:30 pm	8	9 Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm Pool 7 pm	10 Pool 7 pm	11	12 Rehearsal Dinner 6:30 pm VFW Darts 7 pm	13 USBC Banquet 6 pm VFW Darts 7 pm
14	15 Paint Nite Setup 5 pm Starts 7 pm	16 Pool 7 pm	17 Pool 7 pm	18	19 VFW Darts 7 pm	20 VFW Darts 7 pm

Band Information:

Sep 22nd

6 - 10 pm

Champaign Freight

Oct 27th

8 pm

Jury's Out Band (Halloween Party) Come in Costume

Nov 10th (Tentative)

7 or 7:30 pm

Old Smoke (right after USMC Birthday Event)

Dec 31st

Still Working On