



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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**The Next Paint Nite
(Harvest Moon Reflection)
Monday, September 16th at 7 pm
To Register Go To:
www.yaymaker.com
Use the Code “CRAFTLOCAL”
For a Discounted Price!**



**Sweetwater Band
Friday, September 27th
7:30 - 10:30 pm
Music You Want To Hear
Pop Up Chicken Shop Serving
Fish & Chicken Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 pm**

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Greetings comrades,
Thank you to all who helped make the C of A and the State Commander and President's Homecoming a great success. We couldn't have done it without you.

School is now in session. So be careful when you are out and about. There are a lot of out-of-town students who are getting to know our streets.

Pay particular attention to the school zones that are now in full operation. Because we all know there are little ones who don't look before they wander into the streets.

September is a time to remember the attacks of 9-11 and all those innocent lives we lost. September 28 is Illinois Day at the National Children's Home in Eaton Rapids Michigan. The Post received the Gold Star sponsor award again this past year. The Gold Star award goes to those organizations that contribute \$2,000 and higher to help maintain the homes. Way to go Post 454.

Robert Sable
Post Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is just around the corner and we are busier than ever. The homecoming for Billie and Brad was a huge success. Thanks to all our members who helped with this project. Fishing with the veterans in Danville was lots of fun.

Looking toward September and October, our schedule continues to be full of events.

September 4th will be our regular meeting and I hope to see you all at 6:30 pm. On September 14th at 9 am we will pack boxes for our deployed veterans and from 11 – 2 we are hosting a bake sale. At this time, we have 6 veterans to provide boxes for and we are in need of any donations since our supply is almost depleted.

September 17th is our trip to Danville for lunch. This month we will be hosting bingo at the Freedom House and will leave the Post at 8:15 am.

On September 21st we will host the Mid-State Luncheon for our Department President. There will be a social hour at 12 noon and lunch at 1:00 pm.

Then on September 28th we have a number of our members heading to the VFW National Home for Children to celebrate Illinois Day.

On October 2nd we welcome our National President, Peggy Haake, and will serve a banquet in her honor at our Post. This means our regularly scheduled meeting will take place on October 9th. Please plan to attend since this will be our visit from our 7th District President, Vicky Roach.

Thanks again to all our members who so willingly give of their time and energy. Don't forget to thank a veteran every chance you get.

C.J. Wahmann
Auxiliary President

VFW 454 RIDERS GROUP

The Rider's Group will host another meeting on Sunday, September 1st at 12:30 pm. Meet at the Post.

We had to cancel our "Salute to Freedom Ride" due to family commitments of most of our group. We hope to reschedule next year and make it a huge event. So until then, come out and meet with us and enjoy the riding camaraderie.

GENERAL INFORMATION

C of A Social and Homecoming

Post 454 hosted a social on August 9th and approx 150 plus VFW and Auxiliary Members from across the state attended the event. We served a beef & chicken taco bar and entertained with 50's rock-n-roll music.

The event was well received and everyone enjoyed the food, the music and our Post. Thanks to the Pop Up Chicken Shop for the great food.

A big Thank You to Bob Sable, Brent Wick and Chris Waters for staying after and helping with the clean up. Don't forget our bartenders, that evening who

received several comments on how friendly and accommodating they were. Everyone's support was greatly appreciated.

The homecoming event on August 10th was a success. Billie and Brad both received presentations and introduced their families those in attendance. Once the formalities were complete, we had dinner and dancing. Everyone had a good time.

Bloomington VA Clinic

As we reported last month, the opening appears to be November. We and Amvets continue to work with our local leaders, the VA and Connect Transit on the bus stop issue for those with disabilities. We will keep you informed as to the progress being made.

Mobility Connect

Last month we introduced you to Mobility Connect. This is a service that is required under the ADA. If you have a disability and have no way of getting around town, this may be your answer. There is an application and approval process which could take up to 60 days, but the benefits could outweigh the short wait time. As mentioned, we have copies of the application at the Post.

The way it works is you make a reservation the day before and they will pick you up and take you to your appointments and other areas. The normal charge is \$2 (what we have been told).

They currently have 17 of these special transport vehicles. So, if you have a disability and need assistance with transportation please fill out an application and see if this service could benefit you.

Pop Up Chicken Shop

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have signed another lease with the Pop Up Chicken Shop. We look forward to another year of great food and partnership with Chris and Aaron. We are glad you are sticking around.

They are open Monday - Saturday 11 – 4. If you have not tried the food, you are in

for a treat. They are the Pantagraph's Readers Choice for fried chicken.

Post Membership

We are well under way for the 2019 – 2020 year. We need to do our best to be 100% before the end of this fiscal year. Our Post has a special program to assist members in obtaining Life Membership. Now is the time to come see our Quartermaster or call 309-827-9733.

Auxiliary Annual Dues

Please send your \$25.00 to Diane Hawk, Treasurer - 1006 E Lincoln St - Bloomington 61701. If you are having financial or health problems, let us know. We have ways to assist you. Call Diane at 309-828-3534.

Packing Boxes & Bake Sale

The Auxiliary packs boxes every other month to send to deployed service members in a combat area. The next packing is Saturday, September 14th at 9 am. The Auxiliary is in need of donations for the boxes. The supplies are very low at this time. So if there is anything you can donate or spare please drop those items off at the Post.

Entertainment Events

Paint Nites are scheduled on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm. Join us and let that inner-artist out and paint a masterpiece.

September 16th

Painting Name

Harvest Moon

October 21st

Reflection

Walk Through

Autumn

To Register Go To www.yaymaker.com Use the Code "CRAFTLOCAL" for a discounted price.

For those who were not able to attend the **Timothy "P"** entertainment afternoon on August 4th, we had a really great show and lots of customers. A great time was had by all who attended.

Double Shot Duo is back for a command

performance on Friday, August 30th at 7:30 pm. They are helping to kick off the Labor Day weekend.

Upcoming Musical Entertainment

Sep 27 th	Sweetwater
Oct 11 th	Rio Grande
Oct 25 th	Capt Ron
Nov 8 th	Velvet Groove
Dec 6 th	Jury's Out
Dec 31 st	The Bygones

Don't forget, The Pop Up Chicken Shop will also be serving fish & chicken that night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. So don't miss out on dinner and entertainment.

District Meetings

The next District meeting will take place on Sunday, August 18th at Post 8350 in Chenoa. The joint Post and Auxiliary meeting begins at 11:00 am. Lunch is served at noon. Individual meetings begin at 1:00.

This is the first meeting of the 2019 - 2020 year. Please plan to attend the meeting on this date and find out what is happening in the District.

Annual Quincy Veteran's Home Trip

The annual trip is slated for Saturday, October 12th. Now is the time to begin collecting donations for those veterans.

The staff at Quincy has requested donations of Universal Remotes (TV, DVD, etc). The Post and Auxiliary are purchasing some, but if you would like to make a donation to be used for this purpose it would be greatly appreciated.

We have a list of other items that the veterans could use as well. That list is at the Post and will be available on our website as well. www.vfwpost454.org

If you would like to donate any of the needed items please drop them off at the Post. We will ensure they are delivered during our October 12 visit.

If you would like to travel with us to Quincy and play bingo with the veterans please call the Post and ask for Jim and he will provide you with more information as to the departure time for the trip.

Scholarship Time

Each year we have the Voice of Democracy (high school students) and Patriot's Pen (middle school students) Scholarship Programs.

These are in full swing right now. The deadline for submissions to the local Post is October 31st. So get the word out to these students. We have posted the entry forms on our webpage and posted information on our facebook page and other groups facebook pages as well. We would love to see 50 – 100 entries for these scholarships.

Did you know that the VFW also provides awards for the following?

Teacher of the Year

Scout of the Year

Public Servant

Emergency Medical Technicians

Law Enforcement Personnel

Firefighters

This information has also been placed on our website www.vfwpost454.org and facebook page. Also when viewing our facebook page, it's great to "like" something, but even better when you "share" that post to your facebook page because it allows all of your friends to see that you support us and these programs.

Remember, these are "FREE" scholarship and award programs and you do not have to be a member of the VFW to participate or submit someone. So, let's Get out in our communities and support those who support us.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND SISTERS

Eileen Bagwell (July)



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 VFW Rider's Mtg 12:30 pm	2 LABOR DAY	3 Post Mtg 6 pm Pool 7 pm	4 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30 pm Pool 7 pm	5 Pool 7 pm	6 VFW Darts 8 pm	7 Golf Tourn 12 pm at Post VFW Darts 8 pm
8	9 AMVETS Mtg 6:30 pm NALC Mtg 7 pm	10 Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm Pool 7 pm	11 Pool 7 pm	12 Pool 7 pm	13 VFW Darts 8 pm	14 Pack Boxes 9 am Bake Sale 11 am VFW Darts 8 pm
15	16 Paint Nite Setup 5 pm Starts 7 pm	17 Aux Danville Trip 8:15 am Pool 7 pm	18 Pool 7 pm	19 Open Mic Night 7 pm Pool 7 pm	20 VFW Darts 8 pm	21 Midstate Lunch 10 am NALC Steak Fry 5 pm VFW Darts 8 pm
22	23	24 Pool 7 pm	25 DAV # 60 Mtg 5:30 pm Pool 7 pm	26 Pool 7 pm	27 Fish & Chicken 5:30 – 7:30 pm Sweetwater Band 7:30 pm VFW Darts 8 pm	28 Birthday Party 5:30 pm VFW Darts 8 pm
29	30 House Mtg 5:30 pm	1 Post Mtg 6 pm Pool 7 pm	2 Aux Banquet 4:30 pm Pool 7 pm	3 Pool 7 pm	4 Bob Clark's Celeb of Life 4:30 pm VFW Darts 8 pm	5 VFW Darts 8 pm
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