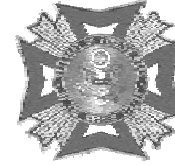


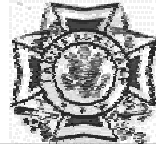
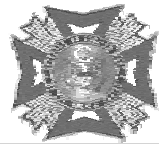
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Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas to all
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We Remember



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Snowbirds are returning and things at the Post are picking up. First and foremost, I would like to thank Chef Becky and her staff of volunteers for the fantastic dinners coming from the Flamingo Café. But remember Chef Becky can always use help.

Also an "ataboy" to Karlene, our Entertainment Chairperson for the great bands she is booking, "way to go gal".

We had our Poppy Sales. It was ok but we needed more people to cover the doors. It only takes one hour of your time. We do this major Poppy Drive twice a year. But we always have Veterans and Family's of Veterans everyday, not twice a year. So please help with this on going program.

We had a Make a Difference Day at the Post for 3 Nursing Homes. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the dinner and dance.

Don't forget your 2010 dues can be paid at the bar at the Post. The Post needs 84 members to be at 100% to make All State. Don't forget the longer you wait the longer it takes to get your membership card.

I would like to thank all the persons who donated to our Thanksgiving Baskets. But we could still use more help. Cut off date for this years dive is November 21, 2009.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, we will have a Thanksgiving Dinner here November 26, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Tickets are only \$5.00 each, limited to the first 125 people. Cut off for ticket sales is November 20, 2009. (This will be a ticket only affair).

At our last Post meeting, it was passed on the floor that we will have a \$2.00 cover charge per person for all persons not having dinner on Friday nights, who just come in for the music.

Also passed, the parking on the south side of the building will be for canteen only parking. This is for Saturday only.

Don't forget on Thursday we have Show Me The Money from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

We are having so many things going on at the Post; it is hard to list everything. So come on down to see what is going on at your Post. Christmas Day the Post will be closed.

Also before I forget, New Years tickets are on sale until December 24, 2009, cost is \$12.00 each for a shrimp cocktail and prime rib dinner, music by the Sun Coasters, 2:00 to 6:00 PM December 31, 2009. (This will be a ticket only affair).

For God and Country

John Stark

Commander

God Bless Our Troops



OKLAHOMA STATE TROOPER

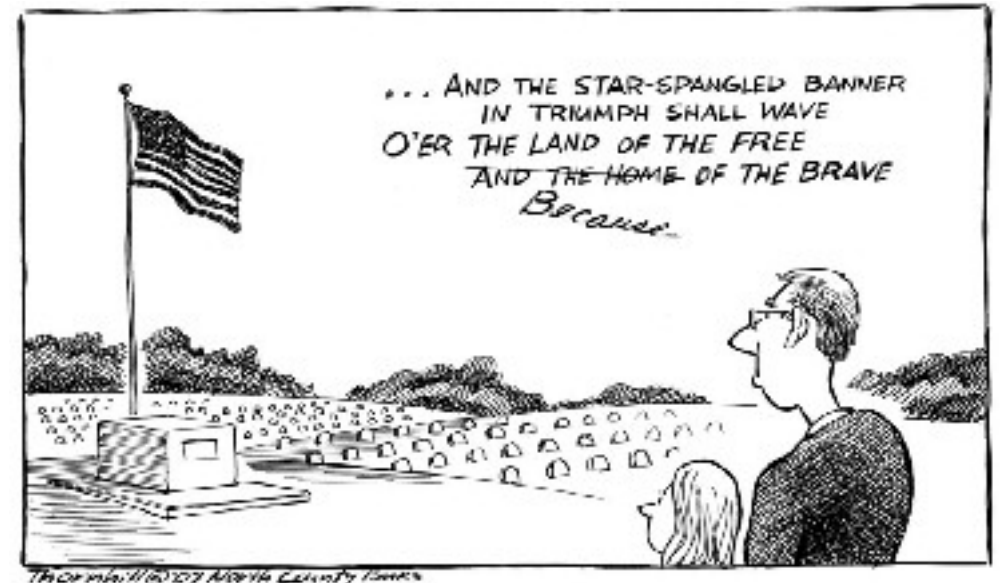
An Oklahoma senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership.

Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-35, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw an Oklahoma State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this!" and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch, and then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday...if you can give me a new reason for speeding--a reason I've never before heard--I'll let you go." The old man paused then said: "Three years ago, my wife ran off with an Oklahoma State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back.."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.




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From the desk of John Stark

This is to remind all members that the Post has two paper recycling bins in the parking lot next to the Helicopter.

The money from the recycling helps to support our local charities.
Please bring your old news papers and deposit in the bins and help your Post.

Thank you,
John Stark
Commander

ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION

- 1. Due to limited space, all items placed on the bulletin board will remain for one (1) month only. Dated from the Bartender or Post Officer. All others will be removed. John Stark, Cmdr Elect**
- 2. NO. – We say again No Holding of seats at the bar for Bar Bingo.**
- 3. If you have any questions, please talk with a Post Officer.**

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter. 10 men and 1 woman.

The rope was not strong enough to carry them all So they decided that one had to leave,

Because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to choose that person,

Until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope,

Because, as a woman, She was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general,

And was used to always making sacrifices With little in return.

As soon as she finished her speech,

All the men started clapping

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THINGS TO REPORT TO YOUR AUXILIARY FOR CREDITS

The Ladies Auxiliary receives credits for things that the members do for others, and a report is sent to the State and we receive Awards for our efforts.

Below is a list of some of the things we receive awards for:

1. Flying your flag
2. Emblems on your car, flag, POW/MIA, etc.
3. Save Campbell Food Labels
4. Report Mammogram visits, colonoscopy
5. Aid to a Veteran's family
6. Any get well cards sent
7. Visiting homebound, nursing homes, hospitals etc.
8. Attending Funerals, Memorial Services, and phone calls to shut ins.
9. Donating to Food Banks, clothing donations
10. Donating a flag, donating to blood banks
11. Writing letters to Senators or Congressman on Veteran Issues.

See our Chaplain Doris Crist or Auxiliary President Cathy Springer for more information and to obtain a report sheet. This is very beneficial to our Ladies Auxiliary and the Post. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at home,' I explained. !

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis , set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 19.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 6AM every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES from a friend :

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it.. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

QUARTERMASTER'S GREETING....

Fall is upon us and we are beginning to see the return of the Snowbirds. Welcome back, be sure to visit the Post and see the changes that have been done, including our new kitchen. We are again having the Friday night dinners and dance, join us for some great food and fine music.

The Post's finances took a turn for the better in the month of September and although one month does not a trend make, I am hopeful we have turned the corner and will continue to be a financially sound Post. With the help of employees and volunteers, we have taken actions to cut expenses and increase revenue. We have cut our huge electric bill by turning off un-needed air conditioning and turning off lights when not in use, I have also contacted Florida Power and had the lights in the rear of the building that were lighting that empty field turned off.

The kitchen has been operating in the black and we have added "Show Me the Money" every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Come in and try this fun game.

I would like to thank everyone who helps with Bingo, Show Me the Money and in the kitchen.

Special thanks go out to Jerry and Bette Handy who not only help in the kitchen but they also donated the money needed to purchase a much-needed piece of kitchen equipment.

A new menu and schedule is posted and will be updated periodically.

Please remember to attend your Post meetings and help us conduct the Post business.

Thank you,
Jay Parker
Quartermaster

CALLING ALL LADY AUXILIARY MEMBERS...

The money earned at our Bingo Games is used to fund all of our projects – National, State and Local.

However, without adequate workers, it is difficult to earn money to support these projects.

We are asking anyone with a flair for bookkeeping to please volunteer to help with doing the money on Saturdays. It is not hard to learn and if we get enough volunteers, you would only be asked to work once every month to six weeks

You do not need to know how to play Bingo or what the winning combinations are in order to do this job. This will enable our regulars to get a Saturday off once in awhile.

We also need help for our Tuesday Bingo Games, collection money and calling back winners – we encourage all members to come join us to play.

With a membership of over 400, it's a shame that the same 6 to 8 people are doing it all!! That is less than 2%. Remember, this is your auxiliary. Help us help others.

Sunday Bingo also needs VFW volunteers to help them. C'mon folks – do your part....
Thank you, Ruth O'Feild

Bingo Update.....

I want to take this opportunity to "Thanks everyone" who has assisted with Saturday Bingo whenever I have asked for their help.

We are getting better attendance, so our profits have increased, and that in turn helps our community and veterans.

I would like to ask that you all continue to help Crystal Thompson and Grace Slagle as they take over as co-chairs for the next year.

Thanks again, keep up the good work, Ruth O'Feild

News from the Flamingo Café

By now, a good many of you have had the chance to join us for our Friday night dinners. I have been thrilled with the turnout but would certainly like to see more faces. I know the Snowbirds will be here soon enough though, and that will increase numbers also.

I hope you're enjoying the meals I've been preparing and also the fish Rick has started to do one Friday night a month to give me a bit of a break. I can't thank him enough for doing that for me.

It takes a lot of time to put together the dinners, from the planning stage to serving, and I could not do it without the help of all the volunteers who come in to help me prep, dish up, serve, wash dishes and just generally be there for me. A huge THANK YOU goes out to each and everyone of them.

We are now featuring Chicken Wings (3 for \$1.00) on Monday from 1:00 till gone...

Thursdays during "Show Me the Money" I am preparing Deep Fried Cauliflower served with drawn butter and Parmesan cheese. A basket of this tasty treat sells for \$2.00

Please stop in and join us at The Flamingo Café. See you there.

Becky Parker, Kitchen Manager & Chef

PLEASE CHEK OUT THESE BEAUTIFUL MILITARY PICTURES.....

These web sites have some awesome photos of our military in action – I do hope you will check them out and remember that in each plane and on every ship, there are hundreds of our American Military Soldiers with families waiting here at home, safe and sound because of them...I was wearing my Auxiliary shirt after a meeting and while in CVS, a Postman came up to me and said "Thanks for helping our Veterans. I was in Viet Nam" I smiled and said "Oh I thank you for your service". Enjoy the pictures.....

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RUMORS

Rumor has it that our Post is run by a "Clique". Careful investigating by the House Committee has shown that this is TRUE! Furthermore, we have found that the "Clique" is composed of some of our faithful members who are present at all of our meetings, who do all of the work, participate in the clean up programs, quietly go about aiding veterans, serve on committees, promote membership, willingly give of their time, energy and talents. They are the members who sincerely believe that the more you put into our Post and programs, the more you get out of it.

There is no question that the enthusiasm, responsibility and efforts of the "Clique" are of inestimable value to our Post. It is therefore suggested that YOU join this "Clique". It is very easy to do – begin by attending our meetings, dinners, activities and demonstrate that YOU can be counted on to be a TEAM PLAYER. Show a continued interest in all affairs pertaining to our Post. Never refuse a request for assistance, committee appointment or – or how about serving as an Officer? Before you realize it – YOU will soon be a valued member of this "Clique" and you will be surprised to learn how anxious the "Clique" will be to welcome you to its ranks.

I'M THE UNKNOWN

I'm the unknown friend who was asked to join your organization.

I'm the unknown friend who paid their dues to join.

I'm the unknown friend who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal to the organization.

I'm the unknown member who came to the meetings and no one paid any attention to me.

I'm the unknown member who tried several times to be a friend, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit next to.

I'm the unknown member who was left out when I volunteered to help with fund raising projects and membership recruitment.

I'm the unknown member who missed a few meetings because I was sick, but at the next meeting, no one asked where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

I'm the unknown member who decided to stay home and watch TV one meeting night, at the next meeting; no one asked me where I had been.

You might say I'm a good person, a good family member who holds a responsible job, loves their country and community.

You know who I am?

THE MEMBER THAT NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of the organization and members discuss why the organization was losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for new members when there I was all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel WANTED AND WELCOME.

Let's make our new members feel welcome so they do become involved.

Author Unknown

Canteen Menu

Whole Pizza	\$6.00	Stuffed Clams	\$1.00
Slice of Pizza	\$1.00	Hot Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheeseburger	\$2.25	Soft Pretzel	\$1.00
Philly Steak	\$2.25	Nuts	\$.50
Hot Dog	\$1.50	Crackers	\$.50
Chips	\$.50	Coffee/Tea	\$.50



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Stay

*I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled
Down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.*

*She was stretched full-out on the back seat
And I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.*

*I walked to the curb backward,
Pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,
'Now you stay. Do you hear me? "Stay! Stay!"*

*The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady,
Gave me a strange look and said,
'Why don't you just put it in Park?'*

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To all Auxiliary Sisters and Post Members,

Soon 2009 will be a memory; hopefully 2010 will be a better year for everyone.

Sadly I must report that the "Angles Bells" have chimed and called many of our Auxiliary Sisters home;

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Phyllis Hall | Louise Losher |
| Joyce Grenman | Elaine Zaffarano |
| Charlotte Coppedge | Amelia Robbins |
| Deborah Madeau | LaRue Blanton |
| Mary Barek | |

We shall miss them.

Heavenly Father please watch over and protect our Veterans here and on foreign soil. Give them the best Holidays possible and bring them home safely.

Sisters, please remember anyone that needs a kind word, a call or a card.

- My sincere wishes for all of you:
- A bountiful Thanksgiving
 - A Very Blessed Christmas
 - A Happy, Healthy New Year.

May the Lord Bless and keep you always.

Heavenly Father we humbly ask that you bless our Veterans, here and on foreign soil.

:
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Military Jokes

"Chow looks wonderful," I told the mess sergeant, a large, intimidating man. "I'd love seconds."

"You'll get the same as everyone else," he growled as he chucked food on my tray. "Now move it!"

After finishing the edible portion of my meal, I dumped the rest in the garbage, accidentally tossing out my silverware. While leaning into the trash can to look for my knife and fork, I felt a tap on my shoulder. It was the mess sergeant. "It's all right, son," he said. "You can grab seconds."

-- Scott Pope

Gen. George Armstrong Custer is buried on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Since I was driving through the area, I decided to pay my respects. At the gate, the distracted young MP put down her book, checked my ID and asked the purpose of my visit. I explained that I was there to visit General Custer. As she picked up her book, she asked, "And is the general expecting you?"

-- William Paris

When I worked as a medical intern in a hospital, one of my patients was an elderly man with a thick accent. It took a while before I understood that he had no health insurance. Since he was a World War II vet, I had him transported to a VA hospital, where he'd be eligible for benefits.

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HARRY ROST,

By John Stark

- Q. Why did you join the Navy?
A. At the time, I was in the Merchant Marines sailing in the Great Lakes then I switched over.
- Q. Where did you join?
A. Painville Ohio, 28 Aug 43.
- Q. How old were you?
A. Just 19 years old.
- Q. Where did you take your training?
A. Great Lakes, Ill.
- Q. What field were you trained in?
A. Boatswain mate.
- Q. When did you go to European Theater?
A. April 1944.
- Q. After D-Day, where did you go?
A. Southern France at Rivera
- Q. What medals did you get?
A. 2 Bronze stars, European & African Middle East Campaign medal, American Campaign medal and Pacific Campaign medal.
- Q. How was France?
A. It was a picnic compared with the D-Day Invasion.
- Q. After France, then what?
A. Came back to the states on a short leave. Got married on Ground Hog Day to Ada, 64 years and counting.
- Q. Then what?
A. The Navy liked me so much; they sent me to the Philippines. In Manila, we were preparing for the Invasion of Japan. We were all loaded in Manila Harbor to invade Japan if the bomb did not work. But thank God, it did. I was discharged 16 Dec 1945 with a grand total of \$120.79 in my pocket.
- Q. After getting, what did you do?
A. Went into the produce field.
- Q. When did you join the VFW?
A. In 1947. I went life member Aug 1979 and a Charter Member of Cooties Pup Tent #76 Nov. 1982. We had our meetings in the old back building.
- Q. What would you say to a young person wanting to enlist?
A. Get all you can while you can.
- Q. Where do you see the Post in 2 years?
A. In these changing times, we also have to change and not live in the past.
- Q. What do you like about the Past?
A. Friendship



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Since March of this year, I have had two very traumatic injuries to my neck and my head, which left me almost totally disabled. My veteran friends have helped in so many ways that I cannot thank them enough. These men have cut my grass, made repairs and (they and their wives) “Baby-sit” me so my wife can run necessary errands.

For the past 6 months these men, Jim Hall, Richie Quinn, Lou Gutherie and Mark Snyder have done so much for me and are continuing to do so, until I can walk and manage on my own.

Richie, Lou and Mark are all Army Veterans and Jim is a fellow Marine Veteran. I am so grateful to them all, but especially to Jim Hall who has been with me almost everyday since day one in the E.R.

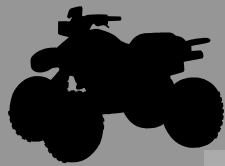
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DAV #70 and Elks Lodge #2522.

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I am a member of the Auxiliary...

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There aren't any more clues to help ya,

Good Luck

WHO AM I ?

I am a Member of the Post.

I am VERY active in the Post.

I am married and EVERYONE knows my wife.

Heck, everyone knows me.....

Turn your guess into the bartender and the first person to guess who I am receives a free drink ticket.

Good Luck

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Woodland Terrace is in need of our help.....

The residents are in need of some items that keep disappearing and few have the funds or family to help replace these items. If you can help with any of the following items, please bring to the post and they will be delivered to the nursing home.

List if items needed:

- Slippers Lotions (for male & females)
- Hair brushes & combs
- Tee shirts Sweat Pants
- Magazines
- Big print Readers Digest Lap covers
- Non-skid socks
- After shave and perfume (lightly scented)
- Search a Word puzzle books

Anything else that you can think of that will make living in a nursing home a little more bearable. Please see Big Ed, Crystal, Ronnie or Karlene for more information or to leave your items at the Post....



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You Got To Love The Irish

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

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Walking into the bar, Mike said to Karlene the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman."

"Oh yeah?" said Karlene, "And how did this one end?"

"When it was over," Mike replied, "She came to me on her hands and knees."

"Really," said Karlene, "Now that's a switch! What did she say?" She said, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."



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Hi again everyone, I hope you had a great summer.

As you all know we started early again this year collecting for our Thanksgiving Baskets. I think we will be giving out between 40 and 45 baskets this year.

There is a box in the canteen for canned and non-perishable food items, also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that can donate a turkey and a donation jar on the bar for cash donations.

We have started something new at our Sunday and Tuesday Bar Bingo games. When you bring in one food item for the Thanksgiving Basket, you will get a free playing card for the winner take all cover all game.

See me when you come in and I will give you a ticket and when we get ready to play the game I will come around with the cards.

Hope to see you there...

If you know of a family in need of help at Thanksgiving time, please let me know.

If we all do what ever we can, we will be able to help our needy families. Please help us to help them.

Thank You,
Ronnie Porey

*A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!*

Answers to Questions on page

23 ANSWERS :

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-ho op



This has got to be the picture of the year –
We love you both.....



CANTEEN CHIT CHAT

Finally the weather is cooling off. Some of our snowbirds are already back and we welcome them with open arms. We have missed all of you and hope you had a wonderful summer.

For the Month of November we will have more than one monthly drink special. Be sure to stop and find out what they are.

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets for only \$5.00 each are going fast, so pick up yours at the bar.

We also have New Years Eve tickets for \$12.00 per person behind the bar and don't forget our celebration will be during the day from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, music by the Sun Coasters.

Both Michele and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Love, Kisses & Hugs,

Karlene and
Michele

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Cinnamon and Honey

~ Bet the drug companies won't like this one getting around.~

Facts on Honey and Cinnamon:

It is found that a mixture of honey and Cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Scientists of today also accept honey as a 'Ram Ban' (very effective) medicine for all kinds of diseases.

Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases.

Today's science says that even though honey is sweet, if taken in the right dosage as a medicine, it does not harm diabetic patients.

Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, in its issue dated 17 January, 1995 has given the following list of diseases that can be cured by honey and cinnamon as researched by western scientists:

HEART DISEASES:

Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jelly and jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack.

Also, those who have already had an attack, if they do this process daily, they are kept miles away from the next attack. Regular use of the above process relieves loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat.

In America and Canada, various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as you age, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and get clogged; honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and veins.

ARTHRITIS:

Arthritis patients may take daily, morning and night, one cup of hot water with two spoons of honey and one small teaspoon of cinnamon powder. If taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured. In a

recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon Honey and half teaspoon Cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week, out of the 200 people so treated, practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain, and within a month, mostly all the patients who could not walk or move around because of arthritis started walking without pain.

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Flag Bearers

Josefina Guardia	Barbara Nezgoda Crystal Thompson
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The Post Honor Guard needs members. You must be physically able to stand for about 20 minutes during funeral services occurring approximately once or twice weekly.

Most funerals are conducted at the National Cemetery in Bushnell on weekdays.
We also do community service ceremonies at rest homes and schools.

Serve your fellow veterans today. Call the Post Commander or Honor Guard Commander at 726-3339 for details to join the elite of our community and Post.

If you suffer a death in the family of a veteran or spouse, contact the Post Commander for scheduling the Post Honor Guard to perform services.

Information is also available concerning procedures at the National Cemetery at Bushnell, Florida.

A Letter from the Editor

As some of you may or may not know, I have resigned as President of the Ladies Auxiliary for VFW Post 4252.

I took the position because there were no other candidates for President. Judy needed a much deserved rest. The office of President requires more time and attention than I realized and I can not do it justice. I am a single self supporting lady with a job, a home and responsibilities. I recently had corrective surgery on my right foot and am home bound for the next few weeks to come. There is no way I can help with the activities that are planned for the holidays. I have honestly done my best and want to thank all who put their trust in me – I also want to thank Doris Crist for helping me through the last quarterly reports.

There are many, many behind the scene projects that the President must do that most don't know about, that takes a lot of time, but for some, that was not enough. They want more and I just don't have it to give. I love the VFW, the Auxiliary and I honestly gave it all I had.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Merry Christmas.



Thank you
Cathy Springer
Grapevine Editor

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Think about this for a minute....

If I happened to show up on your door step crying,.....would you care?

If I called you and asked.....you to pick me up because something happened,....would you come?

If I had one day left to live my life,.....would you be part of that last day?

If I needed a shoulder to cry on,would you give me yours?

Who is your best friend?

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday November

Sandy Stark – Nov 5th

Heidi Prive – Nov 5th

Ruth O'Field Nov 17th

December

Angie Titus Dec 6th

Mange Ball Dec 13th.

Chris Porey Dec 15th.

Lou Davis – Dec. 16th.

Big Ed Dec 20th.

Dean "aka" Russ Dec 21st

Mugsey Dec 23rd

Mike O'field Dec 28th

Happy Birthday to all

Anniversaries

Lou & Ron Davis –Dec. 31st.

Happy Anniversary to all
I may have missed

Please let us know so we can all join in wishing them a
Happy Day.

If you know of any member having a Birthday or
Anniversary
Thanks,

Cathy Springer

One day my housework-
challenged husband decided
to wash his sweat-shirt
seconds after he stepped into
the laundry room, he shouted
to me,

'What setting do I use on the
washing machine?'

'It depends,' I replied. 'What
does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, ' University
of Oklahoma .'

And they say blondes are
dumb...

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'It's just too hot to wear
clothes today,' Jack says as
he stepped out of the shower,
'honey, what do you think the
neighbors would think if I
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'Probably that I married you
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Post Activities November, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COOTIES MEETING 1:01 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 COOTIES DINNER & DANCE 5:00 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER	2. CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE NEW JERSEY CLUB 12:00 BRENTWOOD 2:00	3. STAMP CLUB 11:00 BAR BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00 IBEW 7:00	4. GAMES 1:00 HIGHLAND TERR 2:00 EURCHRE 2:30	5. SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 -3:00 PM SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	6. DINNER – MEAT LOAF 5-6:30 MUSIC BY THE SUN COASTERS 6-10	7 LADIES AUX BINGO 10.30 DISTRICT 7 MEETING IN CHIEF LAND 11:30 DRAFT BEER 11-5 – 75 CENTS
8. LADIES AUX. OFFICERS MEETING 12:30 FLEA MARKET 7-12:30 – INSIDE \$10.00/ OUTSIDE \$5.00 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00	9 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE POST & AUX MEETING 10:00	10 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00 HOUSE COMM. MEETING 10:00	11 VETERANS PARADE 9:00 GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	12 POST & LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30 SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	13 DINNER – SMOKED PORK CHOPS 5-6:30 MUSIC – GOLD FEVER 6-10	14 LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11-5 – 75 CENTS
15 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 STAMP CLUB SHOW 7:30 – 3:30	16. BRENTWOOD 2:00 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	17 STAMP CLUB 11:00 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00	18. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	19 SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 - 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	20. DINNER BEEF STEW 5-6:30 MUSIC MEL & GLORIA 6-10 CUT OFF TO BUY YOUR \$5.00 THANKSGIVING DINNER TICKET	21. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11-5 – 75 CENTS
22 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00	23. LIFE CARE 1:30 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	24. LOUNGE BINGO DARTS 7:00	25. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	26. SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 THANKSGIVING DINNER – 3:00 – 5:00 TICKET EVENT ONLY	27. DINNER FRIED/BAKED FISH 5-6:30 MUSIC RAMBELING FEVER 6-10	28. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11-5:00 75 CENTS
29 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00	30. CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	<p>The Calendar is also located on the Post Web Page at www.debbiefields.com.....Click on the VFW logo to access our pages. Copies of the calendar can be picked up at the Post Also on The Veterans Web Page by John Stewarthttp://www.veteranspage.com/</p>				

Post Activities December, 2009

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<u>CHECK OUT OUR NEW & IMPROVED CANTEEN MENU</u>		1. STAMP CLUB 11:00 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00 IBEW 7:00	2. HIGHLANF TERR 2:00 GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	3. SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	4. DINNER CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS 5-6:30 MUSIC STAR BURST 6:30-10:30	5. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11:00 – 5:00 75 CENTS
6. LADIES AUX OFFICERS MEETING 12:30 COOTIES & AUX MEETING 1:01 DINNER & MUSIC 5:00	7. NEW JERSEY CLUB 12:00 BRENTWOOD 2:00 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	8. HOUSE COMM MEETING 10:00 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00	9. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	10.POST AND LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30 SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	11. DINNER HAM & BEANS 5-6:30 MUSIC RAMBELING FEVER 6:30-10:30	12. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:00 DRAFT BEER 11:00 – 5:00 75 CENTS
13. LOUNGE BINGO 2:00	14. CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	15. STAMP CLUB 11:00 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00 GIFT EXCHANGE	16. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	17. SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	18. DINNER BAKED/FRIED FISH 5-6:30 MUSIC TBA 6:30- 10:30	19. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11:00 – 5:00 75 CENTS
20. LOUNGE BINGO 2:00	21. BRENTWOOD 2:00 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	22. LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00	23. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30	24. DEAD LINE TO BUY NEW YEARS EVE TICKETS \$12.00 SHOW ME THE MONEY 1:00 – 3:00 SPECIAL – DEEP FRIED CAULIFLOWER W/BUTTER & PARM CHEESE 2:00	25. POST IS CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE	26. LADIES AUX BINGO 10:30 DRAFT BEER 11:00 – 5:00 75 CENTS
27. LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	28. LIFE CARE 1:30 CHICKEN WINGS 3 FOR \$1.00 ON MONDAYS 12 – TILL GONE	29 LOUNGE BINGO 2:00 DARTS 7:00	30. GAMES 1:00 EUCHRE 2:30 HERNANDO SCHOOL 2:30 GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS	31. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY (TICKET EVENT) 2-6 PM PRIME RIB DINNER AND MUSIC	1. HAPPY NEW YEAR BLOODYMARY SPECIALS ALL DAY	DID YOU PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2010 – YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW YOUR NEW CARD....

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