

VFW POST 1079 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018



VFW Post 1079 received its charter October 9, 1923. It was formed by Veterans of World War I. Following WWII the founding members began turning the Post leadership over to the younger WWII Veterans. And soon after the Korean War Veterans began to take on leadership roles and about 20 years ago, Veterans from the Vietnam War began to take on the leadership duties in the Post.

All but one of the Post Officers today are in their 70s or 80s and many have health issues that limit what they can do. They have worked hard, like their predecessors did before them, to keep the VFW mission going by serving our Veterans, our Military, their families, and our community. But, Comrades, they are growing tired and are looking forward to stepping down and allowing our younger Veterans to have their turn.

The Post needs new, younger members who can get involved and take leadership roles for the continued growth and survival of VFW Post 1079. If you know a Veteran under the age of 50, talk to them about joining. If you are a member already and are under the age of 50, now is the time for you to step forward and help your Post.

From the VFW Auxiliary Treasurer *Mary Hinkle*

Hello 1079 Auxiliary Members!

Hope this newsletter is finding everyone happy and in good health!

The Auxiliary has been busy working on our membership lists. We are trying to make sure we have everyone's correct name, address, and phone number. If you or any member you know of has had any recent changes please email them to maryhinkle1970@yahoo.com so we can get that corrected in Malta.

If we can't find you, we can't keep you informed of all the great things happening at Post 1079!

Don't forget we offer Friday night dinners at the post, they are open to the public – bring in your friends and neighbors for a good meal at a great price! The dining hall has just been painted and it looks GREAT! Come out and see it!

The Auxiliary is still holding raffles during Friday night dinners, if you would like to donate a baked good to be raffled please contact Mary at the above-mentioned email address to set that up! We would love to have your support. We will continue the raffles, weather permitting, through the end of Lent.

Auxiliary 1079 is being considered to host the 2018 District 9 Fall Festival. More details when the time is near.

On 2/17 Auxiliary to post 2743 in Norwalk is having a Reverse Raffle and Dinner night.

On 3/20 there will be a White Elephant Extravaganza at Post 1662 in Amherst, this is a District 9 event.

Check the Post 1079 or District 9 facebook pages for more details on these events and other events in our district.

The February Auxiliary meeting will be held on the 20th at 7pm in the newly painted dining hall. Hope to see you there!

It's about that time to start thinking about whether or not you would like to be an officer for the Auxiliary. Please come to the meetings, see what's going on. We welcome any and all support!

The next District 9 Auxiliary meeting will be held at Post 9340 in Columbia Station on March 4th.

Home Front Moms

(Blue Star Mothers) .. *Lori Husar*

Hello VFW 1079,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. The Home Front Moms were very busy in December, we had a meeting/Christmas party/last minute box packing, we sent out 16 boxes to the nephew of a member of the VFW, he was in Kosovo, we haven't heard if the packages made it to him so if you know please pass it on to us, thank you. Two of our members had son's get married and some of us had our

military members home for the holidays which was wonderful.

January brings us into a new year with lots of exciting things planned for our group. Our next box packing will be on March 6th, if you know someone who is deployed and would like them to receive a box please get their address to us and we will add them to our list, also if you would like to donate any items for the boxes it would be greatly appreciated.

On March 10th we will be holding a meet and greet at the Elyria public Library on West River road from 2 to 4, to let people know who we are and what we do for our military and Veterans, since our group covers all of Lorain County we are planning to have meet and greets all around the county in the coming months.

I would like to introduce our new treasurer to you..... Hello my name is Cathie Keeling and I am proud to be a Blue Star Mother. It is a privilege to be a part of Home Front Moms, Chapter 60 and serve as treasurer this year. My Husband , Frank, is an Army veteran and our boys have also chose to serve their country. Our older son, 1Lt. Frank Kelling II is a 2016 West Point graduate and is currently on deployment in S. Korea with the 4-9 Cav. Our younger son, Connor, is an ROTC student at Mercyhurst University and majoring in intelligence studies. He will graduate in 2019 and plans on active duty. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share a little about my family and allowing HFM Chapter 60 to call the Elyria VFW our "home".

POST OFFICERS

Commander: Fred Black

Sr. Vice Commander: Patrick Tomzak

Jr. Vice Commander: Jim Walczak

Quartermaster/Adjutant: Jay Arnett

Surgeon: Ed Selavco

Judge Advocate: David Root

Chaplain: Ray Unger

Trustee (3 year): Walter Lijana

Trustee (2 year): Dennis Cluley

Trustee (1 year): Danny McKee

Guard: Sonny Cooper

Officer of the Day: Dennis Cluley

Service Officer: Ray Unger

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Ruth Conrad

Sr. Vice President: Wilma Zech

Jr. Vice President: Susan Root

Treasurer: Mary Hinkle

Secretary: Tabatha Matthews

Chaplain: Open

Conductress: Tabatha Matthews

Guard: Evelyn Maloney

Trustee (3 year): Linda Husk

Trustee (2 year): Wilma Zech

Trustee (1 year): Sandy Walczak

Patriotic Instructor: Linda Black

From Service Officer *Ray Unger*

National Veterans Day Poster Contest: Calling all artists! The 2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is now open for submissions. Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. With 2018 marking the centennial of the end

of World War I, this year's poster theme will be "The War to End All Wars." The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2018, and the Veterans Day National Committee will convene a selection subcommittee in May 2018 to review submissions and make a final selection.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

———— 5:00 TO 7:00 ————

February 7th - Chicken Cordon Blue

February 14th - Meatloaf

February 21st - Pork Chops

February 28th - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - BRING YOUR FRIENDS

TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE

ONLY 7.25 PER PERSON



Thomas Mihalis Memorial VFW Post 1079

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ohio Charities

500 South Abbe Road

Elyria, OH 44035

NONPROFIT ORG.

US POSTAGE

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Greetings Post 1079 Members

2017 is now gone....some of us may say....let us forget 2017. Now....we are faced with a brand new year with a brand new look going into 2018. Some of you may not be aware or have seen your 'New' dining hall. The Boy Scout troop Eagle project did a great job. We have now gone from 'orange & green' to a great neutral shades of grey. It not only brightens the hall but I have heard from a few people already it 'looks bigger' somehow. With the new 'neutral' shades you can visualize one of your upcoming events to sparkle with so many different color options that the hall is going to feel like home. The summer dates are starting to fill up & we are just a few weeks into the New Year. Why not be one of the first to support your Post & rent your hall for an upcoming party/event.

I can visualize a 'Silver' wedding anniversary.....or a December wedding/reception with the new colors. We offer fair prices, you have a full kitchen, great bartenders....nice dance floor & area for your DJ or band. Give me a call...I can meet with you & we can discuss all the possibilities....tell your friends.

RENT THE HALL OR PAVILLION

VFW Members and the Public
Can rent the Hall or the Pavillion
for their reunion, wedding, party
or special event.

For information and pricing
Contact Dawn Woodings
440-865-9445
Dnana57 @ gmail.com

**EVERY THURSDAY
IN THE CANTEEN**

IT'S WINGS NIGHT

PLUS

Ace of Spades Drawing

Mini Barnyard Raffle

50/50 Drawings

Bingo Tickets

Raffle Machines

Food 'n' Drinks

And lots more fun

**DOORS OPEN AT NOON
EVERY DAY**

Why not drop in for lunch!!!