

Post 11-11 Newsletter June, 2008

Commander's Corner

Well folks summer is finally here. Now if the rain stops we can get out and enjoy the days.

At our last meeting night May 13th, Walt and Lou were not feeling well. I hope they will improve quickly.

Remember to keep our troops in your thoughts.

Tom Wartella
Commander

Kathie's Campfire

Hi Gang!

Can you keep a secret? Shhh - don't tell, but ... I decided I just might send y'all a note in the newsletter once in awhile! Okay, I might need a pseudonym - let's see - they know me under Kathie's Campfire. Okay, maybe we'll sneak it in under "Sleeping Under the Stars". That'll work, they'll never know. So, shhh, it's a secret.

Okay, here it is, newsletter time again. Not too much exciting going on except Nascar, FOOD, Rockies and dinners. Annie is back on Tuesdays. A girl can only have so much vacation from feeding us! Everyone did such a fantastic job in April! Thank you all and we applaud how great it all was! Please feel free to volunteer any time to let Annie get a Tuesdaynite off. Rosie and Ann have NO OBJECTION! Any Friday nite or breakfast y'all can step in would be greatly appreciated. You know we'll darn near eat anything, as long as you feed us.

Okay dads - your turn for a free breakfast on Father's Day if you are a member. So bring the family over or just come on over and eat with us. Remember, Marki has great \$1.00 Bloody Marys while you wait for your order.

Chuck and crew have teamed up with Mike OBryan for catfish Fridays the 4th Friday each month. It sure seems like I talk a lot about food, doesn't it? But what better way to spend an evening or breakfast visiting with everyone! Mom always said it's one way to a man's heart and, by golly, we women sure don't mind being out of the kitchen and doing dishes once in a while! What a great win/win for everyone!

Stop by and check out the E. Boards new bar manager. Please try to support their choice and help out if you can. It's always tough being the new kid on the block. God puts us in places for a reason.

I'll miss a lot of what I do here but I still will be around, except on the other side and, of course, hopefully have more time for camping.

Till the next campfire, as I "shhh sleep under the stars"

Kathie

P.S. I'd like to see more of you going to the meetings. It gives you a little better perspective of how we operate and you get to vote on the issues presented. As my husband says, it's not just one sailor but the whole navy to accomplish what needs to be done.

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary installed 2008/2009 officers at the May 1 meeting. New officers are:

Sherry Baker * President

Janet Lee * Vice President

Rae Ryan * Secretary

Shirley Starley * Treasurer

Ann Cahill * Chaplin

Donna Flygare * Historian

Kay Serratore * Sgt-At-Arms

Congratulations to the new officers and many thanks to the 2007/2008 officers for all their hard work.

At the April 3, 2008 meeting, Auxiliary members voted to increase Unit 11-11 dues. The By-laws, Standing Rules, 4) will be amended to read "Senior dues are \$20.00. Junior dues are \$18.00.

Thanks to Stephanie Carriveau, we have Poppies available at the bar. Donations are appreciated.

Donna Flygare, Shirley Starley and Janet Lee distributed Poppies at the dedication of "The Armed Forces Tribute Garden" at Westminster City Park on May 17. The Auxiliary also donated a paver for the Tribute Garden.

A big Thank You to Jennifer Soffil as well for providing the bookmarks that were handed out with the Poppies. The bookmarks explain the Symbolism of the Poppy.

Shirley Starley has been sewing up a storm for the Post. If you haven't noticed, check out the new white tablecloth on the POW/MIA table, the pool table cover, the shuffleboard cover, and the cover on the cabinet in the back hall. What an improvement.

I know the 4th of July (Independence Day) is still a month away, but remember to give thanks for our troops who help to preserve our freedom. Please pray for the troops and their families for their great sacrifices.

The July newsletters will be assembled on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Please drop in and lend a hand.

The Auxiliary will not be meeting in June, July or August. Our next meeting will be September 4th at

7:00 pm. If you need anything or have questions about the Auxiliary, please reach out to an officer.

Sherry Baker
President

Chaplain's Report

Thank you all for observing Memorial Day, especially the Auxiliary for bringing back the poppy program to our Post. Since 1920, the poppy has been the official flower of the American Legion; is made by veterans supporting veterans in need. Every day is Memorial Day to a veteran, a day to remember of the time we sometimes wish we could forget.

As a reminder to our members, you do not have to be an officer to help out in our Post, everyone is of equal rank. Just do what you can, but family, God and job should be your priority. Please thank those who have served in the past and support the newly elected, we always need your assistance. Pray for those in harm's way.

Have a safe and healthy summer and, most important, thank you for being a friend.

Jim Bellew
Chaplain

News from the Business Committee

Well it appears that the weather has finally warmed up and summer may be here. Remember that the Post Lounge is open from noon to at least 10 p.m. every day. Stop in and get an ice cold beer or your favorite beverage.

We now have American Legion Post 11-11 hats for sale at the bar. Get yours before they are gone.

The Business Committee has applications available for the Bar Manager position listing the duties and compensation for this very important position. If you are interested in leading a great team, get yours soon as the applications must be in to the Business Committee by June 13th, 2008.

We are also in need of a Legion Member to volunteer to fill a position on the Business Committee. Please let any member of the Committee know if you are interested to help us keep the Post prosperous.

Don't forget the Post Lounge has everything to help you relax or have some fun. Our horseshoe pits, pool table, darts, shuffleboard and of course PICKLES, are all available. It is one of your benefits for being a member of The American Legion and Post 11-11. Your continued patronage helps to maintain the building, fund our Legion and Post programs, and keep our prices reasonable for drinks and meals.

Michael J. Carriveau
Business Committee Chairman

Hi from Kathy Soash (Beaner's wife) – I am up and running again. I am once again having a yarn donation for lap robes for our vets. Anyone who has any leftover yarn please bring to our post for me to

pick up, and anyone who would like to help in the crocheting or knitting is welcome to help. I delivered 78 lap robes, 6 full afghans and some miscellaneous items from our last yarn donations. Thanks everyone from the VFW, Eagles and the Legion. I don't do the actual work anymore, as my sister Connie Harbit did most of the work last time. I would like to give a special Thank You to her!! I also deliver used books to the vet hospital so anyone with extra books at home please bring down to the club. Thanks once again and I am sure our vets thank you.

Kathy

From the Editor

Articles for the July newsletter are due on Saturday, June 14th. Stephanie Carriveau will be filling in for me while I'm on vacation, so please see that she gets your article in a timely fashion.