

Greetings Auxiliary Brother and Sisters,

Our October meeting was well attended. We welcomed Kris Griffith, Sr. Vice and Leslie Adams, Jr. Vice of District 6, for a pre-meeting potluck and yearly inspection. Honored to say they were well pleased with our meeting, committee chairs, officers and records. Thank you everyone.

- **Annual Members:** IF you have not paid your dues yet, you should have received a 2nd notice in the mail. For your convenience you have the option of paying your dues online by MALTA (Membership Auxiliary Leadership Technology) at www.vfwauxiliary.org. Create a login and follow the on screen instructions.
 - Or, mail your dues to LuAnne DuVall, PO Box 265 Erie, MI 48133. Check payable VFW Auxiliary #3925.
 - If you have already paid your dues, watch for your new card in the mail within weeks.
- **Life Members:** Be on the lookout for your new thicker card coming in the mail any time now.
- Veterans Day is fast approaching. We have 3'x5' outdoor flags for \$15. Contact LuAnne (419) 346-7959. Used flags can be placed in the Kennedy Rm box for proper disposal.
- RADA Cutlery Fundraiser: Sharon Grodi is collecting orders. They have good quality cutlery and other merchandise. Contact Sharon (734) 848-4893 for the new catalog and to place an order.
- The post has put recycling bins in the north west corner of the post parking lot. Useable, clean clothes and shoes can be deposited. Also, there is a bin for used electronics.
- We are continuing our Lucky 100 on Fridays thru Nov 17th, at 7:00 pm - We'll be having our Lucky 100 potluck and drawing each week. There are still some spots where we need someone to bring a main dish. Others bring a dish to share or make a donation. A 50/50 drawing will also take place. We will be getting out the cards and other games to enjoy. This is a profitable fundraiser for us. Help is needed.
- We are now collecting labels from Tyson Chicken products packages for National Home.
- We voted in a new member. Hillary Looy has joined under her husband.
- October 28: Halloween Party: The party was discussed. Set up and decorating will take place on Oct. 27, at Lucky 100. Help is needed.
- This years Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners will be announced the first week of November.
- I am still waiting to hear back from the superintendents office on Mason Schools Veterans Day Program. An email will be sent seperately about the program.
- Luna Pier Veterans Day Parade will take place Nov. 11th. Line up will start at 10 am at the Water Tower Park and parade begins at noon. The Auxiliary will be participating this year. One car will be in the procession. Let me know if you would like to ride. Walkers are also welcome. At the end of the parade a veterans program will be held in the park.
- November 11: Veterans Day Dinner. Doors open at 6, dinner to follow at 7. The auxiliary will provide appetizers.
- Auxiliary member, Frank Connolly, is said to be improving after suffering a stroke. He is now in the Flower Hospital Rehab Center, 5200 Harroun Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560. Get well cards and late afternoon visits are encouraged, by family members.
- These last couple of weeks has been a sad time for the Erie VFW. Vince Dusseau, Ed Simpson and Don Vandercook passed away. Prayers and sympathy to family and friends.

Did You Know? The "Secret Room" mystery is solved. This is his story/history of what happened and we're sticking to it. According to Past Commander, and longtime "Daytime Commander" Don Vandercook, and other confirmed sources, it goes back to the JFK Men's Only canteen. The Ladies were not allowed in so, they took over the kitchen closet. They put a second lock on the door and didn't give the Post a key. I wasn't able to track down who revealed the secret hiding place with the multiple keys. I also wasn't able to find any reference in our By-Laws of a "Daytime" Commander. You'll have to ask the Post about that one. That's a whole nother story from days back when. In 1964, a secret ballot and by a marginal vote Club Rule #4 was amended. The Ladies were allowed to enter the Men's secret room with a male escort. 2003-4 was a very challenging year for Past Commander Wayne Griffin. The Men's Aux began to form and yet 40 years later, the Ladies still couldn't be in the Backroom unless a Post member was present. At that time by a marginal vote, it was passed that both Ladies & Men's Auxiliary members could have a key to the Backroom. This inspired the Ladies' creation of the "3925 Cocktail" house special. We've tried getting out of bartending, stocking and smashing cans for as long as we could. It wasn't until last year, when the Men's Aux disbanded, that we accepted a key to the bar. *Shoot! What were we thinking? Now we have more work to do. Uhg!*

Next Month – *Our Veterans Are Never Forgotten*

I want to thank LuAnne DuVall for the research and writing of the history of our VFW and AUX.

The next meeting will be held November 8th. A mentoring workshop and entering information on computer demonstration will be held

Respectfully submitted,

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