

COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

The holidays are rapidly approaching and I wish the membership, friends of the Post, and their families the happiest season ever.

I would first like to thank member *Tim Mead* for volunteering to take over the Chaplains duties due to Chaplain *Bill Gambino* recent illness. We all wish Bill a swift recovery.

Special thanks to the all the members and friends who continue to serve as officers in the rituals that we sadly have to perform for our fallen comrades

Our Post was ably represented at the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 13. On hand were members, *Timmy Mead*, *Bob Rainer*, and *Tom Johnson*.

On a lighter note, I must admit I had a great time as Master of Ceremonies for the recent Turkey shoot function, chaired once again by *Craig Dunna* and some great people.

Yours in
Comradeship,
Al Carlson

BINGO COMMITTEE

I would like to express my appreciation to all the wonderful people who continue to give their time each Thursday to make our Bingo a huge success.

Jim Hessberger
Chairman, Bingo Committee

TRIVIA

- 1) What trivia fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic?
- 2) What is an activity performed by 40% of all people at a party?
(Answers on page 2)

Here and There:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The Veterans (upstairs) hall recently underwent a much-needed cleanup, with emphasis on the floor. The B&G Committee is grateful for all the help given by *Rick George* and the volunteers, *Travis Kitchen*, *Bill Ryan*, *Bob Broadley*, and *Chuck Stempert*.

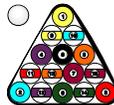
Travis (Kitch) Kitchen
Chairman Building & Grounds

CANTEEN NEWS:

The Canteen held the annual Turkey Shoot on Veterans Day, November 11th. Chaired by *Craig Dunna* with help from *Bob Thomas*. *Al Carlson* was the MC, *Dick Tomasko* did the cooking with assistance by *Linda Upson*, and *Kim Rose* and *Debbie Ruff* sold the raffle tickets. Lots of fun had by all. Thanks to all the people who helped make it a success.

Next time you come to the Canteen be sure to welcome our newest bartender, *Ron (Stumpy) Fiorella*. Ron was a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 60's. "Up for a cup of coffee" as Ron puts it.

Dick Tomasko is again serving Saturday Lunches at a modest price. Come down to the Canteen and check it out from Noon to 4 PM each Saturday afternoon.



Don't forget to sign up for the POOL TOURNAMENT. Tournament is scheduled to start on January 8, 2006. Chairman Al Carlson is accepting the first 32 applicants and the entry fee is again \$25.

The Canteen is open 7 days a week

Sun. 12 Noon to 11PM
Mon & Tues 2 to 11PM
Wed & Thurs 2 to 12Mid.
Friday 2 to 1AM
Sat 12 Noon to 1AM

(Doors locked at "last call", ½ hour before closing)

For Canteen Hall Rental call Canteen at 874-9982
(Mon to Fri, after 2:00) (Sat & Sun after 12:00)

Craig Dunna
Canteen Committee

BIRTHDAYS:



January:

2nd Red Temple
 5th Ann Dunne (85)
 9th Bonnie LaReau
 Joe Fetcho
 14th John Stavola
 Fred Worsnop (91)
 16th Debbie Ruff
 21st Herb Daniells
 22nd Diana Dunna

February:

3rd Scottie
 Archie Fogler
 5th Fran Temple
 7th Alex Carlson
 12th Tony Papcun
 24th Jim Marcum
 27th Helen Politi
 28th Frank Peregrim (80)
 Gene Korpita

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- 1) The youngest Pope was 11 years old.
- 2) The first novel ever written on a typewriter: ...Tom Sawyer.

HALL RENTAL:

To reserve a date for the Main Hall or Picnic Grounds call Chuck Stempert (8AM to 8PM) @ (203) 878-9894 (Leave Message)

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1) He was allergic to carrots
- 2) Snoop in your medicine cabinet.

ANNIVERSARIES:



January:

4 th	Jim & Judy Hessberger	38 Years
19 th	Tony & Chris Papcun	43 Years
28 th	Chris & Greg Smith	22 Years
29 th	Fran & Red Temple	41 Years

VFW Post 7788 Building Fund Appeal:

Again we are grateful to the members and friends that have made a generous donation to the building fund. To date we have raised **\$16,255.00** towards this effort. We would appreciate everyone's dedication to close the gap of our original goal of **\$30,000.00**.

Since our last issue, the following people donated to the fund:

*John Knapp
 Ladies Auxiliary*

QUARTERMASTERS CORNER

Comrades,

2005 seems to have come and gone pretty fast. So far, it has been a good financial year for our Post. We remain on a sound footing without significant debt.

In 2005, your generous contributions enabled some long needed work to maintain our building. I'm sure we're all looking forward to a winter without roof leaks. Going forward, there is still much left to do, and never enough to do it with. Please continue to consider the Post Building Fund during the giving season.

Last month, I gave thanks for all of my VFW comrades, and for the great post we share. I am now looking forward to celebrating Christmas and the New Year with you.

As always, I serve at the pleasure of the members of VFW Post 7788. Feel free to share your questions with me anytime.

Yours in Service,
 Quartermaster
 Greg Smith



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Alone Doesn't Equal Lonely**



Approximately one-quarter of American households are comprised of people who live alone. Some are just beginning their adult lives. Some have chosen not to marry. Still others are single after being divorced or widowed.

Many people find being single comfortable and enjoyable. For those who find it takes work, Patricia Fry suggests:

- Accept your situation.
- Allow people to be part of your life.
- Reach out to others as a friend.
- Embrace the present.
- Get to know yourself as an individual.
- Invite God to walk with you.

Fry also points to author Mary Lewis Coakley who recommends putting "love into our lives by being loving."

**My Lord...help me, who am alone.
(Esther 14:3)**

No matter what our situation in life,
Dear Companion, help us build
communities of love.

*Taken from a June 15th copy of the
Christophers.

MEMBERSHIP

We are nearing the end of the year. Many of you have already paid your dues and we thank you for that. Those of you who have not, we would really appreciate it if you could do so before the end of the year. We would like to make 100% membership if we can.

TAPS



Oct 7th

Francis J. Russo (87)
U. S. Army WWII

Oct 26th

George E. Doebler (62)
U. S. Marines Cuban Missile Crisis

Nov 10th

Gregory F. Doyle (87)
U. S. Army WWII

Our sincere condolences go out to member *Bill Burns* who lost his beloved wife Ann last October the 18th.

SICK CALL

Charlie Arata Golden Hill
Room 216 882-7181

Visit to a friend.

Bobby Fowler and bartender *Kim Laue* surprised *Joe (Tincan Sailor) Drews* with balloons and a cake to help celebrate Joe's 90th birthday. Joe is currently residing at the Golden Hill complex.

Appeal from the Chaplain

We all need a hand at one time or another in our life. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you know of a fellow member who is in distress.

**Post Chaplain:
Tim Mead**

Editorial Comment: Our gratitude to Colleen Doyle Britt of the Doyle Funeral Home for the professionalism and care she has always treated the Veterans and family of Veterans in their time of need. Thanks Colleen.

Reminder:

If the family of a deceased member wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please notify the Commander or call the Canteen and leave a message. Also, if anyone wishes to receive an e-mail copy of the newsletter let me know at jimjo@optonline.net.

Thank you,
Jim Shea.