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**FROM THE COMMANDER**

Hello again!

Spring is here and it's starting to warm up again. For us that means the parade and festival season is getting near. So far we have a couple events planned at the Harley Davidson store, the Park Art Fair, and a new one for us called the Ren in the Glen in Glenwood City. I guess they have a renaissance festival of some kind. We are also looking into bringing the food wagon to some soccer tournaments this summer. I am sure there will be others as well and we can use all the help we can get. We are a volunteer organization and that requires some volunteers, so if you can please help out even if its a one time thing.

On the building front, we should have our architectural designs completed in about two weeks. These are being done by Lampert in St. Paul, MN. They gave us a big discount which was greatly appreciated. CVS Squared in Menomonie, WI will have the plans for the water and sewer system completed

get the footings and utilities completed for the building. We also have a few grant writers who have submitted over a half dozen requests so far and a few more are in the works.

I have also recently attended a couple meetings (along with a few other post members) with Sailor Jerri. She is a Navy veteran and a country singer who is working on her third album. She wrote and sang the military version of the song Hallelujah. Its pretty awesome and check it out online if you haven't heard it. Anyway, She will be doing a benefit concert for us on Memorial Day, May 30th at the park by the river in downtown Hudson, WI from 2pm to 7pm. All benefits will be for our building project. There will be food trucks, beer tent, bean bag toss competition, bouncy house, an auction, etc. Our color guard will also be there. Should be a fun time and a great way to end the weekend so come on down. Best part is its free. She is not having any cover charge for the concert.

In other news, for those of you who do not know our post is part of District 9 in the State of Wisconsin. Due to population changes, post closings, and other events they are looking at changing the districts. There are currently 10 districts and it is being proposed to reduce down to 7. According to our District Commander, LeRoy Janske, "This greatly affects District 9. The district would lose three counties and 7 Post located in Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties and we would gain 12 Posts in Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn Counties. I believe about 25 years ago or so we had 32 Posts in the District but have lost them largely to the membership aging out (Arcadia, Durand, Mikana and Mondovi). Last year, the Ladysmith Post in District 10 consolidated with the Cornell Post in District 9. So things have been slowly changing and will continue to change. I believe when I was State Inspector the first time we had 328 Post in the state. We are down to 249 today." Anyway, that was more informational than anything.

And lastly the joke of the month: Why do French military vehicles all have rearview mirrors? So they can see the frontlines. Ouch, short and sweet. Until next month!

Commander, Post 10818

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Auxiliary,

Finally Easter is just around the corner and spring has arrived. Sure was a long and cold winter. I'm ready for some fresh air and sunshine.

The garage sale is coming up the first weekend in May. So, if you have any free time that Thursday through Saturday come to Parkview Ave and give us a hand. We would appreciate it.

Memorial Day is also coming up. We will be at Dick's the Tuesday before Memorial Day and Walmart the Friday before Memorial Day. The VFW will be doing their usual dedication and this year there will be an event in Hudson from 1-7pm at Riverside Park. Family events and entertainment will be scheduled. Spread the word the proceeds go to the VFW building fund.

Due to low Red cross staff, the blood drive had to be called off. Word is we will not be having further blood drives.

I would like some volunteers to put membership brochures in local libraries, city halls and anywhere else. We need to recruit people especially in neighboring towns. Please meet me at the VFW on Monday mornings and we can coordinate this.

Get out and enjoy the spring weather and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Rhonda Rimarcik

VFW Auxiliary President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will only consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.

- **April 19 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly begins at 7:00PM. Every month at our Post Meeting, we have a drawing for some very neat prizes. [Post meetings will take place at the Best Western Conference Room.](#) The Auxiliary meetings have moved to the [American Legion building.](#) See Facebook page for Zoom information.
- **May 12 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will only consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
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