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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello again! Spring is right around the corner, and it is starting to warm up just a bit. I have had enough of winter as I am sure many of you have to. With spring and summer coming things will also start picking up at the post. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, please let us know. Even if it's a once-a-year thing that is great since every little bit helps. You can march in a parade, help at a cookout, participate in a meat raffle, etc.

Our building project is moving right along. The blueprints are completed and we just hired an architectural engineering firm out of St. Paul to put the finishing touches on it. We have a new crew of grant writers. They have submitted a few grant requests already and a few more are in the works. Soldiers from Minnesota and Wisconsin should be showing up beginning in May and work in rotations for a few weeks. They will be finishing the walking trails, putting in footings, and running all the utilities into the building site. Rumor has it we may even be having a benefit concert in support of our project on the Monday of Memorial Day Weekend. So, stay tuned for details.

As a follow-up to last month, the Auxiliary will be holding a Red Cross blood drive. This will take place at the New Richmond Armory on May 9th from Noon to 6pm. These hours should help accommodate some of our busy lives so please try to stop by and donate blood. From what I have been reading the nation is still in critical need of blood due to Covid keeping people from donating. The auxiliary is asking for a few volunteers to help out so let us know if you would like to do that.

I received information from the VA that there is currently an ongoing issue with the logistics chain that is affecting the time it takes to get products through the mail. This has also affected prescriptions refills. They are suggesting that you call in your refills two weeks prior to running out of pills. I found this out the hard way firsthand when I ran out for a week. Lucky it was nothing major in my case, but for some it can be a very serious issue.

In other news, The VA is proposing changes to the way they rate disability claims for a few issues to incorporate modern medical data for more accurate decisions. This basically means they are trying to save money. The conditions being looked at are tinnitus, sleep apnea, and mental conditions. This will not impact you if you are already rated for one of these, but instead will be for any veteran's granted going forward, unless of course you file a claim for increase and/or have a routine future exam and you show improvement.

As we have all seen on the news the Russian Army has invaded Ukraine and as I am typing this, day 5 of that battle is coming to an end. I would have to assume that most if not all of us are in support of the Ukrainian people as they attempt to defend their homes and preserve democracy in their country. My

heart goes out to them and while war is not a joke, I like to end my monthly post with one. So, this month I dedicate this to the Ukranian armed forces. Good luck and God Bless to you!

As they pass the border, they hear a Ukranian voice over the hill;"

One Ukranian soldier is better than 10 Russian soldiers!"

The Russian general laughs, as he sends 10 men on the hill to capture it. There is gunfire for a minute and then everything goes silent for a moment, and they then hear the same voice;

"One Ukrainian soldier is better than a hundred of yours!"

Annoyed, the Russian general sends a hundred men to capture the hill. There is gunfire and bombs going for ten minutes, and everything goes silent again. Suddenly, the same voice yells out;

"One Ukranian soldier is better than a thousand of Russian soldiers!"

Enraged, the general sends a thousand men, accompanied with tanks, artillery, mortar teams, and tells them to not return until the hill is theirs. For half an hour hell breaks loose, bombs and explosions, gunfire, screams and death all around, and then it goes silent again. One Russian soldier crawls back, severely wounded and battered. Before the general could say anything, the soldier says;

"Do not send more troops, comrade general, it's a trap! There are two of them."

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Auxiliary,

March is finally here. I can't say how glad I am to see the clock set ahead so we can see daylight in the morning again. It's been cold for a long time and let's hope warm weather is ahead of us.

I would like to congratulate the committee leaders for helping me get the year end reports in on time.

The blood drive has been changed to May 9. I am still working on getting the Armory if it falls through when the American Legion is available that day. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. I will need four people from 12 to 3 and four people from 3 to 6.

I have started working Monday mornings from 9 to 12. I will be available at your convenience to answer questions and help with other concerns.

Mid-winter convention was at the beginning of February. The newest competition between the VFW and Auxiliary is the University WI Madison MIA Identifying bodies. This is the third and final competition. I challenge everyone to consider donating to this worthy cause. We as an Auxiliary have until May when Cory and Inez reign as commander and president ends.

Although we are not working as a group on quilting and sewing. consider contributing handmade items. Veterans appreciate the extra work we put into making these items.

Okay Garage sale is the first weekend in May. We are still working on the location. We encourage everyone to locate items to contribute. We are asking to limit clothing this year.

As I stated last month elections are coming up please consider candidates for positions now. Nominations will be coming up in the future.

June is coming up with the 100th anniversary of Wi VFW at Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee. Lots of events will be available to attend. I will keep you posted.

Spring is coming. Hang in there. I bought my tulips already. Days are longer and I feel invigorated. Come to an Auxiliary meeting and see what's up. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the American Legion.

Rhonda Rimarcik

VFW Auxiliary President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 10 - 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.
- **March 15 - 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.
- **April 14 - 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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