



Post 157 News

East Grand Forks, Minnesota



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Commander Eddie's Column —

Greetings to Post 157 members;

Well, here we go straight into fall with a little snow and rain, things don't seem to change much, but I hope our farmer members can get a little cooperation from the weather to finish up the harvest. We have been busy at the Post with various projects and events. We will dive into our "busy" time now with our Halloween party, Veterans day, Thanksgiving and Christmas season coming upon us much quicker than we think. This is the second year that we will be doing the Halloween and Xmas party with the VFW for a savings for both clubs and a much better party. This is a good fit and we hope we can continue our efforts together to keep the events fun and fitting. In the next issue we will list those business's that donated money or gifts for the children's parties. Please consider donating some time as a volunteer or if you are able to some funds to help offset the costs of these great parties. Many hands help to lessen the load!

Our kitchen will continue to serve breakfast all week: we had some problems when manager Jan broke her leg but she is now back to work so the hiccups should ease off. Remember to enjoy the Veteran's Day dinner from 4-7PM serving the TURKEY as usual. Those who can enjoy the Veterans Day dinner are the Veteran and there spouse. NO TAKE OUTS for the dinner. The Veterans Day ceremony will be at 11AM at the memorial with the guest speaker being Tom Conway last years Department Commander from Argyle, MN.

The price of FREEDOM does not come "FREE". Stop and think about it for just one minute!! How nice it is to live in a free country with the right to speak out and move about in safety. Many have paid the ultimate price for our freedom! Please remember to honor and Thank them whenever the chance is available to you.

In closing I ask you to support our post and bring your family and friends along to enjoy what the post has to offer. Remember our troops in your prayers, with care packages, letters and cards.

~Commander Eddie

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

East Grand Forks American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157
Seniors 548 Juniors 60
Bev LeTexier, Chairman (218)773-2917

Now that we have missed summer and fall seems to be moving in on us, it is time to get busy with the changing season.

Thank you everyone for getting your dues to me before or on the night of our annual membership dinner. What a GREAT evening. I think we had the largest turnout in a long time for dinner. THANKS to the Legionnaires for again cooking our meal. It was very good and also THANKS to the Willing Workers 4H Club for serving and cleaning up. Thanks, also, to the Auxiliary gals for decorating and setting the tables. What would we do without our volunteers?

In honor of the Auxiliary's birthday, we had a decorated cake for dessert. Each member present was given a "scarecrow on a stick." I crouched dishcloths and hung them over suckers. They were a big hit judging by the thank yous I have received. It was a fun project. Blue ribbons were also given to members as a reminder to prevent child abuse. Also, thank you to the other Auxiliary members who brought items for the drawings

NOTE: WE STILL HAVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2010 DUES. PLEASE GET THIS TAKEN CARE OF ASAP.

The Fall Conference was a very good learning experience. Shirley J. and I attended this meeting. National President Rita Navarrete from Albuquerque, NM was a special guest of the conference.

Again, many thanks from TRIAD for all the donations of coats for seniors. We considered this a huge success. Coats were distributed in our area to many who would have had a cold winter, but thanks to all, we could and did help many.

NOVEMBER: Our meeting is on Tuesday the third at 7:00 p.m. This is the Auxiliary's 90th birthday month. Come join us for birthday treats. This is also Past President's Parley month. American Education Week is November 15-21. National Family Week November 22-28. This is also a special time to honor our Veterans on Veterans Day, the 11th. A special program will be at 11 a.m. at the monument. Hope to see you there! Also, the Auxiliary will be doing the

POW/MIA ceremony at the Grand Forks Senior Center that day at 1 p.m. THEN, there is dinner at the Club that evening.

DECEMBER: Our annual Christmas party is on the 1st in the Legion Club rooms. Again, we will be collecting money for Meals on Wheels. This year, the money will be going to the Grand Forks Meals on Wheels program. This is done in place of exchanging gifts. A special night is planned for the Honor Flight attendees. Still in the planning stages, so hopefully it will all come together for this evening. Potluck dinner and special surprises are planned!

JANUARY: Our regular meeting is on the 5th at 7 p.m. in the Club Rooms. This is National Security/Legislative Month. Second notices will be mailed to all Senior Members not paid by December 1.

Please keep in your prayers: Diane Olson, son died; our Auxiliary member, Marian Renville, 35 years.

New members since our last bulletin are: SENIORS: Diana Berbrach, Sandra Gariepy, Linda Stromberg, Sara Carlson, Jean Jorgenson, Marie Moen, Leone Rodningen, Gloria Wippler, Amanda Hillier, Beverly Bear, Cynthia Weber, Donna Adamson, Mary Herbeck, Mandy Spicer, Teryl Wright, Hayley Wright, Carol Pinsonneault and Lynn Iverson. JUNIORS: Katherine Kvasager and Kylie Wright. TRANSFERS: Vanessa Topka and Amber Topka. We welcome all of you to our American Legion Auxiliary.

Special THANKS to Nancy Thiel for her donation to our Unit and to Cheri Erickson for memorials in memory of Richard (Sam) Sampson and Buck Billing. These memorials have been added to our remodeling project. We appreciate all donations and will put them to good use.

REMINDER AGAIN: Please take care of your dues soon. They can be left at the Club or mailed to me. THANKS!

-Bev LeTexier

Dancing

Sundays, 5 - 9 p.m.

November

1 Cathy Erickson
8 Larry Charon
15 Ramblin Fever
22 Matt and the Dakota Dutchman
29 Pecka Band

December

6 Sengers
13 Pecka Band
20 Matt and the Dakota Dutchman
27 TBA

NEW YEARS EVE

Chuck Gust 5-9
Kenny and the Classics 9- close

BINGO

Sunday: 1:30 p.m.
Monday: 7:15 p.m.
Thursday: 7:15 p.m.

Meetings

American Legion

Third Wednesday

Auxiliary

First Tuesday

Sons of American Legion

Fourth Wednesday

40 & 8

Chef deGare: Dick Wessling

Second Wednesday

Screening

Third Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Boxing Dates

November 14 1PM
December 19 1PM

Meals

Monday: 5 - 7 p.m. Spaghetti \$4.00

Tuesday: 5 - 8 p.m. Burgers

Wednesday: 5 - 7 p.m.

Meatballs every Wednesday

Liver & Onions:

September 6 & 20

October 4 & 18

Chicken Fried Steak:

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tacos, etc.
5 - 7 p.m. Tacos, etc.

Taco: 75¢	Burrito: \$4.50
Soft Shell: \$1.25	Chips/Cheese: \$1.75
Small Salad: \$3.00	1/2 Nachos: \$4.00
Large Salad: \$4.00	Nacho Plate: \$4.50
Baby Burrito: \$4.00	

Friday: 5 - 7 p.m.

Chicken: \$7.95

Walleye or Shrimp: \$9.25

Steak: \$10.25

Saturday: 5 - 7 p.m.

Chicken: \$7.95

Shrimp: \$9.25

Steak: \$10.25

Sunday:

Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Burgers: 1 - 7:30 p.m.

Every Day:

Breakfast: 7 - 10:30 a.m.

Commander's thoughts!

If you think you have no faults, you have just added one more!!!
Think twice before you speak especially if you intend to say what you think.
Some of our minds are kind of like concrete---all mixed up and permanently set.

One for changing our look on others:

If someone was to pay you 5 cents for every kind word that you have about people and deduct 2 cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

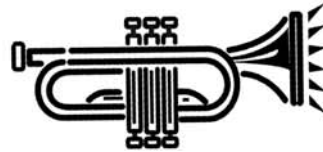
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If you have received a dues notification and have already paid, ignore the notice. It takes up to six weeks from the time you pay your dues to the final registration at the national level. I send it from East Grand Forks to the Department office in Minneapolis and the in turn send it to Indianapolis to the National office where they are doing all 52 departments of the American Legion.

Early Bird Dinner will be December 8th with the menu to be decided.



TAPS

William J. Barrett	52 years
Lester Bratvold	45
Vernon R. Clark	11
Lawrence Dargus	62
Lawrence J. Dusek	53
Leroy Gaddie	51
Ron Hefta	20
Stanley Sorenson	30
Douglas E. Teigland	37 ***

***Doug Teigland provided the wooden toys for the Children's Parties.