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## Commander Eddie's Column —

Greetings to all! Well here we are in the middle of February and I for one am tired of all the SNOW, with Easter season coming upon us. I can only hope we have a mild and good spring to keep us out of harms way with the flood waters and after. At the post we have been busy with different functions and events coming and going.

As we enter 2010 please let us remember our troops here and abroad to support them and their families anyway we can. It is the small things we do that add up and make a big difference in some ones life.

If you are available some Saturday in the upcoming months I would like some help to do some touch up painting around the post to keep up the general appearance of the club. We have a very nice club as said by many guests and members. This a direct reflection on the way we take care of our club by showing our pride and welcome to people so they enjoy themselves. A nice clean friendly establishment that we can be proud of.

In closing, please take care of yourselves and I will try to do the same. Remember our troops in your prayers and thoughts. They need our support in anyway we can help. And please remember if you have any concerns or comments or ideas I'm open to hearing them, big or little whatever. I'm open to listening when I can. So please enjoy life as it is, hope for good weather in the spring and I will do the same. Take care and may God Bless! *semper-fi!!*

***~Commander Eddie***

A smile is a very inexpensive way to improve your looks!!  
Some of our best leaders often say NO because it is often to easy to say YES all the time.  
The small act of paying attention can take you a very long way in life.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**East Grand Forks American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157**  
**Seniors 732 Juniors 90 Total: 822**  
**Bev LeTexier, Chairman (218)773-2917**

A MILLION thanks for all of our Auxiliary members who have renewed or signed up as new members. As of February 12, we made our All Time High plus a few extras. It's great to belong to the largest female Veterans Service Organization. I know there are a lot more women and children that are eligible to belong. Some members have not paid their 2010 dues. Please do so soon. You are delinquent and are NOT eligible for the benefits should you need help. If you need information on becoming a member, please call me and I will be happy to explain our benefits, etc. Since our last Newsletter, we have signed up seniors: Krystal Bolstad, Barb Milling, Jenny Milling, Jessie Milling, Janelle Milling and Jaclyn Milling, and a new Junior Member, Kinzer Milling. Welcome to each of you. AGAIN, OUR AUXILIARY YEAR GOES FROM JULY TO JULY, NOT JANUARY TO DECEMBER.

**MARCH:** Our meeting is POTLUCK and the initiation of new members. This will be at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to all the new senior members, (52). If you have not been initiated, please come and we will initiate you during the meeting. Special program is planned for new members. Also, March is the American Legion's Birthday month. A dinner will be held on Saturday, March 27 in the club rooms. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Special guests for the evening will be our Department Commander, Al Davis and our Department President, Marsha Bible. Please call Post Adj. Terry Buraas for reservations or you can call me. This is important, as we need to know how many to prepare for.

**APRIL:** Our regular meeting is on the 6th at 7:00 p.m. This is Children and Youth Month. We have been working on fleece blankets for children in our communities. These will be given to CVIC and Social Services. ANNUAL reports are also due by the 15th. If you have hours of volunteering, please let Shirley or me know so we can add to our reports.

**MAY:** POTLUCK dinner at 6 p.m. This is also our Memorial Month. I will be presenting a special memorial service for all of our deceased members from the past year. Families are welcome to come to the service. You can leave right after if you wish. This is also POPPY MONTH. Can you give an hour or two to help distribute POPPIES to the public? Any help is greatly appreciated. Donations from the poppies are used for the Veterans and their families only. Also, we use some of the money for memorials for deceased Auxiliary members or their immediate family members. These donations are given to the District Presidents Project. this year, her project is at the Fergus Falls Veterans Home. Each

District President chooses a project at a VA facility.

FYI: In December, I mailed nine packages to the troops overseas. The responses we received were great. Sandy Myers also made heart and flag pins and sold them at the Legion functions and this money was used for phone cards for the troops. Thanks to Sandy and some of our Auxiliary members for selling the pins. One thank you letter we received stated how nice it was to be able to call home for FREE. We sponsor a Christmas Tree for needy persons. They were displayed at the mall. The winner of the American Legion Auxiliary tree this year was James Lee. He is also a member of our post as a Sons of the American Legion. He is a member of the group "Rock and Rollers" from the Listen Center and this group brought many items for the troops that were sent in the Christmas boxes.

Our unit collected 58.5 pounds of pop tabs. These tabs were given to Nicolet Cariveau. She is recovering from brain cancer and has regular appointments in Rochester. Last year, she was the WINNER for taking the most tabs. This past December when she went for her checkup, she was again a winner. NOW her goal is to take 500 pounds of tabs when she goes for her checkup in June. CAN YOU HELP? Just leave them at the club with my name and I will take care of them. What a great project for a young lady to undertake. These tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House to help with expenses for families with patients receiving medical treatments.

Please remember of our Auxiliary in your prayers who have died since our last newsletter: Ivadell Kohl, 35 years; Gladys Hills, 4 years; Helen Neppel, 28 years. Also the families of Peggy Holte, mother died; Olga Gonshorawski, husband died; Mary Pat Larivee Sinnet, mother died.

**ATTENTION STAMPS:** Department is only accepting stamps that are commemorative (bigger than the regular stamps) DO NOT save the regular stamps for the Auxiliary any more. There may be other organizations that accept them.

**AUXILIARY IS STILL SERVING TACOS! COME ON DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR AUXILIARY AND "YOUR" LEGION!**

**DON'T FORGET TUESDAY, MARCH 2 - POTLUCK AND INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS.**

**~Bev LeTexier**

## **Dancing**

Sundays, 5 - 9 p.m.

### **March**

7 CATHY ERICKSON  
14 CHUCK GUST  
21 MATT & DAKOTA DUTCHMAN  
28 SENGENS

### **April**

4 EASTER  
11 MATT & DAKOTA DUTCHMAN  
18 H&V MELODIES  
25 O'DELL BRAATEN

## **BINGO**

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

## **Boxing**

March 20

## **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.

## **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:**

January 6 & 20

February 3 & 17

### **Chicken Fried Steak:**

January 13 & 27

February 10 & 24

**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: \$8.50

Walleye or Shrimp: \$10.50

Steak: \$10.75

Salad Bar \$6.00

**Saturday:** 5 - 7 p.m.

Chicken: \$8.50

Shrimp: \$10.50

Steak: \$10.75

Salad Bar \$6.00

**Sunday:**

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

Burgers: 1 - 7:30 p.m.

**Every Day:**

Breakfast: 7 - 10:30 a.m.

## **American Legion Birthday Party**

American Legion Birthday Dinner March 27th beginning at 6 p.m. dinner honoring our 50, 55 and 60 year members. Everyone welcome. Menu: stuffed pork chop, mashed potatoes, vegetable and birthday cake.

## **EGF Rotary Breakfast**

Rotary breakfast Saturday March 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All proceeds will go to the East Grand Forks Food Shelf.

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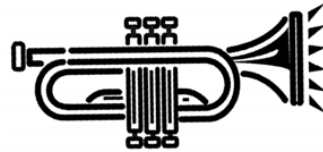
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Promenade for March is the 10th and for April is the 12th at 730PM. We need some new members so bring in some names. We also will be electing new officers in the near future so if you want to hold office please contact Terry Buraas or myself.

~Dick Wessling Chef De Gare



## **TAPS**

Ambrose Gonshorawski 49 years

Florian Kosmatka 40 years

## **Scholarships**

Scholarship forms are on hand behind the bar. Just ask for one. These are awarded for the start of the 2011 session please be sure the SCHOOL is listed as the check goes to the school in the recipient name.