



Post 157 News

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Commander Eddie's Column —

Greetings to all!

Well here we go - charging head first into the spring weather, hopefully we have a good freeze and thaw to keep the floodwaters at a minimum, but I really don't see how that's going to happen. With all the snow on the ground that we have, I would be happy if we did not receive any more but this is the Red River Valley, so anything is possible! Keep the faith and hopefully good things will come about. I hope everyone is doing well and the families are enduring the winter to the best of their abilities.

Easter is coming upon us as is the first day of spring, something to look forward to! I would like to say we are lucky to have a nice post to enjoy ourselves in and I know most of you feel the same way. If there are any REASONABLE changes we can make to better our post I would like you to contact me or one of the trustees with these. We also do have a suggestion-comment box for the post members to use. Be sure to sign your name so we can get back to you. Remember everyone has a voice in the post, it belongs to all our members and employees. So anyone we can make it better or accommodate them, I am open to listening to you!

Before I close, my condolences go out to the family members of our past post members who have passed on; please note that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. In closing, please remember our troops here and abroad in your prayers and thoughts. They need our support in any way we can help them! Until the next newsletter, please take care and I will try to do the same. May God Bless and keep you and your family in His care.

SEMPER FI!

~Commander Eddie

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

East Grand Forks American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157
Total membership to date: 691
Bev LeTexier, Chairman (218)773-2917

Time for another newsletter; boy, the time sure goes fast!

MARCH: This is the month we initiate our new members who have signed up for the 2011 year. Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. This is a potluck dinner for the new members. Make your favorite dish and come be a part of our initiation and meeting. If you have NOT been initiated, please let me know and we can do this at our meeting. New senior members since the last bulletin are: Ardyce Hart, Ramona Latraille, Anna Montoya and Cynthia Russell. Welcome to all. Also, March is the American Legion's birthday. The party will be held on the 4th at the club. Please call Terry or me for reservations. This will also be the mortgage burning as our club is now OURS.

APRIL: This is Children and Youth Month. Regular meeting is on the 5th at 7:00 p.m. District Presidents spring luncheon is on the 29th at noon in Detroit Lakes. Reservations are a must, so let me know if you are planning on going.

MAY: This is Memorial Month. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. with a special memorial service for all of our deceased this year. If you can't be at the dinner, come and join us for the regular meeting. **THIS IS ALSO POPPY MONTH!** Can you spare an hour or two to help with the distribution of poppies? Seems like the same FEW do it each year. It would be really nice to see some new faces. You can call me again if you have a few spare minutes. Thank you!

JUNE: This will be a very busy month. Our regular

meeting will be the 7th at 7:00 p.m. with the installation of new officers. Also, East Grand Forks is hosting the 9th District Convention on the 17th (executive board meeting) and the 18th. We will need some extra help, so if I call you, please say "yes." When all of us work together, it makes the job at hand much easier. Most of you are very gracious with your time and I truly appreciate your willing to help. More information in the next newsletter.

Please remember in your prayers our Auxiliary members who have died since the last newsletter: Hilma Streich, 36 years; Mary McGuire, 5 years; Mary Dobson, 13 years and Shirley Lommen, 34 years. Also to Mary O'Leary of the death of her son and to our family on the death of my husband, Jim.

SOME VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Word has it the National Organization is raising our dues. This does not make me very happy, but in all reality, I guess this is something that has been in the works for a while. Starting with the 2012 Auxiliary year, (our year runs from July to July, not January to January), when you receive your notices, you will see the change. Our dues will now be \$20. Junior dues will remain the same BUT if your Junior Member turns 18 during the 2012 year, her dues will be \$20 also. I have no control over this increase. If you have a problem with this, please contact me and we can work something out. I do take payments if this will help you keep your membership continuous. Have a great SPRING and a prayerful NO FLOOD.

~Bev LeTexier

Alert

An organization calling itself Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on the VA benefits. They are gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with the Va in any way. A web site with the name "vaservices" immediately after the "www" ARE NOT part of the Department of Veteran's Affairs or any US government agency. DO NOT respond to any requests for information. Remember the VA will not ask for personal information over the phone or the Internet.

Dancing

Sundays, 5 - 9 p.m.

March

6 Swinging Bobcats
13 Cathy Erickson
20 Matt & Dutchman
27 Chuck Gust

April

6 Sengers
13 Rambling Rose
20 Countrymen
27 Swinging Bobcats

March 4 is the American Legion's birthday!

Join us at 6 p.m. for stuffed porkchops, potatoes, vegetables, roll and birthday cake. Awards will be presented to those with 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of continuous membership.

BINGO

Sunday: 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:15 p.m.
Big Bingo March 17 St. Patrick's Day

Meetings

American Legion

Third Wednesday

Auxiliary

First Tuesday

Sons of American Legion

Fourth Wednesday

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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:

March 2, 16 & 30

April 13 & 27

Chicken Fried Steak:

March 9 & 23

April 6 & 20

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.

Boxing Dates

March 19 - Last one for the season!

Meeting for any biker who wants to join a new group!!!!

The American Legion Riders.

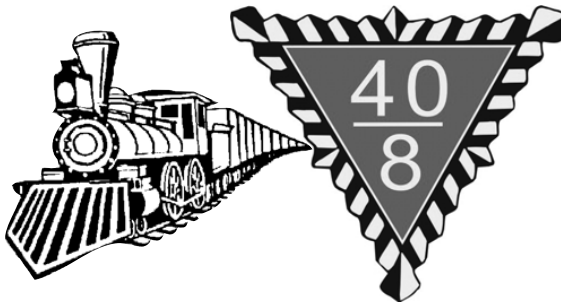
Meeting 7 p.m. on March 2nd 2011

Anyone who rides a MOTORCYCLE can be a member, whether you are legion, auxiliary or sons of the legion and their Bike buddy (wife, husband or whoever). Gary Metcalf has all the info and will start the meeting. As Adjutant I will be on hand to try answer any questions that Gary doesn't know. Coffee and Rolls will be provided by the club. Gary's number is 218-773-1011. Hope to see a lot of people at this meeting. Terry Buraas Adjutant.

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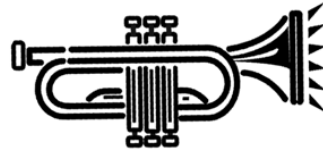
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Thank you to all who have paid their dues for this year. Still a few left to do that and you know who you are. Promenades for march is on the 9th and April is the 13th. time to start thinking about who will hold office next year. If anyone wants to be an officer please contact me.

~Chef De Gare Walter Folendorf



TAPS

Barstad, Earl O.	33 years
Cariveau, Stephen	15 years
Cariveau, William	34 years
Kurowski, Harry	60 years
LeTexier, James W.	51 years
McGlynn, Tom	45 years
McGuire, Mary	41 years
Mongoven, William J.	21 years
Palya, Gene	32 years
Roed, Lowell E.	3 years