

YOUR ALL AMERICAN POST NEWSLETTER

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**BEEF JERKY PLAYING CARDS/BOARD GAMES FRISBEES SUNSCREEN SPF35-50 EYEDROPS
 HAND LOTION CD'S SHOE ODOR EATERS BASEBALLS/FOOTBALLS THROAT LOZENGES**

No, we're not a convenience store. The above items are a few requests by deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan among others. Our ladies are currently collecting these items and more to be mailed to troops after the week of January 18. Donations are also gratefully accepted as these packages are EXPENSIVE to mail.

In case you're out of State or uninformed, our Vermont National Guard are currently in training and due to be deployed by Mid January to Afghanistan. Many local Guard personnel around Montpelier are among them. We, as a Post are working closely with the Family Readiness Group to support them in any way we can. God Bless them and keep them safe!!

Upcoming Events at the Post Home

December 25, 2009 POST HOME CLOSED	January 13, 2010 Post and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
January 9, 2010 Department of VT VOD Banquet	Dinner at 6 PM, Meetings at 6:30 PM (for attendees)
January 12, 2010 Mens Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	9 February, 2010 Mens Auxiliary Meeting
10 February, 2010 Post and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	
Dinner at 6 PM, Meetings at 6:30 PM (for attendees)	

Commanders Corner: HO HO HO!!! Happy Holidays to everyone. A Thank you goes out to all who attended our annual Post Christmas Party on the 12th of December, what a great event. As usual, Head Steward Norm Champagne's Prime Rib Dinner was unequalled. THANKS NORM. Hope to see everybody back next year. As one new member recently stated, \$25.00 for member dues, you get a free Prime Rib Dinner with drinks, free meals at every Post meeting. What a deal!!

Congratulations to Mr. Phillip Huff, a student at Montpelier H.S. for winning the VOD Essay Contest at the Post level along with our District 3 level. He read his essay at the Dinner and it was Awesome. Right now Phillip is \$600.00 happier. (For those of you who have children, grandchildren etc. who may want to enter next year!!) Check out entry guidelines at VFW.org under programs or call us and we can mail the entries to you.

Our Post Website is up and , well, sort of running. Visit us at vfw792.org. I've made some entries and continue to work with our Webmaster to update entries. For those of you having computer access, the next newsletter will be on the website. (Probably February 2010.) Please e-mail me at vfw792@aol.com before then and I will take your name off our mailing list and save the Post some money. This newsletter is not only expensive, it'll also save a few trees. Make sure to click on events, there is a calendar that will show most if not all upcoming events. If anyone has interesting photos of a community or Military event, please e-mail them to me and I will see if I can get them on the website. Prints can also be mailed to me as we now have a digital converter to copy them and submit them to the website.

As of today, the Post is at 95.49% for membership. We need 22 more members to reach last years membership. I know everyone knows a family member, relative, neighbor or acquaintance who is eligible to join. THE ORGANIZATION NEEDS HELP! With all the budget cutbacks taking place, the last cuts we want to see are Veteran's Benefits. There is safety in numbers! We are currently at 1.7 million members. The Veterans of Foreign Wars are also a member of the military coalition which includes the American Legion and other Military Service Organizations. The Politicians in Washington D.C. listen to numbers. If you can't get an eligible person to join our Post, they can join the organization as a Member at Large or a Post nearby. JUST JOIN 'EM UP! The national VFW website is an awesome website to get people to join.

IMPORTANT, STILL NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO TAKE VETERANS TO THE VA HOSPITAL AT WHITE RIVER, IF YOU NEED A RIDE PLEASE CALL 229-4571.

Well I'll get off my soapbox for now. Hope this finds everyone enjoying family and friends for the Holidays and let's all have a great 2010! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** For the Commander, **Don Dockter**, Adjutant/Quartermaster

POST DONATIONS SINCE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Montpelier Women's Broomball League	\$190.00	Vermont Foodbank	\$100.00
Make-a-wish Foundation	\$200.00	Green Mountain United Way	\$200.00
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$200.00	Connecticut River Salmon Assoc.	\$ 50.00
Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project	\$100.00	VFW Department of Vermont Service Raffle	\$ 50.00
VOD Contest Essay Winners	\$130.00		

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

KIMBERLY A. SWASEY

LIFE MEMBER!



DECEASED COMRADES

Gordon K. Zern
 Frederick Lawrence
 Lawrence Turgeon



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Welcome To Our New Members

Amber Larrabee and Sherrie Bachert

Recent Donations:

Northfield Senior Center	\$ 25	VFW Youth Scholarship	\$ 25
Waterbury Senior Center	\$ 25	VFW National Home 4-H	\$ 50
Voice of Democracy Essay Contest Winner	\$130	Christmas Donation to Family in need	\$150

Message from your President:

We are collecting donations of money and/or items to send packages to our troops for Valentine's Day. If you can contribute anything, we would certainly appreciate it and you can drop it off at the Post during the week of January 18th. We've had a very busy Fall with our Craft Fair, Bake Sale at the Northfield Armory, volunteering at the Haunted House in Barre for benefit of the Family Readiness Group, parades in Barre (Boy Scouts) and Montpelier. We have also served as waitresses for several functions at the Post. We had a very nice dinner in November to honor our Past Commanders and Past Presidents. We continue to collect food for the Montpelier Food Pantry, please drop your donations at the Post. Thanks to all who have brought in items. At this time I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

Loyally, ~~Sally Fletcher~~, President

Our Condolences to the family and friends of our deceased sisters ~ Beverly Kennison
Florence Kircher
Gladys Larose

MENS AUXILIARY NEWS

Donations for 2009

Montpelier Food Bank	\$100.00	Andrew J. Parker Fund (disabled Vet)	\$500.00
Montpelier Food Bank	\$ 50.00	Testimonial Dinner Donation	\$ 80.00
Post Billiard Table Repair	\$575.00	Loyalty Day Dinner Donation	\$167.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$100.00	American Cancer Society	\$ 50.00
Silver Towers (Elks Organization)	\$ 20.00		

Message from your President:

Thank you for our successful Turkey raffle. As you can see above, this is why we raise money. The "Turkey" winners were, Malcolm MacAskill, Gary Field and Jackey LasFyde. Thank you to all who participated. Just a friendly reminder, your membership expires 31 December, 2009 if you haven't paid, see you next year at a meeting!

Bob Stewart, President, Mens Auxiliary
To the Veterans of Foreign Wars