

South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Monthly Newsletter

Commanders Corner



The VFW National Home for Children trip was October 26, 27 and 28 to Eaton Rapids, Michigan. There was five of us from our Post that went; John Bugg, Sharon Bugg, T.J. Hainkel, Lloyd LaPore and Melvadean Richardson. It was a fun trip with a total of 27 people from across Missouri that went. This was my first trip to the National Home and was really surprised how beautiful the 625 acre compound is and well maintained. I strongly recommend that everyone should go on this trip and see what a wonderful place it is.

November 11th is Veteran's Day and also Buddy Poppy weekend. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary will be working to distribute Buddy Poppies at Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee on Barry Road, Corner Café and Red-X. Please stop by the Post on Saturday morning to volunteer for a 2 hour shift at any of the above locations. This is one of our major fundraisers and we need several volunteers to help with distributing poppies. If you can't make it by the Post please contact the Buddy Poppy Chairman Rick Butler or Tina Butler for the Ladies Auxiliary.

On November 11th, the VFW Post is hosting a "FREE" spaghetti dinner for veterans, active duty, first responders and their families. We are honoring you for your service to our country and community.

There will be two boxes at the Post for the Marines Toys for Tots. We will have one box upstairs and one box downstairs. All toys must be new and unwrapped. We will be open for breakfast on Saturdays from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM. When you come for breakfast you can drop you Toys for Tots gifts off than.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON NOVEMBER 29, 2012.

If you are an annual member and have not paid your membership dues, they are due by December 31, 2012. We are trying very hard this year to get our membership to 100 percent and need for you to mail in your dues by December 31, 2012. You can also stop by the VFW Post on Saturday mornings to renew your dues. If you have any questions please contact our membership chairman John Hoffman at 816-728-6760.

John Bugg
Commander

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Wreaths Across America: From 1992 to 2005 the annual tradition of placing wreaths to honor the fallen was conducted at Arlington National Cemetery, largely unknown by the general public except for visitors to those hallowed grounds who would see whole sections adorned. That was before the non-profit organization was formed, and when it was still a company tradition – spearheaded by Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath Company. This year, Wreaths Across America will conduct ceremonies at over 800+ participating locations all around the nation. Wreaths will be placed at state and national veterans cemeteries, community and private cemeteries, veterans monuments, schools, at active military bases on foreign soil, and even ceremonies at sea. Would you like to be a part of hosting a Wreaths Across America ceremony near you? First – let’s check our list of locations to see if there already are volunteers in your area working on the event: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/locations/>

If you didn’t find the location you were looking for, or know of another location that would like to host a ceremony – [you can sign up here](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/locations/add-a-location/). <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/locations/add-a-location/>

All of our participating locations are made possible by dedicated volunteers who plan the event throughout the year. Each participating location receives 7 ceremonial wreaths representing all branches of the service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine) and perhaps most importantly a wreath bearing the POW/MIA flag. A written ceremony is provided, as well as press releases, and other promotional tools. For locations where it is approved by the cemetery administration, wreaths may be sponsored (\$15 per wreath – or [click here for more information about our fundraising program](#)) with a goal to do whole sections of the cemetery grounds. Many locations do as many sponsored wreaths as they can, and then rotate the designated sections each year so that all veterans and all families receive a wreath. Our goal is to one day honor all those who serve.

We believe it is especially poignant to take time amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season – to stop and pay our respects for the freedoms we enjoy. There are many families who will be without loved ones at the holiday dinner table – either those who are serving in harm’s way, or those we’ve lost. We invite all to volunteer. Take the time on a Saturday in December to join other like-minded people and show our veterans and their families how much we appreciate their sacrifice. Bring a friend. Bring a child and help them understand all that has been given, for us to enjoy our freedoms each and every day.

“Buddy” Poppy Time is here:



It is not too late to sign-up for “Buddy” Poppy distribution over the Veterans Day weekend.

We will be distributing on Saturday the 10th, Sunday the 11th, and Monday the 12th at Corner Café in Riverside, Hy-Vee on Barry Road, Red-X in Riverside, and Wal-Mart on Barry Road. If you can’t participate consider giving \$100 to the Relief Fund.

Call Junior Vice Commander Ricky Butler at 816-739-0693 NOW!! Or go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DA8AF2BA13-veterans>

You do not need to become a member of Signup Genius to register, simply click on the date and time you wish to volunteer for and select the bottom radial button showing “I don’t want an account, I’ll just enter my name.”



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Ladies Auxiliary Newsletter

Ladies:

November is the beginning of a very busy holiday season. It seems that we no sooner celebrate Thanksgiving than we are gearing up for Christmas and then New Years. In all of the hustle and bustle, please take time to sit down and just relax.

What things have happened this past month and what will be happening this month? Read on and find out just some of the things.

The marathon bus ride that five members of Post 7356 and auxiliary members made along with twenty-four other members of Missouri VFW Posts and Auxiliaries was a lot of fun. We left late Thursday night (11:45PM) and arrived back in Independence Sunday night. It was great to be able to get reacquainted and caught up on news and activities from around the state. After a business meeting on Saturday, we were able to check out the updates that were being made to the Missouri House. Then the real fun began when the children began to show up for the Halloween Party. We saw tigers, pirates, lots of princesses, and Sylvester and Tweety. The excitement in their eyes made all of those miles and the tired bodies we thought we were experiencing melt away. If you have not gone to the National Children's Home, please, consider making the trip next year.

On November 11th, the Ladies Auxiliary is planning to host the Veteran's Day Dinner. It will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the Post from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Those that are signed up for Buddy Poppy distribution will have an opportunity to make it back to the Post for dinner.

If you have not signed up for Buddy Poppy distribution, please make an effort to do so this weekend at Saturday morning breakfast. You are also able to sign up on line at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30EOB4DA8AF2BA13-veterans. We will be distributing Poppies at Corner Café, Hy-Vee on Barry Road, Red-X and Wal-Mart on November 10-November 12.

Also, please, put December 15th on your calendar of events. We are planning to have our Christmas Party on this date. More information will be in next month's Newsletter.

The Marines are collecting new unwrapped Toys for Tots. There will be two boxes at the Post for the toys to be placed. Let's make sure that we help to make those boxes overflow. It will help to make Christmas special for those children that might not have a Christmas.

I hope that each and every one of you have a very wonderful Thanksgiving. When I think of the things I am thankful for, I think of each of you. You have done so many wonderful things to help make our Post and Auxiliary great. Thank You for all you do.

We are still working on membership. National is requesting that each auxiliary try to sign up at least 3-5 new members. It is always nice to sign up new members. They bring with them new ideas and enthusiasm.

Sharon Bugg
President

Veterans Day: The following are activities for Veterans Day Weekend,

Friday, November 9th, 2012

Park Hill High School: 7701 NW Barry Road, veterans appreciation day. Coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. in the lower gym foyer followed by an assembly and speaker in the lower gym. The assembly will start at 10:11 a.m. and end at 11:11 a.m. Please RSVP by November 7th to Carol Musfeldt at (816)359-6210 or email musfeldtc@parkhill.k12.mo.us.

Sunday, November 11th, 2012 FREE DINNER AT POST FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

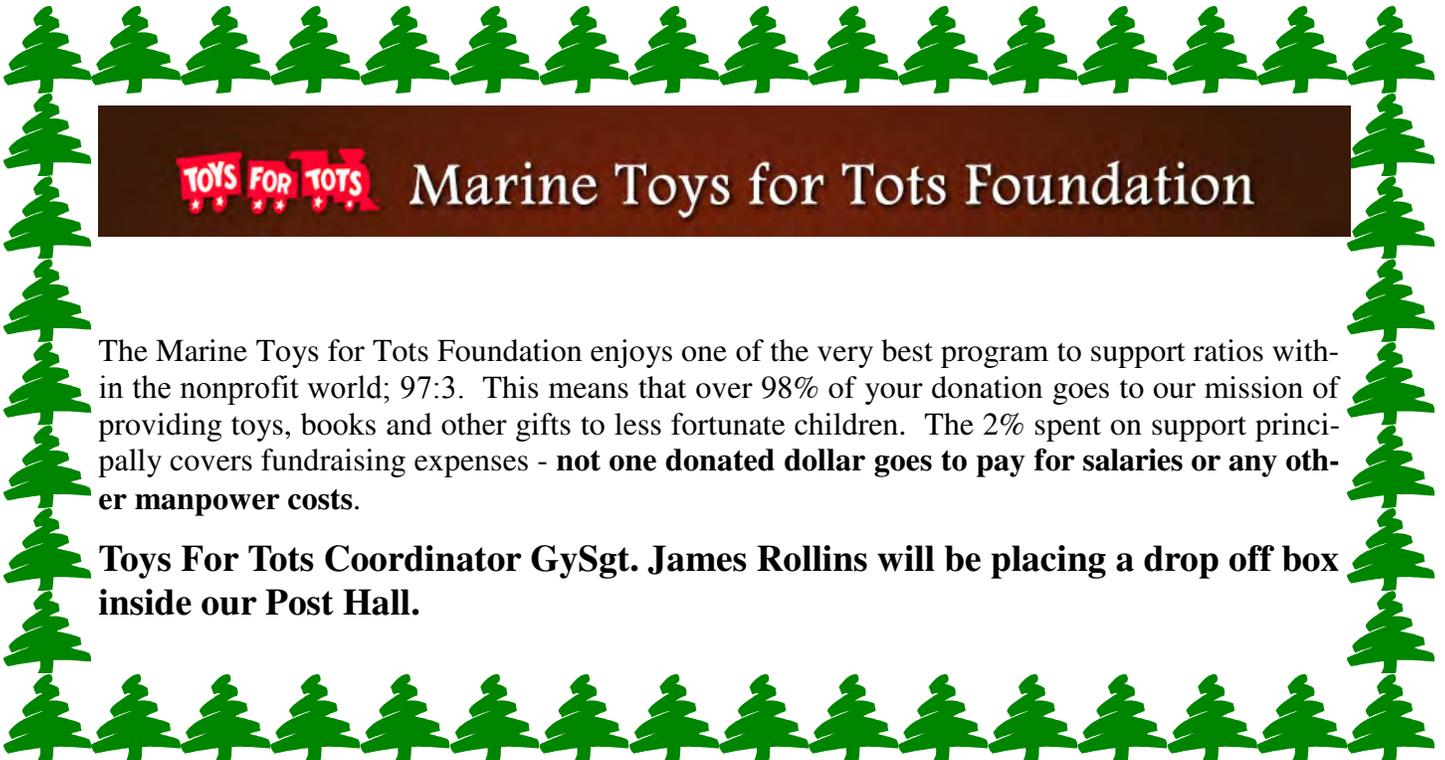
Monday, November 12th, 2012

Red-X Riverside: Free breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Serving serve Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, milk, orange juice and coffee.

Hy-Vee Barry Road: Free breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Park Hill South High School: 4500 River Park Drive, will be conducting two assemblies to honor veterans. The Student Council of Park Hill South High School has asked for our help. They will be having two assemblies on Monday November 12th. The first will start at 9:00 a.m. and the second at 10:00 a.m. They are wanting to make these assemblies a very patriotic day by recognizing veterans. We will have the U.S. Marine Corps present the colors during each assembly. Members of our Post will be reading "In Flanders Field" to focus attention on the meaning of the "Remembrance Poppy" or our "Buddy" Poppy that we distribute. There will be a guest speaker and we will be distributing "Buddy" Poppies to each student as they leave the auditorium.

They are inviting as many of our members to attend and be seated on the stage during the assemblies. Please notify Sr. Vice John Hoffman at 816-728-6760 or johnhh@mediacombb.net if you plan on attending.




Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation enjoys one of the very best program to support ratios within the nonprofit world; 97:3. This means that over 98% of your donation goes to our mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 2% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses - **not one donated dollar goes to pay for salaries or any other manpower costs.**

Toys For Tots Coordinator GySgt. James Rollins will be placing a drop off box inside our Post Hall.

ATTENTION ALL TRADESMEN OF POST 7356

In the interest of maintaining our facility, we are looking to establish a list of qualified tradesmen to volunteer for projects necessary for the upkeep and preventative maintenance of the Post 7356 facility. If you are qualified in air conditioning, refrigeration, electrical, carpentry, flooring, plumbing, plastering, painting or any other building trade, we would like to hear from you. There will be a Building Committee formed and this committee will coordinate the necessary projects for the Post. If you are interested, please provide your name, contact information, hours of availability and area of expertise to the Post Commander. We thank you in advance for your willingness to be involved in the preservation of your Post building.



The following names are VFW Post 7356 Most Wanted. They represent the members that elect to maintain annual membership. While it is true your membership does not expire until December 31st, our program year runs from July to June. Consequently in order for the Post to make its membership goals it is imperative that the annual members renew by December 1st. This list will remain in the newsletter, updated each month as members pay their dues. It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing Life Membership while it is still affordable. Remember you can pay for Life either one time or on a 12-month installment plan. Just go to www.vfw.org, click on login and create an account. Here you can pay your annual dues, update your address, phone number, email address and upgrade to Life Membership.

109 - 2013 Unpaid as of October 1, 2012: Mark P Adams, Steven E Armstrong, David C Ayrton, Thomas I Bartels, Curtis E Bauman, David P Beane, Gerry D Beard, Devon M Blake, Carroll D Bledsoe, Joseph C Boggs, Harry E Bowers, Corrie L Bowser, Peter W Bowser, Cameron M Briggs, Larry L Brown, Herb W Butzbach, Billy Cable, Shawn W Campbell, Tanya C Campbell, Michelle I Carey, Jack E Carter, Mark C Cathcart, Frederick G Chapman, D J Coyle, Clyde V Criss, Roger D Davis, Carey L Dickerson, Joseph W Duncan, Dwight D Edwards, Joshua E Eggar, Gary L Ethridge, Samantha A Farris, Jeffrey S Ford, Brandon M Garrison, Dick Gibson, Michael A Goffos, David E Green, Thomas R Gutt, David A Hall, Charles J Hamilton, Michael Hartline, Douglas D Harvey, Roger Hawk, Korry Helmick, Allen K Hesper, Jim R Hopper, Robert Jones, Joe E Jordan, Frederick E Juergensen, Daniel J Karp, Tara A Keehner, Thomas D Kilbane, William L Kinkade, David L Knapp, Jasen M Kratzer, Bill Kress, Richard W Lanning, Marty Leners, Charles M Lillich, Jeremy E Lynn, Robert S Mac Gregor, Alvin E Macko, Misty McWilliams, Bruce Meyer, Daniel M Miller, Marvin Montgomery, Michael P Munoz, Jerry Nance, Joseph J Neeley, Larry F Noyes, Steven K O Har, Neal R Parker, Sandra M Parris, Hal J Parrott, Ryan M Paulus, Jack E Pearl, Sarah R Pickrell, Bernard L Pope, Gary L Protenic, Romaine C Quackenbush, Daniel D Reiss, Edmond W Reynolds, Terrence T Richards, Robert L Russell, Robert L Schindorff, Kristopher R Scrivener, Jay R Seaman, Daniel D Shepherd, David J Shook, Christopher E Skidmore, Jeffery P Soule, David L Sousley, Glenn A South, Thornton M Spain, Sean J Sperl, Pamela R Stanford, Joseph A Stinger, Joseph W Tasler, Terry R Thompson, James G Trimble, Fred J Vanecek, Kerby Varner, Michael J Vermulm, Michael P Vick, Robert W Walker, Lorenzo Weldon, Daniel R Wessling, Ronald L Whitney, Jeffrey G Wright.

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Cell 816-289-6335**



***Veterans Helping Veterans
"No One Does More for Veterans"***

2013 Cola Announced:

The 2013 cost-of-living adjustment for military retired pay, SBP annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 1.7 percent. The COLA will go into effect on December 1, 2012. The January check will be the first to reflect the increase. Retirees who left the military in 2012 and those who took the REDUX retirement package will not see the full 1.7 percent increase next year. (Military.com 10/22/12)

Fed to End Pay Checks: In an effort to save about \$2 million in printing costs and comply with new Treasury Department mandates, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will no longer offer military members, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees the option of getting paid by paper check. The Treasury Department has set March 1, 2013, as the date all federal government payments should be delivered by electronic funds transfer methods such as direct deposit. It is estimated that the U.S. government spends about \$130 million each year to print and mail paper checks.

Calendar of Events**November 2012**

1st - Members Social 7 pm
4th - Daylight Savings Ends
6th - Election Day
8th - Members Social 7 pm
10th - USMC Established
10th - "Buddy" Poppy Distribution
11th - Veterans Day (Fly Flag)
11th - Veterans Day Dinner
11th - "Buddy" Poppy Distribution
12th - Veterans Day observed
12th - "Buddy" Poppy Distribution
15th - Members Social 7 pm
22nd - Thanksgiving Day
(Fly Flag)
29th - VFW/Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting 7 pm

Monthly

Every Saturday Morning 7:30 to
10:00 a.m. **Breakfast.**
Every Monday Night **Civil Air
Patrol 7- 9 p.m.**

December 2012

6th - Members Social 7 pm
7th - National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day (Fly Flag
half staff until sunset)
9th - First Day of Hanukah
13th - Members Social 7 pm
20th - Members Social 7 pm
21st - Winter Begins
25th - Christmas Day (Fly Flag)
27th - VFW/Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting 7 pm

**Note to women in the VFW take a look at
<http://www.joinsheserves.org/> and connect.**

Veteran Service Information Officer Philip Duncan is available to assist any veteran with claims with the VA. If you have a concern, please contact him or stop by the Post on a Saturday morning, as the material is available for your review. Phil will gladly assist you with a referral form so a certified Veterans Service Officer from the VFW can assist you with your claim.