

August 22, 2011 Post Meeting 6 p.m. Start

Volunteers Chuck Smith, Jim Koch, and Cliff Martens will be hosting their second August Post meal. The main entrée item will feature pulled pork sandwiches. The meal and subsequent meeting will be held at Trindle Park on August 22, 2011 with start time of 6 p.m. RSVP is not required. Members are asked to bring one potluck side dish to complement the meal, spouse, friend, and fellow veteran. Thanks.

With Regrets

It is with much sadness and regret to report the losses of Post members Warren Rockhill – WWII and Don Harris – Vietnam. “Rocky” transferred to Post 403 from the Garwin Post 0071 in 2004 and was a 58 year member of The American Legion. Don was a new addition as a Legionnaire in 2009 and has been very instrumental in helping the Post in the current Building project. Both will be greatly missed for their participation and community involvement. Committal services and military honors for Don are Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the State Cemetery. Committal services for “Rocky” are Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the State Cemetery. Both families have designated Post 403 as a memorial donation contribution site to honor their veteran.

Post Personal Involvement

Post Member Mark Kamm has been spearheading an activity to install signs detailing the landscaping at the State Cemetery in response to an inquiring received. The signs were created under the auspices of my brother-in-law in response to the Living Roadway Trust Fund National Board and detail the plantings at the State Cemetery. Mark was asked to tackle this as a ‘fundraiser’ for the Post. Mark designed and constructed the signs and then received help to install. The placement of the signs is at the top and bottom ends of the landscape wall as you enter the Cemetery grounds – please be sure to take a look – it will make you proud. It is anticipated that Mark’s and the others’ work will provide \$1500 dollars to the Post for the sign construction and installation. Please stop at the Cemetery and admire the craftsmanship of our member and his helpers in the construction and placement of the signs. You can’t miss them. Well done, troops.

Friday Night Football

It is anticipated that Post Color Guard will again be presenting the flag at Van Meter home football games. Four to five members are needed for this detail. If you would like to help with this honor, please contact either Terry Clark – 834-2062 or Terry Vande Kamp – 996-9144. Home games are:

August 26 September 9 September 23
Homecoming - September 30 October 21

Next Post Fundraiser September 30, 2011 – 3 p.m. to 6p.m. At Building Site

Informational Town Hall meeting to update communities’ citizens, legislators, candidates, veterans, public media channels on project development and objectives of new building structure. Barbecued pork loin sandwiches cooked by Jim Carmen (Jim donating his cooking) from Minburn Post; Carl Lyons’ baked beans, potato chips, dessert, and drink served from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Informational program at 4:15 p.m.. Q & A session after the informational program. (Desperately need cooks to step forward on homemade desserts – Is there a spouse or future Post Auxiliary that would spearhead this and coordinate?) Jon West from Minburn Post has already asked their Post Auxiliary to furnish 100 bars and he is personally purchasing 300 bags of potato chips and searching hard on donations for meat – John and Jim are 100% behind helping our Post and objectives for the building as a place for veterans to be able to meet after the Cemetery Committal service.

***“Is there a place
for our family to meet?”***

***Our son, our daughter has traveled far and
endured much and now we want to gather
one more time to remember their sacrifice.”***

