

"Half the trouble of this life can be traced to saying 'yes' too quickly, and not saying 'no' soon enough.

## October 24, 2011 Post Meeting

Gary and Betty Wemer will be preparing the main entrée meal items of Asparagus Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. The meal location will be the Van Meter School cafeteria. Meeting date is October 24, 2011 with meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. Again, Post members attending are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts for the potluck meal. No reservation count is required for this meal.

## IMPORTANT –Advance Notice

### October 24, 2011 – Building Vote

The September 26, minutes note motion to build Memorial Garden shelter facility. This will need 2<sup>nd</sup> approval at the October 24 meeting. In accordance with the Post Articles of Incorporation relating to land and building motions – excerpted below:

Article XII.

For any resolution amending these Articles or effecting the purchase of real estate or the construction of any building thereon by the Post, a proposed resolution must be (1) submitted in writing and read at a previous regular meeting of the Post and (2) a written notification must have been sent at least 10 days in advance of the next regular Post meeting notifying all Post members that the proposed resolution is to be voted upon. The proposed resolution at this next regular Post meeting may be discussed, modified with majority member approval, or left unchanged. The modified/proposed resolution will then be voted upon for approval by at least two-thirds of all said members in attendance at such meeting provided quorum requirements of Article IX section 4 exist. All votes under this Article shall be by written ballot.

Please consider this as the formal 10 days advance notification so that the motion may be discussed, amended if necessary, and voted upon at the October 24, 2011 meeting.

## Post Fundraiser Item #1

Des Moines Coupon Books have been received under consignment to Candy Brown for Post members to sell – see recent full page ad in Des Moines Register. Post receives \$15 profit from the sale of each book and if you just have potential buyer look through the book – you probably have a sale logged. Contact Candy at 996-2235 if wanting books or need additional info.

## Post Fundraiser Item #2

Post 403 members will be waiting tables at the Waukee Pizza Ranch starting at 5 p.m. on November 7, 2011 All tips will be given back to the Post as a fundraiser promotion by Pizza Ranch 448 E. University, Put on your apron and getting ready to serve – contact Mark Kamm (996-2571) or Terry Clark (834-2062).

## Post Membership Dues Collection

Sadly to say, I must began asking last year members to pay the Legion dues for the next year to continue as Legion member. 2012 dues are \$30 and should be made payable to American Legion Post 403 and mailed to PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261.

## Van Meter IA Education Summit Town Hall

Join Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds for their Van Meter Iowa Education Summit Town Hall meeting – Saturday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. – Large Gym – Van Meter High School, 520 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Van Meter. The event is free and open to the public – discussion on school electronic advances and growth of the community. How does the Veterans Reception / Community Center / Post building fit in?

## Raise the Flag Ceremony

Just contacted by Russ Aswan from Earlham Bank if Post would be interested in participating at "Raise the Flag" ceremony at their new bank in Van Meter. Need volunteers to mount flags on the clips and raise – American and State flag – Ebank officials will raise the EBank flag after American and State flag have been raised. Also looking at 3 round volley as part of this ceremony and need to see what protocol might assist in Officer's Manual. Date will be selected later this month. Right now suggested time is 4:00 p.m. Call 996-9144 to express interest in helping.

## Wreaths Campaign Targets Vets Cemetery

A fundraising campaign is aimed at paying for wreaths to be placed at more than 600 graves at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery at Van Meter in December. The Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol is collecting sponsorships for the Wreaths Across America program. A sponsorship is \$15 and the group wants to have enough money to place a wreath at each grave Dec. 10. Donations will be accepted through Thanksgiving. Learn more or donate at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

## Upcoming Fundraising & Post Events

- Weekly Bldg & Land/Fundraising Planning Mtgs – every Thursday through November (except Thanksgiving) – 6:30 basement Wells Fargo Bank.
- October 24, 2011 – Regular Post Meeting
- October xx – Ebank Flag raising – see above.
- November 1 thru 30 – Pepsi Refresh voting – more to follow
- November 6, 2011 – Community Breakfast - 7:30-12:30
- November 7, 2011 -- Post 403 members will be waiting tables at the Waukee Pizza Ranch starting at 5 p.m. All tips will be given back to the Post as a fundraiser promotion by Pizza Ranch 448 E. University, Waukee.
- November 11, 2011 – Veterans Day Remembrance
- November 28, 2011 -- Regular Post Meeting
- December 4, 2011 – Community Breakfast 7:30-12:30
- December 4, 2011 -- Post Oratorical Contest – 1 -4 p.m.
- NO December Post Meeting – spend time with your families
- January 1, 2012 – Community Breakfast 7:30-12:30

**Jasper County Freedom Flight**

A flight of Jasper County Veterans will be headed to DC on October 25th. Jasper County residents donated nearly ninety thousand dollars over the past five months to make this happen. To date, 144 WWII vets have been sent to DC over the past two years. The Jasper flight plane will hold 7 WWII vets, 77 Korean Vets and 74 Vietnam Vets. We will be holding a send off ceremony on Sunday October 23rd. This will include a motorcycle escort for the buses with the veterans and their spouses. Last year we had 173 cycles participate. We hope to increase that number this year. The bikes are asked to assemble at the Iowa Speedway at 12 noon. We will leave promptly at 12:45 and make our way to the Newton High School where we will be escorted into the auditorium by our local bagpiper. There will then be an hour long send off ceremony held. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. We plan to give these vets the welcome home that they should have been given many years ago. I know that you have an extensive email list and would ask that you share this information with anyone that may be interested. If there are any questions please call Doug Bishop at 641-417-8885 or email to [jasperhonorflight@yahoo.com](mailto:jasperhonorflight@yahoo.com).