Greetings to all VFW Comrades, Auxiliary, and Social members,

Our post is still growing with a monthly average of 9 new members attending our orientation meeting, Outstanding! For all Veteran and Auxiliary members, our meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm with a social starting at 6 pm. I encourage you to attend the meetings to assist us in approving post business, also consider running for office. As always if you have an idea to make this post more enjoyable for us all please let me know so we can discuss and try to implement. I look forward to continuing the VFW mission by serving our veterans, our military, and our communities, as well as advocating on behalf of all veterans.

You undoubtedly have seen a sign placed on the front of this post, well here we grow again. It has been decided to install a door near the pool table to access the outside for further expansion. Tables and chairs will be placed in the back for outdoor seating during good weather. It is the boards hope that this new seating will be well received and utilized.

** SERVICE OFFICER’S MESSAGE **

ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS PENSION: The Veterans Pension program provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits. If you meet the VA pension eligibility requirement such as receiving an honorable discharge and your yearly family income and net worth meets certain limits set by Congress. Active duty service must have started before September 8, 1980, and you served at least 1 day during wartime, or started on active duty after served at least 24 months or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty with at least 1 day during wartime.

For further assistance, contact the VFW Service Officer Christine Smith (717) 884-1705 or VFW Claims Consultant Emily LeVault (215) 356-3566.

Yours in Comradeship,
Chuck Becker,
Post Commander

** NEWS BRIEFS **

Social Member 2020 Dues that are renewed during January will include a $10 late fee. Members renewing after Jan. 31 will need to reapply for membership, including the $25 application fee.

The PA VETERANS REGISTRY allows veterans, family members and people who work with veterans to connect with Pennsylvania Department continued inside
Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

Hello 2020! Thank you to all who renewed their memberships! If you have not paid your 2020 dues, your membership has lapsed. Please pay dues as soon as possible to make your membership current. Consider converting your annual membership to life and have peace of mind that your membership is always current.

You’re Invited! Auxiliary members in good standing are invited to attend the monthly meetings held the THIRD Tuesday at 7 pm in the dining room - bring your membership card. Come early and enjoy the Veteran & Auxiliary social that starts at 6 pm, covered dish/desserts are welcome.

Congratulations! to the student winners of the VFW VOD and Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest! And to the teachers of the VFW Smart Maher Teacher Award! It’s exciting to have winners at our Post also win at District.

Scholarships and Contests watch the Post for details and share with the students you know. The National Auxiliary art contests are due by March 31 - one is for 9-12 graders and a brand new one is for K-8. Applications are at the Post.

Aux Subs will be back March, April and May - Reminder to place your orders the first Wednesday and pick up the 2nd Wednesday. Thank you to all who support our fundraisers by volunteering or simply enjoying the subs!

Join the Auxiliary we are the family members of those who served in overseas combat. Complete an Aux application, include the DD214 of your VFW-eligible Veteran and the annual or life fee.

Your Voice Counts add yours to the thousands of veterans’ advocates making a difference through the VFW Action Corps! Sign up for weekly emails with the legislative issues that affect Veterans and their families at vfw.org/actioncorps

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS all Veterans for their service and keep troops that are deployed in our hearts, minds and prayers.

Loyally,
Tina Hinkle
VFW Auxiliary President
**VFW VETERAN MEMBERSHIP**

As the largest combat Veterans organization, VFW membership spans the globe. We’re an elite group of combat warriors who have each other’s backs long after the fight is over.

**ANNUAL** - Our Post pays the first year dues for all new Veteran members. Annual membership renewal is $35.00.

**LIFE** - Join as a life member. Dues are:

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Installment payment options available. Member must set up installment payments with VFW National HQ. *Our Post will pay $100 of life dues. To receive the $100 discount, dues must be paid through our Post.

**LEGACY LIFE** enables VFW Life Members to leave a lasting impression.

Bronze $400 ★ Silver $800 ★ Gold $1200

**MEMORIAL LEGACY** may be purchased in the name of a deceased VFW Life member.

**VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

Auxiliary membership is open to men and women who are relatives of Veterans who served in overseas combat.

**ANNUAL** - $25 to join; $20 dues to renew

**LIFE** - Join as a life member, dues are:

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**PA Women Veterans Retreat**

Sponsored by VFW Dept of PA with donations from Districts, Posts, Auxiliaries & Individuals

**March 27-29** State College, PA

All PA Women Veterans are Welcome to Attend

Do not need to be a member of the VFW

Must register by Feb. 20, forms at the Post and www.vfwpahq.org/membership/women-veterans or contact Amy Mackenzie, PA VFW Women Veterans Chairperson, at 717.575.3862 or quartermaster@ephratavfw.org

**CHICKEN BBQ**

March 28

10:30 AM until sold out

$8 ★ Drive-up service in parking lot

**POST CALENDAR**

[Watch the Post & the app for events & details]

**JANUARY**

1. Happy New Year Post Opens at 11 AM
11. Open Juke Box 7 - 10 PM
15. VFW Coloring Contest last day for entries
17. Live! Soji 7 - 10 PM
21. Veteran and Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM
25. Shrimp Raffle Noon - ?

**FEBRUARY**

5. Derby Cash! PA Lottery Event 5 - 7 PM
7. Open Juke Box 7 - 10 PM
14. Happy Valentine’s Day
15. Scholarship Auxiliary Continuing Education Applications due at National HQ by today
15. Live! Ashby Brothers Band 7 - 10 PM
18. Veteran and Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM
23. Scholarship Fund Feed Noon - 4 PM
23. Tickets for Oyster Feed 3/22 available at bar

**MARCH**

4. Aux Sub Sale order by 6 PM; pick up 3/11
7. Open Juke Box 7 - 10 PM
8. VFW District 21 Post 695 Waynesboro Meeting 2 PM
13. National K9 Veterans Day
13. Irish Fiddler in dining room 5 - 7 PM
16. Happy St. Patrick’s Day
17. Veteran and Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM
17. Social for Vets & Aux before meeting 6 PM
22. Oyster Feed (ticket required) Noon - 4 PM
23. Oyster Feed (ticket required) Noon - 4 PM for Post members and their guests
26. Civil War Presentation 7 PM
27-29 PA Women Veterans Retreat in State College - must register by 2/28
28. Chicken BBQ 10:30 AM - ?
28. Ham Raffle 3 PM - ?
31. VFW Aux Art Contests last day to enter Illustrating America & Young American Patriotic Art

**APRIL**

1. Aux Sub Sale order by 6 PM; pick up 4/8
11. Lunch with the Easter Bunny 11 AM - 12:30 PM
11. Easter Egg Hunt 1 PM
12. Easter Happy Easter Post Closed
25. Chicken BBQ 10:30 AM - ?
25. Live Music! Goose 7 - 10 PM

**RAFFLE TICKET SCHOLARSHIP FUND FEED**

**FEB 23**

Noon - 4 PM Tickets $20

Raffle Drawings at 3:30 PM

(1) $500 (2) $250 (8) $100 (10) $50 (14) $25

Do not need to be present to win

Meal ★ Beer ★ Chance at Cash Prizes

Open to the Public ★ 21+

1. Veteran and Auxiliary Meetings and social are open to Veteran and Auxiliary members in good standing.

Veteran Assistance at the Post

compensation & pension claims, enrollment in VA and more

Make an appointment with PA Department of VFW Claims Consultant

Emily LeVault 215-356-3566

Do not need to be a member of VFW

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Showtime Trivia**

Monday 7-9 PM | open to public 6-10

Live Team Trivia with Prizes!

**Jan 17 Soji**

Acoustic Soul

Fri. 7-10 PM | Members & Guests

**Feb 15 Ashby Brothers**

Acoustic Duo

Sat. 7-10 PM | Members & Guests

**Mar 13 Irish Fiddler**

Irish Music by Keith Engle

in the dining room

Fri. 5-7 PM | Open to the Public

**Mar 25 Goose**

Live Music

Sat. 7-10 PM | Members & Guests

**PA Lottery Event**

**Derby Cash!**

Wed. Feb 5 5 – 7 pm

Open to the Public

Cornhole run by PA lottery rep

Prizes! Derby Cash Coupons & more!

Best Dressed Contest!

Wear Horseracing Attire, Derby Hats...

Derby Theme Photo Opps

**OYSTER FEED**

March 22 Noon - 4 pm

Tickets: Members $35 Guest $40 available 2/23 until 3/15 or sold out

21+ | Only members may purchase tickets Guests must attend with member

**Civil War Presentation**

Thurs. March 26 7 pm

Speaker: Christian Stihel

Open to the Public

**Showtime Trivia**

Teams up to 10 players

No cost to play

Prizes for top 3 teams

Monday 7 - 9 pm

open to public 6-10 pm
DONATIONS
Hats, Gloves & Socks Donate NEW hats, gloves and socks for men and women Veterans by January 20.
Plastic Eggs Donations of plastic eggs are being accepted through April 1 for the annual egg hunt on April 11.

SCHOLARSHIPS & CONTESTS
VFW Dept of PA Coloring Contest Students in grades 2-5 grade can color the 2020 picture and enter the contest. Coloring page with application are at the Post. Entries due to the Post no later than January 15.
Continuing Education Scholarship $1,000 from National Auxiliary, open to Auxiliary that have been members for at least one year and their spouse, son/daughter furthering their education. Send to National Auxiliary by February 15.

Young American Patriotic Art Contest Students in grades 9-12 can enter their art in the National Auxiliary contest, top prize is $15,000. Entry due to the Post by March 31.
Illustrating America a National Auxiliary art contest for students (K-8), top prize is $100 gift card. Entry due to the Post by March 31.

Good luck to all of the students entering the contests!

DINING ROOM
In addition to our menu, Chef Specials are offered Wednesday and Friday 4:30 - 8:00 pm
BINGO! Cash Prizes! No Caller - Play at Your Pace
PA LOTTERY, Derby Cash & KENO too!
Menu subject to change. Credit cards accepted. Members must present their membership card when purchasing alcohol.

Public Welcome! 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FLY THE FLAG
Jan 1 - New Year’s Day
Jan 20 - Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12 - Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb 22 - Washington’s Birthday
Feb 17 - Presidents’ Day

Purchase New Flags
3’ x 5’ Flags $18.00
4’ x 6’ Flags $28.00
5’ x 8’ Flags $40.00
12’ x 18’ grave marker flags $1.50
Unserviceable flags may be dropped off at our Post for proper disposal

God Bless America ★

Canteen Specials
Mon Wings All Day / Pizza 3 - 9:30 pm
Tue Tacos, Burritos, Quesadillas... All day
Wed Dinner Room 4:30 - 8 pm
Thurs Seafood Specials 4:30 - 9:30 pm
Fri Dinner Room 4:30 - 8 pm
Fri-Sun Breakfast Specials 9 am - 3 pm

HOURS
Post Open Kitchen Closes Last Call
Sunday 9 am - 12 am 9:30 pm 11:30 pm
Mon-Wed 11 am - 12 am 9:30 pm 11:30 pm
Thursday 11 am - 12 am 10:30 pm 11:30 pm
Fri-Sat 9 am - 1 am* 10:30 pm 12:30 am*
* last call may be at 11:30 pm and close at midnight

Reminder: The Post’s side parking lot has limited spaces and is reserved for on-shift employees, vendors and patrons that are handicapped.

Fly the flag

Show Your VFW Post 5265 Commemorative Coin or VFW Event Dog Tag for Happy Hour Pricing

Sunday 9 am - 12 am 9:30 pm 11:30 pm
Monday 7 pm - 9 pm
Tuesday 5 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday 3 pm - 5 pm
Thursday 1 pm - 3 pm
Friday 11 am - 1 pm

NOTICE: If you are a V.I.P., Visibly Intoxicated Person, and are refused service, please respect your server. This is for your safety and the protection of the Post Charter / LCB License. Thank you!

Non-members may visit the Canteen (Bar) no more than 3 times in a calendar year. They must be with a member and must be signed in by that member. After their third visit in the Canteen, they must either join the Post as a Veteran, Auxiliary or social member to continue to enter the Canteen.

God Bless America ★

HAPPY HOUR

Show Your VFW Post 5265 Commemorative Coin or VFW Event Dog Tag for Happy Hour Pricing

$10 Coin

2019
$5 Dog Tag
Dog tag proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish

Federal regulators to set up three-digit suicide hotline number to reach a suicide prevention hotline in order to make it easier to seek help.
When implemented, people dial 988 to seek help, similar to calling 911 for emergencies. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline uses 800-273-TALK and callers are routed to a crisis center to talk to a counselor.
“More than 20 veterans die by suicide every day ... A shorter, simpler suicide hotline number could be a game-changer.”
Read the complete article by CBS21 News, December 17, 2019 at www.local21news.com

Reminder: The Post’s side parking lot has limited spaces and is reserved for on-shift employees, vendors and patrons that are handicapped.

Thank you!