



MORSON ARIO VFW POST 9713
COMMANDER'S REPORT
FALL 2008
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My name is Owen D. Painter. I have been newly elected as your 2009 Commander. Thanks to members for your faith in me.

Special thanks to Don Neeb for all his years as the adjutant. It is a very important job and has thankless hours of keeping up with that job. So, once again, thank you Don Neeb. Don't be a stranger, because we need your input. Please. Keith Ward is our new adjutant, and he is an Iraq Vet and has taken this job with a lot of new energy. We need these young guys for new ideas for the Post and Club, and he also took a Board position for 3 years.

Thank you to Warren Taylor, for all of his hours to make our Club look good. Every Saturday morning he is here making the outside look very good. If you have a little time, stop and help.

The Marine Corp League has come to our Post. Welcome and enjoy our Club. If you have ideas, call me at home or the shop, at 257-3505 or 387-4071.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for help with the Property Tax payment and the New door and carpet. They have a Waffle Breakfast on November 16th. If you aren't coming, please buy a ticket to help support these special Ladies. So, check out their letter.

Rifle Squad came through again with a lot of donations to help pay Property Taxes. Guys, your support was very much needed and appreciated, once again Thanks.

Check out the 1st Friday of every month for the Marine Corp League Burger Nite. Also, We will be starting a roasted chicken supper on Friday, the 28th of November, to help with our Post lot taxes.

Thanks to Heidi for all of her hard work. I know it is easy to look at some problems and not really know all the hours this job takes. Thank you. **WE NEED VOLUNTARY HELP TO MAKE OUR BINGO, WEDNESDAY BURGER NITE, AND CHICKEN SUPPER.**

I'll close for now, since it took a month to write this. Sorry. I'll try to do better.

Commander Dobie Painter

Welcome to all new members and transfers from other Posts. If you haven't dropped off a COPY of your DD-214 with the Quartermaster, please do so ASAP. The information from this document is used to update our database info in our computer. Again, welcome. Terry Palmer, Quartermaster



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*Auxiliary Monthly Meetings are at 7:30p on the 1st Thursday of each month at our Post
October 2nd, Monthly Meeting Potluck 6:30 all Post Members Welcome
(Bring a dish to pass or just come for the meal, dress patriotic)*

VOTE NOVEMBER 4TH

November 5th, Monthly Meeting

November 11th, Veteran's Day

November 16th, Belgian Waffle Extravaganza/Craft and Bake Sale

December 3rd, Monthly Meeting

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2009 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, MARY TORGUSEN

It is a busy time at your Morson-Ario Club. Please stop by and drop your Campbell Soup and Tyson Food UPC labels, cancelled postage stamps, and pop can tabs in the large jar on the entrance counter by the sign in book. A goal this year is to come up with a Poppy Team now for our May 2009 Poppy Drive. Not in May when it's time to distribute poppies. We need you on the team. I will be calling you and we are having a 2008 Poppy Meeting. Let's make Poppy Day our Spring Celebration for our living disabled Veterans, as it should be. We're considering a kick off celebration at the Post the weekend prior to Poppy May. Thank you to 2009 Commander Owen Painter and Auxiliary Treasurer Jeannette Torgusen, for taking the Buddy Poppy campaign on in 2008. It was a successful campaign again. Thank you to each and every person who distributed poppies and donated money.

POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Each month the VFW Department Office wants us reporting our volunteerism and donations we make personally and through our club. At each Post and Auxiliary meeting a form is passed around to all those in attendance asking for this information. This information can act as an incentive to others to volunteer. Please fill in the form at the meeting, drop a note to the club office, or email me at mtorgusen@charter.net and let me know what I can fill in for you on the Community Services Form. Thanks for all the important work you all do in our Community.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DUES DRIVE

Please see the enclosed GOLD membership form and fill it in ASAP. It is our goal to get our membership dues collected in record time this year. We are sending this out with the newsletter in order to save the Auxiliary money we usually spend on a separate mailing. Please respond quickly.

POW/MIA OBSERVANCE SEPTEMBER 19TH

POW/MIA Day is a day we honor those soldiers who did not return home, and for those who wait and wonder. Thank you to Auxiliary Sister Annie Hauch, for her successful efforts in getting the City of Mankato to fly the POW/MIA flag year round. The Auxiliary purchased the flag, which Annie presented to the City on September 19th.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

A new scholarship is available to members and family, who will be attending a technical college in the next year. We also have scholarships available for returning soldiers and for those attending nursing college through the Marcella Arnold Scholarship Fund. Call me if you need information on any of our scholarships or email me at mtorgusen@charter.net, and I will get you to the right person.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

A Big Auxiliary thank-you to Diane Hanson. Diane is our Historian and was a member of the team that refurbished our front entryway at the Club. This entryway gives a first impression to all who enter. Thank you for getting that job done, and for being our Auxiliary Historian. Diane spent many years working on our Children's Christmas Party and works annually at our Belgian Waffle Feed. All big jobs, but she steps up to the challenge anyway. Thank you very much.

Another Big Auxiliary thank-you to Judy Voss. Judy has been a Trustee and our Club Board Representative most of my active time in the Auxiliary and years before that, not to mention all the other offices she has held, including President more than once. Her entire family is a constant presence in our Club supporting the business and seeking ways to make our Club a great place for it's members and guests. Judy was another member who worked hard on our front entryway. Thank you Judy for all the offices you've held and the great work you do for our Club and Veterans everywhere.

Audrey Roiger is one busy Auxiliary Member. She not only is active in our Auxiliary and held several offices including President, but is a presence the first Friday of each month volunteering for the Marine Corp League Burger Night, she is our Junior Vice President, and she also is our representative to the Committee for our new City Memorial to Veterans from all branches of the Service. Audrey, Thank you for stepping up and taking on these important jobs and all those you have taken on in the past.

Please let me know if you have someone you would like to nominate for an Auxiliary Member to Remember.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Ladies Auxiliary extends its deepest sympathy to those who have lost a loved -one this summer. Our prayers for peace go out to the families of Marie Roiger, Mary Ann Zernechel, and Dorothy Kirkman. Please notify Auxiliary Chaplain Goldie Bosard following the death of a loved one. Her number is 388-7790.

WE KNOW YOU ARE HURTING AND YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS

Please know that each month time is taken to think about those in our Auxiliary who are burdened by health issues and other burdens. Please let us know so that we can add you or your loved one to our

prayer list at the Auxiliary Meeting each month and let us know how you are doing. Our Auxiliary Chaplain, Goldie Bosard at 388-7790, can always relay to us, at the meetings, how you are doing if you give her a call and keep us updated. Just leave her a message if she's not there. You are not forgotten.

CANCER GRANT AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

After being diagnosed with cancer, to which she eventually lost her battle, Erma Bombeck decided to write a list of things she would have taken the time to do now instead of later. I think it's always a good time for that list. Think of all the things we put off because the laundry comes first, whether it's playing cards with your kids or grandkids, or just sitting in the crisp night air listening to the leaves and being thankful for the country we live in. Take time to do things that bring you joy. Make your own list, and prevent cancer. Make sure any questions you have about Cancer Grants or Cancer Insurance are answered through Auxiliary Cancer Chairperson Better Larson at 388-8320.

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE FEED/CRAFT AND BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 16TH 9A-1P

It's that time of year again when we celebrate the splendors of autumn through harvest, and Veteran's Day. What a bounty both of those bring to our country. Please buy a ticket and attend the Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the Club entrance on November 7th at lunch and in the evening until 9p, and 14th during lunch and evening and Saturday the 15th for lunch and evening until 9p. You may be asked, to buy a ticket, by an Auxiliary member ahead of time, since the tickets will be available at the October 2nd monthly meeting. Tickets are \$6 each and 5 years and under eat free.

Also, Girl Scout Troop #30370 will be co-sponsoring the Waffle Feed. They will be providing a children's section up on stage for children to make a fall craft and face painting, free of charge. The girls are working towards their Silver Award and Celebrating Veterans seemed like a great idea to all of us.

Please bring your crafts and baked goods to the Waffle Feed for the sale. These sales also generate major donations, which help us in many ways to fulfill our obligations to our charities, and help keep our club running. We provide a valuable service to our Veterans. These clubs need to remain open for them and their families.

I will be calling on Commander Dobie Painter to enlist help for the waffle feed set up and take down which is a half hour at 7:15a on the 16th and 1p after we finish. This fundraiser benefits our club and all it's members and all the charities we support worldwide. Please put in an hour or two at the only fundraiser we hold each year. Let's really Celebrate Veterans during our Waffle Feed.

PLEASE POST THE ENCLOSED WAFFLE FEED FLYER .

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Submit all December newsletter entries by email to mtorgusen@charter.net, by November 30th.