



**MORSON-ARIO VFW POST 9713
COMMANDER'S REPORT**

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I'll start this newsletter by saying it's definitely time for a newsletter. I am definitely a busy guy. Thanks for the Christmas Paddle Wheel success. Thanks Goldie Bosard, Keith Ward, Jamie Burgess, Bruce W., and Nancy and Paul from Gambling for helping make it that successful. These are the people who really helped to sell 47 Boards. This was a great job with the way things are.

Heidi has done a great job at the Club. It is the first time I can remember we have paid all bills up with the Clubs' money only. This includes heat and electric paid in full. So if you are in the Club tell her thanks from the Veterans for helping keep our Club and Post home in good shape during these tough times.

We will have a Paddle Wheel on February 14th and soup and sandwich from the Auxiliary. So you can eat out at noon and Paddle Wheel at 1p with your sweetheart or a Veteran.

Saturday Steak Fry will start on February 7th and also be on the 21st. It will be every other Saturday until further notice. Keith Ward, Frank White, and Jigger Burgess will be in charge of this Post Supper. Please help its success by coming out to support our Post and Club and have a great steak dinner.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for meeting in the basement while we tried out Thursday Bingo. Bingo will no longer be on Thursday, so the meeting is back upstairs. Thank you for understanding that this was another try to make money and not to hurt anyone's feelings.

Friday's chicken supper is not bringing in the people we had expected. The 3rd Friday in February will be our next chicken supper. If you don't care to stop, call and I will personally deliver your chicken supper to your house. It is \$6.95 for this meal, or stop and pick up your meal. Thanks to all who helped with chicken, Heidi cooks, Betty Painter works kitchen, Keith Ward, Bruce and Cindy from D.A.V. help clean up and serve and Goldie Bosard takes money. Please Help.

A special thanks to Gail and Warren Taylor for taking the chairmanship of the Poppy program this year. Please volunteer to help. We need people to visit our businesses. It is a big money maker to help our Veterans.

Terry Palmer has been appointed to a National Position, which is very good and his work is excellent. Make sure to congratulate him.

Will close now. Stop by and see the smoke free club. Your Commander, Dobie Painter



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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER
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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
March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th monthly meeting dates
SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH AND PADDLE WHEEL FEBRUARY 14TH**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2009 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, MARY TORGUSEN

It has been a difficult Auxiliary year for my Family. Because of this, I will be limited in my further duties at the Auxiliary due to the health issues of my two-year old daughter. I want to thank each and every person from the Post, Auxiliary, and others, who helped me through this continually difficult time. Thank you as well to those who helped out at the Belgian Waffle Feed/Craft and Bake Sale. It was a success once again. We had a wonderful time working together. Poppy time is here. Show Poppy Chairs Warren and Gail Taylor your support by volunteering with joy.

POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS NEED TO READ THE NEWSLETTER

For the last several years that I have been actively involved in the Auxiliary, I have posted my phone number and e-mail address in every newsletter, in order to stream line things we need to do and help me communicate due to my job and my daughter's health problems. I can count on 1 hand how many people actually use either of these methods to contact me, or at all. Please make sure to HELP the next Auxiliary President by contacting her directly when you have questions or suggestions, and be a part of the solution. In these difficult times it is hard for all of us. The newsletter is printed 4 times a year to save money with advertising, membership dues notices, etc. We communicate Club food specials, Post and Auxiliary activities, etc. Please take the few minutes it would take to actually read your newsletter. If you do not, we are wasting hundreds of dollars a year on postage and printing, not to mention the hours it takes to prepare 425 newsletters for mailing. THANK YOU JEANNETTE TORGUSEN FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THE NEWSLETTER TO ALWAYS HELP ME OUT.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DUES DRIVE

Your Fall Newsletter contained a GOLD membership renewal form. We are extremely low in our paid memberships. If you have not paid for your 2009 dues you are considered not in good standing as of now. Help us fix this right away. Sending out a separate letter, with stamped envelopes to 150 members is expensive, especially if we have to do this 2 or 3 times in one year. YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A DUES REMINDER FROM NATIONAL, ONLY FROM OUR AUXILIARY.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SERVED BY THE AUXILIARY February 14th.

On February 14th there will be a soup and sandwich lunch served by our Auxiliary, at 12 noon, before the Paddle Wheel at 1p at our Post Home. Come and help out by serving, cleaning up, having soup and a sandwich, or all of the above.

THE SLOW DEATH OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY AND MY CHALLENGE TO YOU

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW is struggling locally. One of the oldest and largest women's organizations in our country needs all of us to support our Veterans and those in need. Our auxiliary, of 150 women, is now held up, by about 15 women, at our monthly meetings and annual functions. Jeannette Torgusen, Audrey Roiger, Lorraine Kelly, Judy Voss, Joyce Bosard, Goldie Bosard, Marian Ruschmeyer, Annie Hauch, Pat Wintheiser, Francis Lange, Diane Hanson, Betty Larson, Amy Burgess, Esther Zellmer, Mary Zuehlke, Peggy Dawley, and Gail Taylor, have taken on tough challenges in their own lives, and participated in our Auxiliary regardless in a way that works for them. Thank you to those who send donations because they are unable to attend. That is a huge gesture.

We understand that not all of us can physically participate in Club functions. Please understand the importance of your participation through dues, new ideas, and volunteerism. I think many of you would be very surprised to know how many people are affected, by the money we donate, and the volunteerism we perform. It's thousands. Whether it's adults and children passing through the VFW National Children's Home, Grocery gift cards to our shut in veterans or their widows, donating a flag, supporting the Girl Scouts, donating to CADA House and the Theresa house and so many more. There is no task insignificant. From putting labels on newsletters, to driving a member to a doctor's appointment, to grocery shopping for the homebound, as well as visiting the sick and shut in, serving juice at the Waffle Feed, or simply paying your dues and supporting all that we do. JUST DO IT! IT ALL MATTERS! Please commit to attending just one or two meetings a year. When the weather is good and the sun is still out at 7:30, come and socialize with your fellow members. We want to hear from you, and we'll gladly give you a ride. We want to see our Auxiliary Sisters. That is our best opportunity to do so. I want to meet you. Each of you is an asset to those we serve in your own way.

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 7:30pm we gather to elect new officers for the 2009-2010 Auxiliary year. Be there. Meet those who will represent your Auxiliary. On May 7th we install those officers and celebrate their volunteerism. Be there and show them your support. Enjoy a social evening together. Don't feel you have to be an officer. Come as a Sister.