



THE GRAF-O'HARA MESSENGER

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Meetings – 2nd Monday Each Month at 8:00PM

October 2010

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY POST 423

Commander's Message—John Kinzinger
Summer is almost over and Fall is coming upon us. That means the trees around our Post will turn into their wonderful brilliant colors. It is a good time to visit our Post.



John K. Vietnam 66-67

We have our annual Past President – Past Commander's banquet coming soon. And not too much longer after that will be our annual Christmas party. See the details in this issue.

We have been having very good attendance at our monthly meetings. However, there are some of you who we have not seen in a while. I urge you to make the meetings when you can. We had a new member join at the last meeting. Daniel Comella, 3rd Marines Iraq War Veteran, 'Welcome Home' and welcome to our VFW Post 423. We hope you become part of the future of our Post. And that goes for all you other younger members too.

Comrade Comella explained how much the Care Packages we mailed him meant to him as he served in Iraq. His feedback was great. We continue to pack packages for our troops before every other meeting. Our next packing will be 6:30 before our October 11th meeting. So, if you would like to help pack for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, come on out and pitch in. We have a good time doing that.

At our September meeting, Comrades London, Frazier, Davis, David and I talked about our experiences and what we learned at the August VFW National Convention in Indianapolis. Vice President Biden spoke to our assembly of VFW members, along with several other speakers and presentations. Interestingly, we found Indianapolis to be about the cleanest, safest and nicest large city downtown area we had experienced. At the September Post meeting we shared all the items we brought back for members. Next year the national convention will be in San Antonio, Texas.

I hope if you are in the area you are able to make our next meeting on October 11th.
Salute to Comrades, John Kinzinger

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**Ladies Auxiliary President
Regina Liedel**

Ladies,

Thank you for voting me into office of President this year.

I would like to thank Marilyn West for her many years of services to the Ladies Auxiliary. I would also like to thank the Ladies that have taken the offices of the auxiliary. We have had a good summer and fall so far. The picnics and potlucks have been fun and we have had good turn outs at them.

I hope to see you at the Past Commanders

and Past President's dinner in October and at the Christmas party in December so please call and RSVP as soon as you can.

Thank you.

Regina Liedel - Auxiliary President

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Past Commanders & Past Presidents Dinner:

You are invited to help us honor the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of VFW Post 423. This dinner will be on Sunday October 10, 2010 at the Post home.

Refreshments will be at 5:00 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm. There is no cost for members and spouse or a guest. Members' children are also welcome to attend.

You may bring two guests at a cost of \$10 each. We will have a 50/50 and door prizes. This is your Post so please come out and support it! This is also a good time if you have never been to a dinner to come out and visit with other members.

Please RSVP Marilyn West at 734-971-4567 or Kay Davis at 734-428-7874 before October 4th.

Milton J. Davis

Post Christmas Party

Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 1:00 pm

It's that time of year again to make plans for our annual children's Christmas party.

The party is for all of our post members and their children and grandchildren ages 16 and under.

I will need a head count of everyone who is attending, along with the age and gender of each child so I can purchase that special gift. Our menu is as follows.

Turkey, ham, scalloped potatoes, green

beans and buttered corn along with salad, dinner rolls, dessert and beverages. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please call me so I can coordinate the menu.

RSVP Deadline is November 15th! Additional gifts will **not** be purchased if you respond after the RSVP date, so it is very important to let me know who will be attending by November 15th.

Gift-wrapping and decorating will take place at the Post on December 4th at 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed.

Kay Davis

734-428-7874

Quartermaster's Message - Milton Davis

First, I would like to say thank you to all the members who have helped at the Post this year with dinners, picnics, Memorial Day and other events. For the last 15 years or so, there have been a few members who have also been there to help Kay and me. Don and Jan Meabon, Gene and Ann Liedel and Marilyn and Ralph West have always been there to help. Due to medical reasons, some members are unable to continue to help like they used to. Now is the time for others to step up and help. The future of this Post depends on our getting the younger members involved. I'm 61 years old and I'm on the young end of the Vietnam vets and there are not many members between the people serving today and me. We are hoping that our younger members will become more active so that our post will continue to succeed.

We have worked very hard this last year and made this an All-State Post. We would like to do this each year, so we your need help by renewing your membership. If you have not re-

newed your membership, please do so. We would like to be 100% by November 30. Confidential financial assistance is available for dues. Contact me for more information.

Milton J. Davis

Fundraiser

Olga's Kitchen is doing a fundraiser for the VFW National Home For Children. If you are able to stop by and have a meal please do so, you will be supporting a great cause. You must have a flyer with you for the meal to count for the National Home. Please make copies of this flyer and pass them a round. See flyer on page 4.

Thank you.

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If you have an email address, please email Milton Davis at vfwpost423@yahoo.com. He is compiling a Post list for quicker communications.

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DOD Press Release Sep 1, 2010 Korean War MIA identified and returned. The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

United States Army Sgt. Charles P. Whitley will be buried Sept. 2 in his hometown of Cloverport, Ky.

In early November 1950, Whitley was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, occupying a defensive position near the town of Unsan by the Kuryong River known as the "Camel's Head." Two enemy elements attacked the U.S. forces, collapsing their perimeter and forcing a withdrawal. Whitley's unit was developed in

fighting which devolved into hand-to-hand combat around the 3rd Battalion's command post. Almost 400 men were reported missing or killed in action following the battle.

In late November 1950, a U.S. soldier captured during the battle of Unsan reported during his debriefing that he and nine American soldiers were moved to a house near the battlefield. The POWs were taken to an adjacent field and shot. Three of the 10 Americans survived, though one later died. The surviving soldier provided detailed information on the incident location.

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman missing in action from World War II has been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is U.S. Navy Fireman Third Class Gerald G. Lehman, of Hancock, Mich. He will be buried in Hancock.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, the battleship USS Oklahoma suffered multiple torpedo hits and capsized. As a result, 429 sailors and Marines died. Following the attack, 36 of these servicemen were identified and the remaining 393 were buried as unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

More than 2,000 servicemen died as prisoners of war during the Korean War. With this accounting, 8,022 service members still remain missing from the conflict.

Today, more than 72,000 Americans remain unaccounted-for from WW II.

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*October 10th Past Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents Dinner - RSVP by October 4th.
December 5th Christmas Party - RSVP by November 15th.*

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27TH

SUPPORT THE
VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
BY ENJOYING A DELICIOUS MEAL AT OLGA'S

WHEN: Wednesday October 27th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

WHERE: Olga's Kitchen - Plymouth & Green
3399 Plymouth Rd. - Ann Arbor. MI.
(734) 769-3500

WHAT: Simply present this flyer and we will donate
a percentage of your bill to the VFW National
Home For Children, sponsored by VFW Post 423.

Visit <http://www.facebook.com/olgaskitchen> to R.S.V.P.,
print extra flyers and invite friends.
Visit www.ogas.com for location information.



Valid on above dates at Olga's Kitchen, Plymouth & Green location only. Donation does not include Olga's Kitchen Cash Card sales. Flyer may not be distributed in the restaurant or within the parking areas.