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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Veteran's Day was a success and the dinner turned out real nice. We had a lot of people that attended.

A special thank you goes to Rosanna Curley & Loretta Gomez for fixing the food and helping make sure that this was a success. We also had a short program during this time. Thanks to Terry Barnett from the Ladies Auxiliary and George Brown for doing the prayer. As I have said before, it would be great to have more members & Post Officers participate at these events.

Post meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. I keep hearing that no one knows when the meetings are. Please come out & support the Post & if you have a problem, bring it to a meeting. It is better to do it there than sit at the bar & complain about the leadership. That is what the meetings are for.

The House Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M.
The Board of Directors meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

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Membership dues are due by December 31, 2009. You can bring them to the Post and pay for them, or you can mail them directly to VFW National Headquarters. As of 11/12/09, the Post is at 101.6%. A 100% card check will be held on January 1, 2010 as you will no longer be a member in good standing and you will no longer have privileges. Your card has to be mailed from VFW National Headquarters so please try to pay them early.

Meat raffles are still being held on Tuesdays from 5-7 P.M. Please come out and support the Post. The dart tournaments are still being held on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. & the pool tournaments are still being held on Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry Meehan for taking care of the Thanksgiving baskets for the Post. Great job Jerry & I thank you very much. It is great that you were willing to come forward & take care of this very important project. There were 51 Baskets for the needy given out. On December 6th, the Post is going to have a Matanza from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Details will be on the Post website & flyers will be put up in the Post. Let's make another good event for the Post.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe.

Respectfully,
Kathie D. Schiebel, Commander



Ladies Auxiliary

Sisters and Comrades,

On Dec. 5th 2009, we are having a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to purchase Saving Bonds for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of this year's VOD and Patriot Pen contest. We had 9 VOD entries and 25 Patriot Pen entries and 1 teacher entry. The dinner is from 4pm till 7pm. The cost is \$7.95 a plate. Please come- Eat good and Enjoy the Post.

The menu is -

Spaghetti and meatballs

Tossed Salad

Garlic toast

Pineapple upside down cake

Coffee or Tea

If you haven't paid your 2010 dues yet-Please send them in. Also, Life members-Please send in your cancer insurance Premium. Even if you don't pay, the auxiliary still has to pay and we really can't afford to pay it all.

Dues \$23.00 and Cancer Ins. \$ 4.95.

The address to send them is:

Gale Nelson -Treasurer

6202 Karlson Dr. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87113-1851

We thank you in advance

Loyally-

Gale Nelson Treasurer

SENIOR VICE MESSAGE

Hello Fellow 401'ers

Hello hoping everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday and are now looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. I am happy to report 5 more membership renewals and 9 more new members. The 401 has reached a 101% membership with a total of 114 paid members. I'd like to remind everyone that you can help recruit veterans to join the VFW 401. Once again, Keep your calendars handy and join us in supporting the events here at the VFW.

I would like to express my sincerest get-well wishes to all our Veterans and members of their families, who are ill or hospitalized. My prayers are with all of you for a speedy recovery.

A quick reminder that any and all Marines are invited to muster on Mondays around 6 PM here at the 401.

Wishing Everyone a Very Merry New Year!

Semper Fi

Pete Stines

Sr. Vice Commander

VFW Post 401

505-239-5415

Message from the Club Manager

The club continues to do well thanks to all the supporting members.

Some have questioned the addition of cameras.

They are there to secure our club and comply with gaming rules and not spy on our members.

Now we have all our entrance doors viewed on cameras to comply with gaming rules.

Read our upcoming events so you don't miss the activities the next two months.

Upcoming events:

December 6th 401 Matanza from 12:00-5:00pm.

December 25th The Post will be closed Christmas Day

December 31st New Years Eve Celebration Dinner and Dancing. We will be serving Turkey and Ham with all the fixings.

January 31st come and celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with us. We will have prizes and drink will be at happy hour prices.

We will also have food provided by the Post.

Time 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Club Hours

| | |
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| Monday thru Thursday | 11am to 10pm |
| Friday's | 11am to 12am |
| Saturday | 11am to 10pm |
| Sunday | 12pm to 9pm |

Notes:

Remember, beginning January 1st we will be checking everyone's card to make sure that all are current before you get served. This includes life members.

Thanks for your support

Club Manager John Sandoval (JB)

Gaming News

I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season. I hope that you have all done well. Lucky Diamond has changed I am working with Mark Bieri on the new promotion. I would also like to thank New Mexico Gaming LLC for all the hard work that they put into helping me. For the donations and the hard work, that they put in to helping us with any problems we may have.

Roseanne Curley, Gaming Mgr.

POST401/DISTRICT 2 SERVICE OFFICER

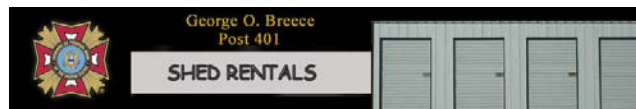
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their help with this year's thanksgiving Baskets campaign, and with their help we had a very successful thanksgiving basket giveaway. The folks I would like to recognize are also members of our familia: they are Enrique and Lucy Aguilar, Rey Apodaca, Joe Fisher, Kathie and Ken Schiebel and George Brown you guys are "The Best!! you all are the salt of this earth!! Our success wouldn't be the same without you, again thank you very much!! Also I would like to give a special shout out to Rey Apodaca who is courageously involved in his community I would also like to thank those few who brought in non-perishable items and those few who donated money in the donation jar atop the bar. We managed to raise \$174.00 the vast majority of which came form donations at the Veterans Day open house, and as you know, that doesn't go very far. Again thank you!! Because of the lack of participation and apathy from the general membership this will be my last year of my being involved with the Thanksgiving basket campaign.

Sincerely,

Jerome Meehan

"You must give something to your fellow men-even if it's a little thing, do something for others-something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

Albert Schweitzer



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MEATRAFFLE

Tickets are available in the Canteen. Every Tuesday tickets will be sold beginning at 1700; drawings will start at 1720 and every 20 minutes until 1900

JUNIOR VICE MESSAGE

First off I wish everyone a Safe and Joyous Holiday season. Thank you George Brown for keeping up with my duties as I have been out of town for my job more than I expected. To the members of this Post please come in and support the Post with out you we cannot and will not succeed.

Junior Vice Commander

Vernon Curley.

NEWS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings,

Thank you for the beautiful card and get well wishes for Caroline. After 4 Years of remission, Caroline has a recurrence of Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the 2nd stage, which is treatable and curable.

She is undergoing chemo treatments and also has to have an autologous stem cell transplant, which are stem cells harvested from her own marrow then stored and then returned to her body after she receives high doses of chemotherapy and / or radiotherapy condition therapy.

FUHL is our slogan during this battle in which we will be victorious.

The post is doing well financially and continues to be in the black. There are no outstanding bills at this time and the taxes seem to be under control, for the time being, Thanks to the great efforts from Ken and Stephanie Chavez.

Happy Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis!

John Gallegos

Hall Rentals

Hall rentals for your special occasions

John Sandoval

505-243-1917 (post)

505-263-3659 (cell)

If you know a Veteran who qualifies for membership in the Veterans of Foreign War, please have them contact us. They can submit their name; address and phone number. The Senior Vice-Commander will contact them.

Post Phone: 505-243-7656

December 2009

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| Super Bowl 1500-2000 | | | | | | |

**DECEMBER LUNCHESES & DINNERS
THURSDAY & FRIDAYS
LUNCH SPECIALS**

3RD Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & veggies

4th Tacos, Beans, Rice

10th Soup & Sandwiches

11th Northwood Porkchops

17th Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, veggies

18th Spaghetti & meatballs

24th Smothered Chimichangas

31st Posole or Enchiladas

DINNERS

4TH Steak or Baked Salmon

11th Steak or Enchilada Plate

18th Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef Dinner

JANUARY LUNCHESES & DINNERS

**THURSDAY & FRIDAYS
LUNCH SPECIALS**

1ST Chicken Fried Steak

Bloody Mary Day Special

7th Soup & Sandwiches

8th Fried Chicken-Mashed Potatoes,

15th Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies

16th Tacos, Beans, Rice, Salsa

23rd Spaghetti Meatballs, Garlic Bread

24th Pork Chop Dinner

30th Smothered Chimichangas, Beans, Rice

31st Tacos, Beans, Rice

DINNERS

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