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Keep-Zimmer Post 1782

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## Commander's Call - Chris Price

I wonder if all Post's go thru this many changes in such a short time. We lost a Club Mgr. and hired a new one (Denise Sabo). We started Music on the Lake, Sunday afternoon's 2-5PM and it has been very successful. Make sure you and your friends stop in to see what other subtle changes we will be making.

We have extended the dock to accommodate the low water and have a new dock next to ours (by the City of White Bear Lake) to be used by "The Let's Go Fishing" group that takes any senior White Bear Lake resident fishing three times a day, five days a week. So, for you veterans that want to get out on the lake, call 651-278-8262.

The fishing opener on May 9<sup>th</sup> was a huge success for the VFW. We fed hundreds, met thousands and had a great time entertaining everyone.

The value of this Keep-Zimmer Post 1782 is priceless and we hope all of you will stop in to see the little things we are doing to make your visit enjoyable. With a new menu, new attitude and many new faces visiting, volunteering and working we know you will appreciate stopping in for a beverage, meal or to gather with old friends.

When you stop in please ask one of the staff what is happening for the week, month or day. We keep a calendar of every activity and hope one or some of them will be interesting enough for you to participate or enjoy.

Again, thank you for your service and don't hesitate to call.

Chris Price  
Commander

## President's Notes - Renee Tessier

It is truly a great honor to be chosen to be the President for the WBL Ladies Auxiliary Post 1782. To represent this team of outstanding ladies is a huge undertaking. The honor, respect, integrity and dedication that this group exemplifies for veterans is heartfelt by all that they touch. Everyone has unique talents, experiences, ideas and the common goal to support our organization. These characteristics and more are what make a great Auxiliary and the positive difference in our community. This is reflected in the many programs that we have been honored for in our State. At the June Convention we were awarded the Most Outstanding Community Service Post & Auxiliary. This is the highest award available. We can all be proud of this award and the numerous other awards we received. Our Ladies Auxiliary continually provides opportunities for growth, participation and development in nurturing our community, and by doing so, honor and help our veterans, active duty personnel, and their families.

President Lincoln said, "A nation that does not honor its heroes will not endure."

We have a great group of 304 members and its growing. I look forward to the many directions all will "mentor" me!

Thank you for all of you who donated to our food drive and attended our Annual "Support Our Troops" Pancake Breakfast. We donated over 250 lbs of food and \$400 to the WBL Food Shelf and raised over \$900 for our Veterans and Support our Troops program. Next up is the annual golf tournament and cancer luncheon. Stay tuned for an exciting year!

Renee Tessier  
President - Ladies Auxiliary

## Whom to Contact

### **Thanks & Kudos!**

Relay for Life – Thanks to everyone who sponsored “The Freedom Walkers”. We raised over \$3,800 to help fight cancer! A big thanks to Sharon Schmidt for organizing this event!

Blood Drive – Thanks to everyone who gave blood at the Men’s Auxiliary Blood Drive. A total of 46 pints were collected! Thanks to Ray Hoyt for organizing this event!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual VFW Motorcycle Run**

The WBL VFW will host our first motorcycle run on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The fun starts at 11:00 at the WBL VFW. The run goes to Forest Lake, Stillwater, NSP, Roseville and back to WBL. Lunch will be served, a silent auction will be held and the music starts at 5:30.

### **2009 Auxiliary Golf Tournament**

The VFW Auxiliaries are hosting a golf benefit on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be used for our “Support our Troops and Veterans” programs. The cost is \$35.00 per golfer and payment is due Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. A basket lunch, buy-one-get-one-free drink ticket and prizes are included in the cost. A silent auction will be held and hole sponsorships are available at \$50.00 per hole. The tee times are limited. Entry forms are available at the VFW. Please call Linda Schmidt at 651-253-8722 for more info.

**Ladies Auxiliary Annual Cancer Luncheon!**  
**Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Great food, company, silent auction and more!**  
**Save the date to help us stamp out cancer!**

### **Do the VFW! Let’s Go Walking!**

A new walking group is being formed by Renee Tessier. Beginning, Saturday, a group will walk from the VFW to the Gazebo and back every Saturday at 8 AM. Join us!

### **On a serious note...**

Since July 2007, the VA has operated an around-the-clock suicide prevention hotline. The hotline has received over 100,000 calls and has been credited with rescuing more than 2,600 people. The number for the suicide prevention hotline is 1-800-273-TALK, press 1 for Veterans.

- Illness or death in the family of a Post member  
John Rumm, Service Officer 651-429-4517
- Illness or death in the family of an Auxiliary member  
Renee Tessier, President 651-429-1702
- Funeral lunch  
Denise Sabo, Club Manager 651-426-4944
- Post Honor Guard  
Larry Desrosier 651-387-3011
- Auxiliary Memorial Service  
Renee Tessier, President 651-429-1702
- Auxiliary Cancer Grant  
Deb Wilson 651-426-9083
- Membership information  
Post – John Lauer 651-426-4644  
Auxiliary - Carol Kratz 651-245-1024

### **Post & Auxiliary Membership**

**Are you a member in good standing? Look at your membership card. If it is not 2009 – send your \$27.00 (Post) \$18.00 (Auxiliary) to the Post ASAP.** It’s never too late to switch to a life membership. Even if you have already paid your dues!

### **Welcome New Members!**

<b><u>Post</u></b>	<b><u>Auxiliary</u></b>
Lamar Noel	Brenda DePalma
T. Joseph Marier	Sharon A. Clark
Alan Rames	Jutta Anderson
James Antonen	Karen Ramberg
Roy Christensen, Jr.	Louise Lincoln
Eric Eversman	
Wayne Gilson	
Rodney Miller	
Leslie Whetham	<b><u>Post Cont’d</u></b>
James Graeber	Judd Bjorkman
Howard Bryant	Michael Joyce
Norman Myers	
Steven Brumm	
Douglas Tuchtenhagen	
Scott Olson	
Jerry Anderson	
Lyle Bonebrake	

**IMPORTANT!** It is very important to keep your dues current and be a continuous member! If you are not a continuous member, you may not qualify for certain benefits such as boat slips, years of service pins and other important benefits. Thanks!

<b>Commander</b>	Chris Price	651-497-0950	<b>President</b>	Renee Tessier	651-429-1702
<b>Service Officer</b>	John Rumm	651-429-4517	<b>President</b>	Ray Hoyt	651-429-3426
<b>Club Manager</b>	Denise Sabo	651-426-4944	<b>Editor</b>	Linda Schmidt	651-253-8722

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**Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Visitation at Mpls. VA Hospital - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 1:15 PM, for more information, call Gordon Sutherland at 651-429-9378.**

**Bingo at Cerenity Care Center - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month at 7:15 PM, volunteers needed, contact Carol Kratz at 651-245-1024.**

**Veterans & Community Service:**

**Mpls. and Hasting Veteran's Lunches hosted by and at our Post 1st Tuesday of every other months. Call Sy @ 651-631-0019 for details.**

**Veteran Resources & Other Helpful Numbers:**

SS Administration 1-800-772-1213  
US Dept. of Veterans Affairs 1-800-827-1000  
United Way First Call for Help 651-291-0211  
Vet's Visits on TV [www.vetsvisitontv.org](http://www.vetsvisitontv.org)  
Phone cards - [www.operationuplink.org](http://www.operationuplink.org)

**Attention Honor Guard Members:**

If you have not participated in an Honor Guard ceremony this year, please return your uniform to the Post. The uniforms are property of the Post and are needed for active Honor Guard members. Thank you!

**New GI Bill Takes Effect!** On August 1, 2009, the new GI Bill for the 21st Century officially took effect, greatly expanding educational opportunities to troops who have served since 9/11 and their families. For more info go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

**Community Service** . . . please let us know when you volunteer in the community. Email [patricia.blumer@usbank.com](mailto:patricia.blumer@usbank.com) the date(s) and description of your volunteer activity and number of hours volunteered. We'd like to include them in our monthly community services report.

**Thought for the Day:**

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or heard, but must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

**Get well wishes to Char Audette, Elizabeth Stevens & Florence Wellhaven! Our thoughts & prayers are with you!**

**Ongoing Events at VFW Post 1782**

**Mondays:**

Cribbage Tourney 7 PM

Hospitality Night 8 PM – Close

Tuesdays: Texas Hold'em 7 PM

Wednesdays: Drawing Night, Drinks and Cash Prizes 5–7 PM

Meat Raffle 5 PM

Thursdays: Texas Hold'em 7 PM

**Fridays:**

All U Care to Eat Fish Fry 4 – 8 PM

Meat Raffle 5 PM

Saturdays: Meat Raffle 4 PM

Sundays: Music 4 – 7 PM (Summer Hours)

**Dates to Remember!**

8/15 – Motorcycle Run, music 5:30 - 8:00 PM

8/29 – Boater's Party – Willie Walker at 8:00

9/7 – Labor Day – Booya – noon until gone!

9/12 – Auxiliaries Golf Tournament

9/12 – Bear Water Run (volunteers needed, contact Renee Tessier)

9/26 – V Fest – 3 Country bands – names to be announced

10/10 – Ladies Aux Annual Cancer Luncheon

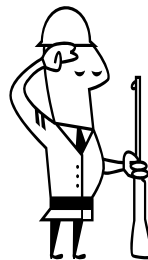
10/17 – Oktoberfest – Food, beer, music & fun

10/31 – Halloween Party – Food, prizes, music & fun

Please stop in and support our club. If you have suggestions for events, please let us know!

**Taps**

Marguerite Parker  
William Boldt  
Wayne Johnson  
Melba Knutsen  
William Ruhl  
Joseph San Cartier  
David Iverson  
Richard Lutz  
Richard Bresnahan  
Stephen Rosebrock  
Richard Kersten



**Charitable Gambling Donations – Ongoing  
Questions? Contact Bill Mample – Gambling Manager**

**All Post and Auxiliary members may attend the gambling meetings**

<b>Honor Guard/Blood Donors</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<b>MN Vets Home (MPLS)</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>MN Vest Home (Hastings)</b>	<b>500</b>

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**Important Dates & Times**

Post Home Daily Hours: 10 AM to 1 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month: Post and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month: Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7PM

Housing & Gambling meetings - Call the Post for next scheduled meeting 651-426-4944

August & Sept.	Weekly Happenings!	From The Kitchen	Sept. & Oct.
<b>August</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual VFW Bike Run - Music 5-8 PM 16 <sup>th</sup> Music - Dan Schwalbe 4-7 19 <sup>th</sup> Bingo - Cerenity 7 PM 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Fun Day Vet's Camp 10-4 23 <sup>rd</sup> Music - Dot Doring 4-7 24 <sup>th</sup> Dyana's Birthday 29 <sup>th</sup> Boater's Party Music 8-12 30 <sup>th</sup> Willie Walker 4-7 <b>September</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Post/Aux Mtg 7 PM 6 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 7 <sup>th</sup> Labor Day-Booya 12-Gone 12 <sup>th</sup> Aux Golf Tournament 13 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 14 <sup>th</sup> Men's Aux Mtg 7 PM 16 <sup>th</sup> Bingo - Cerenity 7 PM	<b>Mon-Thurs</b> -Happy Hour 3-6pm, Late Nite Happy Hour 10 PM - 12 AM  <b>Monday</b> - 8 PM - 12 PM Hospitality Night <b>Tuesdays - Free Texas Hold'em Tournament</b> 7 PM (registration 6 - 7 PM) <b>Wednesday</b> - Meat raffle @ 5 Prize Drawings 5-7 PM <b>Thursdays - Free Texas Hold'em Tournament</b> 7 PM (2 <sup>nd</sup> thru last Thursday) <b>Fri</b> - Meat raffle @ 5 PM <b>Sat</b> - Meat raffle @ 4 PM  Most major credit cards accepted!	A full lunch & dinner menu served 7 days per week, 11AM - 9 PM everyday!  <b>Daily Specials including:</b> Stop in to see our new menu including new Kid's Menu! Daily specials available Mon - Saturday. Coloring contest for kids, coming soon!  <b>Sun</b> - Breakfast 9 AM - 12 PM, Bloody Mary Bar  <b>Take out only Fried Chicken!</b> 8pc Bucket = \$8.00 12p Bucket = \$12.00  *Members receive \$1 beverage with the purchase a beverage. Proof of membership required!	17 <sup>th</sup> POW Ceremony NSP 6PM 18 <sup>th</sup> POW Day-Please Remember them! 20 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 20 <sup>th</sup> Singing barkeeps's Bday! 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Fall Conference 26 <sup>th</sup> V Fest - 3 Country Bands 27 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 <b>October</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Post/Aux Meeting 7 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 10 <sup>th</sup> Ladies Aux Cancer Lunch 11 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 11 <sup>th</sup> Happy Bday Michael! 12 <sup>th</sup> Men's Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM 17 <sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest - Music 18 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 21 <sup>st</sup> Bingo at Cerenity 7 PM 25 <sup>th</sup> Music by the Lake 4-7 31 <sup>st</sup> Halloween Party

