



VFW Post 6899

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"Honoring the dead by helping the living"

January 2010 Newsletter

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Notable Events

1 – New Year's Day – No Bingo
5 – Regular Meeting – Scholarship awards dinner.
9 – VFW Dance
18 – Bingo Avalon
18 – MLK Holiday
28 – 31 – Mid-Winter Conference, Austin, TX

Welcome Aboard!

New Members:

Men: Sam Presto-USN, Frank Cowan

Ladies: Ona Presto

Taps:

Men: None

Ladies: None

Coming VFW Activities

February 7 - Super Bowl Party

April 3 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 17 – VFW Cook-Off

May – Memorial Day Activities

June – VFW Golf War

No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size.

Government programs, once launched, never disappear.

Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth! ...

Ronald Reagan

"The trouble with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
We are scheduled to have all six scholarship families at our January regular meeting. First place VOD and PP winners will read their essays. Scholarships will be awarded and photos taken. As they come in, please introduce yourselves and welcome them to our Post Home.						1 New Year's Day – No Bingo
3	4	5 REGULAR MEETING SUPPER 6:00P LADIES 7:00P MEN 7:15P	6	7 Bingo and Kitchen Open	8 Bingo and Kitchen Open	9 VFW Dance 8-12 pm Live Band – "Wounded Heart"
10	11	12	13	14 Bingo and Kitchen Open	15 Bingo and Kitchen Open	16
17	18 Bingo Avalon Nursing Home – MLK Holiday	19	20	21 Bingo and Kitchen Open	22 Bingo and Kitchen Open	23
24	25	26	27	28 Bingo and Kitchen Open Mid-Winter conference	29 Bingo and Kitchen Open Mid-winter conference	30 Mid-winter conference Austin, TX
31 Mid-winter conference	Our mission is simple - to assist veterans and their families and to give back to our local community. We had a very successful year in 2009. We could not have accomplished our goals without our dedicated members who volunteered and gave their time and effort to our many different VFW projects. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Well Done! ... Joint VFW House Committee					

1. We have been updating and investing in our Post infrastructure this past year with the new bingo machine, LCD monitors, outside areas and fluorescent light fixtures. The new light fixtures are much more energy efficient, more candlepower and should pay for themselves in a few years. Also, KSA electrical engineers met at the Post in December for the final review our emergency power plant and to check out the area for shower facilities. This will be paid for by hurricane emergency funds from the state.

2. Veterans listen up! Two important websites to aid you in finding a job or business opportunity. They are: www.vetjobs.com and www.franchise.org – Check them out.

3. The ever looming National Debt and Deficit will have a huge impact on our future military and veteran's benefits. In an October 2009 article former Federal Reserve Chairman, Alan Greenspan, said he is not overly concerned with the weakness of the U.S. dollar...it is the rising cost of our \$12 Trillion National Debt...and the deficit is \$1.4 Trillion...if congress acts courageously now and cut spending and increase taxes then the U.S. budget could be balanced by 2016. Scary, isn't it! Vote for fiscal responsible candidates.

"I place economy among the first and most important of republic virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared." -1816 Thomas Jefferson

Bingo Every Thursday and Friday - Start selling at 5:30 PM - Start calling at 6:30 PM. Total prizes \$2500 each day - largest prize \$700. The food in the kitchen is delicious and mouth-watering. Great fun with family and friends.

Regular meeting 6:00 PM - Post dining hall is open. Pot luck dinner - Call Ruth Brackin at 594-2165 if unsure what to bring.

Recipe for "SOS"

(Serves 8 or two hungry Marines)

1/2 lb. Ground Beef (ground chuck for flavor)

1 tbs. Bacon fat (lard/Crisco or butter)

3 tbs. Flour

2 cups Whole milk (add more milk if you want it thinner)

1/8 tsp. Salt

Pepper (to taste)

8 slices of dry toast

Using a large skillet (12"-14"), crumble and brown the ground beef with the fat and salt, remove the pan from the heat and let cool slightly.

Mix in the flour until all of the meat is covered, using all of the flour. Replace the skillet on the heat and stir in the milk, keep stirring until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens (boil a minimum of 1 minute).

Serve over the toast. For a daja'vue moment use burnt toast. Salt & pepper to taste.

God and the Soldier, we adore,
In time of danger, not before.
The danger passed and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted.
~Rudyard Kipling

"Except For Ending Slavery, Fascism, Nazism and Communism, WAR has Never Solved Anything."

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where the hell he is.
Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Support Texas Veterans by buying Veteran's Scratch-off tickets – All money is dedicated to Texas veteran's causes.
Join the VFW – It is quick and easy – See any officer of the VFW and fill out an application or go to our website www.vfwpost6899.org and download an application. Dues: \$20 per year.

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