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Commanders Message

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Commander Bobby Jeans - March madness is upon us. As most members are well aware we host the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee celebration each year. This year the parade is scheduled for Saturday March 13th, 2010. KVC/VFW post 2230 is entering a float in the parade. The post celebration for St. Patrick's Day will be on Wednesday March 17th, 2010 beginning at 4pm at the KVC. All are invited to participate and enjoying the best Corned Beef and Cabbage dinners in the State. Anyone interested in volunteering to work either of the events please attend the next monthly meeting of the KVC/VFW on Thursday March 11, 2010 at 7pm. Please keep in mind nominations for VFW Officers will be held at the next meeting on Thursday March 11th, 2010. Elections will be held in accordance with the VFW by-laws at our monthly meeting on Thursday April 8th, 2010. Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate for office please attend the meeting.

2010 Awards Recognition Our second Awards Recognition Night was held at the KVC on Saturday January 23, 2010. The presentations were made to Barbara Bilger, Kathi Fiamingo, Lou Giordino, Ed Miller and Dan Sims for their tireless devotion to both the Community, the VFW and the KVC. This event was well attended by over 300 people who supported their efforts. Great job to all those who helped with our Ad Journal we had well over 60 ads in the journal. It was a great success.

St. Valentine's Day Dance Congratulations to the committee on a job well done. Another event that hosted over 300 guest and danced the night away to the music of Soundstations. The music from the 50's reminded all of those in attendance of pleasant past memories. Many thanks to Kathy Curren and Doreen Gunther for making this event a great one for all those in attendance.



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St. Patrick's Day Parade The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off at Union Center at 1pm on Saturday March 13th, 2010. As usual the KVC/VFW Post 2230 will be showing our strength by marching with or riding on our military decorated float. For all those who wish to participate muster at the KVC at 11am. The VFW will provide bus transportation from the KVC to the Parade staging area. Further details can be obtained at the next monthly meeting of the VFW/KVC on Thursday March 11, 2010.

Memorial Day Activities Saturday May 29th, 2010 flag deployment at Graceland Cemetery at 0900 hours. The day will start at the KVC from 0800 to 0900 hours in the Kennedy Room with breakfast. All you can eat scrambled eggs, pan cakes, bacon, sausage, toast, coffee, tea, milk etc. After flag deployment back to the post for Hot dogs and beer. Memorial Day services will be held at the Post on Monday May 31st, 2010 starting at 1100 hours. After our memorial services lunch will be provided in the Kennedy Room at the KVC.

VFW District 5 Sunday March 21st, 2010 Past Commanders Dinner at Snuffy's Steak House on Route 22 in Scotch Plains, NJ from 2pm to 6pm. Any members wishing to attend please see Commander Jeans at the next meeting on March 11th. A choice of Prime Rib or Salmon is on the menu with an open bar.

District 5 election of officers will be held in the Kennedy Room at the KVC on Wednesday May 19th, 2010 starting at 8pm. The installation of Officers luncheon will be held on Saturday May 22nd, 2010 at 2pm at the KVC in the Kennedy Room.

Poppies Chairman Ed Sulenski - Poppies have been ordered and will go on sale on May 1st, 2010. Anyone wishing to assist with sales see Chairman Ed Sulenski at our next monthly meeting at the KVC on Thursday March 11th, 2010.



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BOY SCOUTS – Scoutmaster John Kozak advised that the scouts are enjoying a winter full of camping at Stokes States Forest and many other scout camping locations in both NJ and PA.

Scoutmaster John Kozak hosted an Eagle Court of Honor for Zachary J. Kozak on January 30th, 2010 at the Post. Zachary was honored and received the rank of Eagle Scout with honored guest representing the Borough of Kenilworth, State and National BSA Organizations, VFW State, County and Post representatives presenting awards and certificates. Job well done Scoutmaster and VFW member John Kozak.

Cell Phones For Soldiers - Just wanted to remind everyone that our Cell Phones for Soldiers program is still going strong. If you are disposing of your old cell phone drop by the post and drop it in our basket in the Lounge. If you can't make it to the post call Bobby Jeans and he will make arrangements to have the phone picked up.

Sr. Vice Commander – Brian Hirth On behalf of the Post and it's members I would like to thank Ed McDyer and his Maintenance Crew for an outstanding job in keeping our post and the KVC in spic and span order. I would like the membership to know that with the many many rentals and weather conditions being what they are they have performed above and beyond our expectations.

Jr. Vice Commander Jerry Dobbins Thank you *COMRADE ED MILLER* what a great job. The Valentine's Day cards and candy collected from the three schools for our hospitalized veterans at East Orange and Lyons VA Hospitals was a great success. Ed, again this year, has put our post out front as being a post that continues to support these men. As you may or may not know Ed has taken on a new project. Dollar boosters sold at the Lounge in the KVC for Hearts for St. Val's, Shamrocks for St. Pats and Bunnies for Easter. Buy them now and put a smile on Ed face. In fact we just might add that one next year. The booster funds are used for postage for our packages for our adopt-a-unit program. Please participate buy a drink in the lounge and then buy a booster for Ed.

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Chaplin – Bill Boll Comrades as you are well aware this is the holiest time of the year. Easter holidays are upon us. On behalf of the officers and membership of the KVC/VFW Post 2230 I would like to wish you and your families all the blessings bestowed to them. Please remember our troops, currently serving, in your daily prayers. I am sure you all remember serving during this special time. If you know of someone please drop them an Easter message.

Sick Call - Comrade Richard Weber has been in Valley Manor Rehab and Nursing Home Center since February 2009. If anyone wishes to send him a card the address is Valley Manor Rehab Center 7650 Route 309 Coopersburg, Pa. 18036. Comrade Howie Hahn is recovering from a heart procedure and is doing well. Bill Boll still recovering at home our prayers are with you and you are always in our thoughts.

TAPS: Our deepest condolences, prayers and thoughts go out to the families of our deceased members Pasquale “Patsy” Potente and Edward H. Hill. May their souls rest in peace.

Quartermaster – Richard Banks – All quarterly reports have been completed and submitted to the National. The books are balanced and it appears that we will again be 100% for the 9th year in a row. Congratulations Post 2230 on this remarkable achievement,

Girl Scouts Washington Rock Council of the Girl Scouts of America will be holding their annual activities night jamboree at the KVC on Friday March 5th, 2010 starting at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend just show up at the post there are no restrictions.



KVC NEWS:

President Jerry Dobbins First and foremost I would like to congratulate all of our honorees recognized at our awards celebration this past January 23rd. It was a great success due to the efforts of so many volunteers who played a hand in making this event a night to remember not only for the honorees but to all of us who were in attendance. This being our premier fundraiser of the year it plays an important role in both our residential and veterans communities. That being said, we cannot rest on our laurels, early planning should dictate a chairman being selected as early as our next meeting. I will be looking for volunteers to step up and help us with this event for next year. I am looking forward to another banner year in the KVC. On behalf of Helene and myself I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Easter.

Vice President – George Klose In assisting in the care and the maintenance of the KVC facilities we need to address some issues with our oil tank which I will address at our next meeting. On behalf of my son Paul and myself I would like to wish all of you and your families a very happy Easter.

Bar Chairman – Gerry Grasso Comrades I am happy to report that the hugs and kisses gimmick worked real well for me I collected on Christmas, New Years and Valentine's Day parties. Soooooooooooooooooooooo I will be available for St. Patty's Day for any of you lasses who need a quick pick me up. My special thanks go out to all of the bartenders who do an excellent job and work so hard in making this lounge a success.

Treasurer - Bob Schielke It is my pleasure to report that all our books are balanced, all our bills are paid and we are moving in the positive cash flow direction. My parents always told me that you could never say thank you enough to all those who support you in your time of need. So again thank you all for your kindness and thoughts during my recovery these past few months.



VFW/KVC Office - Bob Schielke In regards to our office I have made a few changes. I have secured additional assistance and I am adding a few computer components.

Post Insurance - Bob Schielke As the committee chair I have reorganized our bid procedure and we are attempting to have everything on line for our March meeting. I am happy to report that we will come under last years bids.

Secretary – Bill Salzmann On behalf of the entire membership and the Board of Directors of the KVC and the Officers of the VFW I would like to welcome those members who merged with post 2230 from other post and recent new members that have been sworn in. Welcome aboard Edward Almeida, Carlos Beirao, Thomas Catalano, Christian Dittman, John Gratacos, Charles Hamill, Andrew Hreha, Frank Mahler, Bernard Matsko, Louis Mayer Jr., Ralph Milteer, David Mitchem, Everitt Nye, Edward Parin, Joseph Pascarella, Joseph Paterek, Henry Pienczykowski, John Ratkiewicz, Orest Romanick, Cesar Rondon, Anthony Spaorito, Albert Sarna, John Scherzo, Frank Szente, Walter Yadusky, Thomas Hunter, Robert Green, Armand Solano, Charles Jason, Edward Roman, John Aslanian, Arthur Holzinger and John Rice. We hope that most of you will be able to make our meetings it will be our pleasure to meet you and get to know you. If you wish to be added to our E-mail list please E-mail me at kvcsecretary@kenilworthveterans.com and I will add your e-mail address to our list.

Membership Committee - Harry Scheidegger reports that we currently have 62 KVC members and 177 VFW members.

Kenilworth Veterans Web Page - Again the post would like to thank Bill and Gina Tipton for maintaining our web page. It is up and running and it is obvious that many of you have been checking the post calendar to check on our up-coming events. Remember the web address is www.kenilworthveterans.com. Under the picture section you might even find a picture of yourself participating in one of our many events.



CONGRATULATIONS KVC HAPPY EVENTS - An up date on Adjutant Bill Salzman's Grandson Bill Orlando Jr.. Bill is now stationed at Ft. Drum, NY and attached to the 10th Mountain Division as a crew chief on board a Black Hawk Helicopter. Bill expects to be deployed with the 10th Mountain Division to Afghanistan sometime in October 2010.

Congratulations to Ty Dobbins, grandson of Helene and Jerry Dobbins on making his First Holy Communion in February.

Congratulations to Stacie Jeans for obtaining her Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education, Bachelor Cum Laude from Montclair State University. Job well done. Congratulations Lenore Jeans for your induction in the David Brearley High School Hall of Fame.

Trustee's Bob Vesselli and Al Fiorillo Maintenance of our facility is an on going battle. The KVC was built in 1950 and she is starting to show her age. She needs constant tender loving care and that firm but loving touch to keep her in shape. We are in a continuous mode of self preservation to keep her looking young and agile enough to withstand the elements. One member Bill Sinkowitz has taken on and completed three different projects with three additional projects yet to be completed. Our special thanks to him for all his hard work and skills that keep this building in shape. Comrade Dennis Ferrera has volunteered to replace and install new electrical sub panels. So little by little we are making great headway in maintaining our building.



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Easter - Ed Miller Easter is the first Christian High Holiday. No Holy Day or festival in the Christian year can compare in importance with Easter Sunday. To all Christians, Easter is the greatest day on the church calendar because it celebrates our Lord's greatest miracle - His Resurrection. With the coming of Easter it brings to us the spirit of the pre-Lenten season when penance, devotion and prayer are observed. Regardless of ones' denomination, race, nationality or cultural distinction, each of us have the privilege of worshipping God in anyway one wishes which is indeed a choice blessing and precious right of all the people. With Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday, it gives us as veterans an opportunity to worship and pray for our fallen comrades who served our country and our precious flag. Please remember them in your prayers. The feast of Easter, as we probably all know, brings to us an abundance of events. It heralds the beginning of spring; the time for us to show off our new clothes in the Easter Parade; the coming of the Easter Bunny and his colored eggs; the blossoming of the Easter Lilly; vacations for the children; their Easter Baskets and all the goodies to last them for the year. Most of all, Easter is a time for all of us to unite with our families and celebrate this holy day together. We, as veterans, should be thankful for being blessed with the gift of life that enables us to share this joyous occasion with our families and friends. Last, but not least, let us bear in our hearts and minds "The Lord is Risen". Alleluia. On behalf of all the officers and members of the Kenilworth Veterans Center Happy Easter everyone.



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