



Stray Bullets

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5890
And it's Ladies and Men's Auxiliary
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Please cut out this portion, fill out your community service information and return it to the post. This is very important to record ALL volunteer hours. Please make this program worthwhile and document all your time. You may call in your hours to the bartender and he/she will write it in the volunteer book. (505) 891-2470

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

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Performed for whom: _____

Hours of Service and Mileage: _____

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VFW POST 5890 Events

JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pool League 1900 NEW YEARS DAY! HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 Friday Night Food Special QUESIDILLAS \$1.00	4
5 Pool 1400-1700	6 General Officer Mtg. 1700	7 Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	8 Mens AUX Mtg 1800-1900 Pool League 1900	9	10 Friday Night Food Special CHILI \$1.00 LAUX. Officers Mtg. 1800 (6:00)	11 Post General Officer Mtg. 1000-1100 Karaoke 1900-2300
12 Church 1000-1200 Pool 1400-1700	13	14 Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	15 Pool League 1900	16	17 Friday Night Food Special ENCHILADAS \$2.00	18 Post Breakfast 7:30-10:00 \$5.00 LAUX. Mtg. 11:00
19 Pool 1400-1700	20 Martin Luther Kings Day	21 Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	22 Pool League 1900	23	24 Friday Night Food Special SOUP BAR \$1.00	25
26 Church 1000-1200 Pool 1400-1700	27	28 Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	29 Pool League 1900	30	31 Friday Night Food Special SPAGHETTI \$2.00	

VFW POST 5890 Events

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Pool 1400-1700 Groundhog Day	3 General Officer Mtg. 1700	4 Election Day! Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	5 Men's AUX Mtg 1800-1900 Pool League 1900	6	7 Friday Night Food Special LAUX Officers meeting 1800 (6:00)	8 Post General Officer Mtg. 1000-1100 Karaoke 1900-2300
9 Pool 1400-1700	10	11 Boy Scouts 1730-1830 Square Dancers 1900-2100	12 Pool League 1900	13	14 Friday Night Food Special Valentine's Day	15 Post Breakfast 0730-1000 \$5.00 LAUX. Mtg. 1100 VALENTINES DINNER 1700-2000 COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As Commander of "your" post I am requesting as through the past years from past commander's, Gary Gerber, Ty Teel and Dan Evans leadership to stop and consider their visions for our post and to where we are today in time. These past Commanders have set the pace for our posts future endearment into the future. All three past Commanders have as my mentors set the pace in my drive to sacrifice as they did day after day to better our post and pay homage to our members whom make our post the strongest post in New Mexico. I have been dubbed to maintain and preserve that legacy of vision as we push into our future as your Commander and that is what keeps me going to cherish their legacy and drive for the "Good of the Order!"

On a more important matter, Comrades we, based on current stats, identify that we as the strongest post in the State of New Mexico have 194 unpaid continuous members on our rolls. Please, please take the initiative to reach out to our unpaid members to renew their vital membership. Please help me help you; our combat veterans help to best keep this post strong with continued membership and life membership stats.

Respectfully,
ERNEST GARCIA, COMMANDER

CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

The next two months will be exciting for the Post and Canteen. A new look for the Post is in the works. The Canteen area is going to be enlarged to accommodate the growing number of members who are patronizing the Canteen. The West wall will be removed and more tables and chairs will be added. Eventually the bar will be extended, but for now only the wall removal is scheduled. During football games on Sundays light snacks will continue to be provided. Donations for the food is appreciated and needed to help offset the cost. Friday "Nite" food will continue, depending on what is served the cost will be one to three dollars. 2013 has been one of the best years regarding sales, thanks to the Post membership. 2014 should be even better! Please remember the Canteen is staffed by volunteers, **please tip generously**. There will be drink specials during the next two months. During other sporting events look for drink specials.

SEMPER PARATUS
Larry "Rachet" McBee

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades now is the time that your Post needs your help. VFW National initiated a new program regarding Post Membership. To qualify for All American we need to have 85% of existing members renew their membership. Currently we are at 29%, we need to reach 85% retention by mid winter conference in March. Existing members who have not yet renewed their membership are encouraged to renew as soon as possible to help us reach the 85% mark and avoid the increase in membership fees that will start in 2014. Total membership is only at 75% which is below where we were last year, the key to reaching the Post's membership goal is getting existing members to renew.

SEMPER PARATUS
Sr Vice
Larry "Rachet" McBee

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Hello my name is Marty Cantu and I am your new Junior Vice Commander. Thank you for welcoming me to this position and one of my primary responsibilities will be control, documents and report all community service reports as our members inform us. Please keep us posted on any events that will promote our post.

Respectfully,
MARTY CANTU

CHAPLAIN:

For those who did not know, our Life Member Roy Brisco lost his father, "Pete" Brisco, who passed away on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2013. Please be supportive to the Brisco family.

With the season of celebration behind us and the coldest part of the winter ahead, many of us will be experiencing a sense of abrupt change from the warmth and color of the days behind and a feeling of darkness and emptiness from now until mid-February, when Valentine's Day and Presidents Day introduce a change of climate. If you are one of these, know your comrades are with you in spirit. If you would like to have some of them more present in body, make a point of joining us here at the Post. Hibernation may be necessary for many of our bears, but not for us humans. For us it is a choice.

May God Bless you and keep you.

Yours in Comradeship,
George Oppenheimer, Jr., Post Chaplain

QUARTERMATER'S MESSAGE:

If you are receiving the newsletter and have not paid your 2014 dues please ensure you pay them ASAP!

Paul Golden

LAUX PRESIDENT

As usual the Ladies have been busy to say the least. It would take up way too much space to list all of the events. THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who have helped, organized, contributed or just came! It is your post! LET'S KEEP IT ROCKING AND ROLLING IN 2014.

THANK YOU to the Comrades for their help in placing an AMERICAN FLAG in all 27 class rooms at HOPE CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL! Ladies if you have not renewed your membership it's not too late. After December 31st your membership will cost you an extra \$5.00. Have a happy New Year and a safe one.

A VALENTINE'S DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M. THE COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON. THE MENU WILL BE STEAK, BAKED POTATO, SALAD, DINNER ROLL AND DESSERT. YOU MUST SIGN UP IN THE EVENT BOOK BY FEBRUARY 10TH SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY STEAKS TO PURCHASE. MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE TO THE BARTENDER.

LAUX SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

IN NEED OF A NOTARY? I am offering my Notary services to the VFW members at no charge. You may reach me at (505) 818-4779 or e-mail: annabellesilvas@yahoo.com Annabelle Silvas

SERVICE OFFICER'S MESSAGE:

Well its Newsletter time again! Just recently your commander and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) got together and put on a very nice program for all the World War II Veterans at Palmilla Nursing Home, of which I attended with the Commander. We were very warmly received and there was a whole lot of enthusiasm shown to all of us. Taps were blown by an officer of the Auxiliary DAV, and Colonel Brown from the DAV led and conducted the ceremony with slides of narration for the ceremony, which while very somber it also shows how all we feel towards our WWII brothers and sisters. In summary, I was very impressed and awed by the whole program so I salute and commend our commander and the Colonel for their thoughtful efforts to our WWII brothers and sisters.

Respectfully,
David (Renegade) Pagel

BINGO MESSAGE:

VA Bingo is held at the VA Hospital in Alb. every other month on the 1st Friday. The next bingo will be held Friday, January 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Once again, I thank the membership for your enthusiasm in supporting this event. POC Frank Trujillo @ 268-7772 or Zeniinez@comcast.net.

Comrade Frank, ARMY STRONG

POST BREAKFAST'S:

Due to the cost of food increasing each time we shop, the breakfast price will be \$5.00 starting in January. The next breakfast's will be on Saturday, January 18th, February 15th and March 15th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.. We serve eggs to order, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, potatoes, biscuits, and SOS. You also get coffee and orange juice. All for \$5.00 per plate.

Gary Molleur

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Visit our Facebook page at VFW Post 5890 LAUX to keep up to date on all that is happening at the Post. We welcome your comments. STAY INFORMED. If you would like to be kept up to date about the happenings at the Post, please send your e-mail address to annabellesilvas@yahoo.com. If you change your address, telephone number or name please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.

MEN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Men's Auxiliary members, As we begin a new year I want you to know I appreciate all that many of you have done in supporting Post 5890 in 2013. We have great challenges ahead of us in 2014 and I know that if we continue our current path we are sure to do great deeds in our future. Our biggest obstacle to overcome is Apathy. We are all volunteers and I know that time is a commodity that everyone has in short supply but please try to remember why we are here and what our mission is when you have time. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings on the first Saturday of every month at 0830. Thank you again for all your support and patience during our formation in 2013.

Sincerely, Joe Nieto
Men's Auxiliary President

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS:

Each Friday night the Post provides dinner for \$4.00 or less. The Canteen has the month of January, the Ladies AUX has the month of February and the Comrades will have the month of March and the Men's AUX will have the month of April. It seems that each month it is always the SAME people donating their time and cooking. Please let us try some of your favorite food by volunteering on a Friday night. Please contact Cynthia Archuleta if you are interested in helping out. 505-814-3434.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Deadline to turn in your newsletter articles for the MARCH & APRIL Newsletter is FEBRUARY 17TH. Please email your reports to the Post. We are moving towards using e-mail to distribute the Post Newsletter. Please notify the post of your current e-mail address or call VFW Data Entry at 800-963-3180 to add or update your e-mail address. vwpost5890@qwestoffice.net can also view the newsletter on our Facebook page. Thanks Annabelle!