

Henry J. Thomas Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 845 NEWSLETTER

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POST Officers

- Commander: Tom Ames
- Senior Vice Commander: Miguel Hernandez
- Junior Vice Commander: David Hrynkow
- Quartermaster: Robert Broody
- Chaplain: Marvin Walton
- Adjutant: Tom Hrynkow
- Service Officer: Paul Dougherty
- Judge Advocate: Claude Frisbie
- Post Surgeon: Leroy Swisher
- Officer of the day: Barry Molyneaux
- 1 Year Trustee: Jack Powell
- 2 Year Trustee: Barry Molyneaux
- 3 year Trustee: Tom Wise

Auxiliary Officers

- President : Debbie Albright
- Senior Vice President : Ginny Pringle
- Junior Vice: Dot Swisher
- Secretary: Carol Osborne
- Treasurer: Paula Wilson
- Chaplain: Yolanda Walus
- Guard: Simone Luminello
- Conductress: Myrtle Butterman
- 1 Year Trustee: Sue Pierson
- 2 Year Trustee: Carol Gill
- 3 Year Trustee: Jeanette Beam

Home Association Officers

- President:: Tom Ames
- Treasurer: Robert Broody
- Steward/Manger: Joyce Jones
- Board of Directors:
• Tom Hrynkow, Tom Wise, Jack Powell,
• Jerry Banks, Barry Molyneaux

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Steward/Manager Joyce Jones 610-269-8818

Meeting Schedules

- **Post Meeting:** First Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM
- **Home Association Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7:30 PM

From The Post Commander

Many changes have recently taken place at Post 845, this newsletter hopefully will keep our membership abreast of changes and schedules. Our patronage is continuing to grow, kitchen services are now available, we have begun a web-site, renovations are taking place to maintain and update the Post, younger veterans are joining and stepping up to take responsibilities within the Post. And we have recently had the honor to adopt a Post Unit.

Bravo Co. of the 1st of the 11th Infantry, 28th Division, has officially been adopted as of 10 February '08. Similar to the Quick Reaction Forces of mechanized infantry during the Vietnam era, Bravo Co. is part of the Stryker Brigade, an aggressive and highly mobile force of mechanized infantry able to be deployed anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

Sr. Vice Commander Hernandez and I recently met with the Company Commander and 1st Sergeant and they look forward to our working with the Family Readiness Group (FRG) in support of the company's needs during mobilization, deployment and their eventual return to the states.

B Company's history is rich in honor having earned many battle streamers since its formation as a military unit during the French and Indian War. Its Unit Crest is a blue oval surrounding a likeness of Ben Franklin and its symbolic flag is the "Franklin Flag," the first version of the Stars and Stripes and the very first flag flown to represent our independence as a sovereign nation. Historically the 11th served through the Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, two world wars and more recent hostilities. This is a big step for Post 845, our *family* is growing and it will need the support of our membership. It is my intention to form a committee that will be able to meet and work with the FRG on a regular basis. Welcome Bravo Company to VFW Post 845.

Bear with us as continuing change comes to VFW Post 845. We are making every effort to meet the demands of a growing patronage. Growth is important to our survival as a service to the community and as a veteran's organization. Our future is positive. *YOU* make it possible. *YOU ARE POST 845*. Thank you all, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you as Post Commander.

Thomas E. Ames
Post Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

Greetings from the Post Chaplain. I would like to make a plea to the membership; we need help in support of our Poppy Drives held throughout the year. In addition to Poppy donation cans placed in stores throughout the community we also reserve a few weekend drives at local stores such as Acme, K-Mart, etc. We need your help on these occasions. A couple of hours split between a handful of members will help make our Poppy Drives successful. As we near Memorial and Veteran's Day festivities, look for postings of time and place in the Post Canteen. We need your help!

Please let the Post officers know of any veteran or veteran's family that is in distress. If you should become aware of the passing of one of our Post or auxiliary members, please advise us.

In closing I ask you to please remember our aging veterans and our soldiers now serving in uniform across the globe; they need your support in prayer. Thank you.

Marvin Walton

Post Chaplain

HOURS OF OPERATION**BAR**

Monday through Friday 9:30 Am till 12:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 Am till 12:00 PM

KITCHEN HOURS

Now Open for Lunch!!

Tuesday through Friday 11:30 AM till 2:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday 12:00 PM till 6:00 PM
Special Hours on Saturday Band Nights
12:00 PM till 9:00 pm

AUXILIARY CORNER

Hello everyone!

Now that the Holidays are over we have a lot of functions coming up in the next few months.

As always we will need the Ladies help for these functions. March 2nd Purple Heart dinner/ March 9th District meeting dinner/ March 17th Ham & Cabbage/ March 22nd Kids Easter egg Hunt & Our Beef & Beer fund raiser. (Put on your dancing shoes) Tickets on sale now! We also have a \$100.00 Wawa gift card raffle ticket on sale to be drawn on the 22nd. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 If you can help please contact Dot Swisher or me.

Auxiliary is now offering a 20% discount towards a life Membership.

VFW T Shirts and Sweatshirts will be on sale soon ! Watch the post for samples and pricing.

Election of Officers comes up in April

Hope to see you at our functions.

Debbie Albright

Ladies Auxiliary President

NECROLOGY

Gerald Whiteman; US Navy, WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor

John A. "Jack" Sassaman ; US Army WWII

BT & THE CRUISERS DINNER SPECIAL:

5:30 PM TILL 7:30 PM

Baked Chicken Breast, Mashed potatoes, Broccoli, salad, roll & butter. \$9.00

RESERVE NOW! AMOUNTS ARE LIMITED

Dinner Special News

We will endeavor to bring at least two Dinner Specials to the Club once a month, although we would like to set those specials every other Friday night, at times conflicts in scheduling prevent us from doing that . Please look for posters in the club room advertising the next dinner special or check your news letter. As you can see by the above schedule there was a Friday night conflict, so we moved one of those specials to Wednesday night March 26th. We will strive to set the dinner specials on dates that the banquet room is available for seating to make sure everyone is comfortable. On those nights that dinners are not served the sandwich menu is always available.

The kitchen has not been open on a regular basis for quite some time, and we are trying to get a handle on the various things people would like to have served. We are always open to suggestions.

Thanks Mike & Debbie Wealer

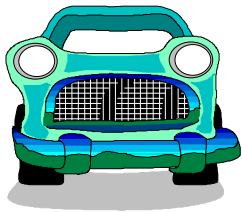
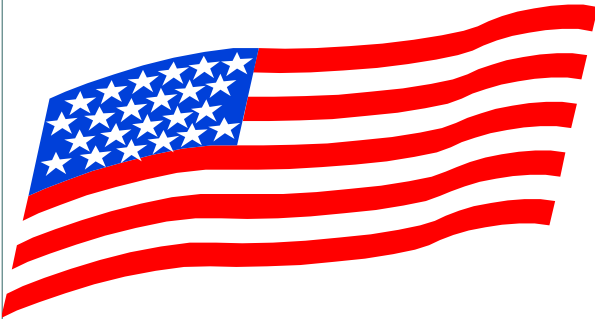


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**Post 845 is proud to
Announce:**

BT & THE CRUISERS

SATURDAY MARCH 1ST

8:00 PM TIL Midnight

\$10.00 dollar cover charge

Kitchen will be open til 9:30 pm

