



## December 2011 Newsletter

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**CHARTER 1965**

Good Day Members,

As I write this, Fall has really started to move in. I hope you all had a happy and memorable Thanksgiving. This is the time of the year to spend with family and friends and reflect on how good we have it in the United States and how thankful we are to have such brave men and women standing guard as we enjoy our lives.

Thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for an awesome pancake breakfast on 13 November and a special thanks to Terry Palmquist who made up a great batch of SOS. I really enjoyed it.

Palmer Lake will host the 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting on 03 December at 1400. Please come and join us.

The New Year's Omelet Brunch is scheduled from 10:00-1:00 pm on 01 January, 2012, and our next Blood Drive will be 09 January 2012, from 2:00-7:00 pm.

Thank you to the triad for the \$350 donation to St. Alphonsus School in support of their "Adopt a Platoon" program. Frankie and I stopped by the school on 16 November to present them the check.

Comrades, it comes with a heavy heart to inform the Members of Posts 3915 and 217 and its Auxiliaries that this December's newsletter will be the last hard copy newsletter mailed to you. Printing costs and postal costs continue to rise, and in today's tough economy, something had to give.

After much thought and discussion at our last Post meeting, the members in attendance and I have decided that it makes strong financial sense to eliminate the expense of a mailed newsletter. Our Department and District communications have all gone by way of electronic means as have other Posts. The money we will save over the year will allow us to fund more Veterans programs.

For members to sign up, the preferred method is to go to our website not only to sign up to get your electronic copy, but you can also view current and past newsletters at:

**<http://www.palmerlakevfw.com/newsletters.html>**

Or you can email [info@palmerlakevfw.com](mailto:info@palmerlakevfw.com) to get on the email list to receive your electronic copy. We will continue to print a handful of newsletters ourselves & leave them at the front door under the sign-in book. Please help yourself when you stop in.

Also, I have worked out a deal with the Bar Manager and Quartermaster who are willing to print copies and mail them to those who truly want them at a cost of \$20 per year. If this is of interest to you, please send a check to "**Palmer Lake VFW Newsletter**" and the Bar Manager and Quartermaster will set it up.

Don't forget the sacrifices of our WWII Vets as we observe December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915



Three Time All-American  
**CLARENCE LABELLE VFW**  
POST 217



***CHARTER 1930***

Comrades and Sisters,

May the Good Lord bless you with the best Christmas and New Year ever. I hope it brings you all you wish for and may we have peace on earth. Greetings from the line officers & have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

I spent the day at Brooklyn Jr. High School on Veterans Day. Four of us spent the day talking to seven classes of students. What a great time we had and the students asked many intelligent questions. We plan on visiting two more schools this year.

Post 217 lost three heroes this past month. All were long time active members and it is hard to say good-bye to them. Len Kimmes, Past Commander, Hank Gomez, he loved to bowl, and Charlie See, he loved our Post dinners. We salute you WW II Vets. Rest in peace as you all have earned it. God Bless!

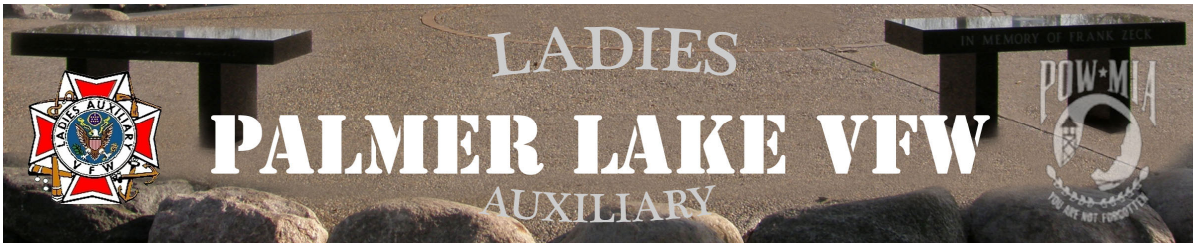
This newsletter for December, 2011, will be the final news-letter that will be mailed via the Post Office. All newsletters will be sent on the web site (computer) as the cost has gotten too expensive. Please read Commander Scott Bill's column for more details.

**REMEMBER**

They gave us their Christmases and their New Years.  
Never forget that! Thank you WW II Vets.  
God bless all Vets and those now serving!

Thanks,

Chuck Quigley, Commander, Post 217, 763-424-6417  
Alice Naslund, Auxiliary President, 763-432-6737



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### **CHARTER 1966**

Dear Sisters,

I wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season as you celebrate with your families and loved ones. Please join me and wish our military families and soldiers a safe and blessed holiday season while our deployed brothers and sisters protect our freedoms and liberties.

Thank you, Ladies, for such an amazing turnout during the November Pancake Breakfast! We had a volunteer crew of 11 plus one of our VFW members, Terry Palmquist, who served up the Marine's version of 'SOS.' In recognition of Veterans Day, we were honored to serve meals to 40 veterans. Thank you to those who also showed your support, as we served up 95 meals. Check out the pictures posted to the Palmer Lake VFW Facebook page. Be sure to "Like" the group for future communications.

On Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the 7<sup>th</sup> District will be holding their meetings for the Ladies Auxiliary at 10:00 AM and the VFW at 2:00 PM. This is our opportunity, ladies, to show off our Post Home and offer a warm welcome to our visiting Auxiliary Sisters and VFW Comrades. Please attend the meeting and see how the business of 7<sup>th</sup> District is run.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with gifts in tow this year. Huge thanks to both the VFW and the Men's Auxiliary for their monetary donations to help fill Santa's bag! Please bring your children or grandchildren in for the afternoon. We will be serving 'Tacos in a Bag' for lunch, as well as other activities for the children.

This month I would like to highlight two of the programs we support within the Ladies Auxiliary: Scholarships and Veterans & Family Support. Kandy Charlet is our chairperson for both programs. If you have any questions or would like more information on either of these programs, please contact her at 763-222-9111 or [kandy.charlet@medica.com](mailto:kandy.charlet@medica.com).

The Scholarship Program contains a couple of opportunities within the state of MN. The Marcella Arnold Scholarship is designed to give financial assistance to Nursing students in their final year of school. The MN Soldier Scholarship is designed for active military personnel or Veterans who have served at least 180 days of active military duty who choose to further their education.

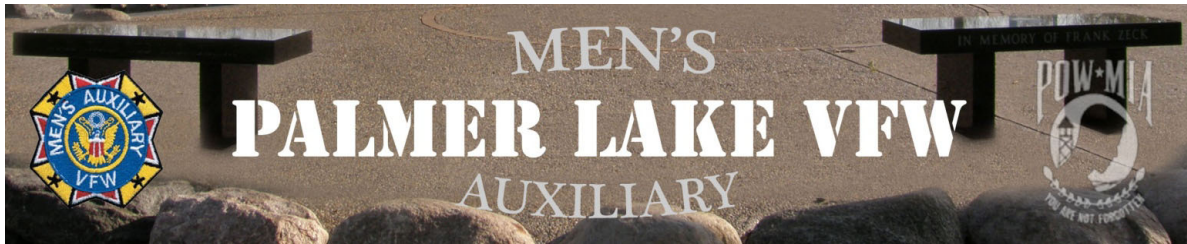
The Veterans and Family Support Program is intended to assist Veterans and their families outside the hospital, to ensure a suitable standard of living, whether it be through financial support, moral support, or by simple acts of kindness. A couple of ways we support this program is through donating school supplies to the Brooklyn Park elementary schools and inviting families with a deployed parent(s) to our annual Children's Christmas Party.

The newsletter will be going electronic starting in January, 2012. For your convenience, please submit a request for your copy to arrive in your email inbox to [info@palmerlakevfw.com](mailto:info@palmerlakevfw.com).

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or [mshort7725@comcast.net](mailto:mshort7725@comcast.net).

Merry Christmas! Please keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Yours in Sistership,  
Francesca Bill, Ladies Auxiliary President, Post #3915  
-Frankie-  
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Phone: 651-263-6721



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**CHARTER 2004**

Members,

Here are the Men's Auxiliary Fall Raffle winners. Thanks to all that made this event a success. Ken Cudo sold the most raffle tickets. Good Job, Ken, Mike, and many others.

<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>Tim Krahenmaker</b>	<b>#136</b>
<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>Bev Gimler</b>	<b>#162</b>
<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Miki Price</b>	<b>#426</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Becky Wagenbodi</b>	<b>#576</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Joe Malikowski</b>	<b>#23</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Mike Lunneman</b>	<b>#277</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Chuck Leininger</b>	<b>#489</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Dave Thompson</b>	<b>#617</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Mike Klapak</b>	<b>#326</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Andrew Caruthers</b>	<b>#453</b>
<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>Jeff M.</b>	<b>#966</b>

February 11, 2012, is the date set aside for our casino bus trip. Please mark your calendars. Brian Melcher is our point of contact. We will bring you the details in the next few months.

The Men' Auxiliary recently donated \$200.00 to CEAP, our local food shelf. Now that we are getting into the Holiday season, it's important to remember those who are less fortunate. This is a great time of the year to show someone you care.

The Palmer Lake VFW and Auxiliaries help a lot Service Members and their families, Veterans, and many local organizations during the Holidays. We, in the Men's Auxiliary, are proud to be part of it. We thank all of you who support our events to make this possible. Freedom comes with a price, so please remember those on active duty and away from home so that we can celebrate the Holidays in a free country.

For membership issues or payment of you annual dues, please contact Mike Marthaler. For any member referrals, contact any of our members. Please remember to turn in your community service hours to Stuart Ruud, Jr. Vice.

If you would like to donate blood or help with the Blood Drive, call Gary Archambault at 763-432-9828 or sign up at the Post. The next Blood Drive is January 9. Your help is appreciated!



Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

For God and Country,

Dale Palm  
Men's Auxiliary President – Post 3915

Four Time All-American  
**PALMER LAKE VFW**  
 Post 3915

**December 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>27</u> 12 pm Vikings at Atlanta Falcons	<u>28</u> 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	<u>29</u> 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 7 pm - Bargo	<u>30</u> 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	<u>December 1</u> 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	<u>2</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	<u>3</u> 10 am - District 7 Meeting at Post 3915 - Ladies Auxiliary 12 pm-Cribbage 2 pm - District 7 Meeting at Post 3915 - VFW Members 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
<u>4</u> 3:05 pm Vikings Host Denver Broncos	<u>5</u> 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	<u>6</u> 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 7 pm - Bargo	<u>7</u> 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	<u>8</u> 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	<u>9</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	<u>10</u> 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 pm - 12 am Karaoke
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<u>18</u> 12 pm Vikings Host New Orleans Saints	<u>19</u> 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	<u>20</u> 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 7 pm - Bargo	<u>21</u> 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 7 pm Post 217 and Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	<u>22</u> 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	<u>23</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	<u>24</u> 12 pm Vikings at Washington Redskins  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
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