



January 2012 Newsletter

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CHARTER 1965

Good Day Members,

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

By now you all should have heard, the last convoy of US soldiers left Iraq and entered Kuwait at the Khabari border crossing on 18 Dec 2011. The convoys exiting Iraq marked the end to a divisive war that rolled on for almost nine years. Although our men and women did what they were supposed to do, the fate of Iraq is now up to the Iraqi's. This conflict took 4,500 American men and women and they must never be forgotten. It doesn't matter your political affiliation, these men and women gave it their all and we need to be proud of their service to this Country and the sacrifices they and their families made every day for almost a decade. We need to welcome them into our brotherhood, the VFW. I ask all of you once again, talk with these new returning troops and see if they have an interest in joining our organization. We need this new generation of Veterans to get involved so that we have a chance of survival in the years to come. We need them and all who are eligible to join with us to ensure we have a voice in Washington to push for Veterans benefits, benefits that we all fought for and rightfully deserve. The legacy of the VFW is in our hands.

On a softer note, I want to express my gratitude to Mary Perrin and the children of St. Al's for allowing me and the Ladies President into their school to talk about Veterans and present them with a check for \$350 to help cover the cost of postage as they continue to support their "Adopt a Platoon" program and send goodies to our troops still in Afghanistan.

The Post completed another successful year of Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. Brian, Dorothy, and Don did a great job getting into the schools and having students participate. We had a few entries make it to district judging. For VOD, we had Emily Dehn from Osseo Jr high. For PP, we had Lou Mengdi from Central Middle School and Allie Rudin from Maple Grove Jr high. Nice job by all. These are two very important programs that we support here at Palmer Lake because anytime we can get young people interested in their Country and willing to write or talk about it, that a big deal.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Christmas party a big success. I was there and the place was full of children waiting to see Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Don't forget about the New Year's Day Brunch from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. Details can be found on our website or calendar.

Please join us on 28 Jan 2012 from 1:00-6:00 pm for Don Short's, a.k.a. Shorty's Benefit. There will be food live music and auctions to help Shorty with mounting insurance bills.

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bill, Commander, Post 3915



Three Time All-American
CLARENCE LABELLE VFW
POST 217



CHARTER 1930

Comrades and Sisters,

We are starting the New Year with a bang, having completed most of our programs we are working on new members for next year.

I am very sad to say VFW Post 159 turned in their charter. They were the second oldest post in the state. It was a sad day for a great post. We have opened our doors for those 159 comrades who wish to join our post. They are more than welcome.

It's hard to believe we are in 2012 because we still have work to accomplish. So have the best year yet and come to a meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. - God Bless!

REMEMBER

They answered the call
They did their duty
To all our veterans we owe a huge

THANK YOU!!

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



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CHARTER 1966

Dear Sisters,

Welcome 2012! I hope you find peace and a renewed spirit as we kick off a new year. It is also time for resolutions and new beginnings. As you start the year planning your weekly, monthly, or quarterly agendas and to-do lists, build in time to help a veteran.

Congratulations Ladies for earning 2nd Place on the Poppy Display Contest at the 7th District meeting in December! Yes, we did tie with another auxiliary; but I must admit, it was an extremely creative display. Thanks to Linda Cosgrove and Kim Mudge for pulling it together so quickly. If you haven't had a chance to see it, stop up at the club for a peek. It really drives home heartfelt holiday wishes and thoughts of our soldiers.

What an amazing turnout during the Children's Christmas Party! I would especially like to thank the triad of Palmer Lake from Santa, to the Bar Manager, and our VFW comrades, to the crew of elves from the Men's Auxiliary, to Mrs. Claus and her team of helpers on the day of the event. It was an amazing turnout. The look in each of the children's eyes said it all. They enjoyed their welcome bag at the door, to their handwritten letters to Santa, onto their visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, followed by their gift and stocking from Santa, and finally their lunch of Tacos in a Bag. Whew, what teamwork, Ladies! I would also like to especially thank Kandy Charlet for taking point on the six families we adopted this year through the Airman and Family Readiness Program; Jan Linderholm for facilitating the day's events, giveaways, and lunch; and Linda Cosgrove for coordinating the gifts in Santa's bag. Check out the pictures posted to the Palmer Lake VFW Facebook page. Please be sure to "Like" the group for future communications and postings.

This month I would like to highlight two more of the programs we support within the Ladies Auxiliary: Hospital and Sewing. Tracey Miller 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 612-655-3448.

The goal of the Hospital Program is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients in Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout the state of Minnesota and all over the country. As America's troops return from battle and aging warriors need medical attention; including the influx of this generation's veterans and rise in long-term rehabilitative services, the Ladies Auxiliary has been there to assist with a cheerful smile, an encouraging word, and time to write or read a letter from loved ones. One way you can help is to donate blood at our routine Blood Drive held at the VFW. Stop up and help out on Monday, **January 9**, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

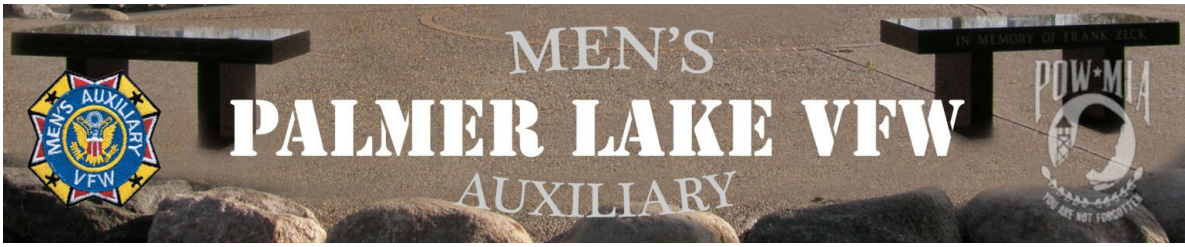
The Sewing Program goes hand-in-hand with the Hospital Program. This program answers the call for special crafted items from our VA Medical Centers and Veterans Homes, whether it be lap robes, twin-size afghans or quilts, bags of all shapes and sizes, caps/beanies/stocking caps, shirt protectors, cover-ups (bibs), roseys, onsite mending, and much more. We support this program through fabric and monetary donations and providing sewn items to VA Medical Centers and Veterans Homes all over the state of MN.

The newsletter has gone electronic in 2012. For your convenience, please submit a request for your copy to arrive in your email inbox to info@palmerlakevfw.com.

Remember to report your community service! Please contact Marcie Short at 612-619-2333 or mshort7725@comcast.net.

Happy New Year! Please keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Yours in Sistership,
Francesca Bill, Ladies Auxiliary President, Post #3915
-Frankie-
Email: frankiebill@msn.com
Phone: 651-263-6721



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CHARTER 2004

Members,

February 11, 2012, is the date set aside for our casino bus trip. We plan to meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Palmer Lake VFW and leave for Turtle Lake shortly thereafter. The bus will return at 6:00 p.m. We need to have our manifest prepared by February 5th. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the club and the cost is \$20.00. Please mark your calendars. Brian Melcher is our point of contact. We will bring you more details in the February newsletter. This is truly a fun event. Don't miss it. Please direct all questions to Brian.

The Men' Auxiliary recently donated \$1,750.00 to various organizations and benefits. We are thankful for the opportunities to serve. Some of our funds were combined with funds from the Woman's Auxiliary and were used to help families in need during the Holidays. The Ladies did a great job distributing gift cards to 7 families. Thanks for a job well done, Ladies!

Look ahead to the Easter Season. The Men's Auxiliary will once again offer the All-You-Can-Eat Fish fries during Friday evenings. I bet you can't wait!

Members of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary are busy planning for a benefit for Shorty. The benefit will be held on January 28 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. If you haven't heard, Shorty is currently taking treatment for cancer. His treatment will take a long time and our prayers are with him. If anyone would like to help out with silent auction items please contact Miki at the bar. We have a benefit account set up at TCF Bank. Ask for "Don Short Benefit Account" 139.Shorty. The event flyer and other contact information can be viewed on the Club's website. We are happy to have Sebastian Roberts provide the entertainment at the benefit. Please get involved. We need your help. See the [attached flyer](#) on all the details!


Don't forget the New Year's day Brunch at the Post.

For membership issues or payment of your 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.

Have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

For God and Country,
Dale Palm
Men's Auxiliary President Post 3915

Four Time All-American
PALMER LAKE VFW
 Post 3915
January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  10 am – 12:30 pm New Year's Day Omelet Brunch - \$7.00 12 pm Vikings Host Chicago Bears	2 5:30 pm Member Drawing 9 pm - 1 am Happy Hour - \$2 Domestic & Rail Drinks	3 5:30 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Guest Drawing 7 pm Bargo	4 5:30 pm Auxiliary Drawing 6 pm 3915 Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 - 11:30 pm Karaoke	5 6:30 pm Bar Bingo	6 5 - 7:30 pm Buck Burgers 7:30 pm Bargo	7 12 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Meat Raffle 7:30 - 12 am Karaoke
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Benefit for Don Short (“Shorty”) Saturday, January 28, 2012 - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Shorty and his wife, Marcie, in happier times, performing one of their favorite, crowd-pleasing karaoke songs. Shorty is a member of the men’s auxiliary, Post 3915.

Shorty has truly been a great friend to all and has been very gracious in helping his friends and acquaintances for many years. Please join us in helping him through this tough time.

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## Background Story

2011 has been a tough year for our "brother" and friend, Shorty. After suffering injuries to his shoulder, ribs, spine and shoulder again, the doctor discovered he has an advanced stage of what is believed to be testicular cancer that has spread to several regions of his body.

He is currently undergoing two different types of chemotherapy which started the last week of November. So far he is tolerating the treatment quite well. His prognosis is unknown at this point, but he has a positive attitude and lots of prayers being sent his way!

Friends and co-workers are putting on a benefit on Saturday, January 28, 2012 for Shorty as his short term disability is not keeping up with the medical expenses and bills.

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915  
2817 Brookdale Dr. Brooklyn Park MN

Cost: \$15.00 minimum includes admittance, food, keg beer and band. A cash bar is available as are raffles and silent auctions.

Entertainment: Sabastian Roberts and The Freewheelin’ Band - 2011 Record of the Year Winner

[www.sabastianroberts.com](http://www.sabastianroberts.com)

[www.facebook.com/sabastianrobertsfanpage](http://www.facebook.com/sabastianrobertsfanpage)

## How to Help

#1—Attend Shorty’s benefit and bring all your friends! Your presence means a lot.

#2—Make a cash donation: If you are unable to attend the benefit, you can go to **any TCF Bank** and make a deposit to the **DON SHORT BENEFIT ACCOUNT**. Tellers have a benefit screen BE7 line 139 to look up the a/c number: 139.SHORTY.

#3—Donate a prize for the silent auctions or raffles.

#4—If you are interested in helping out, please contact Booya at: [david.r.thompson@hdrinc.com](mailto:david.r.thompson@hdrinc.com).





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