

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS John H. Kraus Post 454 1006 E. Lincoln St. Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 827-9733

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## **Modified Newsletter and Calendar for December 2020**

No Meetings at the Post in December, until we have more information. We will keep you posted. Check our facebook and webpages for updates.



## **COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

Greetings Comrades: We continue to plod along in this never-ending struggle against the Covid-19 virus. We all need to channel our inner-couch potato and do our part to help end this problem. Wear your mask and stay home as much as possible.

It is the holiday season and people will be travelling about and doing their gift shopping, so be safe. This pandemic has to end sooner or later. The actions you take will determine whether you see the end or not.

If you see someone, who needs help, pitch in and do what you can to help them. If you can't please contact Jim at the Post and we will do our best to get the C.J. Wahmann proper agencies involved to help.

I haven't heard of a hiding place for all this chaos, but it never hurts to look. Be safe and look out for each other. We will keep you informed as to when we can get back to normal at the Post.

**Robert Sable Post Commander** 

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S** MESSAGE

Another year is nearly over and the Auxiliary has survived and continued supporting as many activities as possible. I am so thankful and proud of our sisters and brothers for their support. We have faced the challenges and ended the year with much success.

Our Historian and Patriotic Instructor has resigned as she is moving out of State. Thank you Billie Guthals for stepping up to take the position of Historian and Teri Schultz for taking the positions of Media coverage and Patriotic Instructor.

On November 14th, we packed boxes for our military overseas in hopes that they

will reach our service members for the Christmas holidays. We will continue to pack boxes and have bake sales starting again in January. If you know of a service member deployed overseas, please get their name and address to us so that we can send them our care packages. Please remember the large donation box in the lobby at the Post. Filling this box with donations will help obtain the needed items to put in our care packages.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to one and all. We are not having a December meeting due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions. Our next meeting will be January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. I hope to see many of you then.

# **Auxiliary President**

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# **Modified Operations**

Folks, we have landed on hard times with this COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor placed increased restrictions on Region 2 effective Nov 4th. This meant we had to go back to "No Indoor Service" outdoor patio only. It was decided that due to these increased restrictions and the pending cold weather that we could not keep the Post (canteen) open for services. We have been closed since that time.

On Nov 19th at 11:00 pm, additional restrictions are placed upon the entire state. We are still closed, but the State is shutting down all gaming machines to include casinos. It appears we will be closed until sometime early December.

There is no definite date as to when we and other businesses can resume full operations. We are hopeful it will be sooner than later. Small businesses are hurting badly, as well as our employees. Please keep our employees in your thoughts and prayers during these trying times.

## **Safety and Support**

Please be safe and wear your mask whenever you leave your home. Wash your hands and sanitize frequently to help prevent the spread of this virus. Those of you wearing cloth masks, please wash and sanitize them frequently. Replace the paper (blue) masks frequently. They are not made to use long term.

Winter is fast approaching and that brings colder weather, snow and icy conditions. Ensure your vehicles are ready for the upcoming weather. Bundle up, and get your ice melt now so you have it prior to icy weather.

Check in on your family, friends and other veterans. They may need some comforting, food or possibly a little financial assistance. Help out if you can because there are always people in need. We have agencies available to help if needed. Contact the Post if you know of a veteran or veteran's family in need.

#### **December Meetings**

At this time, meetings at the Post are canceled until further notice. Under the current restrictions they are not allowed. We will post new information as soon as it becomes available.

#### **Entertainment and Events**

We tentatively have a band (The Bygones) scheduled for New Years Eve, but at the present time, it looks like we will cancel that event. We should know more in a couple weeks. As for other events, like Feather Parties and fundraisers, they are canceled for December 2020. We will keep you informed about the possibility of a Tom & Jerry's event on Dec 24th, but that is not looking good at this time. Until we know more, please stay SAFE and enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



## IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND SISTERS

Sandra Mullins (Nov) Herman Wilcoxson (Nov) Brett Beyer (Nov)

