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 so nobly in time of war"*

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Commander's Message

Hello fellow Legion Members,
 I hope that the weather remains favorable to get those last minute projects done. We have been busy with a lot of odds and ends here at the club and I see a great future for our organization in the months to come. November 11th we will have our Veteran's Day Dinner so be sure to stop on down and say hello. It seems that our Color Guard has been all over the map lately and I would like to thank all those who have participated in these various events. Thanks also goes out to all our volunteers, your dedication makes us go forward.

God bless and remember our service men and women.

For God and Country,
 Gabriel Wakonabo,
 Commander Post 14

CLUB REPORT for NOV/DEC

NOVEMBER

Fall is just about done with winter coming on shortly. This month we have Veteran's Day on November 11th, which is a Friday, be sure to come for dinner and also to celebrate all Veterans for their service to protect all of us. This dinner is at 5:30pm with a free will offering.

On November 26th, we will have the Scott Winner show and dinner with proceeds going to Adult Day Services. The price of the show and dinner is only \$20.00. Please stop and get your tickets and help support the Adult Day Services of Bemidji. Dinner will be at 6:30 with the show at 7:30.

We will be closed on November 24th for Thanksgiving.

Don't forget to stop and watch the Vikings play, enjoy the different drink specials and food.

I hope you all have a great Turkey day.

DECEMBER

Here we are back in the cold and early darkness. We do have some things to warm us up this month.

On Dec. 3rd is the Pearl Harbor dinner at 6pm. Plan now to enjoy this yearly dinner for the V.F.W.

On Dec. 11th will be our annual Commander Tom & Jerrys, with hors d'oeuvres from 3-5pm. Plan to attend this event for members.

On Sunday, Dec. 18th will be the Kid's Christmas Party with Santa. This party will be from 2-4pm. Bring the kids and grandkids for this annual event.

We will be closing at 5pm on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day.

We will be having a New Year's Eve Party starting at 7pm with hors d'oeuvres and party favors at midnight. Plan to attend and bring in the new year at the Legion.

We will be open Jan. 1st with Bloody Marys, hors d'oeuvres and other drink specials.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God & County
 Bill Rice



Ladies Auxiliary...

Dear Ladies,

To those of you who have said, "yes" to a chairmanship for our unit I would like to say thank you. Also, to all of you who helped out with the chili feed fundraiser, thanks. Remember we are serving our veterans.

We are having the Auxiliary's birthday party and honoring our past presidents at our November meeting, which is November 7th at 7:00. If you have been an Auxiliary president at any level, please attend our meeting.

Just a reminder that November 19th from 9-3:00 is our craft sale and if you have any books, tapes or movies that others could use bring them to the next meeting.

December is veterans affairs and rehabilitation month and our Christmas party. These will be discussed at our November meeting.

On Veterans Day be sure to thank a Veteran.

Sincerely,

Stella Wakonabo

Auxiliary President Unit #14

From the Adjutant...

What an amazing fall. It is really hard to believe it is November and the weather has still permitted those of us that torture ourselves each year hitting the little white ball around were able to sneak in one more round Monday, October 31, and it appears as I finish this article Wednesday, November 2 would have been a great day also.

Veterans Day is November 11, so you all need to plan on attending the Veteran's Day Dinner. Check the Post calendar in this issue for day and time.

Once again we are way ahead of schedule in renewing our Post memberships. As of the end of October we are at 380 members with a target of 510. Talk it up let's see if we can meet our goal by the 1st of the year. We have a lot of room for new members so talk it up.

A quick reminder for those of you that have not taken the time to register with the VA. Stop in at the clinic and pick up the application forms. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and return to the VA in Fargo. They also have the flu vaccine available. For those of you that are registered stop in and get the shot. It only takes a few minutes. There is no cost to registered Vets.

Wishing everyone a great Veteran's Day and thanks to all for your service. This will be the last Post newsletter for 2011. Hard to believe the year has already passed.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very memorable Christmas.

Mike Liapis
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 VFW Meeting Poker League Bridge	2	3 DIVA	4 9-LIVES	5 9-LIVES
6 Football Bye Week	7 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	8 Poker League Bridge	9	10 Legion Meeting & Dinner DIVA	11 Veteran's Day Dinner 5:30-6:00 Free Will Offering	12 DIVA
13	14	15 Poker League Bridge	16	17 40 & 8 Promenade & Dinner DIVA	18 Damndest Thing	19 Craft Sale 9-3 HADLEY Benefit 1-6pm Damndest Thing
20 Vikings Drink Specials	21	22 Poker League Bridge	23	24 Thanksgiving CLOSED	25	26 Scott Winner Show & Dinner 6:30pm Adult Day Serv.
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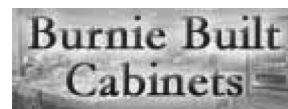
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DECEMBER 2011				1	2 DJ Dan	3 Pearl Harbor Dinner - Free Will DJ Dan
4 Vikings Drink Specials	5	6 VFW Meeting Poker League Bridge	7 NARFE Christmas Luncheon	8 Post Meeting & Dinner	9 9-LIVES	10 Commander Tom & Jerry's 3-5pm
11 Vikings Drink Specials	12	13 Poker League Bridge	14	15 40 & 8 Promenade & Dinner	16	17 40 & 8 Christmas Party
18 Kid's Christmas Party Vikings Drink Specials	19	20 Poker League Bridge	21	22 Legion Exec. Brd Meeting & Dinner	23 GHOST	24 Close at 5pm
25 CLOSED Christmas Day	26	27 Poker League Bridge	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party Damndest Thing
Jan. 1st - Open Reg. Hours Bloody Mary's					Damndest Thing	



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