

**VFW PEACOCK POST 5315 NEWSLETTER** October/November 2014  
(this newsletter was also sent by USPS)

**COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

Hello Comrades, thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Commander for another year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help, support and hard work over the last year. Our House Committee and Bar Manager have done an excellent job with the daily operations of the post. They all deserve a pat on the back for all the hard work. Membership is still a concern nationwide, we are at our lowest levels in years. We need to get our membership numbers back up. Without a strong VFW, Washington will continue trying to balance the budget by reducing veterans benefits. If you know of someone that may be eligible for membership tell them about the benefits and importance of being a member. Remember no one does more for veterans than the VFW.

Our Post now has a new Web site. Check us out at [WWW.VFWPost5315.com](http://WWW.VFWPost5315.com) for the most current information available. The VFW State Department has information about VFW programs, Veterans benefits and assistance at [www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org).

While trying to provide more enjoyment and entertainment for our members we now have a volunteer band/jam night on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. We also have a pool table and shuffle board available for your enjoyment. Check out our web site for post hours of operation and drink specials.

Any Veteran who's vehicle has a MOH, POW, or a Disabled Veteran license plate will now be allowed free access to Michigan State parks.

Senate Bill 352 has passed and was signed into law. It states that any Veteran that is rated 100 percent disabled or unemployable by the Department of Veteran Affairs is exempt from the collection of property taxes. This is not automatic you must apply with your township assessor for the exemption.

If you know of a member who is sick or has passed on; please contact our Post at (231) 745-2134. We cannot help or honor them if we don't know about them.

If you move please remember to send us a note or call so we can keep your membership information current and updated.

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**POST FUND RAISING:**

It's fund raising time again and we will have our annual rifle raffle November 22 nd at 8:00 pm. Enclosed are 6 raffle tickets @ \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you are inclined to participate, please fill out the stubs and return them to the post by mail or drop them off next time you stop by. Remember the post must receive the tickets prior to the drawing on November 22 nd.

**FOOD:**

The Ladies Auxiliary provides a Dinner at the Post on the first Saturday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

The Men's Auxiliary provides a Dinner at the post on the second Saturday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Pizza and sandwiches available daily.

Our Post will host a Christmas dinner on December 25th starting at 12:00 noon for any Veteran or anyone in the community who is alone, in need or would just like to attend. Donations are accepted.

The Post will have Fish Fry's every Friday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

**UP COMMING EVENTS:**

1 November: We will have a Halloween party with prizes for best customs awarded, and a professional DJ providing music and karaoke – the Women's Auxiliary will host a dinner

11 November at 9:00 am the Baldwin School will host a veterans day program to honor all veterans. They provide a very nice program. This will be held in the school gym.

11 November at 11:00 am we will have a Veterans Day program at the Post with lunch to follow. Please bring a dish to pass.

15 November: Nashville recording star and Grammy nominated artist Brian Nolf in Concert 7:00 - 10:00 pm and Burrito dinner 5:00 - 8:00 pm - the concert is free and open to the public.

The Post will host a Volunteer Jam night every 3rd Wednesday from 6:00 - 10:00 pm

22 November: Post rifle raffle drawing at 8:00 pm and spaghetti dinner 5:00 - 8:00 pm

**OUR POST MEETING DATES AND TIME:**

Our House Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am, all post members are invited to attend.

Our General Post meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm.

The Men's Auxiliary meets the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm.

**VETERANS PROGRAMS:**

The Lake Co. Veterans Trust Fund is available for Veterans in need of financial assistance. For more information call (231) 250-5668. If you don't live in Lake Co. check with the Co. Clerk in the Co. you reside in.

The VFW will have a service officer at the Manistee VFW Post every Wednesday from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. For more information call (231) 723-9220.

The DAV is providing free rides for Veterans to VA medical facilities. If you need a ride call (231) 398-3587. A 5 day advanced request is recommended.

The VA has opened a new clinic in Cadillac located at 1909 N. Mitchell St., behind Bob Evens. For Appointments call (1-800) 406-5143 ext. 11230.

The Post has Medical equipment (i.e.) Crutches, canes, wheel chairs, commode adapters and a Hosp. bed available to loan out at no charge. If you have equipment no longer needed we also take donations. This is a free service provided by your Post.

Veterans, if you or someone you know is in an emotional crisis, having a hard time adjusting, or needs someone to talk to who understands Veterans call (1800) 273-8255 press 1 for Veterans, and ask to talk to a Veteran. This is a free service and they are here to help Veterans.

To Contact your VFW Post call (231) 745-2134