



Newsletter

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
ROSEMOUNT, MN. POST 9433**

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Support Our Troops



Until and After
They All Come Home

Auxiliary Officers

President : Brenda Howard
Senior Vice : Becky Anderson
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Treasurer : Bonnie Hanks

Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades,

On Saturday, December 13th the Post hosted a children's Christmas party for members and deployed soldiers' families. We had 60 children in attendance. Some of the party activities included Santa bingo, seasonal coloring sheets and word finds, holiday karaoke, food and beverages and most importantly a visit from Santa. As the children visited with Santa digital photos were taken and then the photos were printed out for each child to take home with them. Santa also provided each child with an age appropriate gift and also some candy. I would like to give a big round of thanks to all the members, auxiliary and especially Santa Bob for their time and hard work to help make the party a huge success. **THANK YOU!**

With the holiday season here, let's take some time to reflect upon and thank all the veterans and their families for the personal sacrifices they have made and given for all of our freedoms and way of life.

If you know of a family in your neighborhood that has a deployed member, please stop by and wish them a happy holiday and offer them any help that you can give them. The options are endless and can range from buying a cup of coffee to helping complete a remodeling project. Every bit and action helps and will be really appreciated.

My family experienced this generosity first hand when I was deployed overseas. After an ice and snow storm hit and the plow completely blocked the driveway, our letter carrier who knew I was gone took it upon himself and on his own time to completely shovel out the driveway so my family could pull into the garage. This act and effort is something that I will always remember, cherish and be thankful for. Just knowing that my family had caring people like this around helped to make my deployment that much easier.

Speaking of deployments, John Anderson and I attended a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting in Rosemount last month. Based on feedback we received at the meeting we are revising the membership policy for deployed soldiers.

Under our new policy the Post will pay deployed soldiers dues for the time they are deployed in addition to the dues for up to one year following their return back home. This change will allow these soldiers to take advantage of membership privileges while they are gone as well as when they come home.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Mark Monson, Commander

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

House Committee - 6:00 P.M.
Post & Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 P.M.



Be There !

**Remember : You could win a CASH REWARD
just for attending !!!**



John Hawkins

U.S. Army
WWII

Robert Jaworski

24th Infantry Division, U.S. Army
KOREA

Hugh Stewart

5th Infantry Division, U.S. Army
KOREA

Past Commanders Day

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2009

FREE

Tom & Jerry's - Hot Cider & Brandy

\$1.00 Bloody Mary Bar - Food

Open at Noon



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Where did Tom & Jerry's get their start?

Jerry Thomas was America's first celebrity bartender. During his career, he exhibited his mixing skills around the globe. In 1862, Thomas published *How to Mix Drinks, or the Bon-Vivant's Companion*, the world's first bartending guide and one that modern mixologists reviving classic cocktails look to for inspiration.

Case in point: the sweet, eggy Tom and Jerry, once known as the Jerry Thomas. Beaten eggs, rum, and hot milk are combined into an ideal cold-weather treat. Thomas was so adamant about it being a winter drink that he refused to serve it at his own bar until after the season's first snowfall. Celebrity bartenders, it seems, do as they please.

"The Post"

Fridays & Saturdays – 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.

Dinner Specials

10oz. New York Strip Steak \$9.00

4pc. Chicken Dinner \$9.00

Four pieces of honey dipped fried chicken.

Walleye Dinner \$9.00

Two 6oz. Beer Battered Walleye fillets.

Pork Chop Dinner

Two Chops \$9.00 One Chop \$7.00

Sandwiches

Walleye Basket \$7.00

6oz. Beer battered fillet on a French roll with lettuce, tomato, tartar sauce and fries.

Hamburger or Cheeseburger Basket \$5.00

One third lean beef with fries.

Extra Soup, Salad, Chili or Stew \$1.50

ALL DINNERS ARE SERVED WITH CHOICE OF SOUP, SALAD, CHILI or MULLIGAN STEW (on given nights), CHOICE OF "THE POTATO of THE NIGHT" WITH VEGETABLE.

New Head of the Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Army General Eric Shinseki

General Shinseki graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in English Literature from Duke University. General Shinseki's military education includes the Armor Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

Since his commissioning, General Shinseki has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the Continental United States and overseas, to include two combat tours with the 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions in the Republic of Vietnam as an Artillery Forward Observer and as Commander of Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry.

General Shinseki has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Don't wait until you break...



Need help with Veterans Benefits?
Dakota County Veterans Services,
651-554-5601.

WIN \$\$\$!!

Charitable Gaming
Powerball & Minnesota Lottery
PULL TABS \$1.00
Mon.-Fri. 2:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Sat. 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM
Sun. Noon – 1:00 AM

Support Your Club

Post 9433
Wednesday Night Bingo

Progressive Jackpot

Cash Prizes

Games Start at 7:00 P.M.

Food Specials 5 - 9

All Are Welcome

Donate Blood for OUR Wounded Soldiers
VA Blood Donor Center: 612-725-2275.

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