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Commander – Nick Papadakos 634-4557 **Quartermaster** – Roy Thomas 634-4601
President – Paulette Cooper 625-2757 **Treasurer** – Agnes Perkins 634-8120

Post Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Building at 757 First Street, Brentwood (Corner of First and Maple St.) @ 1900 hrs (7PM). ***Please Note this is a NEW TIME***

Auxiliary Meetings are held 1300 hrs (1PM) on the 2nd Monday of each month at the location above.

Commanders Corner

Nick Papadakos



At our February meeting, we had two applicants, Sgt. Maria Diaz and Homer Mayberry sworn in as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Maria is in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Representative. Congratulations to both and welcome.

Kudos to our head chef John Settembrino, who did an outstanding job in preparing the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner with assistance from Doug Wright.

The following members were elected in our April Meeting: Commander, Nick Papadakos; Sr. Vice Commander, Sean Kelly; Jr. Vice Commander, John Porter; Judge Advocate, David Cooper; Quartermaster, Roy Thomas; Chaplain, Farrell Hinkle; and 3 Year trustee, James Grice. Congratulations.

Installation of Officers will be May 11, 2007 preceded with a catered dinner. Must have “head count” and names by May 6th. Members and families are invited. Call me, Nick at 634-4557 or Agnes at 634-8120.

The distribution of the Buddy Poppy is May 18th & 19th. Need volunteers to man the following store fronts: Safeway on 2nd Street, and Safeway on Balfour Rd, Brentwood, also Raley’s on Highway 4 Bypass, Brentwood.

It is our duty as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to conduct the distribution of Buddy Poppies. "To assist worthy Comrades, to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans." It will be greatly appreciated if you can spare a couple of hours or so. Call Nick at 634-4557 or Agnes Perkins at 634-8120 by May 14th, so that the schedule can be completed.

Reminder: May 28th is Memorial Day and as in the past years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary of Post #10789 will present a Memorial Day Program to honor the Veterans who have transferred to Post Everlasting. I would like to see a good attendance.

Commencing in our May 8th 2007 Meeting, the starting time will be 1900 hrs (7:00 PM). Hope to see a few more members attend. Nick

A Thought To Remember: The person who knows everything has a lot to learn.

Birthday Greetings for May:

Post: Jerry Sezar 5/4; Thomas White 5/5; Jayce Ny 5/7; Dale Marr 5/10; Michael Eliasson 5/15; Charles Clifton 5/15; Robert Albritton 5/25; Harold Wells 5/29; and Harold Adams 5/30.

Auxiliary: Janeth Gessler 5/2; Susan Worley 5/2; Dorothy Weeks 5/5; Chris Raymond 5/6; Elizabeth Ham 5/8; Darleen Boushach 5/18; Bonnie Lane 5/28; and Debra Reid 5/31.

Birthday Greeting For June:

Post: Curtis Shimer 6/10; John Edens Jr. 6/11; Dennis Brown 6/14; Charles White 6/14; Al Viens 6/16; Wayne Johns 6/17; Darrell Sanders 6/21; and John Loughley 6/30.

Auxiliary: Jan Reis 6/3; Sherri Ayers 6/3; Carmen Busing 6/3; Ann Marie Wright 6/5; Grace Pannell 6/8; Katherine Martin 6/9; Valerie Nyser 6/14; Barbara Alexander 6/19; Dorothy Walter 6/23; and Susan Perkins 6/25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL! Sorry if we missed anyone (Please let us know so our records will be current and correct).

Belated Birthday Greetings to Janice Rix 4/12 – Happy Birthday.

Presidents Corner

Paulette Cooper



Spring has sprung. I hope this issue of the Newsletter finds everyone able to enjoy the sunshine and lovely weather we are having. That leads me to what is on the horizon for the Ladies Auxiliary. Our last meeting, on April 9th was held at the Brentwood Café. We were able to meet in a private room, enjoy a lunch together and some conversation. It was a great

opportunity for me to talk to those of you who were there and for all of us to have some time to visit one another and still get to business. We plan to have a meeting at the Brentwood Café every quarter with the next meeting to be held there in July and October of this year. Come join us for one of our Lunch and Business Meetings. That leads me to the next issue at hand.

I realize that many of you who do not attend our meetings held the 2nd Monday of the month at 1 PM probably can't because you may have work issues and are only able to attend a meeting in the evening. I would like to try an evening meeting in the summer months since it stays lighter in the summer and would hopefully still enable those who do not drive at night to still come to a meeting. I am interested in having an evening meeting in August at 7 PM. I would love some feedback so I can get the date set with the hall. I would also like to see if we could have some goodies after the meeting. Please email me at dncoper@comcast.net to let me know how many of you ladies could come to an evening meeting.

There is a great need for volunteers for our upcoming events. We really need everyone who is able to step up and help this year with our Poppy Days which are May 18th and May 19th. Usually there are the loyal few who man our stations at local grocery stores and often do more than one shift. It would be great to have those of you who are not able to attend meetings to come out for one of those shifts and participate. We have chairs and cover from the sun for those of you who need that and we would love to see you.

Another important date coming up is the Brentwood Cornfest which is July 13th, 14th, and 15th. We need volunteers to help us man our Corn and Beer Booths. Please set these dates aside and once again contact me, Paulette, Agnes, or Commander Nick for a day you are available.

There will be a phone tree activated by one of our phone tree committee members. Thanks in advance for their dedication to getting the word out. We hope to see you at our May 11th Installation Social and to meet our new members and Officers. Our Officers are: President Paulette Copper; Sr. Vice President Elizabeth Bergman; Jr. Vice President Joan Ortiz; Secretary Shirley Tilton; Treasurer Agnes Perkins; Chaplain Joan Ortiz; Conductress Chris Raymond; Guard Lucy Colao; Patriotic Instructor Dava LaRue; Historian Betty Ham; Trustees are 1st Year Dorothy Walter; 2nd Year Betty Ham; and 3rd Year Elizabeth Bergman

Paulette

The following events are scheduled in the next Few Months:

- May 8th Post Meeting @ 7:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Hall
- May 11th Installation Social at Veterans Memorial Hall, Happy Hour at 6 pm and Dinner at 7pm. Must Call for reservation by May 6th.
- May 14th Auxiliary Meeting at 1PM at Veterans Memorial Hall
- May 18th & May 19th Poppy Distribution Days – See message in Newsletter
- May 27th District Meeting in Antioch at 817 Fulton Shipyard Road
- May 28th Memorial Day Service at Brentwood Cemetery.