

# WAZZUP!

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The Post uses many forms of communication for your convenience. Besides our newsletter we have a Facebook page: [Fraser Cpl. Neil W Reid VFW Post 6691](#), a website [vfw6691.org](http://vfw6691.org), the clubroom kiosk and an email fanout.

**Fall 2019!** Commander Hogan has once again asked me to put together a summary for the post newsletter in order to better inform the membership regarding past, current and upcoming events that I am aware of. In order to keep it short I continue to highlight items in bullet form.

## **PINE RIDGE OF GARFIELD VETERANS WALL**

On September 5th the Pine Ridge of Garfield management invited post members to attend the unveiling of their Veterans Wall. John Gammicchia has been instrumental in honoring and recognizing our senior veterans for many years. The Post had a great turn out and the C&G News featured a story on this event.

## **1939 MICHIGAN WAR MEMORIAL**

The obelisk that stands at the former Michigan State Fairgrounds is to be disassembled and moved eventually to Milliken State Park on the Detroit River. The post-WWI and pre-WWII memorial bears plaques from VSO's all over the State. It is very poor condition and must be relocated. Thus far \$200,000 has been raised toward the \$600,000 needed to make this happen. VFW Post 6691 has donated \$1000 toward the project and challenges patriotic organizations across the state to match, exceed or at least contribute to this cause. A rally was held on September 16 to bring attention to this need. Post 6691 members Bill Hitzelberger, Mike Sand and Paul Palazzolo were in attendance.

## **FRASER OPEN HOUSE, FARMERS MARKET AND CITY FAIR**

Saturday, October 5, the 31st Fraser Fire Fighter Open House/Farmers Market/City Fair was held at City Hall. The Post and its Auxiliary acquired a booth in order to solicit members, sell "Friends and Families Path of Honor" bricks, and promote the Post. Representatives from the Macomb County SWAT Team, the Selfridge USMC Detachment and Greg Plouff's 1962 Jeep CJ5 were on display on behalf of the post. Special thanks to those who volunteered.

## **FLAGPOLE DEDICATION**

Post members; John Gammicchia, Paul Schoonover, Greg Plouff, Jim English and Russ Pierce participated in a dedication ceremony held at the Saint John the Apostle Anglican Church in Clinton Township on October 5th. The flagpole was donated by the Alexander Macomb Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution and the flag was raised by the post contingent. John gave a patriotic speech on behalf of the post as well. Note that the Post's "spaghetti dinner" team provides a special dinner for the homeless in the area the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

## **AUXILIARY CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, October 5 the Auxiliary hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> annual corn hole tournament. The event was a huge success. Cash prizes were awarded for the first three places, a 50/50 raffle was held and food and beverages were sold. Proceeds go towards a much-needed new Fraser Auxiliary Banner.

## **FRIENDS AND FAMILIES PATH OF HONOR**

Six additional bricks have been added to the path. Winter is quickly approaching so new orders need to be placed soon. Friends and Families Path of Honor order forms are available through the post by calling 586-294-1450 or on-line at: [rsandman1968@gmail.com](mailto:rsandman1968@gmail.com) . Bricks are 4 x 8 at \$100 and 8 x 8 at \$150. Forms are available in the clubroom.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE and FYI NOTES**

Just a few of the projects and goals achieved and set in place thanks to the house committee:

- A flyer distribution box was placed at the Friends and Families Path of Honor for those interested in acquiring a brick.
- The House Committee is looking into ways to improve post operations and raise funds to maintain operations.
- Jan and "Skinny" Gerebics have retired and our new hall manager, Eric Breese is learning the "ropes" and doing a fine job thus far.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who make repairs, work the clubroom and hall, support the spaghetti dinner and much more.

## **SICK CALL**

Thoughts and prayers for the following as well as others who may be experiencing personal issues at this time:

Bob Bianco – He expects to return home on October 19 after months of extensive rehab.

The long-time general manager of Fraser Automotive, Chuck Chronowski and a good friend of Post 6691 was killed in a freak motorcycle accident on September 24. A "Celebration of Life" was held at Infinity Hall on October 5. Mike Sand and Commander John Hogan attended the eulogy to pay respects and represent the Post.

## **HALLOWEEN SCARYOKE**

Frank Scalabrino is putting together a fun Halloween event called "Scary-Oke" which will be held in the clubroom at 8 PM on Saturday, October 26. Bring your singing voice and a friend or more. Costumes welcome!

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

More decorated vehicles are needed for the Trunk or Treat held to be held at 1 PM until 4 PM October 26th! If you can bring your decorated vehicle contact Shannon Tennant or Michelle Brzuszek (Auxiliary Youth Chairperson) on Facebook Messenger or (810) 765-4735