

**Officers Lititz Springs VFW Post 1463 2009-2010**

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2 Year	Karl Spidel
1 Year	Jack Boas

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President	Ron Zunich
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Trustees:	Barb Repp
	Janet Getz
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**Activity Committee 2009-2010**

President	Ed Orrison
Vice President	Joel Ellis
Secretary	Chris Caruthers
Treasurer	Laurie Kear

## **Calendar of Events**

### **JANUARY**

Fri., Jan. 1 – New Membership Opens  
Pork & Sauerkraut served from 1 to 4 p.m.  
No evening kitchen hours

Sun., Jan. 3 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon

Thurs., Jan. 7 – Post & Canteen Meeting – 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 8 – BAND – “Strange Eden” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 9 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 12 – Activity Committee Meeting – 6 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 15 – BAND – “Workin’ Dawgs” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 16 – BAND “Mad Hatters” 8:30 to 12:30

Sun., Jan. 17 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon

Mon., Jan. 18 – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 22 – BAND – “Triple Shot” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 23 – Open Jukebox – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 29 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 30 – BAND – “Kracker Bros.” – 8:30 – 12:30

Sun., Jan. 31 – Cabin Fever Party 1 to 6 p.m. Band “Roadsters Two”

### **FEBRUARY**

Thurs., Feb. 4 – Post & Canteen Meeting – 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 5 – BAND – “Southstreet” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 6 – Open Jukebox – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 7 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon

Sun., Feb. 7 – Superbowl Party.....

Tues., Feb. 9 – Activity Committee Meeting – 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 12 – BAND – “Vertigo Vibe” – 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 13 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 15 – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 19 – BAND – Underground Hotel – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 20 – Open Jukebox - 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 21 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon

Fri., Feb. 26 – DJ Dan – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 27 – BAND – “Roadsters Two” 8:30 – 12:30

## MARCH

Thurs., Mar. 4 – Post & Canteen Meeting – 7 p.m.  
Fri., Mar. 5 – BAND – “Strange Eden” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sat. Mar. 6 – Open Jukebox – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sun., Mar. 7 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon  
Tues., Mar. 9 – Activity Committee Meeting – 6 p.m.  
Fri., Mar. 12 – BAND – “Triple Shot” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sat., Mar. 13 – Ham Raffle – 1 to 5 p.m. Must have ticket. No Kitchen Hours  
Mon., Mar. 15 – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
Wed., Mar. 17 – Trivia AND Corned Beef & Cabbage!!  
Fri., Mar. 19 – BAND – Mad Hatters – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sat., Mar. 20 – BAND – “Kracker Bros” – 8:30 to 12:30  
Sun., Mar. 21 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon  
Fri., Mar. 26 – BAND – “Workin’ Dawgs” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sat. Mar. 27 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Happy New Year! I look forward to another exciting year working on behalf of our Post, our veterans and those currently serving. Our post contributed very generously to various veterans' causes and community projects over the past year. Your support and patronage enables us to help many deserving programs. Thank you.

Unfortunately, Scotland School was closed in spite of efforts by veterans throughout Pennsylvania. It was the last of its kind, and we are so very sorry it no longer exists. We need more veterans' benefits, not less.

In the last part of 2009, the members of the Post participated in numerous veterans' and community events. To honor veterans on Veterans Day, members of our post attended several events. Patriotic instructor, Anne Loechner, spoke to children at Kissel Hill Elementary School about the sacrifices that all veterans have made for our country. Anne also spoke at the United Zion Retirement Home honoring veterans there as well. Tom Tedrow's presentation at Carter MacRae was well-received by the students. The Manheim Township High School Band performed a concert honoring all veterans. Their selections included the service songs of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Dick Getz, Ron Tropasso and I then judged essays in "Does America Still Have Heroes?" the Voice of Democracy contest at Manheim Township High School. The VFW Post winner will now compete at the VFW district level. This is a prestigious program in which the VFW offers scholarships to the winning entries.

The activity committee continues to present successful events such as a new Yard Sale, our annual Turkey Raffle and, of course, weekly Bingo. Thank you for supporting all their projects. The proceeds of the activity committee are also donated to veterans' causes as well as community projects. The activity committee does so well due to everyone's hard work, dedication, and all who participate in the fun. If you would like to join the activity committee, the meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, come join us.

The Ladies Auxiliary has had new fundraisers with their original raffles and a very successful bake sale; they thank you for your support. We look forward to more innovative ideas from the Ladies Auxiliary!

Remember to thank our Stars and Stripes Café and canteen staff for the great job they do.

So, on to the New Year! Remember to visit a veteran at home, in a retirement community, or at a VA Hospital. Say a prayer for our troops overseas and at home.

God Bless America!

Respectfully,  
God Bless America

Respectfully,

Joel Ellis

**President's Message:**

Fellow Patrons,

Let me begin my saying all the officers and myself wish you a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our club in 2010. Our manager Annie has told me she will have another year filled with lots of fun activities.

- Patron members may bring two (2) guests into canteen – these guests must become a member after two (2) visits unless membership is closed.
- Active and Auxiliary members are permitted (4) guests for each member.
- Guests must sign guest book.
- Guests may not buy any alcoholic beverages – member must furnish funds for such
- Guest may gamble at their own expense
- Guests must enter canteen with a member.
- Guests must leave when the sponsoring member leaves.
- Your signed 2010-membership card is the only valid proof of your membership. Nothing else is acceptable.

**I thank all of you for supporting your club. I look forward to another great year!**

**Respectfully,**  
**Ron Zunich**

**From The Office:**

Let's start with the "Daily Book" and some of the questions that were raised during the recent run up of the prize money.

**Question:** When is the drawing held? The drawing is held at night with several club members present to witness the event. The drawing is never held unless several witness's are present!

**Question:** When I sign the book what day am I eligible for the drawing? You are eligible for the drawing that is held the following evening. Example: When you sign the book Tuesday, that drawing is held Wednesday night. When you sign the book Friday, that drawing is held Saturday night.

While on the subject of drawings. Did you know that the Monday Madness prize money is generated from the proceeds of the 50 / 50 drawing? I bring this up to enlighten you that without your support of the 50 / 50 drawing, the Monday Madness prize money will evaporate. If you wish to continue the Monday Madness in its present format your support of the 50 / 50 drawing is vital.

Thanks to all who renewed their 2010 dues before the cutoff date. As you know, membership is not a right, it is a privilege. Renewing on time guaranteed that privilege. For those who did not renew, your membership number has been assigned to a new patron member. Former patron members who choose to renew their membership after January 1, 2010 must start at the beginning by applying for a new membership. Dues for former members are \$30. Twenty (\$20) for membership and ten (\$10) for a new key card. Membership is not guaranteed but based on availability.

Thank you for your cooperation observing the rules of the club. One rule, that applies to all of us, is that you must have on your person your signed 2010-membership card whenever you are on the premises. This rule applies to active, auxiliary and patron memberships. Your card must be presented to the bar server upon entry, please do so cheerfully. You must understand that this is a rule of the Liquor Control Board and we must enforce it! **YOUR KEY CARD IS NOT PROOF OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

Please cooperate with our bar servers at all times. They are here to serve you in a pleasant and courteous manner. You should return the same courtesies to them. Patience and politeness must be practiced on both sides of the bar.

Respectfully Yours,

John Z.

## Veterans News

**Bad News:** We are all aware of the circus in Harrisburg called “passing the budget”. After months of negotiations the veterans of Pennsylvania were targeted and benefits veterans had for many years were sacrificed for political greed. Two important programs were cut. Operations at the Scotland School for veteran’s children were suspended. The Commonwealth established this school in 1895 when all facilities for Civil War veteran’s children were consolidated on this site. The school has been a success with many of the graduates going on to college or to enter the military. The second slap in the veteran’s faces was the closing of five Governor’s Veterans Outreach and Assistance Centers. The federally funded, 29-year-old program has offices in Harrisburg, Boyertown, Erie, Greensburg, and West Pittston. These centers helped predominantly older veterans who reside in rural areas apply for disability compensation, pensions and health care. Many are older veterans who fought in World War II or the Korean War. Because of their age and immobility they require personal assistance to obtain benefits they are entitled to. Now the bureaucrats have taken this personal service away from them. With the current conflicts raging in Iraq and Afghanistan is this the right time to reduce established veterans programs? I don’t know about you but I’m angry about the veteran’s budget being cut whenever money is short. The only things the politicians pay attention to are the cash rich special interest groups or ANGRY VOTERS! Tell them that if they continue to reduce the veteran’s budget then maybe, they will find themselves out of a job. I urge all of you to unite and speak out in a loud and clear voice. I intend to let our state representative and senators know how I feel and I urge you to do the same!

**Good News:** I read in the newspaper about a special veteran benefit titled “Aid and Attendance Pension”. According to the article it is a pension that is not dependent upon service related injuries. To be eligible the applicant must have an honorable discharge, be a wartime veteran with 90 days of active service, with 1 day beginning or ending in a period of war. The veteran must be disabled, blind or in need of care. The surviving spouse of the veteran may also apply for this benefit. More information is available online at: [www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension). You can also contact your local VA service representative (see below) for more information.

Dan Tooth is the veteran’s affairs representative for Lancaster County. His mission is to improve the quality of life for Lancaster County veterans and their families. His office is located at 150 N. Queen St., Suite 101, Lancaster, PA 17603. His phone # is 717-299-7920.

May God Bless America and all those who preserve our freedoms.

Respectfully Yours,

John Z

**Ladies Auxiliary Message:**

I hope everyone had good holidays! It's the start of a new year and the Auxiliary would like to see more members at our meetings. They are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Make sure your 2010 dues are paid. For those who think you may be eligible to join the auxiliary, please speak to one of our officers for information. Also, don't forget about Life Memberships, once you become a life member you no longer have to remember to renew every year. See me or the treasurer, Kathy Wiker, for more information. We are always glad to answer any questions.

Thanks to all the auxiliary members who help with the selling of meat trays on Monday nights. You are all doing a great job. A special thanks to all the club members who buy the chances. I hope you enjoy your winnings.

I also want to mention we have made a few flag presentations to the retirement homes in Lititz the past couple of months. The girls do a tremendous job. We thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Ulrich,  
Auxiliary President

## **ANNIE'S CORNER**

Happy New Year!! A big thank you goes out to everyone that brought in a special ornament for our Christmas tree in memory of "Sarge" Leroy Whitman. I think it ended up being absolutely beautiful and I also think he would have been very proud!

Don't forget – new patron membership opens up January 1. It fills up very quickly. Tell your friends, because anyone that was a guest last year can not be a guest again this year. They must join as a member. Membership cost is \$20.

Our club is a member of the Alert Cab Program. This program is sponsored through Budweiser and is meant to be used to get people home safely. We do not want you to drive home if you've had too much to drink. When the bartenders ask you if you want them to call you a cab please reconsider. It is not a program that you can use every time you come out but on those certain occasions we urge you to take advantage of it.

There will be one members number hidden somewhere throughout the pages. If you find it and it is your number, let me know and you will win \$25.00! It will clearly say Member # - followed by the number that was pulled prior to writing this newsletter. It will not be part of a date or phone number. You have until Jan. 31, 2010 to claim your prize if it is your number in this newsletter. Unfortunately the last 3 newsletters the winners were not claimed – they were in order, #603 – Stacy Lattanze, #338 – Thomas Pardue & #457 - Michael Musser. Sorry you guys – you should start reading your newsletters!!

There is a lot of good stuff coming up. I have some new bands again and we're having a Cabin Fever party that will be held on Sun., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no football or Nascar that day and nothing else to do but listen to good music & dance the day away!! The party starts at 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. and I have hired a band called "Roadsters Two". They do a lot of oldies & sound like a lot of fun. They will also be here in Feb. and April. Another new band is called "Strange Eden" and from what I've heard they are also very good. They will be here in January & March. The Mad Hatters, Workin' Dawgs, Kracker Bros., Southstreet, Vertigo Vibe, Underground Hotel & Triple Shot will also be back so check the Calendar of Events. Everything is also listed on our website [lititzvfw.com](http://lititzvfw.com).

See you at the club!! Annie

## **ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**

Happy New Year to everyone! It's hard to imagine another year has gone by so quickly. We welcome the New Year 2010 and the many fun events we have planned for the club. The Activity Committee invites you to join us the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 in the back room. Start the New Year out by becoming involved in your club! We have some fun events for the year in the planning and always welcome new ideas.

The annual turkey raffle was a success! Everyone had a great time and several lucky winners went home with Turkeys for the Holiday. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the event!

Our first event for this year is the annual Super Bowl party in February. Come out and join the fun and cheer for your favorite team with fellow club members. Our second event is the annual Ham Raffle which will be held on Sat., March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Something new has been added to our Bingo nights – a progressive jackpot. Come out & play and see why we have donated over \$60,000 to a multitude of veteran organizations & other charitable organizations.

## **STARS & STRIPES CAFÉ**

Friday, New Year's Day we will be serving Pork & Sauerkraut from 1 to 4 p.m. but we will not have our evening hours. There is a sign up sheet at the bulletin board to give me an idea of how many are attending. Look for our Valentine's Day Special Fri. & Sat., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. The kitchen will be closed on Sat. March 13 due to the Ham Raffle. Once again we will have the traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day, along with Trivia Wed., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>.

You can go online to see what our specials are going to be for each night of the week. Our new website is: [lititzvfw.com](http://lititzvfw.com) and **look under the kitchen**.

Remember that you must sign in any guests you bring in. Even for breakfast and even when there is no alcohol involved. This is because we are no longer open to the public due to the new smoking laws. So the only way a non-member can be in the club eating or otherwise is to be signed in by a member.

Once again we appreciate your patronage and hope you are all enjoying the food.

Gladys "Louie" Schaeffer

WINTER HOURS: Mondays 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Fridays & Saturdays 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for Breakfast 9 a.m. – noon

