

## V.F.W. OBJECTIVES

- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.



## GRANITE POST 428

### Meeting

2nd Tuesday of month – 7:00 p.m.

### Club Hours

Mon-Sat: 10 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Sunday: Noon-10 p.m.

**9 18th Avenue North  
St. Cloud, Minnesota  
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# The GRANITE POST

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## Are You Ready for Some Snow Yet?

What a winter! Trucks through the ice, open water in February, cars starting without dead batteries and now Spring nearly here. My wife is especially happy about the winter we have experienced, but farmers certainly need the moisture of more snow, and my new snow blower is whining about not being used. I hope that we don't start looking like some of the lakes in Texas. I'm OK with some record snow in March because it's all downhill from here. Soon we will be complaining about mosquitoes.

I apologize for incorrectly reporting that our February VFW District meeting was in Wadena but seven of us did make the meeting at the Sauk Rapids VFW. I will have to miss Loyalty Days on April 28th in Wadena because of our Honor Flight trip that same day, but I am looking forward to going back to Wadena as their guest speaker for Memorial Day.

Just a reminder that Post and Auxiliary elections are coming up on April 10th, and I expect a good turnout that night. If interested in running for an office or committee position, please make sure that you let us know during the March 13th meeting. Our membership is still down and you must be current in order to be considered for election.

Get ready for more political attack ads as the primaries continue and we select our candidates for the election in November. The Minnesota Legislature has already started, and things look promising regarding veterans issues. Please thank Al Hertling for keeping us up to date.

I received a note in my Commander's box last month from a post member living in Colorado who read my newsletter article and stopped by the post to have a couple of drinks on his way through town. Thanks!

This Spring and Summer are looking busy again with teaching at SCSU, our annual Freedom Flight/Honor Flight fundraiser on March 31st, preparing for Memorial Day, heading to Rochester for the State Convention in June and then to Reno in July for the VFW National Convention, where I

should be elected as your VFW Surgeon General for 2012-2013. Throw in a few balloon trips including our Cootie sponsored trip to the VFW Children's Home on May 18th, taking my 89-year-old father fishing in Canada, attending some fundraisers and my calendar is nearly full.

Thank you for what you do for the VFW and Auxiliary. I hope to see you around the Post. Please call me if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Jim Tuorila, Commander



### North Star Lodge #23 – St. Cloud Masons Sponsors

Fund Raiser Event at  
Pizza Ranch  
110 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S  
Waite Park, MN  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Freedom Flight, Inc. St. Cloud, MN to help sponsor the April 28, 2012, Freedom Honor Flight for WWII Veterans. Matching Funds by Minnesota Masonic Charities will be requested.

When ordering your meals you must inform Pizza Ranch employee you are there for the North Star Lodge #23 Freedom Flight Fund Raiser Event. Carry outs/deliveries during event times will be honored. Coupons, senior discounts, or specials cannot be used for this event. Pizza Ranch donates 25% of the undiscounted meal purchase and 100% of tips from participants for the event.

Freedom Flight, Inc. out of St. Cloud, MN has been sponsoring Honor Flights to fly World War II Veterans to Washington DC, to visit their WWII Memorial since 2009.



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Age	Granite Post	Age	Auxiliary
Through 30	\$425	Through 20	\$220
31-40	\$410	21-25	\$210
41-50	\$375	26-30	\$200
51-60	\$335	31-35	\$190
61-70	\$290	36-40	\$185
71-80	\$225	41-45	\$175
81 & over	\$170	46-50	\$170
		51-55	\$160
		56-60	\$150
		61-65	\$140
		66-70	\$130
		71-75	\$115
		76-80	\$ 95
		81-85	\$ 75
		86-90	\$ 60
		91 & over	\$ 50

Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st, or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before December 31st of the current calendar year shall pay only the fee that would be required on his or her next birthday.

## TAPS

Jeremiah J. O'Driscoll  
Born 3-30-36; Died 1-30-12

### FWV 428 Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner & Auction Event

March 10, 2012

Starts at 4:00 p.m.

Cost – \$6.00 per person

Silent Auction: 4:30–7:30 p.m.

Live Auction: 8 p.m.

Live Music by

Rollie and Mr. Nashville

FWV Post 428  
9 North 18th Avenue  
Saint Cloud, Minnesota

Benefit for Troop Care Package  
Project and Emergency Help Fund  
for Troop Families

## TROOP CARE PACKAGES

Thank you, each and every one of our troops, veterans and their families for all you are doing and have done for the American people. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to the following donors the past two months: Lou Kozak, Auxiliary 428, Duell Lions, Cash Wise Foods, two anonymous donors, and everyone who donated to the Adopted Troop Families' Christmas, and the Granite Post 428 for paying the postage.

The Auxiliary Troop Care Package / Family Emergency Fundraiser is March 10th at the VFW Granite Post 428. We need everyone's support to keep this project going. Tickets for the dinner are now being sold by Auxiliary members and at the Post 428 bar.

We receive many thank you notes from the Troops—stop in at VFW 428 and read the letters and cards.

Please take a minute out of your busy day to pray for our troops (over serving), veterans, POW-MIA, and their families.

*Got Freedom—Thank a Soldier*  
Becky Carlson, Project Chair  
320-656-0391

# COMMANDER'S COLUMN

I would like everyone to please notice the disgusting and shameful ad Veterans for Weed are using to promote the legalization of marijuana. I have always felt strongly about the use of "pot," especially by teenagers and I have witnessed firsthand the destroyed lives that chronic marijuana use has caused or contributed to. Now, to take the honored POW-MIA logo that has been used for over 40 years and is honored by thousands of family members, veterans and advocates is simply unforgivable. It is a slap in the face to the National League of Families, National Alliance of Families, Rolling Thunder, Freedom Flight, various veterans' organizations and every former POW and those still missing or held captive. Distorting the highly respected and nationwide displayed POW-MIA logo is not the answer. If you agree than send an email to [theveteransforweed.com](http://theveteransforweed.com) website and tell them how you feel about their campaign.

Thank you to everyone who has been making an effort to participate in club functions, especially the Friday night meat raffle, fundraisers and other VFW or Auxiliary events. It is making a difference. We are still planning or replacing or repairing some kitchen items which would

improve our ability to cook broasted chicken again and correct some oven baking problems.

We have several activities coming up, including our troop package fundraiser on March 10th and the Freedom Flight/Honor Flight Steak dinner, silent & live auction event on March 31st. I hope to see many of you there. There will also be a Freedom Flight fundraiser on Wednesday, March 7th, at the Pizza Ranch in Waite Park from 5-8 p.m.

We are still looking for a few WWII or Korean War vets to go on our next Honor Flight on April 28th out of St Cloud. Please call 320-253-4321 ASAP if interested.

Jim Tuorila, Commander, VFW Granite Post #428



## AUXILIARY COLUMN

Special Greetings, Auxiliary Sisters,

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. I sure hope everyone is having a good winter. The weather is unbelievable, but we all know it's not over yet.

Annual members who have not paid your dues, as of now, your cancer grant through National is void; you need to pay your dues in order to have the cancer coverage. Stay current and continuous. If anyone needs the cancer grant papers, please contact Diane Roering at 320-253-4556. All current paid members Annual and Life are eligible for cancer grants through National; it is included in your dues—there is no additional cost.

Thank you to each and every Auxiliary member who helped make the Tyler Burdick Family Fundraiser a great heartfelt success on January 28th. I was very proud of the way the Auxiliary members and Sal came together and the great job of cooking, serving and cleaning in the kitchen and dish room.

Thank you, Jackie anderson, for the great job arranging and setting up the V. A. Sew-In January 28th. A great success—25 quilt tops were put together. Good job!

Has everyone sold the fire pit tickets? The raffle is March 10th at the Troop Care Package Fundraiser.

Upcoming Events:

**Troop Care Package/Family Emergency**

**Fundraiser** – March 10. Spaghetti Dinner (\$6) 4:00–7:00 p.m. Silent Auction 4–7:00 p.m. & Live Auction 8:00 p.m. Live Country Music by Rollie and Mr. Nashville. Currently we are still sending 20 Care Packages monthly, and 60 in December. We also adopted three families (at Christmas) of deployed soldiers overseas defending our country. They are there for us—we should be here March 10th for them. We are accepting donations for the auctions. Come enjoy yourselves and support the Troops and their families all at once.

**Quilt Tieg Day** – March 24th at Post 4847, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Your help is needed.

**Loyalty Day** – April 27th & 28th at Wadena.

**Poppy Days** – May 4th & 5th. Volunteers needed. Contact Commander Jim Tuorila.

We would like you to join us, when you can, for our regular monthly meeting at Granite Post 428, Upper Level, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

I would like to wish each and everyone a very Happy Easter.

*Got Freedom—Thank a Soldier*  
Becky Carlson, President, 320-656-0391

**St. Patrick's Day  
Party**

# COMING EVENTS

**Meat Raffle  
Every Friday  
5:30 p.m.**

## MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>March 11 – Daylight Saving Time begins</b> <b>March 17 – St. Patrick's Day</b>			<b>1</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>2</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 Karaoke	<b>3</b> Texas Hold'em 5:30
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Club Committee 4:30 pm	<b>6</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm <b>Tuesday Special</b>	<b>7</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>8</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Mens Auxiliary 7 pm Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>9</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 Karaoke	<b>10</b> Troop Care Package Fundraiser
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Granite Post 428 & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm <b>Tuesday Special</b>	<b>14</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>15</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>16</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 Karaoke	<b>17</b> Texas Hold'em 5:30 St. Patrick's Day Party
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 <b>Tuesday Special</b>	<b>21</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>22</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>23</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 Karaoke	<b>24</b> Texas Hold'em 5:30
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 <b>Tuesday Special</b>	<b>28</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>29</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>30</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 Karaoke	<b>31</b> Freedom Flight Annual Fundraiser

## APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Club Committee 4:30 pm	<b>3</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm	<b>4</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>5</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>6</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 7:00 Bingo Karaoke	<b>7</b> Texas Hold'em 5:30
<b>8</b> Easter Club Closed	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Granite Post 428 & Auxiliary Elections Meeting 7:00 pm <b>Tuesday Special</b>	<b>11</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 Cribbage 7 pm	<b>12</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 1:00 Cribbage Mens Auxiliary 7 pm Texas Hold 'em 6:30	<b>13</b> Soup & Grill 11-2 / 5-9 7:00 Bingo Karaoke	<b>14</b> Texas Hold'em 5:30
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 <b>April 1 – Palm Sunday</b> <b>April 8 – Easter</b> <b>April 10 – Post &amp; Auxiliary Elections</b> <b>April 28 – Loyalty Day</b>				



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## March/April 2012

<h1>Late Night Drink Specials</h1> <p><b>Special Changes Daily</b></p>	<h1>Wednesday Night Rib Special</h1> <p><b>5-8 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>1/2 Rack \$7.50 Full Rack \$12.00</b></p>
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The POW/MIA Honor Roll Edition Team presents the

## FREEDOM FLIGHT & HONOR FLIGHT

Fundraiser, Raffle & Steak Fry

Sat., March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

4:00pm - 12:30am  
VFW - Granite Post 428  
9 - 18th Ave. No. St. Cloud, MN  
320-654-1156

Dinner Tickets \$15 at the door  
In Advance \$12 (call Luke 654-1156)  
Raffle Tickets \$10

**Steak Dinner 4-8 p.m.**  
**Silent Auction 4-8 p.m.**  
**Live Auction 9 p.m.**  
**Raffle Drawing 10:30 p.m.**

Also Prize Boards and great door prizes including a Freedom Flight Hot Air Balloon ride for two (value \$500)

Live Entertainment  
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

320-654-1156  
www.freedomflight.org

★★ BINGO ★★

Come and play some Bingo at your club.

**All cash prizes \$50 to \$1000**

**Friday**

7:00 Early Birds and the regular session starts at 7:30

Our kitchen is open for those of you who would like to eat.

**We have a great Grill Menu!**

## TUESDAY SPECIALS

Domestic Pitcher Beer and Pound of Chicken Wings  
**\$8.00**

**\$1 Buck Burgers**  
5-8 p.m.

## Texas Hold'em

Thursdays – 6:30 p.m.  
Saturdays – 5:30 p.m.

Prizes Cash & Coupons

## Support

**Granite Post 428 activities.**

## DAILY LUNCH SPECIAL

**Tuesday – Friday**

## NORTH COUNTRY KARAOKE AND DJ

**Every Friday 8-midnight**

Granite Post 428 is available for meetings, showers, weddings, funerals, parties, reunions, etc.

Call 251-9951 to make a reservation. Or visit us online at [www.vfw428.org](http://www.vfw428.org).

