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Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be on **Thursday, December 1, 2016**.
Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

- **Entertainment Night Featuring Dueling Pianos:** We have booked an extremely entertaining Dueling Pianos act that is sure to keep everyone dancing, singing, and laughing all night long! The event will be on **Saturday, December 3** starting at 8 PM (doors open at 7 PM); admission will be \$25 per person. I strongly encourage everyone to buy a ticket for this fun event, and to share word of it with your family and friends. The last few events organized by Adjutant McNeil and his family have *each* raised several *thousand* dollars for our relief fund, which of course goes to support our own members in their times of need – each ticket sold contributes money that goes a long way to our brethren. For tickets, please contact Adjutant Ronnie McNeil at 617-823-1325. Similarly, if you know of a business that would like to make a donation, please notify Adjutant McNeil.
- **Pearl Harbor Anniversary Observance:** On **Wednesday, December 7**, we will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with an observance at Wingate. All veterans, including and especially WWII veterans, are welcome to attend. Details will follow.

Commander's Comments: Thank you to everyone for volunteering for the multitude of events that our Post participated in this past month. Whether you helped set up, host, organize, cook, serve food, man the poppy drive tables, or even just showed up to boost our numbers, your service was noticed and appreciated. We were able to raise another substantial sum of money from the Poppy Drive, and we strengthened our bond with the town at our Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day events. However, I encourage all of our members to participate as much as possible and ease the burden on those who take on most of the load.

Quartermaster's Comments: Please verify that your membership card has not expired. If it has, please see Quartermaster Jeff Weller or mail in your check of \$35 for your annual dues to help our Post reach 100% membership.

Chaplain's Comments: Comrade Dan Keane is recovering from recent surgery; he is at the Brockton VA. His spirits will likely be lifted by holiday cards from his comrades at our Post, so please send one out if you are able. Please address all mail to:

Dan Keane
VA Medical Center, Building 4, Room 131B
940 Belmont St.
Brockton, MA 02301.

Comrade Kenneth Lorey has passed away; he was a WWII Army veteran who participated in the D-Day invasion. Thank you to everyone who attended his memorial service on short notice. Please make all efforts to attend these ceremonies, as it is important for us to honor our dead, plus the families of our departed comrades always are touched and impressed at our rituals.

Miscellaneous:

- Membership Cards: Please be sure to have your membership card on you when attending the monthly meetings. Per VFW rules, the Officer of the Day is required to verify all are entitled to remain. Expired memberships can exclude you from the meetings. See Quartermaster Jeff Weller for assistance with renewing your membership.

In Comradeship,

Rob Meltzer
Commander, VFW Post 2498