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Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be on **Thursday, August 4th 2016.**
Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Building Committee Nominations/Election: At the August meeting, we will be holding final nominations and elections for the building committee. We will elect five members. As we collectively agreed at the last meeting, voting will be conducted by way of anonymous written ballots. The five nominees who receive the most votes will be elected. Since the body agreed to stagger the terms, the two nominees who receive the most votes will be elected for three year terms, the two nominees who receive the third- and fourth-most votes will be elected for two year terms, and the nominee who receives the fifth-most votes will be elected for a one year term. In the years thereafter, each elected building committee nominee will be elected for a three year term. In this manner, we will have one or two building committee members elected each year, which will provide for continuity on the committee. Of course, when the by-laws are rewritten, this process can change. At this time, the following post members have been nominated for the building committee: Matt Ching, Kevin McGovern, Ken Greene, John Tedeschi, Lee Fabbri, Bill Burns, Bill Topham, and Henry Wheeler. If you think another member would be a good building committee member, please make sure you nominate them at the next meeting!

All-American Post: Congrats to the Post for officially reaching the esteemed status of "All-American." Post 2498 was one of only six posts in Massachusetts to reach this tough goal. We will have information available at the next meeting if anyone is interested in purchasing All-State white service covers or All-American embroidered ball caps. Great job to SVC Mike Raymond for all of his hard work last year in ensuring that we met every requirement and for recruiting so many new members.

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's Comments for more details.

Paraplegic Dinner: Our annual paraplegic dinner will be on Tuesday, August 23, 2016. The patients will arrive at about 4 PM, the meal will be served at 5 PM, and this will be followed by card games and entertainment until about 7:30 PM. This is a great event where we provide a night out for these disabled veterans, and this "veterans helping veterans" event is the epitome of why we exist as an organization. If you are available, please try to come out and assist either by helping Lenny and Kevin prep and serve the food, or help deal cards.

Commander's Comments: Comrades, I am looking forward to a great year ahead. I would like to make some capital improvements to our Post to save money on utilities, to bring us into the 21st century, and to make our building even more desirable to rent for functions. If you have any suggestions, even if they are minor beautification improvements, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention. Additionally, I would like to re-write our Post by-laws, which are very outdated. If you have any suggestions on changes to our by-laws, please also bring those to my attention. While every idea cannot be implemented, we can at least collectively decide on the ones best for our Post.

Quartermaster's Comments: We have begun the new fiscal year of 2016-17, please look at your membership cards to verify it hasn't expired. If it has, please see QM Jeff Weller or mail in your check of \$35 for your annual dues to help our post reach 100% membership two years in a row! This will also help our post become All-State two years in a row!

Chaplain's Comments: Thanks to all for honoring the memory of Comrade Russ Derenzo last week by showing up at his wake in blues and grays. The family was very appreciative. Please call Chaplain Tom Keating at 781-449-1146 if you know of a member who is ill or has died.

In Comradeship,
Rob Meltzer
Commander, VFW Post 2498