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THE VETS GAZETTE

Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades and Sisters,

We had a wonderful August and look forward to an even more successful September. In August we hosted weddings at the Arboretum and our Post (Congratulations to Sally and Jeff!), our annual Chicken and Corn Feed as well as the Post Picnic. We had a great time and had some great ideas on how to make them even better in 2012! Our banquet facilities are being utilized more than ever and I would like to thank all Post and Auxiliary members who work hard and put in the efforts to make these events memorable for our members.

September brings several happenings as well. We still have seats available for Firearms Safety Training and also have several special dinners in store; BBQ Rib Dinner, a Spaghetti fundraising dinner and the annual dinner for the WW II Last Man's Club. I am often approached by our members and am asked "how can I help?" We have numerous opportunities available for all to help. Something as simple as taking a bag of trash to the dumpster or offering to dispose of fluorescent light bulbs can be a great help. For those who are able to commit additional time, we are always looking for help during Wednesday evenings (kitchen help 4 hours), Friday night dinners (kitchen and dining room clean up, 2 hours) and Sunday breakfasts (clean up, 2 hours). I would like to thank all of our "regular" volunteers for their efforts and encourage others to come join the fun! We are also looking for a team of volunteers to help with our monthly kitchen top-to-bottom clean up on the last Sunday of the month at noon. A big thanks to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary who came out for the initial cleaning, they did a great job and because of their efforts it will be less of a chore in the future.

Our next post project is going to be a compilation of photos of our post and events over the years. If you have any contributions, please leave them with the bartenders. Photos will be scanned and returned to you promptly. We are also well on our way to having the funds necessary to bring our mug/pizza freezer up to code and encourage everyone to please keep dropping your spare change into our "Mug Jug".

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend and will see you at the POST!

Doug Host
Commander



Presidents Report

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

When you look at the calendar you can see the Club is busy. There is something happening 7 days a week. We still are in need of volunteers. If there is something you would like to lend a hand with, please call me at 828-9084 or call or stop by the Club. We are very appreciative of all who volunteer.

In upcoming events - the Fall Conference is September 16th-18th at VFW Post #4847 in St. Cloud if anyone would like to attend. Members in good standing may attend.

Firearm Safety Classes will start in September. At our Auxiliary meeting on September 13th we will have the annual audit of the books.

The DAV will have the drawing for the quilts at the VFW on September 2nd, at 12 noon.

At the August meeting the Auxiliary donated \$100.00 to the Brainerd Lakes Area Girls LaCrosse team.

Donations for the Pizza/Beer Mug Freezer are starting to add up. Thanks to all who donated money or baked goods.

Get well wishes to those who are ill and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Peggy Doust
Auxiliary President



Color Guard Report for VFW Post #1647

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| 1. Donald Schmidt's Funeral | 7/22/11 |
| 11 present / 2 hrs | |
| 2. Crow Wing County Fair Posting colors | 8/2/11 |
| 9 present / 2 hr | |
| 3. George Nelson's Burial | 8/8/11 |
| 12 present / 2 hrs | |
| 4. William Cooksey's Funeral | 8/11/11 |
| 9 present / 2 hrs | |
| 5. Danny Jessen's Funeral | 8/22/11 |
| 10 present / 2 hrs | |
| 6. Raymond Esperson's Burial | 8/22/11 |
| 10 present / 3 hrs | |

On September 1st we are now fall uniformed.

Thanks for the great turn outs!
Archie

Please contact the post if you have a change of address.

The Post Office does not forward the newsletter and there is postage charged for their return to the VFW. Let's keep our costs down. Remember, you can also get your newsletter online.

Attention Readers

Be sure to check out our book shelves for your reading pleasure. Also, please donate your used books for all others to enjoy prior to sending on to our Veterans. Two boxes of books have been taken down to the VA Hospital. We need to replenish our stock.



RIB DINNER

September 17th

social hour 5-6pm
dinner @ 6PM

\$8.00

Before we know it Veteran's Day will be here. Remember our Veterans with a visit or a card. There are several programs in our area to honor them. Try to attend them and thank them for their service. You'll be glad you did.

Remember to keep a record of what you have done for our Veterans and their families. Our hospital recognition awards are because of the information you sent to me.

Lucille Schellin

Thank you to the VFW Auxiliary members for the cards, phone calls and visits while Roy was in the hospital. He's getting better and hopefully will be out and about soon.

Roy & Lucille Schellin

RSVP - Friday Night Dinners

Friday Night Dinners have not been very well attended the past month or two so we would appreciate your making reservations so we know how much to plan for. Please call the Club after 3 p.m. by Thursday of each week. We appreciate everyone who comes and also those who help.

Thanks to all who attended the VFW Annual Picnic. We had great food for the potluck, nice weather and a good time was had by all.

NOW OPEN SUNDAYS!

Come join us on Sunday from 1200 – 1700. Basket Food Menu is available! Have any thoughts or ideas on what you would like to see for Sunday entertainment? E-mail them to ideas@brainerdvfw.com

Join us for

WILD WING WEDNESDAY

.50 ea

5:00 - 7:00pm

PIZZA FREEZER & MUG FROSTER

Please help us meet State requirements as we raise funds for a new Pizza Freezer & Mug Froster. You can help by just dropping your spare change in the large "Money Jug" next to the popcorn machine. The replacement unit will cost \$2,117.00. Thank you for your support.

HELP WANTED

Volunteer **dishwashers** and waitresses for the Sunday Breakfasts from 8 or 9 a.m. until 12:30 or 1 p.m. We need about 3 each breakfast so please give the Commander, Doug Host a call @ 349-1290 or the President, Peggy Doust @ 828-9084.

We would appreciate both Post and Auxiliary Members as this is a joint function.



BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

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WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

MON—FRI: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. • SAT: 1 p.m. to Close • SUN: Noon to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY: Bar Bingo & Food • 1 p.m.

***4th SUNDAY: Pancake Breakfast • 8 a.m. to noon • Adults \$7, Kids \$4**

MONDAY: \$3 Burger Baskets • 5—7 p.m.

TUESDAY: \$1.75 Tacos • 5 p.m. 'til Gone

THURSDAY: Dinner • 5:30 p.m. Call for menu/cost

FRIDAY: Basket Food • 4—8 p.m., Meat Raffles • 6 p.m.

Charitable Gambling Lic.# 00529

Weekly Drawing

Last month's winners were:

7/23 Bob Butler Burger Basket
 7/30 Mike Pikula Burger Basket
 8/6 Vern Skogen Burger Basket
 8/13 Hans Hanson Burger Basket
 8/20 Ranea Butala \$55.00

Be sure to enter the drawing each time you visit the club to increase your chances of winning. Be there on Saturday night to win cash if your name is drawn.

\$\$\$ VFW WEBSITE \$\$\$

Save your club money and have easy access to your monthly newsletter. Provide us with your email address, and we will send you an email when the new issue is ready. All you will need to do is click on the provided link and you will be connected directly to the VFW Post #1647 website. **CHECK IT OUT**

www.brainerdvfw.com

VFW Men's Auxiliary Update

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm and we encourage all of our members to attend with new ideas and input on what we can do to move this organization forward. Our number one item is **attendance** at our meetings. Please try to attend. We try to keep the meetings brief, so if you could please give an hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are planning a wedding or other event at the armory give us a call. We may be able to do the bar service. This is a good money maker for the Club. If interested, call the Club and leave a message, and we will get back to you.

Commander Doug

Keep Saving

Remember to save and turn in **postage stamps** that have been trimmed to 1/4" from the edge. Also we collect **Campbell's Soup labels** –the portion with the bar code and little man, **pop tabs** and **milk carton lids**. This is an easy way we can help.

Attention All Cribbage Players

We play cribbage at
6:00 pm every Tuesday.

Bring your cribbage board and come join the fun.
 Tacos are also available.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	2 Steak Dinner \$9.00 5:30pm till gone	3 Weekly Bar Drawing 7:00 pm
4 NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700 Elks Breakfast	5 Labor Day Closed NO BINGO	\$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	7 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm AmVets Mtg 1:00pm	8 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each Firearm Safety Class 6-9pm	9 Fish Fry Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	10 Weekly bar Drawing 7:00 pm
11 NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700 Eagle's Breakfast	12 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	13 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 pm \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	14 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	15 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each Firearm Safety Class 6-9pm DAV Meeting 7pm	16 Pork Chop Dinner \$8.00 5:30 pm till gone	17 Weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm BBQ RIB DINNER Social hour 5-6 Dinner 6:00PM \$8.00
18 VFW Breakfast \$6.00 8:00am - noon NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700	19 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	20 \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm Firearm Safety Class 6-9pm	21 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	22 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each Firearm Safety Class 6-9pm	23 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for pizza freezer and mug froster 5:30 pm till gone \$6.00	24 weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm WWII Last Man's Dinner Social @ 6pm Dinner @ 7pm
25 NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700 Legion Breakfast	26 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	27 \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm Firearm Safety Class 6-9pm	28 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	29	30 Hab & Crew 3 Meat Buffet Dinner \$9.00 5:30 pm till gone	