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# THE VETS GAZETTE

## Commander's Corner

Comrades –

What a great time our Post had in July. Our Post and Auxiliary Color Guards represented us fantastically in several area parades. We led parades in Brainerd, Crosby, Pillager and others just to name a few. For those members that were able to come out and support us, I thank you. For those not able to attend any of the parades, you missed a really fine time. The weather was great and our local populace really enjoyed and appreciated what we were able to do for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I received many great comments from young and old alike and look forward to making next year an even better event.

Your post also hosted several parties and meetings for our members. With all the birthday parties, reunions and various chapter meetings utilizing our facilities there is something exciting going on most every night. Come on in and have some fun! We have some really fun events planned for August. Look for our annual chicken and corn feed as well as our annual picnic. Check the calendar for details.

We are also progressing on our hallway and entrance renovations and look forward to wrapping up in the next couple of weeks, if you would like to help with the carpentry or tile installation please let me know.

If you are looking for something new and different for eating out during the week, I invite you to come out to your post on Wednesdays for our new Wicked Chicken Wing special, just .50 cents each. I believe you will not find a better tasting wing in town and at a great value!

One other new development is that we are now open on Sundays from 1200 – 1700. Stop in and have lunch as we will be serving our basket menu items. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please let me know. We are always looking for new members to come in and help out. Whether you are able to commit just one day or so a month or several days a week we always have projects ongoing or in the works and can certainly use your help.

Don't forget our next Post meeting will be at 1900 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, I encourage you to come out and take an active role in your Post.

One last item, please remember to be on the lookout for new members. They are out there just waiting to be invited in!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, your post is continuing to grow everyday due to your efforts and I greatly appreciate all you do!

Doug Host - Commander



## Presidents Report

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

Thanks to all who volunteered this past month. We still are in need of more volunteers. One area we need someone is Friday night dinners and breakfast dishwashers.

Congratulations to the magnificent Class of 1946, who held their class reunion at the club.

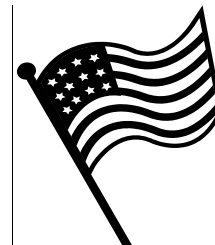
The Auxiliary voted to purchase 30 new stools for the bar and a new freezer for the kitchen. The club is selling the old bar stools. If you are interested in purchasing any please call the Club at 829-6393.

The Club is also in need of a new freezer behind the bar. Fundraisers are being planned for this. There is also a donation jar at the Club.

Mark your calendar, the Annual Chicken and Corn Feed is August 12th, and the Picnic at St. Mathias Park for members and their families is Sunday, 14th at noon. This is a fun time for everyone! There will be games and prizes for the kids and a drawing for the adults. The lunch is potluck, so make your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy.

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. | 4th of July Parade<br>11 present / 2 hrs | 7/4/11  |
| 2. | Posting Flags<br>7 present / 1 hr        | 5/23/11 |
| 3. | Pillager Parade<br>4 present / 2 hrs     | 7/9/11  |

Thanks for the great turn outs!  
Archie

**Congratulations** to Lucille Schellin for her outstanding job of Hospital Reporting. The Auxiliary was 1st place in the state!

### Auxiliary News

Judy Wayt, Jeannie Ebertowski, Helen Doucette and Lucille Schellin attended the 6th District meeting in St. Cloud on Saturday, July 16th. It was interesting and informative. The Best surprise was receiving 1st place for the Hospital Reporting Program in the state VFW Auxiliary.

I've been happy receiving several great reports but this is much more exciting. Thanks to everyone, without your help we couldn't do it. Pat yourselves on the back. Keep it up - we're proud of the award, but what is great, is that we are helping our Veterans and their families.

Be sure to keep a record and report to me at 829-8571 or to Arlene Elliot at 829-7840.

Lucille Schellin

### Sewing Report

If anyone has any yarn they could donate, even partial skeins, please drop off at the Club - attn: Delores. It is used to make caps for the Veterans at the VA. Thank you

A BIG thank you to Deloris for her countless hours of sewing, knitting and crocheting. Though her efforts and the help of others we have donated a great number of hats, bibs, robe laps and quilts to our Veterans. Also thank you to Cheryl Hull for donating several skeins of yarn and the stocking caps. They are much appreciated.

### Join the Fun



**Annual Chicken & Corn Feed**  
August 12th, 5:30 pm



**Annual VFW Picnic**  
Sunday, August 14 noon -3:00pm  
St. Mathias Park  
Pot Luck, games and prizes

### THANK YOU TO OUR LADIES AUXILIARY

As Commander, I would like to personally thank our Ladies Auxiliary for their efforts and donation to purchase a new, larger capacity, more energy efficient, and "shiny" new freezer. This was required to meet State food service requirements and was no small expense. The Auxiliary also provided funds to replace the bar stools, again no small expense and we will no longer have the "VFW Squeak and Lean!" seating. Thank you Ladies Auxiliary for investing in our Post!

Doug

## VFW Youth Baseball Home Game Schedule

<u>Sophomores- BHS Field/games @ 11:00am</u>	<u>Freshman- Mills Field/games @ 10:00am</u>
7/6 Litchfield	7/6 Sauk Rapids
7/7 St. Cloud West	7/7 Menahga
7/18 St. Cloud Red	7/15-7/17 State Tournament
7/21 Sartell	Brainerd Parks & Rec.

sophomores: 7/25 - 7/26 VFW Sub district Series Higher seed first location to be determined  
7/29 - 8/3 VFW District 6 tournament North Host location to be determined

Join us for  
**WILD WING WEDNESDAY**

.50 ea  
5:00 - 7:00pm

### 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](mailto:ideas@brainerdvfw.com)

### 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.

### Community Service

Thanks to all the members for your donated time and financial support. These contributions are much appreciated by our Veterans and our community. Keep up the great work. It looks great on our reports.

### 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.

### 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.



## BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

708 FRONT ST • 829-2249

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:**

6/25 Leroy Dahl \$35.00  
 7/2 David Allison Burger Basket  
 7/9 Peggy Butler \$35.00  
 7/16 Archie Katchie Burger Basket

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](http://www.brainerdvfw.com)

### VFW Men's Auxiliary Update

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>2</b> \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>3</b> Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	<b>4</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>5</b> Swiss Steak Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	<b>6</b> Weekly Bar Drawing 7:00 pm
<b>7</b> NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700  Elks Breakfast	<b>8</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>9</b> <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 pm</b>  \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>10</b> Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	<b>11</b> <b>Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>12</b> Chicken & Corn Feed \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	<b>13</b> Weekly bar Drawing 7:00 pm  Jeff and Sally Klem's wedding reception 1500 all invited to attend.
<b>14</b> <b>ANNUAL VFW PICNIC Noon - 3pm</b>  NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700  Eagle's Breakfast	<b>15</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>16</b> \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	<b>18</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>19</b> Fish Fry \$8.00 5:30 pm till gone  Bake Sale Fundraiser for pizza freezer and mug froster	<b>20</b> Weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm
<b>21</b> <b>VFW Breakfast \$6.00</b> 8:00am - noon  NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700	<b>22</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>23</b> \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>24</b> Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	<b>25</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>26</b> DAV Pork Chop Dinner 5:30 pm till gone \$8.00	<b>27</b> weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm
<b>28</b> NOW OPEN 1200 – 1700  Legion Breakfast	<b>29</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>30</b> \$1.00 Taco's – 5:00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>31</b> Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm			