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THE VETS GAZETTE

Commander's Corner

Comrades –

A new year has begun and it promises to be an exciting one! I wish to pass on to all what an honor it is being VFW Post #1647 Commander. I would like to thank all of our past and present officers for their continued support to our post. Thank you for a job well done and I look forward to working with you all as we head into this New Year.

Under Commander Dave's leadership our post has grown, undergone some wonderful changes but most importantly he has placed us in a great position to move forward and continue to take care of our veteran's needs as well as making significant contributions to our local community.

From VFW National:

OUR MISSION: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

OUR VISION: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

OUR CORE VALUES: Always put the interests of our members first. Treat Donors as partners in our cause. Promote Patriotism. Honor military service. Ensure the care of veterans and their families. Serve our communities. Promote a positive image of the VFW. Respect the diversity of veteran opinions.

Thank you Commander Dave for holding true to the mission, vision and values of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

MEMBERSHIP: The more voices we have, the more attention we will receive from our elected officials.

RECRUITMENT: Everyone can be a recruiter! We all have family, friends, and neighbors we can talk to and grow our membership. It's as simple as asking people we meet if they are a veteran. Veterans enjoy talking to other veterans and many would be interested in how the VFW takes care of veterans and their families. I encourage each member to find and enlist one new member. It's easier to take care of our veterans when we know who they are.

DUES: Dues come due on July 1st. Please help your post by paying your dues promptly. Time, effort and funds are used up by verifying past due memberships. By paying your dues on time, this workload is greatly reduced and allows members to focus their efforts on other events. Currently dues are just \$25 per year.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: The easiest way to ensure your dues are always up to date. You can either pay a onetime rate, or make 12 monthly installments. Never worry about paying your dues on time again!

I encourage all members to become involved in the post and not be shy about submitting any ideas or suggestions you may have. Look for volunteer information to be posted to allow members to sign up to help out with past events. Also, look for us on Facebook, Twitter, and of course www.brainerdvfw.com. You can also e-mail your suggestions to ideas@brainerdvfw.com.

Douglas Host - Commander



Presidents Report

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

This is my 1st year as your Auxiliary President. I am very honored to represent this great Auxiliary. Let's have a fantastic year! This can only happen with the help of all you who can, and have time. Please call me if you have time to volunteer, my phone number is: 828-9084. Also call me if you have any concerns. Your ideas and opinions are appreciated.

Thanks to all those who helped with our poppy promotion. This money is only used to help our Veterans and their families.

Also thank you to those who took offices and committee chairpersons, you are a great bunch and I look forward to working with you.

Dues for 2012 can be paid July 1st. If you know someone who is eligible to be a member please encourage them to do so. There are membership application cards at the bar. Being a member is honor to those who paid the price so we can belong.

See you at the club. Our next meeting is July 12th, at 7pm.

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

Auxiliary President
Peggy Doust



Color Guard Report for VFW Post #1647

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| 1. Herbert Palmer's burial
11 present / 3 hrs | 5/21/11 |
| 2. Jack Vroman's funeral
11 present / 3 hrs | 5/23/11 |
| 3. Memorial Day Activities
11 present / 4 hrs | 5/30/11 |
| 4. Delbert Pinta's burial
10 present / 2 hrs | 6/1/11 |
| 5. Lunger's Game
4 present / 2 hrs | 6/11/11 |
| 5. Flag Day
7 present / 2 hrs | 6/14/11 |
| 7. Stephen Daige's Burial
9 present / 2 hrs | 6/15/11 |

Thanks for the great turn outs!
Archie

Buddy Poppy Report

Our Poppy Promotion was a success. Thanks to all who helped, without you we couldn't have made it. The proceeds will be used for our Veterans and families.

Thanks also to everyone who made a donation for a Poppy Card to honor or remembering a loved one. The wall was really outstanding

Lucille Schellin

Hospital Reporting

Keep a record of the time you do volunteer work for our Veterans and families in our location and other areas.

Because of your records we received exceptional reports. Thank you.

Lucille Schellin

The Past President and Commander luncheon was great. Thanks to Margie Marsh and Dawn Garin. They did an exceptional job.

There should have been more members present. Those who attended really enjoyed it. Thanks again.

Much Obliged

The VFW Post 1647 wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped with the spaghetti supper fundraiser for the VFW Youth Baseball Teams. Members of the team came in and helped serve the customers and stayed for cleanup until the last pan was washed. You did a great job boys. Ladies donated delicious dessert bars and McDonald's proved the orange beverage. Thank you. We appreciate all the people who bought tickets and enjoyed the supper while supporting the team.

Robert Marsh - Youth Activities Chairman

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BASKET FOOD
MENU NOW AVAILABLE FROM 1700 – 2000

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.

Delores Mogensen

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.



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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:

5/21 Hab Burger Basket
 5/28 Helen Doucette \$65.00
 6/4 Burger Basket
 6/11 Dave Lundmark Burger Basket
 6/18 Greg Praska 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

\$\$\$ 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 Dave

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.

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Cowboy Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone Steak, potato salad and baked beans	2 Weekly Bar Drawing 7:00 pm
3 Elks Breakfast	4 4th of July CLOSED See you at the Parade	5 \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	6 Sloppy Joes \$1.00 each 5:00 till gone	7 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	8 No Dinner Private Party Married's Class Party 5pm till ??	9 Weekly bar Drawing 7:00 pm
10 Eagle's Breakfast	11 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	12 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 pm \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	13 Sloppy Joes \$1.00 each 5:00 till gone	14 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	15 Fish Fry \$8.00 5:30 pm till gone	16 Weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm
17 VFW Breakfast \$6.00 8:00am - noon	18 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	19 \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	20 Sloppy Joes \$1.00 each 5:00 till gone	21 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	22 DAV Dinner 5:30 pm till gone \$7.00	23 weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm
24 Legion Breakfast	25 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	26 \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	27 Sloppy Joes \$1.00 each 5:00 till gone	28 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	29 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich dinner \$ 7.00 5:30 pm till gone Pat Wing Party	30 weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm Richardson 50th Anniversary Party 4pm till ??
31 VFW BREAKFAST 8:00 - noon						