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# THE VETS GAZETTE

## Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades!

I would like to wish all of our members and families a very Merry Christmas. Even though this time of year can become very hectic and cause us to momentarily lose focus on what is really important to the VFW and our Post, it is also a good time to take a step back and remember all the positive accomplishments we have made. Your post has been very active in our local community this year; participating in many events, parades, veteran celebrations and ceremonies. We have been able to make substantial donations to local residents and programs in need and have helped many veterans obtain services and assistance they would not have been able to have received without the help of your Post and its members. I thank all of you who have reached out to offer our local veterans in their times of need. YOU have made a difference!

I would also like to congratulate Brainerd's newest Eagle Scout, Josh Hofmann. We were honored to be able to host Josh's ceremony at our Post. Josh achieved the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, by working many hours, days, and years to obtain this honor. His latest contribution to our community consisted of making and donating numerous bird feeders/houses to the Central Lakes Community College campus enhancing the atmosphere for all students and faculty. The distinctive accomplishments of Josh reflect great credit upon himself, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, and the Brainerd Lakes Community. CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!

Upcoming Events: Post Christmas Decorating Day will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., come out and have some fun decorating your Post. Our children's Christmas Party will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We will also be hosting a Christmas Dinner this year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. We will also be having a New Year's Party on December 31<sup>st</sup>; social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner, music and games starting at 6:00 p.m.

Deadlines are coming fast for Police Officer, Firefighter, Emergency Responder and Teacher of the Year. Nomination packages must be received no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas season and look forward to an even greater year 2012!  
God Bless our Veterans!

Commander - Doug Host

## Presidents Report

Auxiliary Sisters,

A Special thank you to all those who honored our Veterans on Veterans Day. Thank you to all Veterans for your sacrifices for freedom. The Holidays are upon us. Do something for a Veteran to show you appreciation for all they did for us.

Decorating the Club for Christmas will be December 4th at 1:00pm. If you would like to lend a hand come on in. All help is appreciated.

The Children's Christmas Party is December 17th from 1-3pm.

The Post is going to be cooking the Friday night dinners on the 3rd Friday of the month. Please call ahead to make reservations for Friday night dinners, so we know how many to cook for.

Prayers for a safe and Happy Holiday Season for everyone.

Get well wishes to those who are sick 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. Warren Welton's Funeral                  | 10/25/11 |
| 10 present / 2 hrs                          |          |
| 2. Lowell School                            | 11/10/11 |
| 4 present / 2 hr                            |          |
| 3. Riverside School - Veteran's Day Program | 11/11/11 |
| 10 present / 2 hrs                          |          |
| 4. Robert Marohn's Burial                   | 11/14/11 |
| 10 present / 3 hrs                          |          |
| 5. Clifford Mykkanen's Funeral              | 11/16/11 |
| 10 present / 2 hrs                          |          |

Thanks for the great turn outs.  
Archie

Note: If you haven't measured up for our new color guard uniforms, check with Karen at Meyer's Cleaners.

## Weekly Drawing

### **Last month's winners were:**

10/22	Leo Gangsted	\$65.00
10/29	Rose Roner	Burger Basket
11/5	Pat Abrahamson	Burger Basket
10/12	Kate Wersgalla	Burger Basket
11/19	Peggy Butler	\$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.

## Auxiliary Members - Dues Notice

Auxiliary sisters, you have until December 15th to pay your 2012 dues for \$17.00. After that date, we will have to increase to \$20.00

## Sunshine Report

Get Well wishes go out to those who have been ill; Harriet Thompson, Mae Fort, Delores Mogensen, Delores Kounkel, and Beth Ann Tank and to all other Auxiliary sister who have been ill. Our sympathy goes out to those who have lost a loved one Erma Peck in the loss of her daughter, Gladys Aho in the loss of her daughter and to the family of Pamela Christensen and sympathy to everyone who has lost a loved one.

Ila Fanjoy and Helen Doucette

## Thank You

VFW Post #1647 would like to thank the Boy Scout Troops and the Cub Scout Packs for their attendance at the local Veterans funeral services. A Special thanks to Josh and Patrick Hofmann, Thomas Hofmann, John J. Unger, Caden Lloyd and Alexander Bauer.

Your Volunteerism is greatly appreciated by the Veterans and their families.

## Americanism Fall Contests

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #1647 is proud to announce the winners in the following contests:

- Category I - Grades K-2- Statue of Liberty Poster, the first place winner was Brianna Seevers of Lowell Elementary School. Second place winner was Aspen Herron also of Lowell
- Category II - Grades 3& 4- "Collage of Heroes". The first place winner was Anna Streed. Second place was Emma Korhoner. Both were 4th grade students at Lowell Elementary School.
- Category III-Grades 5 & 6 - an essay contest entitled "My Hero and why". The winners from St. Francis 6th grade were first place Ben Kostecka and second place Maddie Bernie.

Congratulations to our winners. First place winner's entries will be entered in the 6th District Contest. Thank you to all who entered the contests and to the teachers who promoted them and encouraged the students to participate.

Americanism Chairpersons  
Rose Robison & Margery Marsh

## *Celebrate the New Year*

### **Tom & Jerry's**

**VFW Post #1647**

**January 1st 2012**

Free to paid members  
11:00am - 1:00 pm  
light lunch served



**Veterans Day** was a really special day for Veterans in the nursing homes. They were so thankful for our visits. We made 12 Buddy Poppy boutonniere for the veterans at Carefree Living and 36 for the Vets in Bethany. I pinned a poppy boutonniere on each Veteran and visited about their service. The program at Woodland for Veterans was special. Each was recognized and received a poppy boutonniere and a certificate. Their dining room was packed.

Our Color Guard attended the Veterans Day Program at the Riverside School. The students program was excellent. The 120 student choir was amazing. Many of them shook hands with us and the Veterans. Rosie Robison had a wall of paper bricks with a Buddy Poppy and the name of the student's family Veteran. There were over 500 bricks. Was very impressive.

Next holiday is Christmas. Remember our Veterans in the Nursing Homes. Some of them do not have families here. They really appreciate a visit. If you visit or leave a gift please call me or Arlene Elliot to let us know so we can put in on our year end reports.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday

Lucille Schellin  
Arlene Elliot

## **VFW #1647 Ladies Auxiliary Color Guard**

Any Auxiliary member who would be interested in joining our Color Guard should contact President Peggy Doust @ 828-9084 or cell: 838-4051.

We are present at many parades and funerals, and help our community in many ways.

## Community Service

Be sure you are reporting all your donated time, money, blood and other donations as they are submitted on our monthly reports.

## **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.



## **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.**

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*R.I.N.G In The NEW YEAR*  
2012  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRAVAGANZA**

*Make your reservations early!*

Social Hour 5-6pm / Dinner - 6:00pm

6oz Steak and 3 Jumbo Shrimp  
Cheesy Hash brown potatoes  
Caesar Salad  
Cheesecake and Pie

*\$12.00 if RSVP by December 20th  
after the 20th -\$14.00 available at  
the door*

*Video Horse & Dog Races  
Meat Raffles*








*Music provided by Clint & the Jammers 9:00pm - 1:00am*

*Hors d'oeuvres  
party favors & champagne @ midnight*



## December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Sheetmetal workers X-Mas Party Dinner - 6:30pm  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	2 Pork Chop Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	3 DAV X-Mas Party  Weekly bar Drawing 7:00 pm
4 NOW OPEN 1200 - 1700  X-Mas Decorating 1:00pm  Elks Breakfast	5 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	6 \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	8 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	9 Fish Fry Dinner \$8.00 5:30 pm till gone	10 Edgewood Vista X-Mas Party  Weekly bar Drawing 7:00 pm
11 NOW OPEN 1200 - 1700  AMVET Chilli  50th Birthday Party June Ruikka  Eagle's Breakfast	12 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	13 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 pm Potluck @ 5:30pm \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	14 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	15 DAV Meeting  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	16 Roast Beef or Pork Chop Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	17 Children's  Christmas Party 1-3pm  Weekly bar drawing 7:00 pm
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	21 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	22 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	23 Turkey Dinner \$8.00 5:30pm till gone	24  Closed Christmas Eve
25 	26 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	27 \$1.00 Taco's - 5:00 Cribbage - 6:00 pm	28 Wicked Wings .50 ea 5-7pm	29 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	30 Bologna Supper \$6.00 All you can eat 5:30pm till gone	31 New Years Eve Extravaganza Steak & Shrimp Dinner \$12.00 Clint & the Jammers 9pm-1am Video dog & Horse racing