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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades,

Hello everyone, welcome to spring finally.

We have elections coming up this next month, so if you want a say as to who our officers for the club will be, show up at 700 on April 9.

If you know anyone that would like to join the club, bring them in and we will help them sign up. More members more rewards.

Last month we donated to Pillager School Fishing Team, Lets Go Fishing, Brainerd Grad Blast and Parker Boy Scouts Camp. If you know any other clubs or organizations that need a sponsor let the club officers know.

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather.
Chip Borle – Commander

Greetings,

It's been so nice to see the sun and that the snow is melting. It's hard to believe we're more than halfway through the month of March.

So far this month the VFW had a corn beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday March 16, and we had a good turnout. Thank you to all that helped during the prep. We were able to finish in 1 1/2 hours. I enjoyed working with my son-in-law from Missouri as he also worked with us. Thank you also to those that served on Saturday. What a team we have in the VFW.

Also, this month we had a new celebration for our Veterans. This celebration was Chaired by Tammie Ebertowski and was held on March 22nd. This was Honoring our Veterans with a tree lighting ceremony. We were able to bring in the Veterans from the assisted living facilities to the VFW. We are hoping to have this as an annual event.

Election for officers will be held at our April meeting so if you are interested in one of these offices please come to the meeting.

Sympathy to those that have lost a loved one and get well wishes to those who are ill or recovering from surgery.

Respectively,
Jan Lambert – Auxiliary



Friday, March 22, 2019: An event, "Remembering our Veterans and U.S. Military" was held at the Brainerd VFW. A Gold Star Mother told of losing her son, an emotional talk. Then Brainerd's Mayor Ed Menk told of how important it is to remember those who have kept us free. Baxter Mayor Darrell Olson spoke of his father who used the VFW as an "anchor" in his life to keep him going emotionally after his service in World War Two. A tree with flags and star was lit to show our devotion to those who serve in harm's way. There were about 45 in attendance. Kelly Humphrey was there from the Brainerd Dispatch newspaper to cover the event as was a reporter from Lakeland Public TV.



Attendees at Vets Day on the Hill

The Corner Lot

3/2 Dale A Hemkin

3/16 St Patrick's Day Parade

Sunshine Report

Report Sympathy to Janet Novak and family on the passing of Elmer "Al".

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

Ila Fanjoy and Helen Doucette
Chairmen



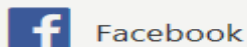
Chuck Hanson at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. He was honored as the Oldest jumper.

March 20, 2019: Sixteen Brainerd VFW veterans and spouses boarded a bus with 18 vets from Bemidji to attend the annual Veterans on the Hill in St. Paul. It was a full day experience with about 500 other vets from around the state. They attended speeches at the Cedar Street Armory then it was off to the rotunda in the State Capitol to hear and talk more about veteran legislation. The governor was there along with the VFW state commander.



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WWW.BRAINERDVFW.ORG

Find out what's happening at the Post, stay current with the news and view photos.



Look for us on Facebook
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Around the Club

We had a good test of our new roof with all the snow and ice buildup we had only a few bad spots. With spring around the corner, we look forward to seeing our Snowbirds back from the south, and with the nicer weather many of you will venture out and come and see us. Monday, we have Burgers and Bingo, Tuesday we have Tacos and Cribbage (at 6 p.m.) and Wednesday we have Wings etc. served from noon to 7 p.m., Thursday is \$1.00 Burgers and Fries. Do come on in to your VFW Club and enjoy the great food and friendship. Some of the coming events for April is April 6th we will again take part in the Downtown Golf, Easter Sunday Post Breakfast, and a Blood Drive to be held on May 16th.

Hope to see many of you now that Spring is around the corner



BUDDY POPPY

Poppy Promotion will start in April with our business routes. The Street promotion will be on Friday and Saturday May 17th & 18th. We need everyone's help. All the monies raised will be used only for our Veterans and families and the money stays in our local area. Please consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift. If you can help call Dawn @ 821-3361

Thank you to all who have paid your Auxiliary Membership Dues. There are a few membership dues still needed Send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club

Helen Doucette – Membership Chairman

Post Dues: Post Membership Dues are now due for those who pay annually. You can send them to Quartermaster Pat Wing at VFW Post, 309 S 6th Street, Brainerd, MN. 56401. The annual dues are \$35.00

Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., 1900-1965, U.S. Diplomat.



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WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

• MONDAY—FRIDAY: Open at 11 a.m. • SATURDAY Open at noon • SUNDAY Open at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY: • Bar Bingo • 1 p.m.

*4th SUNDAY: Breakfast Buffet • 8 a.m. to noon

MONDAY: Rib Basket \$6 • Build a Burger (starting at \$4)

TUESDAY: Broasted Chicken (starting at \$5.50) • Hot Beef Sandwich \$6.00

WEDNESDAY: • Wings 45¢

THURSDAY: Wings 45¢ • Tacos, Taco Salads & Quesadillas • Cosmic Bingo 6 p.m.

FRIDAY: Full Menu 12—8 p.m. • Special Dinner or Walleye 5 p.m. • Meat Raffles 5:30 p.m.

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There are some exciting community partnership opportunities coming this spring and summer for military veterans and their families. There is a new Veteran Community Supported Agricultural programs (VETCSA) that is seeking 50 veterans from Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties to participate in this initiative. Participating veterans will receive a CSA food package twice a month for a year at no cost if they qualify under the program income guidelines. This a partnership with Region 5 Development Commission, MN Department of Veterans Affairs, Sprout Growers, and Support Our Troops Grant Project. Please contact your local county veteran service office for registration forms and income guidelines. If you would like further information, please call Staci Headley at 218-894-3233.

Northland Arboretum and University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program are kicking off Veterans Intro to Gardening projects to be held at Northland Arboretum on Wednesday starting June 5 through August 28th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The cost will be \$35.00 per 3' x 16' gardening plots. Veterans will learn to grow fresh fruits and vegetables in their own plot. Classes will be taught by U of MN Extension Master Gardeners who will share their knowledge and resources on how to plant a productive garden that produces food that you can take home to your family. This class will include a "hands on" cooking class using some produce from your very own garden plot. Please contact Northland Arboretum at 218-829-8770 to reserve your spot. If you have questions, you may e-mail Extension Master Gardener Ken Lueken at kllueken7@gmail.com. This program is also supported by the Crow Wing County Veteran Service Office and you may contact them for further information and registration forms at 218-824-1058.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
	1 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	2 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	3 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	4 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	5	6 Downtown Golf	
7	8 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	9 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	10 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	11 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	12	13 BHS Trap Shoot Alfredo Fundraiser Dinner 5-7pm \$9.00	
14	15 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	16 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	17 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	18 DAV Meeting Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	19	20	
21 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$8.00	22 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	23 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	24 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30 7pm Mem com mtg	25 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	26 Bethany Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner	27	
28	29 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	30 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm				