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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades –

Hello everyone, hope you and your family had a happy holiday and best wishes for a good New Year.

The bathrooms are about done, just a few more touch ups.

Breakfast price is going up to \$10 beginning this month of February, due to the cost of food continuing to climb.

If you have any concerns or ideas for the club, please come to our meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

This month we gave up to \$17,000 in donations. We gave to the CLC Food Pantry, Breath of Life, CLC Baseball, and MACV. We also gave to three Veteran's in need.

Have a great rest of the month, stay safe and watch out for your brothers and sisters.

Chip Borle - Commander

Greetings all,

It's February. There's not a lot going on this month, so let me share about the VFW Mid-Winter Conference Dawn Garin, Paula Persons and I attended on January 13th-14th. Nine Brainerd members were represented at this conference. The purpose of attending these conferences is to stay abreast of how the VFW Auxiliary (and Post) are doing and connecting with members from other Posts/Auxiliaries to share information and ideas. What I find most encouraging, though, is the sense of loyalty and commitment I feel when there is 200+ people singing the national anthem and saying the pledge of allegiance. It's encouraging to know that there are people who still stand up for what is right and good, and for us that includes making sure our government/leaders recognize what our veterans have sacrificed and are still sacrificing for this country.

This conference honored the winners of the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contests at a formal dinner

on Saturday night. It was awesome! Please visit our website to see all the photos of the event that Mark Persons took. Pictures speak louder than words, and as Mark is so fond of saying, pictures tell stories. What I can't quite put into words, you can see for yourself at <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/midwinter-conference.html>.

A big thank you to Lynda Hummel for all the hats she made for us to donate to the National Children's Home while at this conference. Thanks, too, to everyone who donated goodies for our bake sales. How do you feel about having a Garage Sale this Spring? Let me or Helen Doucette know. We will be looking for folks to help organize it, AND you can bring in all those items that have been cluttering your closets and cupboards!
 Sue Sterling - Auxiliary President

Essay Competition - 4th and 5th grade



Greta Kushel
 1st place, 4th grade



Alea Stumbo
 2nd place, 4th grade



Ryker Schulz
 3rd place, 4th grade.
 He also won 2nd place in the 6th District competition and his entry will be sent to state.



The Corner Lot

12/28 Keck Kenley



1/7 Posting of Colors for
Lions Convention at Cragun's



Commander Chip Borle and President Sue Sterling presenting donation checks to the State Commander and President during the Parade of Checks during the Grand Banquet that was held on Saturday night at the Mid Winter Convention. The donations will go the state officer's special project "MACV". Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. MACV supports Veterans to prevent homelessness and hunger and other necessities.



Check out our new Facebook page. Hit "like" and "follow" to get all our posts so you can be up to date on events and see what is happening at the Club.

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www.BrainerdVFW.org

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



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Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

*DAILY FOOD SPECIALS: Monday through Friday
FRIDAY DINNER (Special or Walleye): 5 P.M.
FRIDAY MEAT RAFFLE: 5:30 P.M.

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Sunshine Report

Get Well wishes to those who have been ill. Sympathy to Lavern Nichols on the loss of her son, Wayne. We send our sympathy to all those who have lost a loved one. Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
Sunshine Chairmen

Around the Club

Starting February 1st there will be a price increase. Breakfast will increase to \$10.00, also pricing will increase on other food and at the bar. This is due to the ever-increasing costs.

Thank you to our cooks for a great job on the breakfast and our serving staff did an amazing job. Thank you so much to all our volunteers,

The auxiliary had the pleasure of presenting 2 layettes to a veteran and his family on the birth of their twins a little boy and a little girl.



Approximately 150 hats, knit by auxiliary member Lynda Hummel were donated at the Mid-Winter

Conference on January 14th. The hats will be sent to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Donations were collected from the entire state of Minnesota.

July 1st was the start of our 2022-2023 year.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please submit. Better yet consider becoming a Life Member. Let's try to reach 100% membership.

Your \$20.00 annual dues can be mailed to: Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd MN 56401.

Your membership cards are mailed from Kansas City, please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your card,

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.



1st place, Grayson Treb, 1st grade



2nd place, Maxine Hahn, 1st grade



3rd place, Keira Fry, 1st grade

**Americanism Program
Annual Coloring Contest.
The theme is:**

"My American Hero."



1st place, Carlee Berg, 3rd grade



2nd place, Gus Emerson, 3rd grade



3rd place, Isaac Larson, 3rd

The award ceremony was held January 10, 2023, to a full-house audience at the Brainerd VFW.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY			1 50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	2 Burger Night Burgers \$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	3	4 6 th District Meeting Sauk Rapids 1:00pm
5 Elk's Breakfast	6 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	7 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1 hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	8 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	9 Burger Night Burgers \$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	10	11
12 Eagle's Breakfast	13 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	14 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1 hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	15 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	16 Burger Night Burgers \$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	17	18
19 VFW Breakfast 8am - noon \$10.00	20 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	21 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1 hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	22 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	23 Burger Night Burgers \$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	24	25
26 Legion's Breakfast	27 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	28 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1 hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	 Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm			