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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone, hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. The New Year means new beginnings for everyone.

We did have a few new members who joined the club lately. Welcome.

We are doing some upgrades in the bathrooms, so just be patience with the workers. We are also doing some work in the back of the building.

We made some great donations this month, we gave to the Salvation Army, the Brainerd Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity, the BHS Robotics team, the Crosby dance team and to Good Samaritan Society. We also donated to Daughters of the American Revolution, and to the Super One Food Cart \$1000.

Don't forget to say thank you all are volunteers at the club. If was not for their hard work this club would not survive.

Remember if want to enter the pistol competition you can find all the details on our VFW website.

Have a great new year.

Commander,  
 Chip Borle

Greetings,

We had our Christmas party on Saturday December 15th at the VFW. We didn't have as many children attending as we had hoped but those that did attend had presents from Santa and seemed to have a good time.

Some upcoming dates:

We will have Winter conference on January 18th thru 21<sup>st</sup>, more information to come.

For the trustee use we'll be having an audit in January 7th at 11am.

A reminder that dues are due by December 31st, 2018 so if you haven't paid them please get them to Dawn soon as possible.

My sympathy for those who have lost a loved one and well wishes for those that are recovering from illnesses.

I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Sincerely,  
 Jan Lambert  
 Auxiliary President



Brainerd VFW Patriot's Pen essay competition winners (l-r) 1st Place Vanessa Anderson \$250, 2nd place Ella Ostrowski \$200, 3rd place Emma Rose Moore \$100. Emma also took 3rd place in District 6 competition.



Childrens Annual Christmas Party which was held December 15<sup>th</sup>. President Jan is giving Santa her Christmas list. I hope she's on the "Nice List"

## The Corner Lot

11/13/18 Ralph Yeager  
11/19/18 Bob Hassett  
11/24/18 Bob Toule  
  
12/13/18 Howard Growth  
12/20/18 Noel Larson  
12/22/18 Jay Brutsman  
12/22/18 William Baker

Flag Presentations on Veteran's Day were held at all schools and Woodland and Edgewood Vista. A ceremony was held at the All Veterans Memorial.

Get-well wishes go out to Faye Abrahamson, Carol Doust, Devona Peterson, Carolyn Frisch and Marylee Falconer.

Sympathy to Kim And Barry Sell on the loss of their son and to Dellis Gangstad and family on the passing of JoAnn. We wish everyone who has been ill a speedy recovery and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

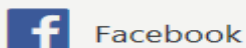
Sunshine Committee



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



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Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Around the Club.....

We still have some Mohawk rugs on hand. The 5X7 are \$25.00 and small rugs are \$5.00. These rugs are all new and have been donated to the VFW for a money maker, so stop in and check us out. The Club will be open News Year Eve for Bingo and also News Years Day for Tom and Jerrys and other beverages. Lunch will be furnished. All year long please stop in and check us out on Tuesday for Tacos from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday for Wings noon to 7pm, Thursday \$1.00 burgers and fries and other meu items 5to 7 p.m.  
We wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year  
Stop in and check out your VFW Club.

Thank you to all who have paid your Auxiliary Membership Dues. Let's keep them coming and try to reach 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club. Better yet consider becoming a Life Member. Remember to keep your dues current, this effects your VFW Auxiliary National Cancer Grant of \$500.00, also the Cancer Insurance provided by our auxiliary. The Auxiliary insurance pays \$25.00 per day for billable in-patient stays and a copy of the hospital bill is required. The claim must be within 90 days of treatment. Maximum benefit is \$500.00/5-year period.

Helen Doucette – Membership Chairman  
Dawn Garin – Treasurer

**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



## BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

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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: Broasted Chicken (Starting at \$5.50) • 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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**We had a full house at our December meeting for the Youth Americanism awards and the Patriot's Pen Award. It is great to see so many students, parents and teachers involved. Thank you to our volunteer who worked to promote this great program.**



**Patriot's Pen 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, Vanessa Anderson. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Forestview Middle School**

The American flag isn't just a piece of cloth attached to a pole or a decoration to put outside. It's more than just something to look at during the national anthem. From the symbol of glory and pride to the representation of America, there are so many ways you could think of our flag. I think the American flag is the emblem of the hardships we had to overcome and the bravery we've showed through troublesome times. For example, after so many lives were lost in The Battle of the Alamo, Americans didn't give up. We remembered the bravery of the men who died and kept on fighting for them. In 9/11, the first responders were the heroes, and their bravery saved so many innocent Americans. They risked their own lives to save others. That's what the American flag stands for. From the 13 broad stripes to the 50 bright stars, from the old glory blue to the red and white stripes, the American flag is a piece of our country's history. What other country has had men die just to keep their flag standing? What other country has

their anthem written about the glory of their flag? I honor our flag because it represents our struggles and victories for freedom, the democracy of our country, the 50 different states, our independence from Great Britain, our influence over the rest of the world, and our perseverance through tough times. But most of all, I honor the American flag because of the people who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to defend it. Fighting, scheming, planning, and sometimes even dying, these courageous people are the reason our flag is still standing today. They defended our country with hardiness and valor, purity and innocence, vigilance, perseverance and justice, all of which are represented in the colors of our flag. Without all our veterans, living or deceased, young or old, in service or retired, our glorious Star-Spangled Banner would only exist in memories. The American flag is so much more than just another ordinary flag hung on a flag post, flying just beneath the clouds. Our flag is the heart and soul of America.

## Jan 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
<b>And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.</b> _Maria_Rilke		<b>1 Happy New Year</b>  <b>Tom &amp; Jerry's</b> <b>11am=1pm</b>	<b>2</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>3</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>8</b>  <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7:00pm</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>9</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>10</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad  Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>16</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>17</b>  <b>DAV Meeting</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>Mid Winter Convention</b> </div>	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad  Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>23</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>24</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>29</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad  Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>30</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>31</b>  Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>Club Hours</b> <b>Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm</b> <b>Sunday: Noon-5pm</b>	