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Comrades –

I Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you again to all the volunteers and all the people that help out at the Club to make it run smoothly. The Robotics spaghetti dinner was a great success.

We had a lot of donations this month, we gave over \$80,000 to so many groups. We gave to the Mounted Eagles, CLC baseball team, Salvation Army, Interfaith, Brainerd Water Tower, Robotics, DAR, Community Action, Brainerd Hockey Banton, Memorial Committee, All Veterans Memorial, Riverside School, St Cloud VA Stand Down, The Great Outdoors, Wild and Free Wildlife, Warming House, and Harmony House.

We have a few new members, welcome to the club.

A few members will be going to the Mid-Winter Conference, we will bring back any new information to share.

Commander,
 Chip Borle



Brothers and Sisters-

We made it through December, and what a productive month it was! So many members were busy making the holidays bright for our veterans in nursing homes and hospitals, as well as for the kids of veterans.

With a generous donation from Arleen Elliott's daughters, we were able to fill 33 gift bags with clothes for our veterans in three of the local nursing homes. It took the coordinated effort of Helen Doucette and five auxiliary members to purchase, organize, fill, and attach Christmas cards to each bag. The Spirit of Christmas truly filled our hearts that day. Our thanks to Mike and Bob for delivering the gift bags to the Carefree Living, Edgewood Vista/Baxter, and Northern Lights.

Fun was had by all at our Christmas party for the kids. There were 14 kids (under age 12) there, and many more adult kids (over age 12) enjoying the singalong caroling, sitting on Santa's knee, and opening their presents. Check out our website to see photos of the kids, young and old, at brainerdvfw.org. A big thank you to all our members who helped make the holidays brighter. We thank the Post, too, for their part in making it all happen.

This month is the annual State Convention in Minneapolis and some of us will be attending. If you have any questions about the functions or responsibilities of auxiliary committees or officers, send them to our president, Sue Sterling, and she will ask them at the question-and-answer session of the convention.

May this new year bring you happiness and fulfillment,

Sue Sterling
 Auxiliary President



The Corner Lot

12/3 Terry Larson
12/3 Lyle Scheel
12/4 William Gerhart
12/7 Jack Owen
12/9 Kenneth Spangler



Sunshine Report

A Get-Well message goes out to Bruce Mogensen. We send speedy get well wishes to all who have been ill.

Sympathy to Beverly Justin on the passing of her husband Frank. Sympathy to all those who have lost a loved one.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Healthy New Year.

Helen Doucette - Chairman

Thank you to all the Auxiliary and Post members who helped decorate the Post Hall. It was a very busy month, and the many projects would not have been completed without the help of the many volunteers.

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”

— Sherry Anderson



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www.BrainerdVFW.org

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



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Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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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BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER UPDATE



The Bake sale has been a success these past 2 months. Thank you to all who participated. We will put future sales on hold until later.

May we suggest to our members who are not able to bake but would still like to contribute to the Auxiliary, you can participate in a **bake less** bake sale. You can send your contribution to the Auxiliary Treasurer marked donation: : Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd MN 56401

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold fund raisers, so this is important to help replenish our funds.

Happy New Year!

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man”

– Benjamin Franklin

Check out the 6th District Facebook page:
MN VFW 6th . Auxiliary

July 1st starts our new 2021-2022 year. For those members that pay their dues annually, this is a reminder to send your dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin or drop them off at the club. There is no time like the present. 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,

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.



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm						1 Tom & Jerry 11am-1pm
2	3 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	4 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	5 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	6 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	7	8
9	10 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	11 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	12 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	13 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	14	15
16 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$9.00	17 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	18 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	19 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	20 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	21 Mid-Winter	22d Convention
23	24 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	25 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	26 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	27 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	28	29
30	31 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm					