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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades,

Hello everyone, hope you are making it thru these tough times and staying safe.

The club is open, and we are doing our best to keep everyone safe. We have spaced the tables and bar stools apart the best we can.

There is no Bingo yet and for food we are doing wings for now and will bring the other foods back slowly.

Thanks for all of you that are coming down and helping the club.

I am working with Chuck and we are going to do a few fundraisers help the club out.

We will have our normal club meeting in July.

Stay safe and help your fellow comrades in need.

Commander  
Chip Borle

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

It has been awhile since I wrote a newsletter.

I hope that everyone stayed safe and healthy during the past 3 months.

We will be having a meeting in July, practicing social distancing at the VFW. At that meeting we will have the election of officers and installation of same. It should be a short meeting.

I have been asked to pass on, that the VFW is unable to accept any medical equipment or medical supplies. I know that the Salvation Army is not accepting any of these either.

I am hoping that we will be able to meet monthly very soon and get back to some normalcy.

Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one and a speedy recovery to those who have been ill or who have had surgery.

Respectively,

Jan Lambert - Auxiliary President



Monday, June 15, 2020: The Brainerd Honor Guard normally puts on a ceremony at the Good Samaritan-Woodland elderly care facility to residents on Flag Day. This year they spent two hours walking the lawn performing 21-gun firing ceremonies four times with Taps. The best part was playing six different bugle songs and saluting veterans inside with return salutes, through the windows. It brought a tear to many eyes.



Sewing for a Cause

Brainerd VFW Auxiliary member Kathy Brastrup felt the urge to help by sewing face masks for others. Kathy has made approx. 550 masks for family, friends, Essential Health, and a private organization. Thank you to Kathy and all our other members who are donating masks for the cause.

### The Corner Lot

4/10 Nellie H Karsten taps  
5/8 Roul D Yalch taps  
5/21 Dennis L Lantz full honors  
5/25 Memorial Day Ceremonies  
6/1 Gerald Heller full honors  
6/4 Bob Turcotte - 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Edgewood Vista  
6/15 Flag Day - Woodland  
6/23 Gerald D Kiehlbauch  
4/2 & 4/3 Red Cross Blood Drive  
150+ units donated

### Auxiliary Sunshine Report:

To those who have been ill we wish you a speedy recovery.  
Sympathy to Gary Peterson and family on the passing of Gary's wife.  
Get well wishes to those who are ill and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.  
Helen Doucette and Ila Fanjoy  
Sunshine Committee Chairmen

Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.BrainerdVFW.org](http://www.BrainerdVFW.org)

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

**BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255**  
708 FRONT ST • 829-2249 [www.brainerdlegion255.org](http://www.brainerdlegion255.org)  
**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:** • Hot Beef Sandwich \$6  
**WEDNESDAY:** • Wings 45¢ • Broasted Chicken (Limited Menu)  
**THURSDAY:** Wings 45¢ • Tacos, Taco Salads & Quesadillas • Cosmic Bingo 6 p.m.  
**FRIDAY:** Chili Dog & Chips \$4 • Full Menu 12—8 p.m. • Special Dinner or Walleye 5 p.m. •  
Meat Raffles 5:30 p.m.  
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### Around the Club:

The plans call for both Tacos and Burgers to be on the calendar starting July 1st.

With the rising cost of food both the Tacos and Burgers pricing has changed.

Taco Tuesday Tacos prices are as follows:

Hard Shell --3 for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each.

Soft Shell 2 for \$5.00 or \$3.00 each

Taco Salad \$4.00

Thursday Burgers are back \$2.00 Burgers, \$1.00 Fries and \$1.00 Domestic Beer.

Bingo has not been determined at this writing so please watch the Website, VFW Facebook or call the Club.

We are slowly getting back to business as usual. Thank you to those that came in for Breakfast on Father's Day, so nice to see everyone

Please be sure to practice social distancing when visiting the Post for the safety of all concerned.

Please take a moment to sign the book when you first enter the Post.

Please be sure to notify us if you move or are temporarily away. The newsletter does not get forwarded and the return postage is an unnecessary expense. Better yet, provide us with your email address and read the newsletter online. You will receive an email each month alerting you when it is available.

We are not accepting donations of used medical equipment or paperback books.



Look for us on Facebook  
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

July is the start of the 2020-2021 Auxiliary year. Do not delay, send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club. 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

This July 2020 Newsletter is the first newsletter since March when the COVID shutdown began. We now plan to be back on track and our next newsletter will come again monthly, of course things could always change. Remember to check our website ([www.brainerdvfw.org](http://www.brainerdvfw.org)) and Facebook Page (Brainerd VFW Post 1647) for updates. Thank you to everyone that is working so hard to keep our Club safe for our members and visitors.



Red Cross Blood Drive  
**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 10am – 4pm  
 Appointments can be made online at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.  
 Bring photo ID to appointment



### July 2020

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>Club Hours</b> Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm		<b>1</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>2</b> Dollar Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy Independence Day
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>9</b> Dollar Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>14 Post &amp; Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>16</b> DAV Meeting  Dollar Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$8.00	<b>20</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>23</b> Dollar Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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