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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades

Hello everyone, hope you are enjoying your summer so far.

If you have not noticed, we have new lights over the bar to brighten the area up. We are going to replace the carpet on the footrail of the bar and also install new tile on the floor in the men's bathroom. Please be patient while the remodeling is going on.

We had over \$31,200 in donations this month. We donated to Evergreen Cemetery, Community Action, First Baptist Church in Pillager, MN Warriors Ice Hockey, Brainerd Warriors Football Association, County Service Veteran Center for gas cards, and the VFW Baseball Team. We donated an additional \$300 Evergreen Cemetery to put a Civil War marker for a Union Soldier. Up to a \$500 donation will be given to the Brainerd Fire Department for the replacement of their flag.

The color Guard is going to be marching in the Crosby and Brainerd Parades. Come show your support.

Remember to thank our volunteers for all they do.

Commander - Chip Borle

## VFW Baseball Team & Game Schedule



- July 7: Away vs. Monticello (11:00)
- July 11: Away vs. Foley (11:00)
- July 13: Home vs. Little Falls (11:00)
- July 18-28: District Playoffs TBD
- Aug 4-7: State VFW Tournament @ Austin MN

Greetings folks,

Welcome to July. I hope to see some of you at Brainerd's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade that starts near Kiwanis Park at 6 pm instead of 4 pm, with a different route this year. Our post will have a float in this parade, so give our members a friendly wave as they pass by. You can find more information about the parade at <https://www.brainerd.com/events/fourth-of-july/parade-route/>.

What a roller coaster ride the weather has taken us on this year, but that didn't slow us down much. The cold, windy weather we had for our Armed Forces Day Freedom Festival didn't stop families and kids from enjoying the many things we offered them. The most encouraging facet of that event was the way everyone pulled together to make it a success. A big thank you to all the VFW and DAV members who worked tirelessly to raise the community's awareness of our services for veterans.

I was proud to be there to represent Post 1647 at the State convention in June and witness the swearing in of new Department officers. Attending this convention gave me an opportunity to learn more about how the VFW Auxiliary works, but there's still more to learn. I want to thank Dawn Garin for attending with me as mentor and friend. Check out the photos I took while there. You'll find them on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/brainerdVFW1647/>, and our website at <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/state-convention.html>.

May the rest of this summer find you healthy, happy, and cool – literally!

Sue Sterling - Auxiliary President



## The Corner Lot



5/20 Bruce Johnson  
5/21 Wally Barrett  
5/21 Armed Forces Day Freedom Fest  
5/25 Ernest Aarrestad  
5/30 Memorial Day Ceremonies - Bridge, Armory,  
Woodland, Taps Across America  
5/31 William Holderness  
6/3 Wally Anderson  
6/4 Galen Oliphant  
6/14 Elks Flag Day Celebration  
6/18 Dale Demo

## Auxiliary Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to those who have been ill. We wish you a speedy recovery. Sympathy to the family on the passing of Naomi Herlich and sympathy also to those who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette & Brenda Collins  
Sunshine Chairmen



Congratulations to Mark Persons and Sue Sterling for the Social Media (Website/Facebook) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award won at Department Convention.



## BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION

WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

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[www.brainerdlegion255.org](http://www.brainerdlegion255.org)

### OPEN

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.

Follow us on Facebook!

## Buddy Poppy Promotion



A Huge Thank You to the volunteers who made this a success. Thank you to the Brainerd and Baxter Merchants for their donations for the Poppy Cards and for displaying them in support of our Veterans. Thank you to the businesses that allowed us to promote Buddy Poppies at their stores, and to all those who generously donated for their poppy and wore it proudly. The proceeds will stay in our community helping veterans and their families.

Dawn Garin - Buddy Poppy Chairman

## Around the Club:

The Armed Forces Freedom Fest was a success. Thanks to all our great volunteers and the many that weathered the chilly weather.

For those who have been saving the pop can tabs, the good news is Brainerd VFW Post 1647 collected \$1,746.00 that went for the Polytrama Unit at the VA Hospital. Thank you to everyone for working together.

Welcome to all the new officers of both the Post and Auxiliary wishing you a successful and great year.

Breakfast on Father's Day was a great success, and our help was awesome.



Sue Sterling and Dawn Garin with Lady Liberty and a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award for Buddy Poppy Display Category 3 won at Department Convention

Lady Liberty will be traveling with a 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative to Kansas City to be entered in the Buddy Poppy Display Contest at National Convention.

The Armed Forces Day Freedom Festival was a great success. We had a great turn out considering our chilly weather, and it was well received by the community. Check out all the photos on the website: [www.brainerdVFW.org](http://www.brainerdVFW.org) We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions Printing	Epic Auto	North Country Floral
Advantage PCA	Holiday Inn Express	Pepsi
American Gas	Holiday NE	Pequot Tool
American Steel	Honer Excavting	Pine Peaks Resteraunt
AmericInn-Pequot	Hubbard Radio	Pirates Cove
Ann Johnson	Ice Castle	Pizza Ranch
BIR	Jack & Cindy Carlson	Pleasureland
Blakeman	Jan Lambert	Riddles Jewellery
Blue Moon	Jenkins VFW	Sarah's Kitchen
Brainerd Legion	Julie Kohler	Schrupp Excavating
C&L Distributing	Lakes 12	Sheps
CashWise	Lakes Printing	Sunset Cinema
Coco Moon	Legion Riders	Super One
Comfort Suites	Maurices	Terri Baker
Costco	McDonalds	Upper Lakes Foods
Cross Lake Legion	Minnesota T's	Vicki Randall
Den Plumier	Murial's Thrift & Gift	Walmart
Dock Shop	Nisswa American Legion	Waste Partners

## July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Club Hours</b> <b>Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm</b> <b>Sunday: Noon-5pm</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Elks Breakfast	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b> <b>Closed</b> See you at the parade	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>6</b> .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>7</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Eagle's Breakfast	<b>11</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>12 Post &amp; Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm</b> 5:00 pm Tacos Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>13</b> .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>14</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>VFW Breakfast</b> <b>8am – noon</b> <b>\$9.00</b>	<b>18</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>20</b> .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>21</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Legion Breakfast	<b>25</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>27</b> .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>28</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Eagles Breakfast						