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THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone, I hope your summer is going well.

We are still talking about what we will do on Wednesdays for food with the volunteers and officers.

The Color Guard will be marching in the Crosby and Brainerd parades. Come out, show your patriotism, and support our Color Guard.

Our Post won FOUR awards at the June Convention in Rochester. Two awards were given for best media – Website and Facebook (Mark Persons and Sue Sterling) and one for an auxiliary story written by Sue Sterling. Dave Meyer was awarded the VFW Member of the Year, and Eusebia Rios was awarded as Chaplain of the Year. Please congratulate these deserving members the next time you see them! Way to go!

For donations this month, we gave \$13,600 to the United way, Warrior Ice Hockey, Quilts of Honor, Brainerd Warrior Softball, MN 100 Club, and a veteran in need.

"Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul."- General Douglas MacArthur.

Don't give up - be on the lookout for new potential members.

Commander
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and sellers, so if you have time, please give us a call. We also need cooks, bussers, and servers for our 3rd Sunday of the month breakfast. We have tacos on Tuesdays and burgers on Thursday. Please call Helen Doucette 218 831 2112 for more information or to sign up.

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Hi!! I'm Cheryl Hull, the new Auxiliary President.

I previously lived in Brainerd from 1993-2006. I returned to Brainerd in July of 2020 after the passing of my husband, Richard. We were very active at the VFW. Richard was gambling manager for many years, and I served as his sidekick!! I also served one term as President of the Auxiliary. I'm a life member of Post 1647. I have 2 sons and a daughter, 8 grandkids, and 5 great-grandkids! They keep me busy! I love to sew and make quilts! I'm looking forward to the upcoming year! I hope to see and meet you at our meetings!!

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HELP WANTED

Volunteers from both the Post and Auxiliary are needed to keep our events going. Maybe some off you are not aware that all our staff are volunteers. We are reaching out to our brothers and sisters to join our different projects. We do Bingo on the first and third Monday. We need callers, cashiers,

The Corner Lot

6/6 Edward Spilman
 5/28 Legion Memorial Service
 6/1 American Legion District Memorial Ser
 6/13 Flag Day Ceremony at Norther Lakes Sr Living
 6/14 Elks Flag Day Ceremony



Sunshine Report

Hopefully you are all doing well, we would like to send get well wishes to Loretta Yeager and to Dave Montour, and any others facing various challenges.

Please accept our condolences to Brian Ray and his family at the passing of his mother, and any others affected by grief.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

In deepest compassion,
 Brenda Collins and Helen Doucette
 Sunshine committee chairmen

Reminder, if you move, please change your address. Better yet, provide us with your email address and receive the newsletter sooner and save the club some money in postage. Send email address to: bdkgarin@hotmail.com



Check out our 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.

Brainerd VFW



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.BrainerdVFW.org

Find out what is 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.

Follow us on Facebook!

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 13th
 9 am – 3 pm

Fill a Bag Sale \$\$
 except for specially marked items

Sure to be something for everyone!

Gently used clothing, knickknacks, household items, miscellaneous items and so much more.

The Auxiliary will again be having a Rummage Sale as a fundraiser. We will be accepting donations of goods starting on Thursday evening, July 11th after 7:00pm. Please no electronics or furniture.

Money raised from these activities will be used to help our Veterans, youth, and our community.

Unsold items will be donated locally.



July 1st is the start of 2024-2025 yr.

Consider becoming a Life Member as annual dues are now \$30.00 for the 24-25 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Your annual dues can be mailed to: Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd.

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 the Post. Annual Dues for Post member is \$35.00.

AUX LIFE MEMBER FEES

16-20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58



David Meyer, Department Veteran of the Year



Chaplain Rios, Department Chaplain of the Year



First place award for BrainerdVFW.org website and Facebook

Four awards were received at State Convention. Dave Meyer was named Veteran of the Year, Eusebia “Happy Chappy” Rios received Chaplain of the Year. A First Place award for Media- website and facebook was received by Mark Perssons, (not pictured is Sue Sterling). A second place award was also received for Best Feature Story. The article was published in the Brainerd Dispatch in February 2023, written by Sue Sterling, “We Strengthened the Ties That Hold Us Together” Congratulations to our recipients for your hard work and dedication. More information can be found on the website: www.brainerdVFW.org

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Closed See you at the Parades	5	6
7 Elk's Breakfast	8 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	9 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad	10	11 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	12	13
14 Eagle's Breakfast	15 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	16 Post & Aux Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	17	18 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	19	20
21 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00	22 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	23 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	24	25 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	26	27
28 Legion's Breakfast	29 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	30 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	31	 Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm		