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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades -

Hello everyone, hope you all are doing well and staying warm.

We had a great Super Bowl Party. Thanks for all the people that helped out.

We had only a few donations this month: Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial, Bullies for Vets, Port, and the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Chuck will be dressing up again for the Plunge. He has been doing this for several years with his daughter.

Make sure you check the web site and Facebook for any latest information that is going on at the Club.

Commander,
 Chip Borle



February 13, 2022: Brainerd VFW sent four people to the annual Minnesota VFW Pistol Shooting Competition in Osseo, MN. In the .22 class, Quartermaster Pat Wing was first in women's shooting. Jr. Vice Commander Mike Williams took second place. Guest Dale Ray Thiesen, a Navy veteran, took third. Chaplain Mark Persons tied for last place.

Brothers and Sisters-

I don't know about you, but I'm glad we made it through February. March brings back daylight savings time and longer days. Let me fill those days up by helping our veterans.



In an effort to honor all female veterans, the auxiliary is sponsoring a *Name the Dame* contest. Our Buddy Poppy Dame won first place at the Mid-Winter Conference, and we'd like to give her a name. We are looking to our members to help us come up with a good one,

with our *Name the Dame* contest. Our dame sits on a small table in the VFW dining room, and next to her is a jar with forms you can fill out with the name of your choice. At the end of March, we will go through all the submitted names and choose one. The person who submits the winning name will receive two free Sunday Breakfast vouchers. Stop on in soon and check her out. The name you choose could be the winner!

We are in the planning stage of an event on May 21, and we need members to step up and help us organize it. Won't you please consider giving of your time and energy to make this a success. Contact Helen Doucette for details.

Sue Sterling
 Auxiliary President



The Corner Lot

1/29/22 Anthony (Tony) Romano
 2/15/22 Robert Esler
 2/19/22 Robert Anderson
 2/10/22 Post Colors VFW Hockey



Useful Phone numbers:

72-Hour Notification Line 1-844-724-7842
 call within 72 hours of a visit or admission through any emergency room other than a VA.
Women Veterans Call Center 1-855-826-6636
Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 press 1

Sunshine Report

Sympathy to the families of Janice Goff, Shawn Miller, Donna Dahl, Eugene De Busk and Irene Boyd on the passing of her husband, Get Well wishes to those who have been sick.

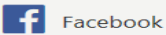
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 Thank you - Dawn Garin
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SPRING EVENT

Mahlum-Hanson Post 1647 and Auxiliary are planning an event for spring to be held in the parking lot. We will need members and families to volunteer to help make this event successful. We would like to hold this on May 21st as this day is Armed Forces Day and we also hold our annual Buddy Poppy promotion in May. The purpose of this event is to make the community aware of who we are and what we do. We would like to make this day informative and fun for veterans, members, and families, and also the community. Please if you are interested in planning or participating give a call to Commander Chip Borle- 218-851-0855, Auxiliary President, Sue Sterling 218-831-5540, or Helen Doucette 218-831-2112.

Commented [DG1]:



Look for us on Facebook
 Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Make sure to "like" us so you see what is happening at the Post.



*May good luck be with you
 wherever you go
 and your blessings outnumber
 the shamrocks that grow*

Check out the 6th District Facebook page:



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.BrainerdVFW.org

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

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.



BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION

WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!
 708 FRONT STREET - 218-829-2249
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!

Auxiliary MembersDid You Know?

As a member, you are covered with Cancer Insurance at no extra charge with your paid membership. VFW National provides each member with a Cancer Insurance policy. If a member is diagnosed with cancer, they are to request a Cancer Grant Form from the auxiliary, the member takes it to the doctor to be completed and then the member completes their portion and sends it to National to be reviewed. National will send a check for \$550.00. Should the member have cancer again later a request can be made for one more Grant. The limit is 2 per lifetime.
 Helen Doucette - Membership chairman



Kitty Hawk Military Reunion

A reunion is planned for sailors and friends of the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) Aircraft Carrier in Brownsville, TX, in June 2022, before she is dismantled.

<https://www.brainerdvfw.org/kitty-hawk.html>
 Contact Dale Ray Thiesen in Brainerd. dale_thiesen@yahoo.com

MARCH 2022

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| Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm | | 1 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm | 2 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00 Ash Wednesday | 3 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Elks Breakfast | 7 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 8 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm | 9 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00 | 10 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each | 11 | 12 |
| | 14 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 15 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm | 16 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00 | 17 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each St Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 |
| 20 VFW Breakfast 8am - noon \$9.00 | 21 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 22 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm | 23 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00 | 24 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Legion Breakfast | 28 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 29 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm | 30 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00 | 31 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each | | |