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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades

Hello everyone, hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. Make sure you get your Flu Shot, it will be very helpful this year.

The Community Thanksgiving dinner is still happening this year but it is going to be drive by for pick up in the Legion parking lot from 11am to 1 pm, and city officials; police and fire department will be doing home deliveries. **Reservations are required** for both. Sign up sheets will be available at the VFW or you can call to make your reservation. There is no indoor seating. The club will spend up a \$1000 to help with expenses.

We donated \$500 to Veterans Outdoors. There is a flyer on the board about this organization and information for anybody looking to go hunting. We also donated \$1000 to the YMCA.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.
 Commander,
 Chip Borle



Walt Straka received the Minnesota World War II Congressional Gold Medal award in a ceremony on October 14th. Only 168 such awards have been given in our country's history.

Greetings,

Looks like we need to greet the snow and I am not ready for it.

As you can imagine things are slow for the Auxiliary.

We had our inspection this month and passed. She was very pleased with the books. Thank you Dawn for what you do.

Discussion has been held during the last two meetings on how we could reach out to our members that may not get out very often. So, Sue Sterling has agreed to help us make cards, she may have a blip in the newsletter also. It is planned for Sunday November 8th from 1 to 3 pm at the VFW. It sounds like it would be fun and good socialization and the tables are big enough to spread out.

Dawn Garin is going to include an article on how to help us to replace the Poppy Campaign, so watch for that.

The Children's Christmas party is canceled for this year.

Reminder we are still serving Tuesday Tacos, Wednesday Wings and Thursday Burgers.

Stay healthy and reach out to us if you need too. Sympathy to those you have lost a loved one and speedy recovery to those that are ill or recovery from surgery.

Respectfully,
 Jan Lambert

PS. Is it too early to wish for spring?



The Corner Lot:

9/25 Robert Balko
9/26 Clarence Bertrand
9/26 John Berry
10/9 George Moore



Flag Presentations

10/5 US Postal Union
10/14 Walt Straka Gold Medal Ceremony

Layettes are available for Veterans and families who will be having a baby. If interested, please contact Arleen Elliott @ 839-5035 or 829-7840.

Auxiliary Sunshine Report:

Get well wishes to Arleen Elliott and sympathy to the Lorena Laron Family.

Wishing a speedy recovery to all who are ill and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Sunshine Chairman – Helen Doucette



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Look for us on Facebook
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Make sure to like us so you see what's happening at the Post.



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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Red Cross Blood Drive
@ Brainerd VFW #1647
Friday, November 6th
10am – 4pm

Appointments can be made online at:

www.redcrossblood.org or by calling

1-800-733-2767.

Bring photo ID to appointment

Don't forget the Rapid Pass option

Veteran's Day

On Veteran's Day, November 11th at 11:00 am the VFW Honor Guard will be firing and playing taps at the All Vet's Memorial. There will not be any public ceremonies due to COVID and health and safety concerns.

Remember our Veterans

GREETING CARDS

Touching the lives of our own veterans is one of the outreaches of the auxiliary this season. Many of our members are social-distancing due to the current pandemic. Come and help us make greeting cards to send to our local VFW members/spouses to let them know they matter to us.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 8, from 1-3 pm to make greeting cards at the VFW. Supplies will be provided; all we ask is a willing heart and hand to put them together. This could become a monthly activity for those that are interested in continuing this opportunity to improve the lives of those we respect and love.

Sue Sterling and Jan Lambert are heading this activity. If you have any questions, contact Sue via call or text at 218-831-5540. If you have card-making supplies you'd like to share, feel free to bring them.

Sue Sterling

Your Auxiliary dues are due by December 31, 2020 to remain a member in good standing. Send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Tail, 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

Buddy Poppy

The Annual Buddy Poppy Promotion is our largest yearly fundraiser. The proceeds from this event are split between the post and auxiliary and put into our relief funds and are used for veterans and their families who are in need in our local area.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and health and safety concerns we did not, and will not be able to have a Poppy Distribution this year. Our funds will not be replenished however the need is greater than ever. Please consider making a donation to our Buddy Poppy Fund. Donations can be mailed to the Post and earmark your check "Buddy Poppy". All contributions are greatly appreciated.

In honor of our Veterans, we will have a Memorial Wall at the Post in November to correspond with Veterans Day which is on November 11th. If you would like a Poppy Card displayed in honor or memory of a Veteran please stop in at the club or mail your donation and Veteran information to Dawn Garin and I will see that it gets added for display on the wall. Again, your contributions are much needed and greatly appreciated.

Dawn Garin


Buddy Poppy Chairman

15751 Firefly Trail

Brainerd, MN 56401



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3 or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	4 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	5 Burger Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	6 Red Cross Blood Drive 10am - 4pm	7
8	9	10 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3 or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00	11 Veteran's Day 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	12 Burger Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	13	14
15 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$8.00	16	17 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3 or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	18 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	19 DAV Meeting Burger Night \$2.00 Burgers French Fries & Domestic tap Beer \$1.00 each	20	21
22	23	24 5:00 pm Tacos: hardshell, \$2or 3/\$5 softshell \$3 or 2/\$5 salad \$4.00 Cribbage – 6:00 pm	25 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	26 Happy Thanksgiving CLOSED	27	28
29 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$8.00	30			Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm		