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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades:

Hello everyone, hope you have enjoyed your summer. Fall is just around the corner. Football has started and the Twins look like they are going to make the playoffs. There will be drink specials if the Twins make the playoffs.

Thanks to all the volunteers at the Fair. I know we got rained out twice but still we did well overall.

We gave \$4,600 to different organizations this month. We gave to the Brainerd Sports Boosters, Tee up for Troops, Son of Union Veterans, Breath of Life and Fishing Has No Boundaries.

Thanks to all the volunteers that got the VFW picnic ready. Also gave a big thanks to Walmart for donating and cooking for the picnic. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

“Always do more than is required of you.” General George Patton

Commander,
 Chip Borle



The Brainerd Color Guard was invited to Brainerd Internation Raceway to present the flag at the PGI, (Pyrotechnics Guild International) fireworks show.

Sisters & Brothers,

Scary thought--but I think I have been smelling fall in the air!!! So nice to see all of you at the meeting!

We are looking for members who would be willing to help us by volunteering! We have openings in the following areas: One Sunday a month for breakfast, Monday nights help with selling bingo cards, and helping by donating bars for special occasions!! No experience is needed! The pay won't make you rich, but the best perks are meeting new people and helping our vets! If you'd like to Expand your horizons just give me a call and I'll add you to our "Hall of Fame" for volunteers! My number is: 928-978-2000!

We are still working on the Auxiliary Honor Guard. We hope to have a get together in September. If you are a former member and have any uniform items laying around, could you please consider dropping them off at the club so new members could use them! It's not too late to join us! Just give Dee a call at 218-831-4261. We'd love to have you! Thanks!

On September 9th we are hosting a program at the post called "Changing the Narrative". It will cover the 8 dimensions of wellness, mental health, why it matters and how to talk about it as well as briefly touching on suicide prevention and available resources! The program will run from 1pm-3pm in the dining hall. Call 218-821-2501 to let us know. We have room for 40! Beverages, bars, and cookies will be served! Love to see you there.

Hugs and prayers for those who have lost loved ones and those who have been ill!

Until next time! Hugs!
 Cheryl Hull,
 Auxiliary President

**HAPPY
 LABOR
 DAY**



The Corner Lot

7/30 Opening of Crow Wing County Fair
Posting Colors & Veteran Tribute
8/2 Memorial Rifle Squad, Camp Ripley
8/5 Larry Putman
8-9 Pyrotechnic Guild International, BIR
Veterans Tribute
8-11 Roy Kraklau



Sunshine Report

Get Well Wishes go out to Helen Doucette, Marna and Don Lohse, and to DeWayne and Brenda Collins.
Sympathy goes out to the family of Margery Marsh.
Get well wishes to those who have been ill and a speedy recovery, and sympathy to all who have lost a loved one.

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.

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2024 -2025 VFW & Auxiliary Youth Competition Opportunities

Patriot's Pen Essay – Grades 6 ,7 & 8

Theme – "My Voice in America's Democracy"

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay – Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Theme – "Is America Today Our Forefathers Vision?"

Deadline to submit to the VFW Post is October 31st.

Americanism Program – MN only competitions

Coloring Contest -Grade K – 3

Theme – My Beautiful America

Essay Competition – Grade 4-6

Theme – "My Country is Great Because"

Deadline to the Post is October 31st.

The Illustrating America National Art Contest will again be promoted with a March 31st deadline. Watch for information in future correspondence.

**Full details and instructions can be found on the website www.brainerdVFW.org .



September is National Suicide Prevention month. We lose approximately 20-22 Veterans per day to suicide.

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

Thank you to Super One and the community for their generous support to our Veterans.

SuperOne in Baxter, MN, helped raise funds for the Brainerd VFW. Shoppers donated at the time of checkout June 28 through July 15, 2024. Some \$4180.46 was raised in Baxter to help the Brainerd VFW.

Store Manager Tom, on the left, and store employee Joe, on the right, presented a check to Kevin Jensen from the Brainerd VFW on July 30, 2024.

In total, SuperOne has raised \$91,184 nationwide to help VFWs. Thank You!



September 2024

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