



# PATRIOT GROUNDS

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## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

### Disable American Veteran (DAV)

Meeting at the  
VFW POST 1647  
every third  
Thursday

### Brainerd VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars

supports veterans  
in Brainerd Baxter  
MN. ...

Meeting second  
Tuesday of the  
month.

### Brainerd VFW Post 1647

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“You can get knocked down, and it hurts and it leaves scars. But if you're a leader, the people you've counted on will help you up. And if you're a leader, the people who count on you need you on your feet.”

- Stanley A. McChrystal



Crow Wing County Chapter # 22 is a community based Veterans Service Organization helping disabled, non-disabled veterans and families in the greater Brainerd Lakes Area. The chapter donates funds and provides assistance to worthy causes that directly affect the health and welfare of our nations military veterans. Chapter 22 and Auxiliary meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the VFW Clubrooms in Brainerd MN. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. We welcome all service connected disabled veterans in Crow Wing/Cass county to join us.

### **Providing a Lifetime of Support**

DAV's free, professional assistance helps veterans and their families get the benefits they've earned—staying with them through every step of the process. And because disabling injuries can affect veterans at any stage in life, DAV is there with support whenever they need it.

### **Positive Life-Changing Services**

Every year, DAV assists more than a million veterans by helping them access the benefits they've earned. We help veterans to achieve personal victories, great and small, such as being able to provide for their families, overcome homelessness, finish their education, access vital funds and even gather together with their fellow veterans to share good times.

### **All Veterans-Every Age, Every Stage**

DAV believes that no matter what age or stage of life, every veteran is important. We seek to connect veterans of all generations. We support equitable benefits for all: underserved veteran populations, those with invisible and visible wounds from service, and the most vulnerable and overlooked in need of special assistance.

### **Advocating for Veterans Everywhere**

For more than 100 years, DAV has been a strong and influential advocate for veterans' rights and benefits. We are committed to fighting for America's more than 4.7 million disabled veterans, representing veterans on Capitol Hill, and getting legislation enacted that protects our nation's heroes and their families. Our more than 1 million members give DAV a powerful voice to make sure veterans are heard.





The mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1647 in Brainerd, Minnesota is to "Help Veterans and the Community".

The post is located at 309 South Sixth Street in downtown Brainerd and is open to all VFW members, guests, active military, and non-veterans. Post and Auxiliary meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

Since 1929, this post is open to all VFW members and guests. It's a friendly place. Stop in and see for yourself. Post and Auxiliary meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. We are in Minnesota's 6th VFW District.

Duty, Honor, and Country. Dedicated to the men and women who marched before us, their families and everyone deployed. What does it cost to be a VFW member? Answer: \$35 per year, but a life membership is a better choice.

What do I get for my money? Answer: As a member of the VFW, you are a part of an organization that lobbies to the Minnesota State Legislature and Congress in Washington, D.C. The higher the membership number, the more influence the group has to pass veteran favorable legislation. Lack of VFW support will result in lower veteran benefits.



## HAPPY CHAPPY CORNER

- By Ch, Maj (Ret) Eusebia Rios "Happy Chappy"

### Military etiquette

**Officer:** Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

**Soldier:** Sure, buddy.

**Officer:** That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

**Soldier:** No, SIR!

My prayer for you is for connection and friendships. I pray you will remember you are not alone. You are an incredible Person, Veteran and Patriot. AMEN

## PATRIOT GROUNDS

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"HAPPY CHAPPY"

"Patriot Grounds" is an alcohol-free environment to put at ease veterans who. The primary focus are the Veterans in need of fellowship and connection with other veterans. We assure all information is current regarding benefits and newest legislation that directly impacts veterans and their families. We invite Veterans' spouses as well.

Patriot Grounds meets at Heritage Church Baxter in the Fire Side Room:

### HERITAGE CHURCH

**13242 Berrywood Dr  
Baxter MN 56425  
218-829-3209**

We start at 10 AM every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. We fellowship over Donuts and Coffee. We share information and resources and programs/benefits that eligible veterans and disabled veterans. Connect with other veterans and mentor one another through fellowship and discussion.