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THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying this crazy spring. Oh, how we love Minnesota weather.

We had a great turn out for the St Patrick's holiday party. Our mulligan stew and soda bread went over very well. We will definitely do that again next year. A big shout out to the Honor Guard marching in the cold wind during the parade!

We are going to try sponsoring a meat raffle on Wednesday. More information will be posted on the website.

We gave out \$21,971 to several organizations. We gave to the Brainerd Public Transit buses to transport veterans in Brainerd for appointments, the Legion School Safety Camp, Brainerd Grad Blast, Samaritan's Purse, the VFW Youth Baseball team, and the VFW Men's and Women's softball team. We also donated 54 units of blood during the last blood drive in March. Great job!

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers that keep the VFW going. Everyone, please come in and tell them "Thanks for a job well done!" I hope everyone enjoyed lots of special family time over Easter.

Chip Borle - Commander

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If you're reading this then you've made it through March. It came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. April brings another set of challenges, so let me mention some things you need to know.

April is the month new officers are chosen. Our auxiliary has 340 members, and we are trusting that some of you who have been sitting on the sidelines will be willing to step up to the plate and get involved. Several officers' roles need to be

filled, as well as many of the committee chairs. The chairs are comfortable. They are not recliners you can sit in with your feet up. They're more akin to office chairs where you do a bit of spinning your wheels to get things accomplished. It's a great way to get out of the doldrums and meet new people.

Please consider stepping outside your comfort zone to learn something new that will help grow our organization. The world is changing, and the VFW is going through some technical growing pains. An influx of new blood would transfuse our post with new ideas. If you would like to be part of this blood transfusion but have questions about what it would entail, reach out to myself, or Helen Doucette, or Dawn Garin. We'd be glad to answer your questions.

If you'd like to help a veteran in some small way, here's some suggestions made by our National Veterans & Family Chairman: Make or drop off a dinner to a veteran who's experiencing a loss of health or loved one; treat a veteran to a cup of coffee; listen to a veteran's stories; help with home repairs; write letters or send a card; but most of all, SAY THANK YOU when you see one.

VETS ON THE HILL happens on April 17. The bus to the Capital for that event is full. Contact Dave Meyer to be put on the waiting list in case someone cancels.

Now go out and sow kindness, you'll reap happiness,

Sue Sterling
 Auxiliary President

The Corner Lot

2/29 Ronald Tow
3/12 Terry Metzger



3/1 Memorial Rifle Squad @ Camp Ripley
3/16 St Patrick's Day Parade - Brainerd

Sunshine Report

The Auxiliary sends get-well wishes to all who have been ill; Katie Lutz, Suz Pohl and Janene Gates. We send a - thinking-of-you wish to Sandra Swearingen, Sympathy to those who have lost a loved especially the family of Lois DeRosier and to Christy Lane on the passing of her mother, Doris Finch.

Brenda Collins and Helen Doucette
Sunshine Committee

THANK YOU

Thanks to George Burton and Burt Electric for the donation of a new ceiling light fixture in the kitchen and two LED ceiling light fixtures in front of the food service area.



Check out our new 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.



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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Helen Doucette
HAPPY 90th
BIRTHDAY



Open House celebration
Saturday, April 13th
Noon - 4pm

Our third Vietnam War Veterans Day Salute on March 22 was well attended again this year. The entire club was filled with Vietnam veterans and their significant others sharing stories about their experiences during their time in Vietnam. A big thank you to Paula Persons and the Daughters of the American Revolution for providing and serving apple pie and ice cream, as well as for serving the sloppy joes and chips that were provided free for all who attended. Check out our website for all the photos.

<https://www.brainerdvfw.org/vietnam-vets-day.html> See back page for photos too.



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

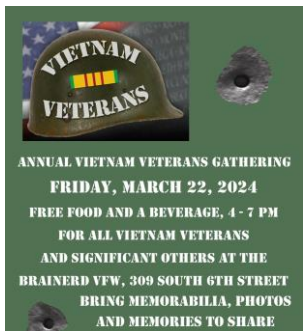
Consider becoming a Life Member as annual dues will increase to \$30.00 for the 2025 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

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



ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS GATHERING
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024
 FREE FOOD AND A BEVERAGE, 4 - 7 PM
 FOR ALL VIETNAM VETERANS
 AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AT THE
BRAINERD VFW, 309 SOUTH 6TH STREET
 BRING MEMORABILIA, PHOTOS
 AND MEMORIES TO SHARE



Lakeland Public TV, Channels 9 and 22 did a story about the gathering on the 10:00 pm news that night.


lptv.org/brainerd-vfw-honors-vietnam-veterans-at-annual-gathering/



The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 established March 31st as National Vietnam War Veterans Day each year.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	2 :00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	3 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	4 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	5	6
7 Elk's Breakfast	8 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	9 Post & Aux Mtg 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad	10 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	11 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	12	13 Helen's 90th Birthday Open House Noon-4pm
14 Eagle's Breakfast	15 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	16 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	17 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	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 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	25 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	26	27 6th District Meeting Jenkins 9:00am
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	 <p>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p>			