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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades –

Hello everyone, hope you had a great Merry Christmas and wishing you happy New Year.

The bathrooms are almost finished. We had a few setbacks, but we managed to get through it. Thanks to all the people that helped decorate the club and had the Christmas party for the kids. We had an unbelievable number of kids show up.

We had a lot of donations this month. We gave out about \$55,000 to different organizations. We gave to Brainerd Hockey foundation, MACV, Sharing Bread, Bridges of Hope, Minnesota Warriors Ice Hockey, the Senior Center, and Mounted Eagles. There are a few more organizations that we gave to. One of the big donations was to the Minnesota State Museum which is being built along highway 371 in Little Falls. This is going to be a very impressive museum when it is finished.

We have Mid-Winter Conference coming up to hopefully learn some innovative ideas on how to help the club and our veterans' programs.

Stay warm and have a great new year.

Chip Borle – Commander

Brothers and Sisters

Shopping days are over, and folks are settling in for a long winter's nap, but hey, if you have some extra time you can knit/crochet hats, mittens, or gloves for us to send to the VFW's National Home for Children. They need all sizes from infant to adult. We will be taking all those that are donated to the Mid-Winter Conference on January 13, so bring them into the club before then. You would be helping veteran's families in need, and that is what the VFW Auxiliary is all about! (If any of you have the skills to knit or crochet but do not have yarn, I will be glad to get you some from my large yarn collection.)

I want to thank everyone who helped with our Children's Christmas party. It was a great success with many more families and children in attendance this year. A Big shout-out to Sandra Swearengen and her daughter, Heidi, for all their work in making those children happy, and to Mike Williams and his friend Donnie Shogren, for their musical contributions.

Last, but not least, the auxiliary is donating funds to these deserving non-profits this year: 7 Aldi Gift cards for welcome baskets for Linden Grove Veteran housing, to the Green Shower which funds will be distributed among the 7 Veteran facilities, to Lutheran Social Services which will be sent to the Brainerd office for local needs, and to MAC-V which is used for Veteran homelessness and food programs.

May this new year bring happiness to you and yours.

Sue Sterling - Auxiliary President



Student Awards

L to R: Patriots Pen- 2nd place Mullen Bratney ,3rd place Tucker Hanson. Voice of Democracy- 1st place Craig Coonan, 2nd place Jagger Klecatsky and 3rd place Haleyrose Blowers.

The Corner Lot

12/9 Tom Spencer
12/16 Frank Ball



Placing of wreaths at Camp Ripley and dedications for each military branch.

The auxiliary finds no one is sick currently. We wish everyone a happy and healthy Holiday and New Year. Sending sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
Sunshine Chairmen

FACEBOOK REQUEST:

We need your help with our new Facebook page. Our old Facebook page was taken down due to no fault of our own and we've started a new one. In order to build up our followers again, we ask that you 'like' and 'follow' us in Facebook. Simple open your FB account, type 'Brainerd VFW' in the search bar and hit enter, when our page opens be sure to click on the word 'Follow' in the top part of the post, as well as 'like' underneath the text. Once you do that, you will be able to get all of our posts in your own 'feed.' This will help you stay updated on what's happening at the club and see some fun photos of the people and events we post. AND...if you click 'share,' more people will be aware of what we offer. If you have any questions or need some Facebook help, just give Sue Sterling a call and she'll be glad to assist you 218-831-5540.



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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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Around the Club

Breakfast went very well, and we would like to Thank those Volunteers that stepped up to cook, serve, bus tables, make toast, wash dishes, and those who came to enjoy a good home-cooked breakfast.

The remodeling of the bathrooms is completed.

Word has it that a discussion has been mentioned to maybe discontinue the newsletter. May I suggest that you as a member of the Post or Auxiliary that you call the Commander or Auxiliary President and let them know your opinion on this.

Happy and Healthy New Year.

Helen Doucette

Thank you to all the bakers and loyal customers who helped to make our bake sales successful.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR

11:00am – 1:00pm
New Year's Day at the Post
Join us for food, fun, friends
(free for paid members)

July 1st was the start of our 2022-2023 year.

Please send your dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin or drop them off at the club. **Let's try to have our membership at 100% by December 31st.** Better yet consider becoming a Life Member.

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.

Spreading Christmas Joy at the Childrens Christmas Party



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Tom & Jerry's 11am – 1pm Elks Breakfast	2 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	3 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	4 50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	5 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	6	7
8 Eagle's Breakfast	9 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	10 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	11 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	12 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	13 Mid-Winter Convention	14 Mid-Winter Convention
15 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$9.00	1 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	17 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	18 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	19 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	20	21
22 Legion Breakfast	23 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	24 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	25 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	26 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	27	28
29 Legion Breakfast	30 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	31 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm				
<p>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p>						