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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades:

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Color Guard has been busy this last month. We can always use some more people for the Color Guard.

For donations this month we gave out \$10,000. We gave to Lighthouse Beginnings, Sharing Bread, MMFF, Cooties which is a VFW organization that helps out at Veterans Homes, to CLC Baseball, Carefree Living, and Bridges of Hope.

A big thanks to all the volunteers for helping at the club.

We had three new members this last Month, keep up the good work.

Enjoy the rest of the New Year.

Commander:
 Chip Borle

Patrons make Christmas brighter for Brainerd area veterans in nursing homes.



We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the gifts and the thought that went into each one. More than 50 veterans' names were chosen from the tree for gift-giving, and returned to the club for dispersal.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, seven elves (otherwise known as auxiliary members) came to the club to organize, and gift wrap each gift. Many were already wrapped, and we left them that way. If a card was included with the gift, we made sure that the veteran got that too.

One vet wanted a case of beer. He got it! One wanted Diet Coke. That was provided too. DVD player, bucket hat, Vikings/Twins shirts and caps, candy and treats – all these requests and more were fulfilled. One of our patrons donated boxes and boxes of candy. Every one of them was given to a veteran.

Thank you, everyone, for this outpouring of gifts for our veterans who might otherwise receive little or nothing at Christmas. Your generosity has restored our hope in humanity and the spirit of Christmas. May the light of Christmas past, present, and future shine on YOU in this season of giving.

Sue Sterling
 Brainerd Auxiliary President



Jagger Klecatsky, Brainerd's first place winner of the Voice of Democracy competition took second place at the 6th District. He was presented his award during the 6th District meeting in St Cloud on December 2nd. He is pictured above with the 6th District Post and Auxiliary Officers. The 2023-2024 theme was "What are the greatest attributes of our democracy", you can listen to his speech on the website: www.brainerdVFW.org. The theme for 2024-2025 will be announced in June.

The Corner Lot

- 12/4 Earl Johnson
- 12/9 Douglas Forseth
- 12/9 Mitchel Johnson
- 12/16 Jerry Lang
- 12/18 Walter Braunworth



12/16 Placing of wreaths –
Wreaths for the Fallen at
Ft Ripley cemetery.



Santa's
Giving
Tree
Elves at
work.



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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OPEN
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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Sunshine Report

We would like to take the opportunity to send
our sympathies to the family of Donna Johnson.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have
lost a loved one, and to all who are ill we pray for a
speedy recovery.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
Co-Chairmen

Heartfelt thanks to the patrons and members of the
Brainerd VFW. On December 1, the auxiliary took
a chance and shared with the patrons the
opportunity to purchase a gift for veterans in local
nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Several
members got together and made tree ornaments
with tags, listing the first name of a veterans with
gifts they would like to receive. The first forty tags
were taken within days, and more tags were put up
with just the names and sizes of each veteran.

**WHAT THE NEW YEAR
BRINGS TO YOU
WILL DEPEND A GREAT DEAL
ON WHAT YOU BRING
TO THE NEW YEAR**

Vern McClellan

July 1st is the start of 2023-2024 yr.

Let's get those dues paid early. Better
yet consider becoming a Life Member
as there will most likely be an increase in
the dues per National.

Your \$20.00 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.


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

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.

Fun
With
Santa



January 2024

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day Tom & Jerry's 11am-1pm Open till 6pm	2 5:00 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 p	9 Post & Aux 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	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 Mid-Winter Convention	
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
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	31 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	 <p style="text-align: center;">Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p>		