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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades

Hello everyone, hope you are all doing well through these crazy times. Let's stay positive and trust the man upstairs.

The club has been doing ok, thanks you for your patronage. Also, thanks for all are volunteers, they are working hard to keep the club going.

We did quite a few donations this month. We gave \$600 to the Women's Softball team. Also gave \$1000 to Interfaith Volunteers, \$500 to MN National Guard Youth Camp, \$500 to Boy Scouts, \$500 to Sharing Bread, \$150 for the Venison Dinner for Vets, and \$500 to Habitat for Humanity.

Remember if people ask what the VFW is about, it is helping Veterans and the area community.

Take care and be safe out there.

Commander,
Chip Borle



Greetings to Everyone,

We survived what I hope will be our worse of the cold weather for the winter.

What the Auxiliary has been doing during this COVID-19:

For Christmas, the Post and Auxiliary delivered Christmas cards to the Veteran's in the Nursing Homes and had Poinsettia and fruit baskets to the facilities. Socks were given to Veterans in the nursing homes also. On Valentine's Day the Auxiliary delivered Valentines to some of the nursing home facilities.

March will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Hopefully I will understand how to do it by then.

April is our month for elections, I am asking that everyone would consider running for the various offices. President, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Treasurer, Chaplain, Guard, Conductress, Patriotic Instructor and Trustee. We are also in need of chairman for our Auxiliary programs.

We are looking for ways that the Auxiliary can continue to be active in what we do for the Veterans. Any suggestions and ideas that you may have would be appreciated.

Continue to stay healthy and be safe. Speedy recovery for those recovering from illness or surgery. Condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

Respectfully,
Jan Lambert
Auxiliary President

The Corner Lot:



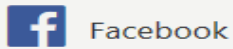
March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This day marks the day when combat forces departed South Vietnam during the longest conflict in U.S. history.

Auxiliary Sunshine Report:

Get well wishes are sent to Kristi Duus, Arleen Elliott, Lynda Hummel, Antonia Blanksma and to all others who have been ill. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Sympathy to the families of Lorraine Montgomery, Loretta Ahlgrim, Jill Granholm, Janet Meyer and Marian Jelacie and all others who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette – Sunshine Committee
At this time of the pandemic, we are in hopes that everyone who wishes to receive the vaccine will get it and we can move on to seeing everyone again.



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Look for us on Facebook
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Make sure to like us so you see what's happening at the Post.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.BrainerdVFW.org

Find out what's 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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Hospital Report

This year as an Auxiliary we provided, Christmas gifts for the veterans in the nursing facilities. We delivered 7 Poinsettias and 2 fruit baskets to the 9 facilities in Brainerd and Baxter. Also, the veterans at Carefree Manor, Woodland and Bethany received socks. Valentines were sent to cheer the veterans and residents at Diamond Willow, Northern Lights and Edgewood Baxter. Plans are being thought of to do a cheer to other facilities for St Patrick's Day and Easter. Please if you have some time on your hands this an incredibly good project and Arleen needs some help.

Helen Doucette

(Arleen Elliott's helper while she is ill)

Buddy Poppy

It is almost that time of year again. With the COVID-19 Pandemic and health concerns it does not seem likely that we will be having our usual Buddy Poppy Promotions. This is our largest fundraiser, and the monies are only used to help Veterans and their families in our community. Please consider making a donation to help keep these worthwhile programs going. Checks can be mailed to the club earmarked: Buddy Poppy
Dawn Garin – Poppy Chairman

Membership

Please if you have not sent in your dues for year 20-21 please do so ASAP. If not paid by June 30th, you will be required to complete a new application. Our new year for 2021-2022 begins on July 1st, 2021.

Your Auxiliary dues are due by December 31, 2020 to remain a member in good standing. Send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club. 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

Red Cross Blood Drive
 March 12, 2021
 8am-2pm



Appointments can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.
 Bring photo ID to appointment

Attn members:
 If you are not attending meetings but are completing volunteer work in the community be sure you report this to the post or auxiliary for reporting. You can call or send a note with your hours and type of volunteer work completed.

Auxiliary Spring Contests

Grade K-2nd Color the American Flag

The picture and entry form with instructions can be found on the MN VFW Auxiliary website or our post website at www.BrainerdVFW.org.

Grade 3rd & 4th Poster Contest, "Ways to Show Patriotism"

No larger than 11"x14", students can use pencil, crayon, or marker to draw different ways to show patriotism.

Entries are due to the Auxiliary Chairman by March 31st

Illustrating America Art Contest

Contest rules and entry form can be found on the Department website: www.vfwauxmn.org under Youth Activities. Deadline is March 31st to your local Auxiliary.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	3 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	4 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	5	6
7	8	9 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	10 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	11 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	12 Red Cross Blood Drive 8am-2pm	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	17 St Patrick's Day 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	18 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	19	20 Spring Begins
21 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$8.00	22	23 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	24 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	25 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	31 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm		