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THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone,

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season. Safe travel to those of you who will be out.

Thank you to the Color Guard, and all the other folks for their hard work during our Veteran's Day Programs.

We had \$12,200 in donations this month. We gave to Girls Hockey, The Shop, Lake Region, Warrior Cheerleading, Faith in Action, Nursey Home, VFW Children Home, and the Salvation Army.

We got two new members this last month. Keep up the good work towards growing our Post. I would like to see us get one new member a month.

Come ring in the New Year with us. We will be serving Tom and Jerrys and snacks on News Years Day from 11am – 1pm .

Commander:
 Chip Borle



**Join us
 New Year's Day
 Tom & Jerry's
 11:00 – 1:00pm**



Brother and Sisters,

The holiday decorations are up, and the holidays are in full swing now. December 9th is our Children's Christmas Party from 11am to 1 pm. Lunch will be served before Santa arrives at 12:30. This is for all military and VFW members and their families. Toys will be given to the children and food served for all who attend.

Our auxiliary is doing its best to spread the holiday cheer to our veterans in senior living facilities in Brainerd and Baxter. If YOU want to buy a gift for a veteran yourself, we have created a Giving Wall with tagged Christmas decorations in the bar area. Each tag lists the veteran's desired item on it. You can choose the gift you wish to purchase, then return it to the club by December 15. The auxiliary members will then wrap them and take them to the veteran. The auxiliary will purchase the remaining gifts. Here's your chance to do something personal for a veteran. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.

Our bake sale in November was a great success, and we want to thank all those who contributed baked or canned goods. Our patrons were very generous in purchasing them, so we want to thank them too. We will be using the money raised to benefit our veterans this Christmas and throughout the year.

We want to congratulate all the winners of our two scholarship contests, who received their local awards at our November 14 meeting. You can read the winning essays on our website at brainerdvfw.org/2023-stories.

As Christmas approaches, I hope that you take a timeout for yourself and spend time with people who make you smile.

*Merry Christmas to all,
 Sue Sterling
 Auxiliary President*



The Corner Lot

11/2 Raymond Dallas Root
11/13 Richard Tornow Sr



Remember our troops this Holiday Season.



Sunshine Report

We would like to take the opportunity to send our sympathies to those who have lost a loved one.

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

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
Co-Chairmen

Thank you to all who participated in the Auxiliary Bake Sales. From bakers to buyers, your contributions are greatly appreciated. The events were successful and will help us support our Veterans and youth during the holidays.



We will be open till
6:00 pm on
Christmas Eve



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.

Follow us on Facebook!

Join the Fun
New Years Eve
Game time 7:20pm

**Minnesota Vikings vs.
Green Bay Packers**



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.




November 14, 2023: Awards were given to winners in the annual essay competitions. (l-r) in the photo: Patriot's Pen – theme "How are you inspired by America?": 3rd place Cato Clough, 2nd place Addison Guida and 1st place Max Wehseler.

Voice of Democracy- theme "What are the greatest attributes of our democracy?": 3rd place Isabell Bednarek, 2nd place Craig Coonan and 1st place Jagger Klecatsky.

We are pleased to announce that our Voice of Democracy winner won second place at the District level, and will be accepting that award at the District 6 meeting on December 2 at Post 428 in St. Cloud

In total, \$1200 in prize money was given by the Brainerd VFW.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p>					1	2 6th District Meeting St Cloud
3 Elk's Breakfast	4 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 p	5 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	6 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	7 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	8	9 Children's Christmas Party 11am – 1pm
10 Eagle's Breakfast	11 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	12 Post & Aux 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	13 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	14 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	15	16
17 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00	18 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	19 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	20 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	21 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	22	23
24 Legion's Bkfst X-Mas Eve OPEN TILL 6PM	25 Merry Christmas Closed	26 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	27 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	28 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE MN Vikings						