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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades-

Hello everyone, hope your winter is going well. I hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had a water heater problem which we had to buy a new one. We had a lot of donations this month. We gave to Blake Collins for his Boy Scout project. We gave \$600 to Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd, \$500 to Veterans Home in Silver Bay. Also, we gave \$2500 to the Salvation Army in Brainerd, to the Brainerd High School Robotics, to a 4-H Club and to the Brainerd Dance Club. If you like to dance, they are looking for more people to join.

We had a few new members join this month, keep the up good and keep trying to get new members.

Be safe out there and enjoy camaraderie with each other.

Commander,  
 Chip Borle

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### Student Awards

The theme for the 2019 writing competition is,  
 "What Makes America Great"  
 Congratulations to our winners:

<u>Patriot's Pen Grades 6-8</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> place:	Jagger Klecatshky	\$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	Dale	\$200.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	Paul Sandberg	\$100.00

<u>Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> place:	Johnathan Berry	\$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	Keenan Hodge	\$200.00

Johnathan also took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 6<sup>th</sup> District

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a good and safe New Years. It is hard to believe that we welcomed 2020, I still remember welcoming 2019.

With the beginning of a new year. I am hoping the Auxiliary will come together to plan some events. Some thoughts that I have is to open Fridays for fund raising events. The organization that is putting the event would be responsible to furnish the personnel to put on the event. Another is for people that like to sew or quilt to have a night or day to make twin sized blankets or quilts for District. I would welcome any thoughts or ideas for any other projects or events that you think of. And of course, we may need to run it past the Post for their approval.

Winter Conference is January 17th to 19th, in Minneapolis. If you are interested, please send Dawn an email or give her a call.

Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one and speedy recovery to those who have beenn ill or recovering from surgery.

Sincerely,  
 Jan Lambert  
 Auxiliary President

PS Thanks to our generous guest for our December bake sale and all that purchased the goodies.



## The Corner Lot

Keith Moilanen 11/23  
R D Briley 11/25  
Robert (Bob) Harting 12/18

## Auxiliary Sunshine Report:

Get Well wishes were sent to: Tammy Hill and Helen Doucette.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to those who have been ill. Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

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Around the club:

We continue to make improvements to the Post, hope you come by to enjoy the many events, food and good friends.

Santa made a visit on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Children's Christmas Party. Tom & Jerry's were served to Ring in the New Year.

We had a very active year and look forward to another successful 2020. Thank you to all the volunteers for your dedication and hard work.

If you would like to get involved or volunteer please see Commander Chip.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[www.BrainerdVFW.org](http://www.BrainerdVFW.org)

Find out what's happening at the Post, stay current with the news and view photos.



### BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

708 FRONT ST • 829-2249 [www.brainerdlegion255.org](http://www.brainerdlegion255.org)

WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

• MONDAY—FRIDAY: Open at 11 a.m. • SATURDAY Open at noon • SUNDAY Open at 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY:** • Bar Bingo • 1 p.m. • 4th SUNDAY: Breakfast Buffet • 8 a.m. to noon

**MONDAY:** • Rib Basket \$6 • Build a Burger (Starting at \$4)

**TUESDAY:** • Hot Beef Sandwich \$6

**WEDNESDAY:** • Wings 45¢ • Broasted Chicken (Limited Menu)

**THURSDAY:** Wings 45¢ • Tacos, Taco Salads & Quesadillas • Cosmic Bingo 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** Chili Dog & Chips \$4 • Full Menu 12—8 p.m. • Special Dinner or Walleys 5 p.m. •

Meat Raffles 5:30 p.m.  
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## Brainerd VFW

### Bean Bag Tournament



309 South 6th Street, Brainerd, MN

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sign up 11-11:45am

Tournament begins 12pm sharp

\$5 Entry Fee, 100% payback

Random Draw for partners

Possible singles tournament after - time permitting



Softball players will be serving food and bar will be serving drinks!

Come for lunch, stay for bags!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Blood Drives  
February 11, 2020

May 15, 2020 10am-4pm

Appointments can be made online at:

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Bring photo ID to appointment



Facebook

Look for us on Facebook  
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

The new 2019-2020 year began on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Dues can be paid at any time. Don't delay, send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club. You don't want to lose your benefits. 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



# Sunday Viking's Football

**Join us on Sunday's for the game.**  
Bring a dish to share, there is food, fun and friends.

## January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Club Hours</b> <b>Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm</b> <b>Sunday: Noon-5pm</b>			<b>1</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>2</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>14 Post &amp;            Auxiliary Mtg            7:00pm</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> 3/ \$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>16</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>17 State VFW            Mid-Winter            Convention            Jan 17-19            Minneapolis Marriott            City Center</b>	<b>18 Bean Bag            Tournament</b> Registration 11am Food will be served \$5.00 entry
<b>19 VFW            Breakfast            8am – noon            \$8.00</b>	<b>20</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm  Martin Luther King Jr Day	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>23</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>29</b> 3/\$1.00 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:30	<b>30</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>31</b>	<i>Think in terms            of the day's            resolutions, not            the years.</i>