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Comrades:

Hello everyone, winter is almost over, I hope. The bathrooms are all done now, thanks to Kevin and others that helped complete this project.

We got three new members this last month great job! Keep recruiting.

I want to give a big thanks to all the people involved that got our Post recognized in the VFW National magazine. It is a great honor to be mentioned in the magazine.

We gave around \$14,000 to different organizations this month. Donations went to: Pillager Fishing Team, Polar Plunge, Safety Alliance, Police Safety Council, National Home, and to the Color Guard.

We have the Election of Officers coming up at our April meeting, so please bring your ideas and opinions to our next meeting.

Chip Borle – Commander



VFW Hockey



Brothers and Sisters:

Time MARCHes on too fast, doesn't it? Here we are in the third month of 2023 and it seems like only yesterday we had our first Freedom Festival. We're hoping we can count on YOU to help us again this year. A second Freedom Festival meeting is being planned for March 7 at 7 pm. Bring some ideas with you!

Our Armed Forces Freedom Festival was such a success on May 21, 2022, that it was written about in the national VFW Magazine this February. Here's a link to that online magazine: [February VFW Magazine, pages 35-36](#) And if you missed it, here's a link to Lakeland TV's news about that magazine and what we do here. [Brainerd VFW spotlight on Lakeland TV news, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023](#)

A big thank you to all who donated hats and mittens to the National Children's Home. Total numbers of donations at the state convention were: 369 hats, 20 hat/glove sets, 145 pairs of gloves, 11 scarves, 8 headbands. That will keep a lot of kids and adults warm this winter!

We are planning a Rummage Sale in May. We want your help and your donations to make it a fun and profitable fundraiser. More details to follow.

You can be proud of all we do for our veterans and their families. If you see a need or an have idea that will help a vet, please bring them to the attention of me or any auxiliary officer.

Sue Sterling - President



### The Corner Lot



1/18 Dairien White  
2/6 Robert Wise  
2/11 Allen Braak  
2/16 David Bottorff  
2/20 Daniel Long

Posting of colors on 2/3/2023 at the Bantaam AA VFW sponsored Hockey Team, also the VFW sponsored logo on the Zamboni.

Photos can be found at:

<https://www.brainerdvfw.org/hockey.html>

### Sunshine Report

Get Well wishes to those who have been ill and a speedy recovery.

Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins  
Sunshine Chairmen



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.

[Brainerd VFW](#)



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

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

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



### BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION

WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

708 FRONT STREET · 218-829-2249  
[www.brainerdlegion255.org](http://www.brainerdlegion255.org)

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.

Follow us on Facebook!

### Around the Club

We have so many great VOLUNTEERS, Bingo is going well thanks to the Pohl Foundation and the VFW Auxiliary, and the kitchen is operating smoothly as well as the bar. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

**Freedom Festival.** to kick off this event, our first planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 7 pm. Again, we will need many volunteers and welcome your ideas and creativity to head up the many parts of this event. Look forward to seeing you then. We are in hopes to make this even better than last year. This is a big challenge.



### BUDDY POPPY PROMOTION

Our Buddy Poppy Promotion will begin soon with the business routes starting in April and our street promotion on Friday and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The street promotion consists of 2 hr shifts. Please consider volunteering for this very important project. All proceeds will be used only for Veteran's and their families in our local area. Please call Dawn Garin at 218-821-3361 to sign up to volunteer today.


### July 1<sup>st</sup> was the start of our 2022-2023 year.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please submit. Better yet consider becoming a Life Member. Let's try to reach 100% membership.

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,

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**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.



**NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**  
**MARCH 29, 2023**  
**FREE WINGS & A BEVERAGE 4 - 7 PM**  
**FOR ALL VIETNAM VETERANS**  
**AT THE BRAINERD VFW**  
**309 SOUTH 6TH STREET**

**BRING MEMORABILIA, PHOTOS AND MEMORIES TO SHARE**  
[BrainerdVFW.org](http://BrainerdVFW.org)



**TREASURES & TREATS**  
**THRIFT SALE**  
**AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER**

The Auxiliary will be holding a one-day garage sale on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Starting your spring cleaning? We will accept donation of gently used clothing, knickknacks, household items and miscellaneous items for our fundraiser sale. No furniture or electronics accepted. Volunteers will be needed. If you have time please come to the March meeting or call Rhonda Strand at 218-851-7944 for more information. Money raised from these activities will be used for hospital Projects, and youth activities just to mention a few.

**March 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Club Hours</b>  <b>Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm</b>  <b>Sunday: Noon-5pm</b></p>			1 50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	2 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	3	4
5 Elk's Breakfast	6 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	7 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm <b>Freedom Fest Meeting 7:00</b>	8 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	9 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	10	11 <b>Brainerd St Patrick's Day Parade</b>
12 Eagle's Breakfast  <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	13 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	14 <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Mtg 7:00PM</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	15 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	16 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each  DAV Meeting	17 <b>St Patrick's Day</b> 	18
19 <b>VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00</b>	20 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm <b>Spring Begins</b>	21 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	22 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	23 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	24	25
26 Legion's Breakfast	27 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	28 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	29 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm <b>Nat'l Vietnam Veterans Day</b>	30 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each <b>Vets on the Hill</b>	31	