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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades:

Hello everyone, I hope you are able to enjoy this nice spring weather.

We had a great turn out for downtown golf. Thank you to the people that volunteered in making and serving the food and verifying the score cards.

We donated \$7,520 to different organizations this month. We gave to Safety Alliance, Lets Go Fishing, Summer Baseball in Pillager, Lakes Area Heroes, Connectional Officer Week, and the Women's Shelter.

We celebrated Helen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last month. She has been a member of the Post Auxiliary for over 60 years.

We signed up two new members in April. Keep up the hard work finding new members.

We are also looking for people to help with our Buddy Poppy Promotion. There will be a sign-up sheet behind the bar. This a big fundraiser for the Post Benevolence Fund and the money goes straight to Veterans in need in our area. The week before Poppy Days on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> we will need people to ask businesses to help by donating and displaying the Poppy Card. On May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be outside local businesses to give the poppies to the public and raise awareness of Veterans in need. We really need your help, and the shifts are very short; two hours. Who couldn't give up two hours of their time to support our local Veterans?

Thanks in advance for your help in this worthy cause.

Commander  
 Chip Borle

Brothers and Sisters:  
 May day...May day...it's almost here and it's Loyalty Day! Each year National Loyalty Day is celebrated on May 1 by Americans to showcase

their loyalty to their country. But May has several other significant days too: May 8 is VE day, signifying Victory in Europe in WWII; May 10 is Military Spouses Day – if you have an active-duty service member in your family, send their spouse some encouraging words. It's not easy being married to a soldier. May 18 is Armed Forces Day, and May 27 is Memorial Day. And since we are Minnesotans, Fishing Opener is Saturday, May 11, and Mother's Day on May 12. Whew, this is going to be a busy month!

Our Auxiliary has voted in new officers for the next fiscal year. Starting in July the auxiliary officers will be: President- Cheryl Hull; Sr. Vice President – Jan Lambert; Jr. Vice President – Mary Cooley-Davis; Chaplain – Brenda Collins; Treasurer/Secretary – Dawn Garin; Conductor – Dee Imgrund; Guard – Kristi Duus; Trustees (3) are: Paula Persons, Rhonda Strand, and Dave Montour. A special thank you to these individuals for their willingness to be active members in our auxiliary. Chairmanship for the various committees will be appointed at an upcoming meeting.

This month we will again be serving lunch for veterans attending the turkey hunt at Camp Ripley. I'll 'talk turkey' some more in the June newsletter, but keep your eye on our Facebook page for photos of the turkeys and the cooks!

Last, but not least, we congratulate Helen Doucette on her 90th birthday. She has served in our auxiliary since 1957 in all the different positions. This is the first year she is not one of our auxiliary officers. But if you have questions, Helen usually has the answer!

Our next monthly meeting is May 14. Mark that on your calendar today.

Sue Sterling  
 Auxiliary President

The Corner Lot

3/23 James W Kidd  
4/5 Donald Rogers  
4/9 Matt Gilgenbach  
4/10 Lloyd Ernst



4/8 Post Colors at Gichi-Ziibi for the USAF Band  
4/9 Post Colors Baatan Memorial

Sunshine Report

The Auxiliary sends get-well wishes to Dave Wayt and Brian Johnson.

Get well wishes to all who have been ill and our sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Brenda Collins and Helen Doucette  
Sunshine Committee



**Thank you** to my family for the wonderful 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends.  
Helen



Check out our new Facebook page. Hit "like" and  
"<https://attachment.outlook.live.net/owa/MSA%3Abdkgarin%40hotmail.com/service.svc/s/GetAttach>"



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



It's Buddy Poppy Time.

We need everyone to step up and volunteer. There is a sign-up

Sheet at the Club. Shifts are only 2 hours to promote our Buddy Poppies in front of your favorite businesses. The donations we receive go into the Relief Fund and are used only for Veterans in need, and it stays in our local area.

Memorial Day info:

Monday, May 27, 2024, Memorial Day:

9:00 am A wreath thrown in the Mississippi River at the Laurel Street Bridge.

9:45 am A short ceremony at the All-Veterans Memorial, 4th and Laurel St.

10:30 am A parade on 3rd Avenue NE to Evergreen Cemetery, 1105 3rd Ave. NE.

11:00 am The main ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery with the High School Band.

In case of rain, the 11 am ceremony will be at the Brainerd National Guard Armory at 1115 Wright Street in south Brainerd.

Lunch at the Brainerd American Legion, 708 Front Street, until 1 pm for veterans and their families. Donations will be accepted.

For those who are unable attend in person, the Evergreen Cemetery event will be available mid-evening at: <https://www.facebook.com/brainerdmemorialday>

3:00 pm Taps Across America at the All-Veterans Memorial, 4th & Laurel St.

Details at: <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/memorialday.html>

Mark Persons  
Brainerd VFW  
<https://www.brainerdvfw.org/>

July 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of 2024-2025 yr.

Consider becoming a Life Member as annual dues will increase to \$30.00 for the 24-25 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Your 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.

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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 the Post. Annual Dues for Post member is \$35.00.



## MAY 2024

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> .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	<b>2</b> Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Elk's Breakfast	<b>6</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad	<b>8</b> .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	<b>9</b> Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Eagle's Breakfast	<b>13</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>14 Post &amp; Aux            Mtg 7:00PM</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage - 6:00	<b>15</b> .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm pm	<b>16</b> Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 VFW            Breakfast</b> <b>8am - noon</b> <b>\$10.00</b>	<b>20</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	<b>22</b> .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	<b>23</b> Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Legion's Breakfast	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	<b>29</b> .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	<b>30</b> Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	<b>31</b>	