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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades,

Hello everyone. I hope you enjoyed your summer because it's almost football season. Preseason is in two weeks.

Hope everyone enjoyed the VFW picnic. Thanks to the people that helped set up and tear down. Also, thank you to the Walmart crew for their generous donation and help.

Thanks for all the volunteers at the fair. It was a great time meeting new people and gaining a few new members.

For donations, this month we gave to the National US Army Museum, and the Brainerd Water Tower Project.

The Post will be sponsoring the second-place prize of \$500.00 for the Voice of Democracy winner at District.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.  
Commander,  
Chip Borle

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Greetings to all,

September is upon us, and summer wains, but oh, what an interesting summer! As we transitioned from pandemic restrictions to more a more normal lifestyle, we have been enjoying every moment. Most recently we had our annual picnic out at St. Mattias Park, and it was well attended. So many auxiliary and post members helped make that event enjoyable for everyone there. The food, provided by Walmart, was excellent, as were the many potluck items that were shared. The Tater-Tot hotdish was a real hit with my son. Be sure to check out all the picnic

photos that are shared on BrainerdVFW.org to see all the fun that we had.

One of the first projects I am pursuing as your Auxiliary President is focused on female veterans. We are working with the CWC Veterans Administration office to reach out to all the female veterans in our area and invite them to an Art Pub event in October, with the objective of starting a group for them. The women that served in our armed forces are greatly under-recognized and often ignored. With your help, we can change that. I hope you will stand with me in accomplishing this objective.

On a final note, we do not know what is in store for us this fall with the Covid-Delta variant issue, but whatever happens, your VFW Auxiliary and Post is here for you.  
VFW Auxiliary President,  
Sue Sterling



### The Corner Lot

7/23 Ed Martin  
7/25 Elmer Seale  
7/27 Maury Mogensen  
8/7 Duane Smart



#### Post Colors:

7/20 MN Builders - Golf Legacy  
7/22 MN Builders Traders Mtg - Maddens  
8/3 Crow Wing County Fair  
8/3 Bataan Memorial

### Sunshine Report

I would like to extend my apology to Sheryl La Favor for the error on my report last month. We extend our sympathy to Shery7/23 on the passing of her husband Gene. Our sympathy is extended of the family of Carolyn Frisch.

A speedy recovery to those who have been ill and sympathy to those who have lost loved one.

Helen Doucette - Chair



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

Find out what's 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 are moving into a very questionable time with the Virus, so please take care and stay well.

Bingo is back and doing well. We really would like to thank our volunteers for a fantastic job.

Breakfast price has increased to \$9.00 to help defray the increase of food prices. Thank you to our breakfast volunteers. Dave Meyer reports the Beer Garden at the Fair did very well. The picnic was well attended, and everyone had a wonderful time. Our committee Chairpersons (Mike Williams and Sandra Swearingen) did an excellent job along with our partner Wal Mart. Thank you to everyone.

For those who have students that may be interested in scholarships check with Mark Persons (for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen, and Sandra Swearingen for contests for elementary students



July 29, 2021: Lance Davis of Star Lite Neon & Sign stopped by with his high-lift bucket truck to repair hardware on the flagpole at the Brainerd VFW. He also did work at Evergreen Cemetery. All is well again, and the flags are flying high at the VFW. A flag is flown at Evergreen only when there is a ceremony. Lance patriotically donated his services for the project. Thanks Lance!

Check out the 6<sup>th</sup> District Facebook page:  
MN VFW 6th District Auxiliary

**July 1<sup>st</sup> starts our new 2021-2022 year.** For those members that pay their dues annually, this is a reminder to send your dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin or drop them off at the club. There is no time like the present. 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,

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.

## Fall Post and Auxiliary Competitions

Auxiliary Americanism Card Making Contest: **“Thank You Veterans” cards**

**Rules:** Use a piece of 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper of any color. Fold the paper either in half-fold or quarter-fold to make card shape. The card needs to include the words: **“Thank You”** & **“Veteran”** on the outside or the inside of the card. The students need to sign their 1<sup>st</sup> name ONLY on the card. Groups will be Grade K-1, Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-5. The top 3 entries will move on to District and the remaining cards will be sent to local VA Hospitals and and Homes in your area. Due to Auxiliary Chairman October 15, 2021. Contact Sandra @ 218-330-6530 for additional information. Application/entry form can be found on the website: [www.BrainerdVFW.org](http://www.BrainerdVFW.org)

**Patriots Pen** – Essay Competition Grades 6-8. Theme: **“How can I be a good a Good American?”**

Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max). Entries must be received at the VFW Post by midnight October 31<sup>st</sup>. Complete rules and entry form can be found at: <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/patriots-pen.html>

**Voice of Democracy** – Audio/Essay Competition Grades 9-12. Theme: **“America: Where do we go from here?”**

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or – 5 seconds max.) audio essay and submit the recording, typed essay and completed entry form to VFW Post by Midnight October 31<sup>st</sup>. Complete rules and entry form

### Sept 2021

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> Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>2</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>closed</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>9</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Patriot Day</b>
<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> Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>16</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$9.00</b>	<b>20</b> Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>23</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>24</b>  <b>Fall Conference</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>-Willmar</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> Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad noon - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	<b>30</b> Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	<b>September Days to Remember</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 11<sup>th</sup> Patriot Day</li> <li>• September 17<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day &amp; Citizenship Day</li> <li>• September 17<sup>th</sup> POW/MIA Day</li> <li>• September 26<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Parent’s Day</li> </ul>	