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Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have plans for the Christmas season. Please consider assisting Post events this December. I am still looking for people to assist in planning our 60th Post anniversary celebration. Looking forward to seeing you at our next Post meeting and please try to recruit one new member.

Jason Boynton
Post 7591 Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Hello Sisters, Brothers, Comrades and Friends,

THIS IS THE LAST CHATTER BEING PUBLISHED IN PAPER FORM; see my final paragraph below for details.

Please call, text, face-time or write a letter to a friend, co-worker or family member. This is a good check for them and for yourself. I'm sure they would love to hear from you. I know I would!!!!

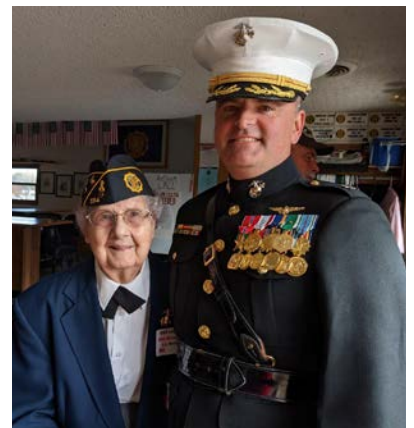
Just wanted to share my Senior Vice President for District 2 duties. I help inspect other VFW auxiliary's books and attend one of their meetings. What a great experience that is! I want to thank Donna Butler and Suzan Nast for going with me. We learned a lot about what and how



others do things at their meetings. I will be asking others to go with me next year so if interested please let me know. Carol Welch is the President of District 2 and we divide up the list and go in Sept. or Oct. before the snow flies.

On Oct. 21, I joined the Wisconsin bus trip to the VFW National Home in Michigan. Around 42 Wisconsinites attended — 26 or so via the bus then a few came on their own. We met a lot of Missouri folks and had a great time with them. The Wisconsin house is full — some folks had just moved out and a new family moved in so we didn't see inside but overall had a great weekend. Our theme was Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs and attendees dressed up as a princess, dwarfs, butterflies, a squirrel, etc. FUN TIME!! We always go around Oct. 20 so mark your calendars for next year.

November 3 was a very sad day as we had a celebration of life for our beloved Marge Marshman. She had a great send off with our VFW Post and Auxiliary members and McFarland American Legion members. She made her goal — to live to be 100 and got an extra 15 days. She was a World War II veteran who served in the US Marine Corps Women's



Marge Marshman and Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gilbertson at American Legion 534 in McFarland, WI.

Reserve. Rest in peace, Marge.

Our members are busy with other recent and coming events too. The annual Veteran's Day free chili lunch was popular as always; we went through three Nesco roasters of chili. The Art and Craft Fair was the Saturday after Thanksgiving; I know all the vendor tables are sold out so it should be a great day! Toys for Tots is scheduled for December 10. There will be NO FISH FRY DEC. 23 so our many volunteers can recuperate in time to enjoy their Christmas!

Our fish fry needs workers! We have over 200 auxiliary members so please reach out and help our Auxiliary fish fry continue by helping once a month. We train on the job. The new cash register system is up and working great. I went to a couple of training sessions and at the Jam for Cans I was the cashier and it was not that difficult; not all jobs involve the system if you're technology averse. The fish fry is our main source of money to support all our programs that help veterans. So please — we need help to continue! It's up to you!

The post has hired an event coordinator. Please welcome Rosie Veila to our VFW 7591 family.

Please thank auxiliary member Mitch Feucht, our new Kitchen Manager. He is learning and working long early and late hours to see that things run smoothly in the kitchen. THANKS MITCH — YOU ROCK! And finally, a special thanks to Kate, our General Manager. She works almost every day and night to keep things running at our VFW. Sometimes she even sleeps at her desk just to get things done and organized. Kate, A HUGE THANK YOU! You are appreciated and needed!

I also would like to thank our Auxiliary members for stepping up and working for our VFW 7591 in the canteen. Lin Carlson, Shelly Kramer, Taryn Lindemann, Carrie Baez and Cindi Gonzagowski. THANK YOU!

IF YOU ARE NOT ON MY E-MAIL LIST AND WANT TO BE PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I TRY AND KEEP YOU UPDATED ON HAPPENINGS AT THE V. As stated above this is the last Chatter being published in paper form, it will be in electronic form only from now on. The national Auxiliary magazine is also going to a digital only form. To be sure to get these publications and stay informed, we need to have your e-mail address. If you are on my e-mail list, our membership contact person Karen Baumann will be sure you are also on the Chatter list and the national list. But if you don't receive my e-mails, you'll need to take action.



Honoring World War II Marine Veteran Marge Marshman with Helen, Dolly, Cheryl and Janey.

Send your e-mail address to karenbaumann44@yahoo.com; if no e-mail, ask a family member if they would receive e-mails for you and send us their address; or ask another member to share e-mails they get with you. We want to do everything we can to keep our members informed about what's going on.

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Lynn Younger made these beautiful quilts.



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2022 Post Wrap-up

For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Kate, and I'm the General Manager here at VFW Post #7591. I began my journey with this outstanding organization in October of 2021. As you may have noticed, this past year has been filled with a whirlwind of changes! As we wrap up 2022, I'd like to share with you some of the exciting things we've accomplished in the canteen in the last 12 months.

January: Revised our music structure resulting in successful implementation of a process that financially benefits both the canteen, and performers. This structure has created new opportunities, such as the expansion in the variety of music held at our venue.

February: Hall rental procedure and pricing was updated. This has kept us competitive with other local and similar venues, while meeting the financial needs to operate the canteen. We're currently booking six to nine months out, which demonstrates a positive response from the public.

March: The drink chit structure was adapted to fit a model that eased the training method for staff, while maintaining a consistent price point. As long as it was a drink chit from us, it is worth \$3.25, no matter the color, size, or shape.

April: We received the donation of a beautiful standing glass door cooler, which was installed behind the bar. This has provided us the opportunity to replace two smaller and outdated coolers. It has also created the space to offer an expanded variety in products, which helped us bring in new customers.

May: Happy Hour was revamped and is now offered Monday–Friday from 2–6pm with single rail mixers, and domestic taps, bottles, and cans for \$2.25. This has drastically increased the volume of customers served, and brought in many new faces!

June: During this month AMVETs held their first brat fry of the season, our hall was filled all weekend every weekend, and the Pinups on Tour performed in the main hall! I spent the majority of my time programming and preparing for the implementation of our new computer system.

July: This was arguably our biggest "game changing" month of 2022! We successfully installed R Power, our new computer system, and began accepting credit cards! We now have the capability to accurately track all inventory for the bar, kitchen, and merchandise. In addition, we can categorize any item we sell, opening a door for new opportunities with events and fundraisers.

August: We made a huge stride towards our five and ten year goals, by expanding our management team to include an Events Coordinator. I was extremely honored to intro-

duce Rosie Vela to our VFW Family! She has gone above and beyond expectations, and has included her family in many of our events and decorating activities. She truly cares for this place and our members, and has thoroughly demonstrated that with every event she's handled.

Also in August, with the help from Bingo Funds, we were able to update the flooring on the upper deck. The Duck Tape is officially gone!!

September: We again expanded our management team to include a Kitchen Management position. We were fortunate enough to promote Mitchell Feucht! As an Auxiliary member himself, he truly takes pride in the history, mission, and future of our Post. With Mitch's help we finally got to put pen to paper and plan the missing pieces of our kitchen remodel! We started to put the funds raised from 50:50 and meat raffles (which have been earmarked for the kitchen remodel) and were able to purchase a plethora of gently used kitchen items. I'd like to give a huge shout out to Cathy H. and Linda N. for all of their hard work organizing the raffles, and their dedication to our organization!



September also brought many successful events, including the Monona Grove Businessmen's Association Banquet, our first annual MIA/POW fundraiser, and Ruck 22. Ruck 22 was able to raise \$14,000, making it possible to support seven different local charities which all have a mission that ties into Veteran suicide awareness.

October: This was our most financially successful month of the year! We not only broke our daily sales record on three separate occasions, but we also set two new records: 76% of sales in a single day made with credit cards, and closing out our 100th batch of credit cards!

Mitch and the kitchen crew put together a lovely meal in celebration of our Post's 59th Anniversary! Mark your calendars, details about our 60th anniversary will be coming out soon! If you're interested in being part of the Post's planning committee for our 60th Anniversary, please contact Jason, our Commander.

With Rosie's expertise, we hosted our annual Halloween Bash, featuring Universal Sound. The main hall was spookified accordingly, and the attendees did not disappoint with

their costumes! It was definitely a party to remember, and we can't wait to see what ideas she has up her sleeve for next year!

November: We celebrated Veterans Day with the Auxiliary Chili Feed, followed by the Auxiliary Fish Fry, music with Marcy and the Highlights, and a special video we put together to celebrate our Post, Auxiliary, and our members. We met with the Plumbing and Electrical team we'll be working with to update our kitchen and some of the outlets in the main hall and front bar. As our plans become reality, our goal is to begin as early as January, and to keep construction to a maximum of five days. Shout out to Ken C. for taking the lead on this project!

December: Rosie, Mitch, and I have combined our talent and ideas, and are very excited to have the Post host our annual Toys for Tots Event! It is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, starting at 10:30a and going until 1:00a. We have music planned for both the front bar and main hall, added a winter festival for the kids, put together a special

Chaplain's Corner

Draping the Charter

Since the June Chatter, the Post draped the charter for:

George Ball, USAF Korea
Stanley Good, ARMY WWII

Since the June Chatter, the Auxiliary has draped the charter for five departed members:

Kathleen Margraf (died June 5)
Darlene Radel (June 16)
Beverly Stoughton (June 15, 2021)
Marjorie Marshman (October 13)
Jacki Bohne (October 23).

Larry Taft, Chaplain
Donna Butler, Auxiliary Chaplain

Bingo, Anyone?

We have a few bingo volunteer openings available. If the open day doesn't suit you but another Tuesday might work, perhaps we could arrange a trade. We need your help so if you're available just once a month, please give me a call.

- 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month: call-back (6:30-10:00);
- 1st, & 3rd Tuesday of each month: extra sheets (5:30-8:00);
- 3rd Tuesday of each month: check writer (6:30-10:00)
- 1st Tuesday of each month: supervisor (5:00-10:00)

Call Joe Baumann at 221-1220 or e-mail him at karenbaumann44@yahoo.com.

menu for the bar and kitchen, and have been preparing to raffle off a mountain of fun and unique prizes! If you'd like to volunteer during this event, please send me an email.

I'd like to give my sincerest appreciation to our staff as well as the members and volunteers from the general public. You've all been the reason why the canteen was able to accomplish all of the above! This article would've been a lot shorter without your hard work and dedication!

I look forward to what we achieve in 2023!

Happy Holidays,

Kate DeRosa
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Patriotic Trivia

Who wrote the poem of "Paul Revere's Ride?"

Answer: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
on the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

He said to his friend, "If the British march
By land or sea from the town to-night,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry-arch
Of the North-Church tower, as a signal-light,

One if by land and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex Village and farm,
For the country-folk to be up and to arm."

Susan Fineout
Patriotic Instructor

VFW News Subscriptions

Again available to Auxiliary members until December 10 are \$5.00 subscriptions for 2023 to the Wisconsin state newspaper, the VFW News. If your spouse is in the VFW itself, he or she gets the newspaper automatically. But Auxiliary members can subscribe at the \$5 half price offer. Send your check made out to VFW 7591 Auxiliary to our treasurer, Lin Carlson, as our order needs to go in with one big list and payment. The address is 4367 Crestway Drive, Windsor, WI 53598-9793.

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December 2022

301 Cottage Grove Road
 Friday Night Fish Fry 5:00–8:00 PM
 Tuesday Night Bingo 6:30–9:30 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA 7:00 PM COOTIE SCRATCH	2 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11 PM BACK 40	3 MAIN HALL RESERVED FRONT BAR OPEN
4 10AM-2PM BIRD SHOW 3-6PM JACKIE MARIE	5 1-3PM JAZZ BAND 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	6 6:30PM BINGO	7 6:30-9PM KARAOKE WITH JASON BADGER HONOR FLIGHT MEETING	8 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA 7:00 PM POST AND AUXILIARY MEETINGS	9 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11 PM UNIVERSAL SOUND	10 11AM-CLOSE TOYS FOR TOTS
11 MAIN HALL RESERVED FRONT BAR OPEN 3-6PM JACKIE MARIE	12 1-3PM JAZZ BAND 6PM DOLLAR DRAW	13 6:30PM BINGO	14 10AM-4PM GUN SHOW 6:30-9PM BACK 40	15 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	16 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS	17 UPPER DECK RESERVED
18 3-6PM DAVE AND HEATHER FROM BACK 40	19 1-3PM JAZZ BAND 12-6PM BLOOD DRIVE	20 6:30PM BINGO	21 6:30-9PM JACKIE MARIE	22 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	23 NO FISH FRY 8-11 PM JACKIE MARIE AND DANCE HALL KINGS	24 11AM-4PM VFW OPEN
25 CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED	26 1-3PM JAZZ BAND	27 6:30PM BINGO	28 6:30-9PM RANDY KEIL	29 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	30 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM MUSIC TBD	31 8PM-1AM JACKIE MARIE AND DANCE HALL KINGS

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