

# V.F.W. POST 7591



## POST CHATTER

Madison, Wisconsin

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### Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades,

With May behind us, we can look forward to summer. Thank you all that participated in the highway cleanup, cleaning up, and making repairs around the post during early May. The electrical has been completed on the stage and I feel that all the renovations over the past 6 or so months have definitely been worthwhile. Thank you all for supporting those that helped coordinate the Memorial Day events and helped put out approximately 4,000 flags at our local cemeteries. I was glad to stop by Marge Marshman while helping out with our Legion flags in Cottage Grove. Memorial Day is a tough day for me as I lost 2 close friends in Iraq, one in 2003 and another in 2004. Thankfully I had other close friends who were injured but they still made it home. If you are new to the Post, there are multiple ways you can get involved, especially with bingo. You can sign up for your favorite Tuesday evening! There will also be Brat Frys this summer, Friday night fish fry all year long and other opportunities.



Join us for our next post meeting, June 15 @ 1900hrs.

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### Auxiliary President's Column

Hello Sisters, Brothers, Comrades and Friends,

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!!!!

#### **Auxiliary newly installed Officers for 2023-2024:**

President Suzan Nast  
Senior Vice- Mitch Feucht  
Junior Vice- Cindi Gonzagowski  
Secretary- Phyllis Bishop  
Treasurer- Janet Kennedy  
Conductor- Chris Benson  
Chaplain- Donna Butler  
Guard- Fran Garcia  
3-Yr. Trustee- Janey Owens  
2-Yr Trustee- Karen Baumann  
1-Yr Trustee Nancy Smith  
Historian- Arlene Mulholland  
Patriotic Instructor- Susan Fineout  
House Committee- 2-year Shelly Kraemer  
House Committee- 1- Yr Linda Nellen  
Congratulations to you all for stepping up!!!



I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Karen Baumann for helping me write and correct my Chatter articles these past four years — so much appreciated!!! Also, a special thank you to Cheryl Woodards for all her help with the kitchen committee meetings and for being my mentor

throughout my Auxiliary, District 2 and Dept. of Wisconsin duties!!!

Thank you to 7591 Auxiliary and Post members for all your support in helping me thru the last 9 years in office as Junior Vice, Senior Vice, and President.

The auxiliary has a distribution e-mail list in an attempt to reach all auxiliary members. If you don't get email from me or new president Suzan Nast periodically, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

This will be my last Chatter article as President. Stay tuned!!

Thank you, everyone, for all you do; it is so much appreciated.

God Bless our military and veterans. Please help keep them safe.

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## From the General Manager

Happy June!

Summer is finally here, and business has been ramping up! We began the month of May by hosting Derby Day on the 6th, filled with Mint Juleps, Kentucky Oaks Lilies, Southern fare, wagers, and an outstanding costume contest (one of my favorite parts!). The Madison & Highway Clean-Up was also held on the sixth. On this day, the POW flag on our memorial wall was replaced, clean-up of our building's perimeter took place including repair of our fence, and thanks to our Commander, Jason Boynton, many of our local residents in need of new American flags, received a beautiful new flag. During highway clean-up, one of our Post Members stumbled across a torn \$100 bill, which the bank was able to accept, so it was donated to our General Fund!

On the 13th, Pup Tent 41 kicked off Brat Fry Season, which was followed by a brat fry on the 20th, Armed Forces Day, when we welcomed the US Military Veterans Motorcycle Club to our Post to host their annual brat fry. This group is absolutely wonderful to work with, and as always, left our Post better than how they found it! If you know any USMVMC members, please thank them and help make it known that they are always welcome in our home.

The month of May marked another first during my time here as General Manager, as we hosted brunch on Mother's Day from 8am-2pm. Mixed berry stuffed french toast, eggs, pancakes, and omelets were a hit! Mitch Feucht, our Back of House Manager, and I, are looking forward to being able to host a regularly scheduled breakfast, so keep an eye on your upcoming Chatters!

The fun didn't stop there, thanks to our Quartermaster and Past Commander, Jon Russell, as he hosted our 15th Annual Golf Outing at Door Creek Golf Course. This event raised a whopping record of \$3,356 for our Relief Fund!

On May 21st we hosted the Madison Maennerchor's 171st Annual Spring Concert in our main hall. With all sorts of German beer flowing, it was an excellent event! Their next performance will be in June at the Madison Masonic Center, keep an eye out for specific date and time in your local newspapers.

Monday, May 22nd, we held our first Meat Raffle of the year, raising \$375 for the General Fund!

We were pleasantly surprised on Thursday, May 25th, when our new sign for out front arrived a day early! The folks from Graphic House Inc. had it up and running before noon, and when the sun set that evening, we were able to see those beautiful new LED lights proudly shining the message that the public is welcome! For those unaware, our sign was struck by lightning almost 8 months ago, taking out the marquee and killing the power to the lights in the cabinets. Although we hoped to replace the reader board along with the two cabinets, no sign company would be willing to complete that project as the type of reader board supported by the base of the sign is outdated, with electrical components that could potentially last just a few months. Because of this, our House Committee elected to have two cabinets equipped with LED lights, the copyrighted VFW logo, and a message welcoming the public. Special thanks goes to our House Committee Chair, AJ Feucht, for his time and attention to this important piece of our business!

Lastly, and most importantly, we honored our Fallen on Memorial Day. The Black Knights and Madison Dayettes began with a ceremony at Monona Grove High School, followed by marching in the Monona Memorial Day Parade. They then traveled to Blooming Grove Cemetery, Roselawn Cemetery, Highland Memorial Gardens, and Madison Veterans Memorial Park, before returning to our Post for the ceremony honoring our Members who have passed this last year.

As we venture into June, we continue to host free live music on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Friday night music is \$5, and still follows the Auxiliary Fish Fry. Bingo is every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, and Trivia is every Thursday evening from 6:30pm-8:30pm. This month is a special one as we celebrate Pride all month long! Ask your bartender about our drink specials!

This month, mark your calendars for the following events:

Thursday, June 1st, 7pm, Main Hall - Cootie Scratch

Monday, June 5th, 6:30pm, Basement - House Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th - Saturday, June 10th - VFW Wisconsin Convention

Wednesday, June 7th, 5:00pm, Main Hall - Badger Honor Flight Meeting

Saturday, June 10th, 10am-4pm, Front Lawn - UW Student Veterans of America Brat Fry

Wednesday, June 14th, U.S. Army's Birthday

Thursday, June 15th, 7pm, Main Hall/Basement - Post & Auxiliary Meetings

Wednesday, June 21st, noon-11pm, Main Hall - Make Music Madison

Saturday, June 24th, 10am-4pm, Front Lawn - AMVET Brat Fry

Saturday, June 24th, 7pm-11pm, Main Hall - Pride DJ Event, Public Welcome!

Monday, June 26th, 1:30pm-5:30pm, Main Hall - Blood Drive, register at: [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org), or walk-ins are welcome!

Lastly, this month our Auxiliary voted to have the canteen run Fish Fry as a fundraiser, staffed by volunteers and paid employees. Each Auxiliary Member who works/volunteers for a position for Friday Fish Fry, will earn 5% of our gross sales from that Friday, with a maximum of 30%, to be donated to the Auxiliary. This will drastically help with the shortage of volunteers, increase consistency, and allow the Auxiliary to truly fundraise during these events. As mentioned above, Mitch and I would love to make breakfast

### POST OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

POST COMMANDER . . . . . Jason Boynton  
 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER . . . . . Andrew McKinney  
 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER . . . . . Lukas B. Jordan  
 QUARTERMASTER . . . . . Jon Russell  
 JUDGE ADVOCATE . . . . . Vacant  
 CHAPLAIN . . . . . Larry Taft  
 SURGEON . . . . . Vacant  
 TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR . . . . . James E. Ewing  
 TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR . . . . . Kerry McAllen  
 TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR . . . . . Brian Bierman  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR . . . . . Ken Cammer  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR . . . . . Gary Jugenheimer  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR . . . . . Darrel Feucht  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR . . . . . Kevin Kraemer  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR . . . . . John Looze  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR . . . . . Greg Seidlitz  
 SERVICE OFFICER . . . . . Kevin Kraemer  
 ADJUTANT . . . . . Bob Madison

a regular part of business, as well as expand our kitchen hours. In order to make these things a success, the canteen will need to hire approximately 8 servers, 5 bus persons, 6 expo/host persons, 4 cooks, and 4 bartenders. Please help spread the word that WE ARE HIRING!! Anyone interested can email me to set up an interview, they must be 14 years or older to apply.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for the following events, please send me an email: meat raffles, Make Music Madison (June 21st), our Post's 60th anniversary (October 13th), Jam for Cans (November 4th), Toys for Tots (December 9th).

As always, if you have any questions or feedback about the canteen, please reach out or stop by!

Have a great month!

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### AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

PRESIDENT . . . . . Suzan Nast  
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . Mitch Feucht  
 JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . Cindy Gonzagowski  
 CONDUCTOR . . . . . Chris Benson  
 TREASURER . . . . . Janet Kennedy  
 SECRETARY . . . . . Phyllis Bishop  
 CHAPLAIN . . . . . Donna Butler  
 GUARD . . . . . Fran Garcia  
 PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR . . . . . Susan Fineout  
 TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR . . . . . Nancy Smith  
 TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR . . . . . Karen Baumann  
 TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR . . . . . Janey Owens  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR . . . . . Linda Nellen  
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR . . . . . Shelly Kraemer



## Chaplain's Corner

For the month of May the Post did not have to render a final salute for any members.

On Memorial Day we rendered honors for our members that we lost this past year.

Larry Taft, Chaplain  
Donna Butler, Auxiliary Chaplain

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## Flags on Roselawn — A job well done!

Roselawn cemetery looks beautiful. Thank you to all who took part. We are thankful the weather cooperated and for the food, drink, and fellowship at the Post afterward. Approximately 3,976 flags were placed this year. May our Veterans Rest in Peace!

JoAnn & Marlyn Klongland, Roselawn Flag  
Coordinators



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## Wanted – A Flag Burner

No, not a protester but someone to carry out the proper disposal of torn and tattered United States flags. We have a converted mailbox where people can drop off flags ready for retirement, and a fire pit constructed as a Boy Scout Eagle project. Now all we need is someone willing to do the job 2 or 3 times a year. Bring a lawn chair and feed the fire, knowing that you're treating our country's flag as it deserves. Call Joe Baumann at: 608-335-8782 for more info. or to express your interest.

Joe Baumann  
Color Guard President

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## Bingo Openings

Bingo is booming and we are still looking for two call-back volunteers. If you have some time on either the second Tuesday or the fourth Tuesday of the month, why not give it a try? The work consists of calling back the numbers when a patron has a bingo; this runs from 6:30pm to about 10:00pm. We have lots of regulars among the players and getting acquainted with them and your other co-workers is fun. **If interested, contact** Joe Baumann at 608-335-8782.

Joe Baumann  
Color Guard President



## 2023 Brat Fries

June 10 . . . . . UW Student Veterans of America  
June 24 . . . . . AMVETS Post 151  
July 22 . . . . . COOTIES, Pup Tent 41 and Auxiliary  
August 5 . . . . . VFW 7591 Color Guard  
September 9 . . AMVETS Post 151  
September 30 . Ruck 22

Submitted by: Joe Baumann



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The 6th annual VFW 7591 Derby Day Extravaganza was held Saturday, May 6th. Patrons wore their Derby attire, bought owner shares of Derby horses and participated in a Derby costume contest. All participants enjoyed Mint Juleps, Mimosa Bar, Kentucky Oaks Lily and Southern Fare foods.



Dapper Dan — Best Dressed Male



Daily Double — Best Dressed Couple



Hand Maiden — Best Homemade Hat/Costume (Shelly S.)



Too Hot To Trot — Best Sexy Female





Horsing Around — Best Horse Theme ( Laura W)



Last Minute Entry! Odin and Jen grabbed blow-up horses and ran through the bar.



Fancy Filly — Most Elegant Senior



Taryn, Bob, Diane, Louise, Janey, and Tara enjoy Mother's Day Brunch. Connor, our server, was great! He can quit his day job!



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# June 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>PUBLIC WELCOME</b> Big 10 and NFL Networks • Free Wi-Fi • ATM For Hall Rental information, please contact Rosie, our Events Coordinator at VFWPost7591.EC@gmail.com					
<b>4</b> 10AM-2PM BIRD FAIR 4-7PM DAVE & HEATHER	<b>5</b> 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>6</b> 6:30PM & 8:00PM BINGO!	<b>7</b> 5PM BHF MEETING 6:30PM KARAOKE WITH JASON	<b>8</b> 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	<b>9</b> 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM BACK 40	<b>10</b> 10AM - 4PM UW STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA BRAT FRY
<b>11</b> 3-6PM TBA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	<b>14</b> ARMY BIRTHDAY 6:30-9PM FRANK JAMES & SUZIE ANDERSON	<b>15</b> 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	<b>16</b> 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM RUSTY HEARTS	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> CLOSED FATHER'S DAY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	<b>21</b> NOON-11PM MAKE MUSIC MADISON	<b>22</b> 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	<b>23</b> 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM UNIVERSAL SOUND	<b>24</b> 10AM - 4PM AMVETS BRAT FRY
<b>25</b> 3-6PM BRUCE & DEAN	<b>26</b> 1:30-5:30PM BLOOD DRIVE	<b>27</b> 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	<b>28</b> 6:30-9PM RANDY KIEL	<b>29</b> 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	<b>30</b> 5-8PM AUXILIARY FISH FRY 8-11PM MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS	FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR OUR E-CHATTER, VISIT US AT VFWPOST7591.ORG

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