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Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades,

I can't believe how fast summer is going. Planning is underway for our Post 60th anniversary, October 13. We have a commitment on our guest speaker, solidifying our menu options and awaiting replies on our invited guests. Tickets will be pre-sold and should be available by mid August. Thank you to all that have been planning this event. Kerry McAllen has set up a raffle for a few rounds of golf in a fundraiser at Lake Windsor Country Club. If you are interested, check our website for more information. I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer, staying safe and spending time with friends and family. Please take time to reach out to a veteran, Post member or not.



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Auxiliary President's Column

Our Post will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Friday, October 13th, so save this date! The event will be held at the Post and tickets will be sold in advance. Stay tuned.

Remodeling of the Post will begin July 31st. A moving wall will be installed, separating the hall and the din-

ing rooms for private meetings so the September Auxiliary meeting will no longer be held in the basement but on the main floor in the dining room. Those of you who haven't been able to attend our basement meetings due to the stair challenges, we look forward to seeing you. I am hoping for a boost in attendance. We will also have a speaker and microphones available at meetings, thanks to Chris Benson, our conductor, who donated them.



This year's special project for the auxiliary and Post is the Sierra Delta Service Dogs. This non-profit organization trains service dogs for veterans. At our July meeting, the auxiliary voted to donate July and August Fish Fry TO GO Tips, located at the cashier station, to this project. So come to the Friday Fish Fry and volunteer, dine in or just stop and donate.

Ruck 22 is a Post function, and the day is looming, especially for those of us not accustomed to trekking 22 kilometers (about 13.67 mi). Start training and walking for our Veterans. Browse Ruck 22 Madison WI 2023 to sign up.

National Auxiliary President, Carla Martinez will be visiting Oconomowoc WI on August 28th to the 30th, only an hour away. See [www://vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org) for more information. I hope to see you there. The national president's theme for this year is BEE the Change! What can you change this year to help our veterans?

Auxiliary dues will be increasing after October 1, 2023. You have until then to convert to a life membership or get your annual dues in for 2024. It's been many years since the

auxiliary has increased dues.

Many thanks to all of you who serve in some capacity for our veterans, be it praying or volunteering.

Bless you all,
Suzan Nast
Auxiliary President



Past presidents Bev Ellis, Cheryl Woodards and Janey Owens at State convention.



Past president Janey Owens, Linda Nellen, and past president Linda Schluter at state convention discussing a motion.

From the General Manager

Happy August!

This past month has been full of summertime fun & milestones for the Canteen!

Our Canteen Staff grew as we welcomed Deb as a bartender. Please help me in welcoming her to our VFW #7591 family!

July 12th marked one year of using R Power, the computer system behind the bar, as well as one year of accepting credit cards! These two tools have been exceptional during our busiest days and have been a game changer with tracking sales & inventory.

This past month, Pyramid Telephones & Security Systems, were out to finish the last step of the AV project in the main hall. The completion of this project resulted in our first hall rental with use of the two 86" T.V.s and cordless microphones, opening the door for future seminars and meetings with local and national businesses.

On July 9th, a group of volunteers and members joined canteen staff at Kerry McAllen's shop to work on cleaning up the equipment we removed during the kitchen remodel. We'll need one more day of cleaning but can now start selling these items and continue to gain a return on our investment.

On July 11th, Erick, Kerry McAllen, and I represented our Post at the 2023 Tavern League - Safe Ride golf outing. We were able to sell some of our 60th Anniversary Can Koozies, Post Coins, and distribute poppies - all while making connections with other local businesses.

On July 28th, we welcomed Speakeasy to our Main Stage for their first performance since they volunteered to remodel it in February and March of this year. Thank you



Katie Scullin and Dain Di Mattia performed for us on July 23rd. The place was full, there were a lot of new faces, and it was a great show! Thank you to Katie and Dain for sharing your talent and music. Katie can be found at katiescullin.com, and you can find them both on facebook!

to all who helped thank this wonderful group for their outstanding efforts to better our home!

Lastly, on July 31st, construction for our Upper Deck Remodel Project began! This is scheduled to be completed by the end of the second week in August, providing our Auxiliary with a quiet place to meet upstairs, and introducing the option to rent just the upper deck for private events. I look forward to introducing you all to this updated space!

Looking ahead, this month we have a handful of new bands performing, so be sure to check the calendar. There is a blood drive on Wednesday, August 23rd from 1:30-5:30pm; walk-ins are welcome, if you'd like to register in advance, please visit www.bloodcenter.org/donate.

Stop by for a brat fry, our three remaining dates for this year are:

- Saturday, August 5th - Color Guard
- Saturday, September 9th - AMVETS
- Saturday, September 30th - Ruck 22

Please join us on August 14th for the Memorial Wall - Golf Outing Fundraiser! Raffle tickets are available now through the drawing on August 14th. Please see your bartender or Kerry McAllen to purchase your ticket. Each ticket is \$25, with three chances to win during the drawing at VFW Post #7591 (301 Cottage Grove Rd.), at 6:00pm on Monday, August 14th: 1st and 2nd prize: 4 tickets to Capital K9s 1st Annual Golf Outing — includes golf cart. 3rd prize: \$200. Winners need not be present to win. There are 400 tickets available, with proceeds supporting the Day Family Memorial Wall at our Post!

As always, please reach out with any questions or comments, I'm happy to help!

Have a great August, I hope to see you soon!

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VFW POST #7591

2023 BRAT FRY DATES:

301 COTTAGE GROVE RD., MADISON, WI. 53716

AUGUST 5TH:

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COLOR GUARD

SEPTEMBER 9TH:

HOSTED BY:
AMVETS

SEPTEMBER 30TH:

HOSTED BY:
RUCK 22

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IN VOLUNTEERING FOR
A BRAT FRY?

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Senior Vice Commander's Column

There is currently a Membership rebate program for the VFW Department WI.

If the Post has a current annual member who upgrades to LIFE there is a rebate of \$25. If the Post signs up a new member and that brand new member goes to LIFE, the rebate is \$50

The only way the individual qualifies, is I need to get notification, or you need to contact Tom Heath at VFW HQ. I need the name and MEMBER NUMBER to ensure the credit is documented, and the check is sent to the individual.

A Quartermaster is the only one who can enter in new members and give recruiter credit to the Commander, Post, or appropriate individual.

If the member uses the VFW.org site the Post doesn't get credit for recruiting.

If the member signs up with VFW.org anyway, get their member number to me for a rebate to be issued.

This rebate is limited to the first 70 individuals who comply in the STATE, not just District 2.

If you have an annual member who is considering going LIFE, this rebate may help make their decision.

Andrew McKinney, Senior Vice Commander

New Chaplain Introduction

Greetings and blessings Comrades! By the time you all get this Chatter my name will be on the board as your Chaplain. It is an honor and privilege to be VFW Day Post 7591's Chaplain. I would like to thank Larry Taft for all his years as our spiritual leader and his dedication to the Post members. He has carried the water for an extended period, and we are grateful for his selfless service.

Most of you all know me as your HC person but when I am not doing VFW tasks, I do have other veteran activities. I have been for several years and currently the Chaplain for American Legion Post 501 of Madison. We have many members that are members of both Posts. I am also a volunteer for Agrace as a member of their Vets-to-Vets Program. I meet veterans regularly that are in hospice and palliative care. I am trained in assisted care facility and home care with an average assignment of 3 patients at a time. Some have been members of our Post. Also, I am a Certified Lay Leader with the Monona United Methodist Church and Wisconsin Annual Conference Laity Representative for our church. I am working to become a Certified Lay Minister by year end with a ministry focus on first responders and

veterans. Additionally, I am a member of National Sojourners – Truax Chapter # 197 which consists of F&A Mason veterans and support the Masonic Services Organization at the Madison VA Medical Center.

I am here to serve our Post members and their families. For those I do not know, feel free to reach out to me at colonelaj64@gmail.com. Be happy to meet at the Post for fellowship. My mantra is 'for God and Country.'

Darrel AJ Feucht

Service Officer Report

It's been a busy first month for me as your Service Officer. I thank everyone in advance for your patience as I learn this new position.

First, the Post Service Officer phone number is 920-350-1711, and the email is PVSO7591@gmail.com. Please give this phone number and email to Veterans in need, NOT my personal cell number. This is the best way for me to keep things organized and stay on top of things.

We have lots of walkers and crutches to loan, as well as some wheelchairs and other related items. Veterans will have priority; however these can be loaned to anyone. Please spread the word if you know of anyone in need.

I have been in contact with the Dane County Veteran Service Office, Madison Vet Center, and both the Wisconsin and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs learning about what each role is and what they do. I am a firm believer that EVERY Veteran has a benefit they are unaware of. Please reach out to me and I can likely assist.

VFW Department of Wisconsin also has programs to assist Veterans in need. I have learned how to apply to these programs and thus far have turned in two applications for Veterans with longer termed needs.

I would like to share one example of what we recently did as members of this great organization. A Veteran was expected to be homeless for two days before getting into VA housing. After verifying the Veteran was getting VA housing, we put him up in a motel for two days to bridge that gap. As this process was happening this Veteran had humbly expressed a food need to get him through these two days. I did not have an answer for him, and he did not have a cell phone. After speaking to our Post Commander, and a couple other members, a small amount of donated money appeared to assist this Veteran with getting through these two days before his placement in VA housing. I drove to the motel and knocked on the door. As I handed this Veteran the small amount of money for food, this Veteran was choked up and had tears in his eyes. He was very grateful. We visited for about half an hour. We do make a difference here at Day

Post 7591, and several members are volunteering every day to make that difference.

Please reach out anytime if you know of a Veteran in need!

Greg Seidlitz, Post Service Officer

Badger Honor Flight Store

Here is the link for the WI Badger Honor Flight Store. Copy link and paste in browser if you want to order Badger Honor Flight items.

https://ameriprintapparel.com/badger_honor_flight/shop/home

Gary Jugenheimer, House Committee Member

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



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August 2023

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

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6 3–6PM BRUCE & DEAN	7 6:30PM HOUSE COMM MTG	8 6:30PM & 8:00PM BINGO!	9 6:30–9PM JENNY LUPIEN	10 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	11 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM ACOUSTIC COLLECTIVE	12
13 3–6PM RANDY KIEL	14 6:00PM MEMORIAL WALL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER	15 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	16 6:30–9PM JOHN NELSON	17 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	18 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM SHARP DRESSED MAN	19
20 3–6PM FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS	21	22 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	23 1:30–5:30PM BLOOD DRIVE 6:30–9PM MUSIC TBA	24 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	25 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM UNIVERSAL SOUND	26
27 3–6PM THE HI-LO-HA	28 7:00PM SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR	29 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	30 6:30–9PM FRANK JAMES & SUZIE ANDERSON	31 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA	Front bar is open daily at 11 am, and the kitchen is open daily from 11am-7pm (Tuesdays until 8:45pm, Thursdays until 7:45pm).	

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