

V.F.W. POST 7591



POST CHATTER

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Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades,

August proved to have a lot going on despite previous months also being quite busy. Our 60th Anniversary celebration has been planned and tickets are available in the canteen for our event on October 13, 2023.

Junior High and High School students should begin their respective assignments to compete for cash scholarships. Last year's Patriot's Pen winner was even from Wisconsin. If you know anyone - even not in our area that is eligible, encourage them to participate in these scholarships. Also, if you know of a teacher we can submit for teacher of the year, please let me know. All the information is available on our Post website under the scholarships tab as well as on our national website.

50/50 raffles sold during chip draw and other events go toward special projects that patrons and members can see. The most recent expenditure that happened with money raised almost entirely by Cathy Hanna was new barstools that were delivered on August 23rd, and we had a team of 7 or 8 that immediately jumped into action opening the boxes and assembling the stools. They were put into use within hours with a hot swap as happy hour was ending. Personally, I feel they bring great value to the ambiance of the canteen.

Our Junior Vice is putting together a buddy poppy drive on the dates around Veteran's Day and there are membership drive opportunities available around the state over the next few months. If you are interested in participating in



a membership drive, please contact Andrew McKinney for more information.

Anyone that volunteers in the name of the VFW please let me know what volunteerism you have done — or go to vfwwi.org and fill out your information.

I hope to see you all at our next Post meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 7pm!

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Auxiliary President's Column

September is already here, and the Post and Auxiliary are finalizing details for the 60th anniversary of the Post on Friday, October 13. Tickets are on sale now for Post and Auxiliary members for \$45 per person. September 9th, tickets will be on sale to friends of the Post and Auxiliary.

Auxiliary dues will be increased to \$30 beginning October 1st so get those renewals in soon! Also, word is circulating that life memberships may be increasing so I will keep you posted on that too.

The Auxiliary National President will be arriving this weekend in Wisconsin. There will be a meet and greet at the VFW in Oconomowoc from 4 to 7 pm. No sign up is necessary.

The dining room will be finished soon and is now ready for holding meetings. See you on the main floor on Septem-



ber 14th! We have been using our new sound system and it works great!

The Auxiliary fish fry is gearing up for a busy fall and JD recently started cooking and is doing a great job! We've been serving shrimp from a different vendor so let us know what you think.

Ruck 22 is just around the corner. Are you signed up? The Post will need some volunteers for the event. Come hike or help or support the Post's efforts to prevent veteran suicide. For other Auxiliary events please go to www.vfwauxwi.org. Browse to see what's changed or new. Thanks for all you do. Bless you!

Bless you all,
Suzan Nast
Auxiliary President

From the General Manager

Happy September! August has been quite a busy month for us here at VFW Post #7591!

Pictured below is Patton, a member of Capital K9s. Not pictured is his human, Officer Chase Lewis of the Madison Police Department. Patton is a highly trained German Shepherd. Some of his daily tasks with Officer Lewis include detecting illegal drugs, tracking people, searching buildings, and locating evidence. We had the honor of meeting both of them on Monday, August 14th, during the raffle we held to raise funds for our feature wall. Special thanks



to all who donated, we were able to raise \$560 for Capital K9s, and \$2,079 for our feature wall, a project that will tell the story of our Namesake to all who visit VFW Post 7591! Our Past Commander, Kerry McAllen, has been working hard to get this project up and running. The design for the feature wall is in progress. We've been working with members of the Day family, and have located original photographs, some original military orders, and are now working on obtaining service records for all three of our namesake: Galen Sr., Galen Jr., and Donald Day.

The accordion wall, located above the half wall, is officially installed. Pending materials, the addition of the pass through window to the front bar, replacement of both sets of saloon doors, and addition of lighting in the East ramp, will be completed this month.

Tickets for the 60th anniversary of VFW Post #7591 are on sale now! See your bartender for details.

The cost of CO2 is rising by 10% and Pepsi products have increased by 8% over the last few months. Unfortunately, this means that there will be some price changes in the canteen. Starting Tuesday, September 5th, Happy Hour will be from 2-5pm, featuring \$2.25 bottles and cans of domestic beer, as well as single rail mixers. Tap beer will no longer be included. The time change will allow us to schedule events such as raffles, as early as 5:30pm. If anyone is interested in running the meat raffle, please send me an email or stop by the office.

Football season is upon us! Please see the attached advertisement for the specials we'll be running in the canteen. Please note: Trivia's scheduled time has been changed to 5:30pm-7pm. We'll have all of the Thursday night games on TV, so stop down early to test your trivia knowledge,

VFW POST #7591

**BRAT FRY SEASON
ENDING SOON!!**

ONLY THREE DATES LEFT:

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 9TH:**

HOSTED BY:
AMVETS

**SUNDAY
SEPT. 10TH:**

HOSTED BY:
LAFOLLETTE FOOTBALL

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 30TH:**

HOSTED BY:
RUCK 22



**IS YOUR GROUP INTERESTED IN
HOSTING A BRAT FRY NEXT YEAR?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING FOR A BRAT FRY?**

**SEND US AN EMAIL AT:
VFWPOST7591.GM@GMAIL.COM**

301 COTTAGE GROVE RD., MADISON, WI. 53716

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IDENTIFICATION PROJECT
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in honor of NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

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301 COTTAGE GROVE RD, MADISON, WI 537161

EVENT STARTS 7 PM | LIVE MUSIC BEGINS 8 PM

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then stick around for those specials!

This month, any Bacardi purchase gets you a raffle ticket to enter to win the Bacardi Aged Rum gift basket. See your bartender for details, and be sure to put their name on the front of your ticket! They're also in the running to win a special prize!

Upcoming September Events:

Thursday, September 7th: MGBMA raffle

Friday, September 8th: UW-MIA/POW - Music for this event is Marcy & The Highlights

Saturday, September 9th: AMVET Brat Fry

Sunday, September 10th: Lafollette Youth Football Brat Fry

Friday, September 29th: AE Cares Fundraiser (all proceeds go towards supporting the needs of our Post).

Music for this event is Bad Habit.

Saturday, September 30th: Ruck 22 & Brat Fry

Looking Ahead:

All Saturdays in October: Hmong New Year Celebrations

Friday, October 13th: VFW Post #7591 60th Anniversary, must purchase ticket in advance

Friday, October 27th: Halloween Party with Universal Sound

Saturday, November 4th: Jam 4 Cans

Saturday, November 11th: Veterans Day Chili Feed

Saturday, December 9th: Toys for Tots, Army Navy Game, Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl

Did one of the **bold** events spark your interest? If you'd like to volunteer for any of those events, or if you're inter-

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR Fundraising Event AE CARES FOR VETERANS



SEPTEMBER 29TH

AE Cares is hosting a fundraiser at our local VFW! The event will take place 5pm-11pm and will feature a fish fry, silent auction, a raffle, and live music. A \$5 entrance fee is required.

To contribute an item to the silent auction or raffle, please contact (262)370-1635

DONATIONS

To donate in advance or sponsor the fundraiser please contact (262)370-1635

To donate to AE Cares individually:
<https://www.aecares.org/donate>

5 pm - 8 pm

Fish Fry

8 pm - 11 pm

Live Music by Bad Habit

**LIVE PERFORMANCE
FROM THE BAND
BAD HABIT**



VFW Post 7591
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Madison, WI



For more information on AE Cares, please see our webpage at: <https://www.aecares.org/>

ested in helping out with bingo, please send me an email, stop by the office, or give me a call.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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Chaplain's Corner

Get On the Inclusion Bus

Historically, the church has not been a friendly place for LGBTQIA+ people. While many churches still have very strict parameters for inclusion, other communities of faith go out of their way to welcome as many people as possible. When you open your doors to include and affirm people all along the gender and sexuality spectrums, you communicate the all-encompassing love of God.

Inclusion is not passive. You can't just put up a sign that says, "Everyone is welcome," and assume that all who read it will understand what you mean. Statements of affirmation must be explicit:

- Declaring that your place affirms LGBTQIA+ people and relationships.
- Offering space and services for LGBTQIA+.
- Partnering with organizations that work for LGBTQIA+.

GAME DAY SPECIALS
GREEN BAY & WISCONSIN GAMES:
\$12 BUSCH LIGHT BUCKETS - FIVE 16OZ CANS
\$2.50 DOMESTIC PINTS
\$6.00 CLASSIC 1/3LB CHEESEBURGER
BUY ONE - GET ONE 50% OFF SELECT APPETIZERS
ALL THURSDAY NIGHT NFL GAMES:
BACARDI SCRATCH-OFF WITH EVERY BACARDI PURCHASE - GRAND PRIZE OF \$100 BAR TAB!
\$18 SELTZER BUCKETS - FOUR CANS - MIX N' MATCH: WHITE CLAW, CARBLISS, & HIGH NOON
VFW POST #7591
301 COTTAGE GROVE RD., MADISON
OPEN DAILY AT 11AM - PUBLIC WELCOME!

A well-rounded welcome statement may also be needed. This step of reconciliation is especially important. Showing that you understand their hesitation to trust is a good place to start.

Affirmation goes beyond just being nice. Ongoing education is necessary to break free from patterns that no longer serve the loving and inclusive mission of your faith community.

As you work to become more affirming, keep in mind that the LGBTQIA+ folks who show up may have specific needs. If they have recently come out to their family or employer, they may need other practical support, if their news wasn't received well. While our place may not be equipped to supply these needs directly, you can still be prepared to refer them to reliable local resources. It's kind to pray for them in times of trouble, but you must also back up your prayers with action.

It's wonderful when a church overcomes its history to take a stand against oppression and affirm its LGBTQIA+ members. Putting love into consistent practice is the key to ongoing success. We are all very capable as Comrades!

For God and Country! ...

Chaplain Darrel D. 'AJ' Feucht
(Paraphrased from Universal Life Church Blog)

Service Officer Report

Please! Everyone! Report your volunteer hours and mileage! This is important because it helps to maintain our tax status as a non-profit Veterans Service organization. You can email me at PVS07591@gmail.com or email our Post Commander. The volunteer hours do not necessarily have to be related to VFW or Veteran causes. If you are in doubt about if it is reportable, send it to us anyway. We can look at your volunteering and decide if it is reportable. I know that many of us are humble people and do not need or want recognition. But again, these volunteer hours and mileage are very important to keep our 990-tax exempt status as a non-profit Veterans organization. We do not want to risk losing our non-profit status. There are other reasons for reporting our time and hours. When VFW fights for benefits and legislation, it gives us more status when we have big volunteering numbers. It shows our politicians that we are not just a Veterans organization, but we also do much for the community. It is also a recruiting tool to show potential members what we do for our Veterans, neighbors, and the community.

Auxiliary Treasurer Janet and I had the privilege of touring the Veterans Transitional Housing Program here in Madison (VTHP). VTHP is a 24 unit building for Veterans who were homeless but getting on their feet. A social worker is on site 40 hours per week, and there is a full-time manager

who is also a Veteran. For a Veteran to stay at VTHP, the Veteran must pay 30% of their income to the program, so the Veteran does have skin in the game. They receive three meals per day, must meet the social worker weekly, attend VA treatment, counseling, and/or job programs. They also receive help with learning how to budget their money. This is a long-term program where Veterans can stay for up to two years, although most are successful and move out on their own in about one year. The VTHP manager boasts a 90% success rate of Veterans in this program who find sustainable employment and their own housing. VTHP, however, does have needs. Last month the need was new/like new T-shirts, underwear, and \$10 gas cards. We contributed gas cards to this amazing program. In our Post meeting I will answer questions about this program the best I can and will recommend an ongoing monthly donation. This program absolutely does make a difference in getting homeless Veterans back into society as productive members.

Please, if a Veteran, family member, or friend needs to borrow a wheelchair, walker, or other medical item, feel free to take one. There are forms in the basement. For accountability, and for us as a Post to report volunteer deeds and donations, please fill out this form and leave it in the Commanders mailbox at the canteen, or in the Service Officer box in the basement.



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Spread the word! As we all should know, Ruck 22 is hosted at our Post. This year Ruck 22 will be September 30th. We are working on getting as many Veterans groups and nonprofits to this event as possible. The Vet Center, County Service Office, and others will be there as well. I firmly believe that every Veteran has a benefit they are not aware of. Please spread the word so Veterans can meet many of their resources all in one place.

Greg Seidlitz, Post Service Officer

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September 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
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3 10AM-2PM BIRD FAIR 3-6PM BRUCE & DEAN	4 CLOSED HAPPY LABOR DAY!	5 6:30PM & 8:00PM BINGO!	6 5PM BADGER HONOR FLIGHT MTG 6:30-9PM KARAOKE	7 5:30-7PM TRIVIA	8 UWMIA/POW 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS	9 10AM-4PM AMVET BRAT FRY 11AM FRONT BAR OPEN
10 10A-4P BRAT FRY 11:30AM-NOON JASON MOON 3:25 PACKERS VS BEARS	11 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	12 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	13 6:30-9PM NORTHERN COMFORT	14 5:30-7:00PM TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	15 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM THE RUSTY HEARTS	16 11AM FRONT BAR OPEN
17 NOON: PACKERS VS FALCONS 3-6PM MARK & SCOTT	18	19 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	20 9A-2P LIFELINE SCREENING 6:30-9PM JENNY LUPEIN & MASON MEYER	21 5:30-7PM TRIVIA	22 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM UNIVERSAL SOUND	23 11AM FRONT BAR OPEN
24 12PM PACKERS VS SAINTS 3-6PM KT JOHNSON	25	26 6:30PM & 8:00 PM BINGO!	27 6:30-9PM FRANK JAMES & SUZIE ANDERSON	28 6:30-8:30PM TRIVIA 7:15PM PACKERS VS BEARS	29 AE CARES FUNDRAISER 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM BAD HABIT	30 7:30AM-6PM RUCK 22 10AM-4PM RUCK BRAT FRY 11AM OPEN

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT US AT VFWPST7591.ORG