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Auxiliary President's Column

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you had a great fun filled summer. Autumn is here. I went to my first golf outing with post members and had a great time. It's a great way to meet post members. The color guard marched in Cobb and was treated to snacks at a local bar owned by some Veterans. Our auxiliary members went to the celebration of life for Arlene Mulholland, our historian. It was a lovely ceremony and pass and review by our members. Look for pictures of Ruck 22 in October. Upcoming events:



October 4th — Last day for sale of Post Anniversary tickets.

October 6th — Color Guard at Homecoming

October 13th — 60th Post Anniversary Celebration.
Tickets \$45 and sales end

November 11th — Veterans Day Chili Lunch at the post

November 25th — Craft fair

Thanks for your time, talent, and prayers for our Veterans,

Bless you all,

Suzan Nast

Auxiliary President

From the General Manager

Fall is finally here, and we're heading full swing into our busy season! For those of you I haven't met yet, my name is Kate, and I'm the General Manager of your canteen here at VFW Post #7591. I do my best to use this space to update you on all things that happened last month, what's coming up this month, events on the calendar's horizon, and general canteen updates. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself, or reach out with any questions you may have. My contact information is below.

September 2023 Wrap-Up:

Please help me in thanking Mitchell Feucht, our Back of House Manager, as we celebrate his first of many successful years on our team! If I had to write a list of all of the things Mitch does for the canteen, not only would it look like Swiss cheese, filled with holes of tasks that I most certainly would miss, it would easily be ten pages long. Mitch started managing the BOH with minimal experience, and has demonstrated exponential growth. He continues to go out of the way to support our staff and volunteers however he can, and has been a driving force with teamwork, inventory, product consistency, and customer satisfaction since day one. The next time you see him, please take a moment to thank him for all he does!

As I mentioned, September is the kickoff to our busy season. I'd like to give a special thanks to our outstanding staff and all of the volunteers who assisted the canteen during MGBMA's fall raffle, as well as a shout out to the Cooties for re-arranging their September scratch to accommodate scheduling for this event! This is the fourth MGBMA raffle

that has happened during my time here, and it continues to be one of my favorite events that we host. Their next raffle will be in the spring, stay tuned for how you can get your hands on tickets!

September marks the end of our 2023 Brat Fry Season! I'd like to personally thank Joe and Karen Baumann for their continued guidance. Regardless of the hosting organization, these two have been my go-to source for all brat fry questions. Special thanks also goes to Kerry McAllen and Linda Nellen for assisting with the UW-SVA and Ruck 22 events, and to Jason Boynton for assisting with the Lancer Youth Football Brat Fry. As many of you know, there's a mountain of prep work, planning, and effort, that goes into hosting a successful Brat Fry. If you volunteered during any Brat Fry this season, please know your efforts are tremendously appreciated. Events like these wouldn't be possible without members and volunteers like you!

Kudos to Taryn Lindemann, President of Operation Ruck 22, and all staff and volunteers who assisted with the event on September 30th! Keep your eye out for pictures and stories from this event in next month's chatter.

October Events:

All of the following events are expected to be busy. If you're interested in how you can help in the canteen, please stop by the office or send me an email.

- Saturday, October 7th — Thao Family New Year
- Friday, October 13th — VFW Day Post #7591 60th Anniversary (see below for more info.)
- Saturday, October 14th — Yang Family New Year
- Saturday, October 21st — Vang Family New Year
- Sunday, October 22nd — Celebration of Life for Gretchen Parker
- Friday, October 27th — Annual Halloween Bash featuring Universal Sound
- Monday, October 30th — Thank You Performance by VFW Band, free admission



Good times at the Post with (left to right): a new veteran who served in Africa, Louise Billings, Nancy Smith, Korean veteran, Bob Halverson and Auxiliary treasurer, Janet Kennedy.

As noted above, our 60th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Friday, October 13th. The Canteen will be closed to the general public until 7:00pm, at which time the front bar will open. Music that night will feature Marcy & The Highlights, admission to music is included with any 60th Anniversary ticket, or \$5 at the door for anyone not attending the anniversary celebration. As noted, the Auxiliary will not be hosting a fish fry on October 13th.

Our Annual Halloween Bash is scheduled for Friday, October 27th. We had so much fun with Universal Sound last year that they're back this year! Get those costumes ready, we'll have prizes for the scariest, funniest, best homemade, best group, and best couple. The pumpkin brandy is back for your fall favorite old fashioned, and I have more food and beverage specials up my sleeve!

As we head into October and you continue to plan for football season, don't forget to see the attached copy of the food and beverage specials we're offering in the canteen. Touchdown shots, domestic beer & Bacardi specials, \$6 burgers, BOGO half price appetizers... the list goes on!

Looking Ahead:

We're still in need of volunteers for our Toys for Tots event, scheduled for Saturday, December 9th. Please reach out if you're interested in volunteering before or during this event. I'll send a reminder email later this month, but prior to this event, we need volunteers to assist with distributing collection bins and planning the event. During the event, we will need volunteers to help with greeting customers, supervising and selling tickets at the raffle table, assisting bartenders with things like taking food out to customers and helping keep the bar and ice bins stocked. As of today, I only have two people who have expressed interest in helping with this event — I'm relying on you, our membership, to help ensure the success of this year's event.



The following is the list of remaining events scheduled for 2023:

- Saturday, November 4th — Jam 4 Cans
- Saturday, November 11th — Veterans Day & Chili Feed
- Thursday, November 24th — CLOSED—Thanksgiving
- Saturday, November 25th — Auxiliary Craft Fair
- Saturday, December 9th — Toys for Tots
- Saturday, December 9th — Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl
- Saturday, December 9th — Army Navy Game
- Wednesday, December 20th — Blood Drive
- Sunday, December 24th — Tentative hours of operation:
11am–4pm
- Monday, December 25th — CLOSED—Christmas
- Sunday, December 31st — NYE Party during the Day,
details TBA

General Canteen Updates:

Our 2024-2025 calendar is filling up fast! If you are a leader of an event that is hosted regularly, please reach out and ensure that your event is in the book.

The Upper Deck Remodel is almost complete, huge thank you to our House Committee Chair, Greg S., for all of his assistance in making this project come to life! My hope is that by the time you're reading this, our new saloon doors will be installed with the project officially complete.

Our next focus is the front bar remodel. Kathy Hanna has been the Queen of 50:50 raffles, working hard to raise the

money we will need to complete this project. This project includes revising the size and location of the island behind the front bar, adding a floor drain on the front bar side of the pass-through window, installing an ice bin and soda gun for the pass-through window, and updating display and storage spaces behind the front bar. For those of you that remember our kitchen remodel, one of the few remaining pieces is the installation of a floor drain so we can install our commercial steamer. That steamer will provide the canteen with a multitude of new and unique menu options. My hope is that we can work with the plumbing and contractors to install the floor drains for both the front bar and the kitchen.

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\$1,500 donation to UW Madison student vet association for supporting a brat fry on June 10.

VFW POST #7591
HALLOWEEN
 Join us, if you dare... **BASH**
FRIDAY, OCT. 27TH

5-8PM: FISH FRY
8-11PM: UNIVERSAL SOUND

COSTUME CONTEST **DRINK SPECIALS** **FOOD SPECIALS**

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!

I'm looking forward to seeing you this month as we boogie our way through fall. On behalf of the Canteen, I'm wishing you all a spook-tacular October!

Kate DeRosa
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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

POST OFFICERS FOR 2023–2024

POST COMMANDER Jason Boynton
 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER Andrew McKinney
 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER. Vacant
 QUARTERMASTER Jon Russell
 JUDGE ADVOCATE Vacant
 CHAPLAIN. Darrel "AJ" Feucht
 SURGEON. Vacant
 TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR Michael Goetz
 TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR James E. Ewing
 TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR Kerry McAllen
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR Greg Seidlitz
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR Scott Reigel
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR Vacant
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR Gary Jugenheimer
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR Darrel Feucht
 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR Andy Ausel
 SERVICE OFFICER Greg Seidlitz
 ADJUTANT Bob Madison



The parade that wasn't. Barnaveld parade was on schedule for the 23rd but was actually the 30th. We had a good time at the post 'commiserating.'



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 TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR Janey Owens
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 HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR Ann Gonzagowski

V.F.W. DAY POST 7591
 Dane County Service Officer
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301 Cottage Grove Road
 Friday Night Fish Fry 5:00-8:00 PM
 Tuesday Night Bingo 6:30 & 8:00 PM

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 10AM-2PM BIRD FAIR 3-6PM DAVE & HEATHER	2 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	3 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	4 6:30-9:00PM KARAOKE WITH JASON	5 11AM UD: COOTIE AUX. 5:30-7PM TRIVIA 7PM COOTIE SCRATCH	6 5-8PM FISH FRY 7-11PM DAVE & HEATHER	7 11AM CANTEEN OPEN	
8 3-6PM BRUCE & DEAN	9	10 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	11 5:30PM BHF BOARD MTG 6:30-9PM NORTHERN COMFORT	12 5:30-7PM TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	13 60th Anniversary CANTEEN CLOSED TO PUBLIC TIL 7PM NO FISH FRY 8-11PM MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS	14 11AM CANTEEN OPEN	
15 3-6PM MARK & SCOTT	16	17 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	18 6:30-9PM THE BUTCHERS KID 6:30PM BSA MTG	19 5:30-7PM TRIVIA	20 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM BACK 40	21 11AM CANTEEN OPEN	
22 3-6PM DRUG-FREE ALL-AGE CONCERT	23	24 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	25 4-6PM MGEA FALL FLING 6:30-9PM RANDY KIEL	26 5:30-7PM TRIVIA	27 5-8PM FISH FRY 8-11PM UNIVERSAL SOUND HALLOWEEN BASH	28 9AM CHAPTER 5 MTG 11AM CANTEEN OPEN	
29 3-6PM JENNY LUPIEN	30 7-8PM VFW BAND FREE CONCERT	31 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	PUBLIC WELCOME Big 10 and NFL Networks • Free Wi-Fi • ATM For Hall Rental information, please contact Rosie, our Events Coordinator at VFWPost7591.EC@gmail.com				