

# V.F.W. POST 7591



## POST CHATTER

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### Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades,

Our sixtieth anniversary last month was a great success with many of the Day family relatives in attendance. Thank you again to everyone that made that event so successful.

I can't believe this year is almost over. Toys for Tots is underway, December 9th is our biggest fundraiser that supports the program. We will need volunteers for a few different shifts, there will be more info coming out on that, but please consider being able to support with a few hours that day.



We have our Post meeting on November 9th, the Marine Corps Birthday the 10th and Veterans Day chili on the 11th.

Student scholarship entries have been coming in, and we will need a few volunteers to help judge those submissions.

Please take time to reach out to a fellow Veteran and just talk with them. Unfortunately, I just learned that one of the Marines I served with took his own life this past weekend. He left behind a spouse and a few children.

I hope everyone has a safe month and a safe Holiday season. I hope to see you on November 9th, if not before that.

Jason Boynton, Commander  
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### Auxiliary President's Column

Greetings sisters and brothers,

A huge welcome to several new members in 2023. They are Mary Jane Endres, Dave Larson, Tamra Walker, Jenna Russell, Pam Bauhs, Margaret Kubiak, Vicki Wolfe, all in the Madison area and also Robin Oasen of Blanchardville, Kendra Kvistad of Jim Falls WI, Charisma Pryor (IL), and Emily Jordan (WV).



October has been busy for our members. While many are busy working the auxiliary fish fry, I learned much from the Big 10 conference in Itasca, IL the weekend of the 20th. The takeaway was: focus on what your auxiliary does best, mentoring, and membership! I am looking forward to my first trip to the National Home (for Children), the last weekend in October. This is the place where the Buddy Poppy money goes. Look for pictures next month. We had a few members volunteer at Stand Down, an event serving Homeless Veterans on October 21st. We had a great color guard group for the chilly windy homecoming parade Friday, the 6th. Coming up is the Honor flight on November 4th, (color guard will be there), November 11, Veterans Day Chili feed, ( please volunteer) Craft fair, Saturday, November 25th, (please come and shop, donate and/or volunteer).

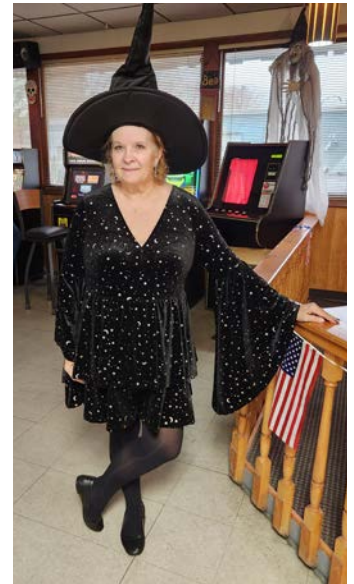
Meeting news, November meeting, please arrive 15 min prior to the meeting for an important post update. Looking ahead to the December meeting, please come at 6 pm for a holiday social and short meeting.



Big 10 conference in Itasca IL. President Suzan Nast, past president Janey Owens, Department past president, Linda Schluter, and Department senior vice resident, Cheryl Woodards.



Lee Archiquette



Auxiliary member Michelle Goedken

In closing, thank-you for those new members and continue to get out there and wear your VFW clothing and make yourself known to others. Also, if you see a new face in the canteen, say hi and welcome them. They will be back, I guarantee it. Oh, and don't forget, find out why they came and invite them to join if they are eligible. For new and old members, ask any member or officer a question if we forget to say hi. There is a lot going on and our veterans need you!

To all members, you are welcome to submit pictures or articles to the chatter of a volunteer, veteran, or post event. Email pictures with caption including event and names in photo to [cole.slominski@gmail.com](mailto:cole.slominski@gmail.com)

Bless you all,  
Suzan Nast  
Auxiliary President

## From the General Manager

Snow is starting to fall, and we're moving full steam ahead through 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.

### October 2023 Wrap-Up:

Once again, October has been the busiest month of the year for your canteen, and what a fun month it's been! We were honored to celebrate Hmong New Year with three

of our local Clans: Thao, Yang, and Vang. Each clan was so fun to work with, and your staff and I look forward to next year's events! Special thanks goes to our one and only Nancy Smith! She was here to get the building going every single Saturday this month!

On the 27th we hosted our annual Halloween Bash featuring Universal Sound. Your costumes did not disappoint!! Shout out to our bartenders Sherri and Connor for participating in our costume contest! If you have pictures of this event, please send them my way.

Lastly, I'd like to give a huge thank you to Mitch and every single person who helped out on Friday the 27th!! I was able to attend the latest Warren Miller film with my brother and our ski family at the Barrymore. A new film drops every year, and it's only shown one night in Madison. It was a great experience, and I made it back just in time to catch our costume contest!

### November 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, November 4th — Jam 4 Cans

Friday, November 10th — Special Veterans Day performance by Speakeasy

Saturday, November 11th — Veterans Day: Auxiliary Chili Feed 11a-2p

Monday, November 14th — CLOSED for maintenance of the main hall floor

November 13th-16th — Main Hall Floor maintenance

Thursday, November 23rd — CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 25th — Auxiliary Craft Fair 9a-3p



## 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, 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 complete — the Saloon doors have been installed and we've already begun booking two events in one day!

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 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.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this month! On behalf of the Canteen, I'm wishing you all a nifty November!

Kate DeRosa

General Manager - VFW Post 7591

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**ART & CRAFT FAIR**  
**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL (Missed 2020)**

**SPONSORED BY AUXILIARY TO  
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301 COTTAGE GROVE ROAD, MADISON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

**9 AM – 3 PM FREE ADMISSION  
COFFEE, DONUTS & LUNCH FOR SALE  
BAKE SALE, DESSERTS, AND RAFFLES**

**VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE  
8 FT. \$40  
CONTACT:  
HELEN STORCH @608-712-2505  
(PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)  
OR  
DONNA BUTLER @ 608-695-0261  
(PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS**

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## Chaplain's Corner

### Religion's Role in Social Media Behavior

Social media can be very useful when used well. Individuals use their accounts to check in with friends, even if it's just once a year when they get a reminder about their birthdays. Churches can use their platforms to build community, attract new members, invite account followers to an event they're hosting, and maintain a more open internet presence than an informational website allows.

Not everyone likes reading religious posts on social media, though. In fact, according to a recent Pew survey, many users have actually blocked or unfriended people on their lists due to the religious content they post. When respondents were asked if they had ever changed their friend settings due to someone's religious posts, one in six said yes. There are many reasons that someone may decide to snooze, block, or completely unfriend a social media connection. Each user gets to decide what his or her own personal boundaries.

Some people enjoy a healthy debate. For others, social media is a place to take a break from the stressors in life,

which may include arguing with those who hold opinions that are different from theirs. Therefore, it makes sense that they would block those who insist on pressing the issue online. Online communication, particularly on social media, tends to make people bolder. Behind the safety of a screen, they may feel less inhibited about expressing views that others find objectionable, such as controversial religious stances. Others who block or unfriend people on social media may be concerned about how messages will affect the other people on their friend list.

Religious posts on social media can be inspiring to those who share the same faith. However, not everyone wants to see them on their feed, and these users may block or unfriend connections to avoid such posts. Best to use your own discretion and what you are comfortable sharing.

(Paraphrased from Universal Life Church Blog)

Blessings everyone!

For God and Country!

Chaplain Darrel D. ‘AJ’ Feucht

## Attention Cancer Victims

Are you an Auxiliary member who has been diagnosed with cancer? If your answer is “yes,” you may be eligible for a cancer grant. Please contact Karen Baumann at 770-1220 for information.



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 POST SERVICE OFFICER, GREG SEIDLITZ . . .920-350-1711



*Left:* Post member Bob Madison, left, handed out poppies and Linda Fonger, past president and Dayettes lieutenant, enjoy a beverage after the UW Homecoming parade.



*Right:* Dayettes Fran Garcia, Suzan Nast and Linda Nellen.

## POST OFFICERS FOR 2023–2024

POST COMMANDER ..... Jason Boynton  
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 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.....Vacant  
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 JUDGE ADVOCATE ..... Vacant  
 CHAPLAIN..... Darrel “AJ” Feucht  
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 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



# Letter of Thanks

To the Post Members: Thank you thank you thank you. We had a fabulous time at the VFW party. For us, it was a great time for a family reunion. We haven't seen each other for years. In fact, some of us have never met. The speeches were good and gave our younger family members a sense of history. It's funny because we called the VFW our second home. We've had weddings, funerals, anniversaries, parties, dinners, and breakfasts there. I can still see my parents playing euchre and dancing regularly. It's always been a welcoming place.

A special thank you to those of you who organized it. I know it's a lot of work. The band was fun and kept us there longer than expected. We had fun. I know a photo was taken of our whole group, unbelievably 28. I/we would appreciate a copy of the photo if it's available.

I hope our paths cross again at some point. I am an auxiliary member...who knows. We did that to honor our grandfather.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely, Lynn Jorris

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## Annual Art & Craft Fair

The Auxiliary's 36th ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIR is scheduled for Saturday, November 25, 2023, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Post. All 50 tables have been rented and vendors are excited. Admission is free.

Minor changes for this year are:

(1) LUNCH ITEMS for sale will be prepared, sold, and served by the canteen.

(2) We will again have the BAKE SALE in the dining room PLUS a table in front of the stage in the bar to sell our individual DESSERT ITEMS.



Gary and Susan Fineout at the Day Post 60th Anniversary.

(3) All food items must be brought in on Saturday am. No food can be brought in Friday night.

We request members help with the following:

(1) Please advertise via social media or post the flyers that will be available at the Nov. 9th Auxiliary meeting.

(2) Please solicit or donate quality items (large or small) for our RAFFLE TABLE — gift cards are appreciated too. There will also be 50/50 raffles during the day.

(3) Please provide baked goods for the BAKE SALE. Please wrap whole pies or cakes and package smaller items (cookies, bars, etc.) in packages of 6 or 12.

(4) Please provide baked items, etc. for the DESSERT TABLE - 2 cookies or bars, etc. to a package - if you bring a pan of bars or dessert, our volunteers will cut and plate them.

(5) We need 8 to 10 strong people to help move tables and chairs at 11 pm on Friday night, November 24th after the dance. If you can assist, please call Helen at 608-712-2505 or Donna at 608-695-0261.

We are pleased that many of our members have volunteered to help on Saturday. PLEASE, PLEASE join us, even if you have not been given a specific job. Workers may need a break or, if not, you can shop and/or visit. There will be many beautiful items available for purchase. This event has been a major fundraiser for many vendors and for our Auxiliary. Last year the profit to our Auxiliary was \$3,794.69. This money is used to benefit Veterans and Veterans welfare is the reason for our organization. THANK YOU in advance for your help and support.

Co-Chairs Helen Storch and Donna Butler

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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2023–2024

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- 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 . . . . . Ann Gonzagowski

## 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

## Emergency Disaster

Should you experience a fire, tornado, or other major damage to your home, you could qualify for a grant from the VFW's state Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. The damage needs to be in excess of \$5,000 and you must apply within 30 days of its occurrence. Contact the Quartermaster at 221-9326.

## Want to Get More Involved?

Member volunteers are always needed for Post and Auxiliary activities. Contact the Post Commander or the Auxiliary President to see what choices are available.

**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!

## Community Service?

Do you help individuals or community organizations? Report your hours, mileage, and activities for VFW community service statistics. Post members, contact the Post Quartermaster (221-9326); Auxiliary members, tell Carol Welch (608-882-1398; ryanaxa@charter.net).



Flags on Broadway during Ruck 22 in September. Home stretch — about 2 miles left of 12 miles.



Last ones are through; taking down the flag.



JJ back at the Post.



Leigh Logan deep in thought.



Auxiliary members Janey Owens, Nancy Smith, & Karen Baumann hard at work.



V.F.W. DAY POST 7591  
 Dane County Service Officer  
 608-221-9326

# November 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>1</b> 5:30PM BADGER HONOR FLIGHT MTG 6:30–9:00PM KARAOKE WITH JASON	<b>2</b> 5:30–7PM TRIVIA 7PM COOTIE SCRATCH	<b>3</b> 5–8PM FISH FRY NO MUSIC	<b>4</b> 11AM JAM 4 CANS
<b>5</b> 10AM–2PM BIRD FAIR 3–6PM BRUCE & DEAN	<b>6</b> 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>7</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	<b>8</b> 5:30PM BSA MEETING 6:30–9PM RANDY KIEL	<b>9</b> 5:30–7PM TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	<b>10</b> 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM SPEAKEASY	<b>11</b> VETERANS DAY 11AM–2PM CHILI FEED
<b>12</b> 3–6PM DAVE & HEATHER	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> CLOSED	<b>15</b> 6:30–9PM NORTHERN COMFORT	<b>16</b> 5:30–7PM TRIVIA	<b>17</b> 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS	<b>18</b> 11AM FRONT BAR OPEN MAIN HALL RESERVED
<b>19</b> 3–6PM TBA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	<b>22</b> 6:30–9PM THE BUTCHER'S KID	<b>23</b> THANKSGIVING CLOSED	<b>24</b> 5–8PM FISH FRY 8–11PM SPEAKEASY	<b>25</b> 9AM–3PM AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR
<b>26</b> 3–6PM MARK & SCOTT	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	<b>29</b> 6:30–9PM SUZIE ANDERSON	<b>30</b> 5:30–7PM TRIVIA	Front bar is open daily at 11am, and the kitchen is open daily from 11am–7pm (Tuesdays until 8:45pm, Thursdays until 7:45pm).	

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT US AT VFWPOST7591.ORG