

POST CHATTER is published monthly by Post 7591, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin for the information and guidance of VFW members and the Auxiliary. The next meeting will be held April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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# Commander's Column

Greetings Comrades,

As spring is quickly approaching, we will all be able to enjoy more outdoor activities. We have brat frys scheduled

with the ability to still add some more.

We will have elections on April 11 so if you are interested in running for any positions or filling any appointed vacancies please consider contacting me.

May 4 will be a highway cleanup day and cleaning up and making repairs outside of the building. #stills-

erving. There will be a signup genius available and available signup posted in the canteen, this will be open to post and auxiliary members and anyone that would be interested in helping. When we are finished, it is the day of the Kentucky Derby (150th) that usually begins somewhere around 5pm.

Memorial Day planning is also underway. We participate in the Monona Parade after a ceremony at the Monona Grove High School, followed by ceremonies at local cemeteries and a Memorial Service at the Post.

The state convention will be in Green Bay from June 12–15, and we need to identify delegates which we will discuss at our April meeting. Make Music Madison will be on June 21 according to their website and we plan to participate again this year.

Lastly, I wish a warm welcome to our new Manager Alyssa — she definitely has big shoes to fill but is already sharing great ideas and is a go-getter. I know she will have a big impact on our organization and look forward to seeing her results.



Looking forward to seeing you on April 11 at 7pm. Jason Boynton, Commander jason613@gmail.com

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### **Auxiliary President's Column**

Greetings brothers and sisters,

March brought us some warmer weather and our color guard meeting. Marching season is coming up and practice begins in April. Jaime, our new cook served a very good,

corned beef and cabbage for our St. Patrick's celebration.

The kitchen committee hosted a thank-you fish fry meal to fish fry volunteers from this past year. We had the last of the fish and awards were given to our dedicated waitresses, pantry workers and smiliest volunteers to name a few. Our auxiliary has a fundraising



committee working on a fund-raising plan. April elections are coming up and several positions are open. Please come to a meeting to make a difference in the future of our auxiliary or nominate someone or yourself. Auxiliary meetings are a time for not only business but also camaraderie.

Is there an auxiliary member you haven't seen in a while? Invite them to a meeting or go see them. It would mean the world to them.

Blessings to you all! Suzan Nast Auxiliary President 608-556-9237

### **Chaplain's Corner**

# The Rise of the Secular Church – Are there Atheists among us?

What, exactly, does an atheist church look like? From the outside looking in, it's not so different from a traditional house of worship. Across the country, churches are sprouting up that - from the outside at least - appear similar to Christian churches. There's something like a sermon, there's singing, silent meditation, and even a donation plate from time to time. But these new "churches" aren't religious in the slightest. Welcome to (secular) church. They found initial success in their project by mimicking a typical church service. "We both wanted to do something like church but without God and we just nicked the order of service," explains Sanderson Jones back in 2013 and founder of the Sunday Assembly. Sunday Assembly has since expanded to a global network of nearly 50 churches, with regular Sunday service - all of them completely secular. Within these congregations, you'll find all the hallmarks of church, particularly the elements of brotherhood and community - just without the faith. A main sermon (often focused on science or humanism), singing, a sense of community. If you weren't paying attention, you could mistake it for a Christian service. But what if scripture doesn't appeal to you? Or the teachings aren't as inclusive as you'd hope? Secular churches see a niche begging to be filled among the many nonreligious Millennials and Gen-Zers.

William Wolfe, a Southern Baptist who holds a Masters of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote in the Christian Post that secular churches are nothing more than "cheap knockoffs." But many of those who have attended secular services disagree, arguing that they're a great place to find one's community. Furthermore, they say a common scripture isn't necessary to create community and build a successful congregation. And considering America's demographic shift towards secularism, their popularity could conceivably continue to grow. Blessings Comrades.

For God and Country! ...

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

# **VA Hospital Food Pantry**

The 7591 Auxiliary is sponsoring a month-long donation drive for the VA Hospital's Food Pantry. The pantry is for veterans being discharged and at risk for food insecurities. It will help grant relief to these Veterans to ensure they have several days' worth of nutritious food to sustain them until they are able to purchase more. A colorful box for donations is by the front entrance in the bar from March 16 to April 14. We hope everyone will pitch in! And we appreciate your generosity!

\*For ease on voluntary staff, please only donate items on this list. All food donations must be new and in its original factory sealed packaging.

42oz Quick Oats	Mac n 'Cheese box
Tuna Helper box	Microwavable Rice pouch
Canned Soup	Instant Mashed Potato
Canned Beans	Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetable	Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna	16oz Peanut Butter
Boxed Cereal	Can Opener

Karen Baumann

### Flags on Roselawn Cemetery for Memorial Day, May 23, 2024

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

On May 23 we will place flags on Veterans Graves at Roselawn Cemetery.

8:30 am coffee and donuts available. Meet at Roselawn Cemetery garage on Femrite.

Important: stay with the person who has the list. We do not want to miss any Veterans.

1. Volunteers will have the same section as the previous year. Bring something to carry your flags if need be. We do not provide them.

2. Flags do not lie on the ground. The flag should be placed in the Center of the headstone about one inch away.

3. If you add a name (not on the list), add the date of death and branch of service. If you have questions, let us know,

When done, a light lunch and beverages will be provided at Post 7591 in appreciation for doing this. I will do the report on Community Service for everyone participating.

May 24—Rain date and any graves that were missed or not found.

Note: If you wish to help but are unable to physically participate, you can make a donation to the Flag Fund. Send your donation to Quartermaster, 301 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison, WI 53716. Memo: Flag Fund.

JoAnn & Marlyn Klongland



Welcome canteen manager, Alyssa!



Janey Owens, Michelle Goedken and Terry Soerens.



Amanda Byrd and new cook, Jaime Byrd and dishwasher/ apprentice cook, JD.



Chaplain Donna Butler and Linda Schluter, past Department President

# ANNUAL

**DERBY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA** In Celebration of the 150th Kentucky Derby



# RUN FOR THE ROSES! SATURDAY MAY 4TH 2024 AT 3:00 p.m.

VFW DAY POST 7591- 301 Cottage Grove Rd SOUTHERN FARE, MINT JULEPS, WHISKEY & WAGERS

COSTUME CONTEST @ 4:45 Prizes for DAILY DOUBLE—Best Couple TOO HOT TO TROT-Best Dressed Women DAPPER DAN-Best Dressed Man FANCY FILLY-Best Dressed Senior Filly MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU-Star Wars Theme HAND MAIDEN– Best Homemade HORSIN' AROUND-Best Horse Theme MEXICAN FIESTA-Cinco De Mayo Theme



Auxiliary Trustee and Department Chaplain Janey Owens, post members, Chue Fu, and Larry Blazek.



March post meeting merriment, Auxiliary Guard and Trustee, Fran Garcia and Nancy Smith.



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# April 2024

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Front bar is open daily at 11am, and the kitchen is open daily from 11am- 7pm (Tuesdays until 8:45pm, Thursdays until 7:45pm).	l	2	3 6:30PM KARAOKE	4 5PM PREMIER TRIVIA WITH RANDY P 7PM COOTIE SCRATCH	5 8PM UNIVERSAL SOUND	9
7 3-6РМ НОLY СОУОТЕ	6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>9</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	<b>10</b> 6:30–9PM THE BUTCHER'S KID	5PM PREMIER 5PM PREMIER TRIVIA WITH RANDY P 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	<b>12</b> 6-9PM RANDY KEIL 9PM-CLOSE FRIENDLY SPECTRES	<b>13</b> 7PM EMWAY608 & FRIENDS
<b>14</b> 3–6PM DAVE & HEATHER	15	16 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	<b>17</b> 6:30–9PM REMEMBER WITH RANDY	<b>18</b> 5PM PREMIER TRIVIA 7PM GRAHAM HUNT & FRIENDS	<b>19</b> 6–9PM ROCKIN RANDY 9PM–CLOSE CLEAN ROOM & FRIENDS	20
<b>21</b> MUSIC TBA	22	<b>23</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	24 6:30–9PM NORTHERN COMFORT	<b>25</b> 5PM PREMIER TRIVIA	<b>26</b> 7–10PM FAIR STREET BAND	27
<b>28</b> <sup>3–6PM</sup> DAVE & HEATHER	29	<b>30</b> 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	Big 1 For Hall Rent	PUBLIC WELCOME 0 and Brewers Games • Free al information, please contact ou VFWPost7591.GM@gmail.	PUBLIC WELCOME Big 10 and Brewers Games • Free Wi-Fi • ATM For Hall Rental information, please contact our General Manager at VFWPost7591.GM@gmail.com	ATM Manager at