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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone,

I hope you are enjoying this warm winter. It looks like we might have an early spring which would be nice.

The color guard will be marching in the Brainerd St Patrick's Day parade on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Vietnam Veteran's Day at the club will be March 22. More details about this will be posted on the website. Vet's Day on the Hill is April 17<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to go and voice your opinions.

We had a lot of donations this month. We donated to Crosby Grad Blast, Donuts for Vets, Clark Lakes Homes, YMCA Childcare, the Masons, and the National Guard Youth Camp.

The Memorial Day Committee planning meetings are starting up, additional information can be found on the website.

We had two new members join the club this month and one transfer. Keep up the good work recruiting members.

Remember to thank our volunteers. They have been doing a wonderful job.

Leadership elections are coming up for the post in April.

Your Commander,  
 Chip Borle

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Greetings all,

Spring officially starts on March 19 this year, and that's just around the corner. How fast time flies!

## Valentine's Day Tribute to Local Veterans.

I want to thank the auxiliary members who helped get Valentine's Day remembrances to our local veterans in local senior care facilities. February 11-17 was National Salute to Veteran Patients week, and we delivered over 80 Chocolate

a fantastic job of making them for us, and each one had a sticker with a greeting and the auxiliary name. (see photos)

## The Annual Vietnam War Veterans Gathering, March 22, 4-7 pm

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, which is also Good Friday. Our post will have our annual Vietnam war veterans gathering on Friday, March 22, instead.

If you know a Vietnam war veteran, please invite them to come and bring any Vietnam war memorabilia they may have for sharing and reminiscing. They do not have to be a VFW member. Two complimentary beverages for each Vietnam Vet and their significant other will be provided. Apple pie and ice cream will also be served during that time, compliments of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This will be the third year we have had this event.

## Auxiliary Annual Dues Increase – Lifetime Memberships do not increase.

A vote was passed at our February meeting to raise the cost of annual dues to \$30 due to the increase at the National level. This increase will take effect at the start of the 2025 fiscal year. If you have not paid your dues for this year yet, please get them in soon or consider paying for a lifetime membership. That cost would depend on your age. (See payment schedule on page 2.) If you have paid your dues, Thank You!

## Election of Officers at April meeting

Please consider becoming an officer or committee chairperson. Always remember, we value you as a member, and hope you value our goals and services enough to step up to the plate for the benefit of all our veterans. Next monthly meeting is March 12.

Sue Sterling Brainerd - VFW Auxiliary President

The Corner Lot

Post Colors:

- 2/2 Memorial Rifle Squad  
Camp Ripley
- 2/10 Warrior Hockey



**Sunshine Report**

We send get well wishes to those who have been ill, Barbara Molby, Cheryl Johnson, Sandra Swearingen and Deb De Rosier.

We send sympathy to those who have lost a loved one, especially to the families of Joyce Johson, Dorothy Newman and Virginia Schibonski.  
Brenda Collins and Helen Doucette

**Auxiliary Membership Update:**

For those who have not paid their 2024 Auxiliary Dues please consider getting the \$20.00 into Treasurer Dawn Garin to stay current and avoid having to complete a new application for the 2025 year which begins on July 1, 2024.

Also I am recommending considering a LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP. The cost is based on your age and no more dues.

Annual dues are going up starting July 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2025 year to \$30.00, so please consider a Life Time Membership.

Helen Doucette VFW (218)831-2112 Auxiliary Membership Chairman

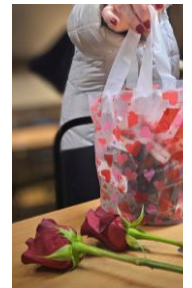


Celebrate St Patrick's Day with us on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 11am till gone, we will be serving:

**Mulligan Stew  
Irish Soda Bread  
& Desert  
\$8.00**



Check out our new Facebook page. Hit "like" and "follow" to get all our posts so you can be up to date on events and see what is happening at the Club.



*Our  
Auxiliary  
Members  
In action*



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.BrainerdVFW.org](http://www.BrainerdVFW.org)

Find out what is happening at the Post, stay current with the news and view photos.



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[www.brainerdlegion255.org](http://www.brainerdlegion255.org)

OPEN  
Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

\*DAILY FOOD SPECIALS: Monday through Friday  
FRIDAY DINNER (Special or Walleye): 5 P.M.  
FRIDAY MEAT RAFFLE: 5:30 P.M.

Follow us on Facebook!

**July 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of 2024-2025yr.**

Consider becoming a Life Member as annual dues will increase to \$30.00 for the 2025 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Your annual dues can be mailed to: Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd.

Your membership cards are mailed from Kansas City, please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your card.

**Post Dues:** Post Membership Dues are now due for those who pay annually. You can send them to Quartermaster Pat Wing at the Post. Annual Dues for Post member is \$35.00.

AUX LIFE MEMBER FEES	
16-20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58



**ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS GATHERING**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**  
**FREE FOOD AND A BEVERAGE, 4 - 7 PM**  
**FOR ALL VIETNAM VETERANS**  
**AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AT THE**  
**BRAINERD VFW, 309 SOUTH 6TH STREET**  
**BRING MEMORABILIA, PHOTOS**  
**AND MEMORIES TO SHARE**

[BrainerdVFW.org/vietnam-vets-day](http://BrainerdVFW.org/vietnam-vets-day)

## Support Our Veterans

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If interested in  
 Catching the bus  
 to  
 Veteran's Day  
 On the Hill,  
 Contact:  
 Dave Meyer  
 at the VFW  
 218-829-0608

# VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2024

**WHEN:**  
**APRIL 17TH, 2024**

**DAV of MN Presents:**  
**Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch**

**Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE**  
**LUNCH @ 11:30AM**

(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

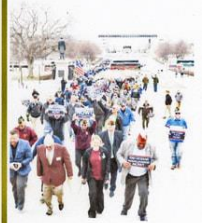
**Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm**  
 (Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building  
 20 West 12th St, St. Paul)

**CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:**  
**Rally in the Rotunda 1:15-2:00pm**



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-  
 TREAT@DAVMN.ORG

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED.**  
**ALL SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!**



**Topics Include:**  
 PASSING A CLEAN VETERANS OMNIBUS BILL

INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE PROP TAX VALUE EXCLUSION

**NEW THIS YEAR!!**

A MINIBUS RUNNING FROM THE ARMORY TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS 10-1130.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO SEE YOUR LAWMAKERS!



## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <b>Club Hours</b> <b>Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm</b> <b>Sunday: Noon-5pm</b>					1	2
3 Elk's Breakfast	4 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	5 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage - 6:00	6 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	7 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	8	9
10 Eagle's Breakfast  Daylight Savings Time	11 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	12 <b>Post &amp; Aux 7:00PM</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage - 6:00	13 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	14 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	15	16 Mulligan Stew Irish Soda Bread & Desert 11:00 am til gone \$8.00
17 <b>VFW Breakfast</b> 8am - noon <b>\$10.00</b> <b>St Patrick's Day</b>	18 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	19 <b>1st day of Spring</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	20 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	21 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	22 Viet Nam Veteran's Gathering 4:00pm - 7:00pm	23
24 Legion's Breakfast	25 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	26 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	27 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	28 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	29	30
31 Elks Breakfast						