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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone, hope your fall is going well.

It was really sad to say goodbye to Kris Anderson last month. She was a great volunteer. The club will miss her.

We are going to have a few changes coming to the club in the next couple of months, so bear with us while we work out the bugs.

This month we donated \$9,100 to: Brainerd Fire Department, Heartland Symphony, My neighbor to Love, Elementary Archery, and to Garfield School.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help out once a month, let one of the officers or bartenders know if you or someone you know is interested in helping.

Enjoy the rest of your fall.

Commander,  
Chip Borle

Greetings members,

I want to offer our condolences to the family of Kris Anderson. Kris was a member of our auxiliary and a faithful volunteer. She is dearly missed.

**Congratulations to Dave Meyer** for being chosen recipient of the Rotary's "Service Before Self Award." Dave does a lot for the VFW, the DAV, and all the members, so congratulate him next time you see him around the club and thank him for his service.

**Bake Sale October 21-22.** The folks loved all our baked goods from our previous bake sale, so we're doing it again. Rhonda and her committee will be calling members asking them to bring in some home-baked goodies any time after 5 pm on Friday, October 20 through Saturday afternoon.

**The St. Cloud Veterans Hospital needs supplies for children's activity bags.** They are asking for contributions of color books, colors, colored pencils, notebooks, stickers, word search books, glue sticks, pencil bags and small toys. Also pop-fidget toys and books for small children that really can't color or write. These busy bags will be given to kids to entertain them while they wait for their parents in the waiting rooms. They are also looking for people willing to sew the activity bags together. A pattern will be provided. Items can be dropped off at the club. A bin or box will be provided inside to collect them.

**Membership Dues – Love 'em but don't leave 'em.** Please consider paying your yearly dues soon. It's important. If you are not yet a *Lifetime member*, consider becoming one. Cost of dues will increase starting in July 2024. Yearly membership dues are currently \$20 for auxiliary and \$35 for Post. Hope to see you down at the club on October 10. Meetings start at 7 pm.

Sue Sterling  
Auxiliary President



**Dave Meyer has spent the last 18 years volunteering in the Brainerd community. He is past commander of the Brainerd VFW and current commander of the Crow Wing County Disabled American Veterans. In 2019 he was credited with over 8000 hours of volunteerism, and he hasn't stopped. That includes 100,000 miles of driving veterans to medical appointments. Dave is the coordinator of the Brainerd Honor Guard at funerals and parades. He arranges for veterans to a bus each year to the Veterans on the Hill event in St. Paul. Dave coached Minnesota Special Olympics teams and Junior Achievement at Harrison Elementary School in Brainerd. He is a Vietnam veteran with a can-do attitude. Congratulations, Dave!**

## The Corner Lot

- 8/26 Tribute to Stewart Mills Jr
- 9/1 William Ahlstrand
- 9/5 Gary Doshan
- 9/8 Dennis Flanagan
- 9/8 Gary Deming
- 9/15 Dale Kramer
- 9/11 Posting of Colors @ County Service Officers  
State meeting
- 9/15 Armed Forces Tribute



Make a Difference Day is an annual event that encourages people to make a positive impact in their communities.

In 2023, Make a Difference Day will be observed on October 28<sup>th</sup>. People can participate in various projects that benefit others, such as volunteering, donating, or raising awareness.



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.



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.



### BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION

WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!  
708 FRONT STREET · 218-829-2249  
[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!

## Sunshine Report

As fall approaches, we would like to remember Kris Anderson. Sympathy to Alison Cornwall for the loss of her brother and to Darlene Schaefer on the loss of her husband. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends.

We also send up prayers for all who have been ill and for a quick and complete recovery.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins  
Co-Chairmen



VFW AUXILLARY WILL BE PRESENTING A BAKE SALE  
FUNDRAISER  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

THE SALE WILL BE HELD DURING THE OCTOBER BREAKFAST.  
PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARD THE GENERAL FUND.

SPECIAL REQUESTS TO BAKE:  
PIES - COOKIES - BARS - SNACK BREADS - CAKES  
FRESH HOMECANNED GOODS  
AND CASH DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

PLEASE CONTACT RHONDA AT 218-851-7944 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BAKE AND FOR DETAILS!  
IF POSSIBLE, HAVE ITEMS PLATED AND LABELED WHAT IT IS, TO THE VFW ON SATURDAY,  
THE 14TH BETWEEN 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. FOR SET UP.

A VERY LARGE THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
PARTICIPATED IN THE PAST !

## July 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of 2023-2024 yr.

Let's get those dues paid early. Better yet consider becoming a Life Member as there will most likely be an increase in the dues per National.

Your \$20.00 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.

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



The **Armed Forces Tribute** event was well attended this year. The Brainerd Honor Guard represented performed splendidly. The Brainerd Dispatch published a photo of Dave Meyer playing taps along side the others. Our auxiliary president, Sue Sterling, gave a meaningful speech on how veterans and the VFW have affected her life. You can read her speech on the website at <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/armed-forces-tribute.html>

Tribute to Armed Forces



Taps is played during the Armed Forces Tribute Event on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at the All Veterans Memorial in Brainerd.




“Happy Chappy” gives the Opening Prayer



Aux Pres Sue



**OCTOBER 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Elk's Breakfast	2	3 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	4 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	5 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	6	7 <b>6th District Meeting @ McGregor 1:00pm</b>
8 Eagle's Breakfast	9 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	10 <b>Post &amp; Aux 7:00PM</b> 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	11 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	12 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	13	14
15 <b>VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00 Bake Sale</b>	16 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm <b>Columbus Day</b>	17 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	18 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	19 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	20	21
22 Legion's Breakfast	23 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	24 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	25 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	26 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	27	28 <b>MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD</b> 
29 <b>VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00</b>	30 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	31 		<b>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</b>		