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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades:

Hello everyone, hope that you are enjoying the last month of summer. Hope you guys enjoyed the VFW picnic. Give a big thanks to Walmart for all they did. Also give a big thanks to all our volunteers at the fair.

For this month \$8100 was donated to different organizations. We gave to Trap shooting, Tee up for Troops, Paralyzed Vets of American, Figure Skating Club, Boy Scout Eagle project, and Warrior Wellness.

Our Blood drives have been really great lately, keep it up.

Keep looking for new members there is an award towards the club when we reach a certain percent.

Commander,
 Chip Borle

Brothers and Sisters:

Ahhh...summer's almost over and autumn is fast approaching. How about the annual picnic we had on August 27 – wasn't that great! Thank you to all who came. Let's do it again next year!

ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE EVENT SEPTEMBER 15 AT 1 PM

Patriotism is one of the virtues listed in the VFW motto. Please show your patriotism by attending the Armed Forces Tribute Event on September 15 at 1 pm, at the All Veterans Memorial next to the Brainerd post office. This year's event will be bigger and better than last year's. Dennis Weiman from Lakeland news will be the MC. Our Chaplain, Rev. Rios, will lead us with prayer, and the POWMIA Hot Air Balloon will be on display in the county parking lot across the street. I will be one of the three guest speakers and would love to see some familiar faces in the crowd. Again, check our website and Facebook for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS FOR OUR YOUTHS FOR OUR YOUTH

Now that school is starting, let's put on our thinking caps too. We need you to encourage young people to take part in the annual scholarship competitions the VFW has for students to promote patriotism and veteran-awareness. Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriots Pen (PP) are two the Post coordinates. Both of these have a deadline of October 31 for submission. The Auxiliary has a Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, that is due in March next year. You can get all the details on our website at www.brainerdvfw.org. If you haven't been to the VFW for supper lately, come on in after 5 pm and let our great cooks fix you a meal on Monday through Thursday. We'd love to see you.

Blessings to all,

Sue Sterling – Auxiliary President



August 1, 2023, the Crow Wing County Fair opened with the Parade of Colors by the Brainerd Color Guard and the Crow Wing Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Corner Lot

- 7/29 Robert Marsh
- 8/1 Posting of Colors at the Crow Wing County Fair Opener
- 8/5 Richard Kraklau
- 8/18 Posting of Colors at Camp Ripley for Gold Star Families
- 8/26 Posting of Colors @ Camp Confidence



Sunshine Report

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to David Montour, Karen Hanson, and Saundra Swearingen.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Leila Anderson.

Get well wishes to all who have been ill and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
Co-Chairmen

**Wanted:
Supplies for
Children's Activity
Bags for the VA's**



September is suicide
Awareness Month

The National Suicide Prevention

Lifeline is: **988**

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



Thank you!



17 yr old Gillian Middagh built a box for depositing worn out flags and a box for collecting pop can tabs as part of her Eagle Scout Project.



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

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



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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 1st 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.

LIFE MEMBER FEES

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| 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 |

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.

★ ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE EVENT ★

September 15, 2023 • 1:00 P.M.

All Veteran's Memorial • Crow Wing County Historic Court House
(Next to Post Office) Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN

MC
Dennis Weimann
Lakeland Public TV News Director

National Anthem
by Brainerd High School Choir
Brian Stubbs Directing


REVEREND EUSEBIA RIOS, CHAPLIN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RETIRED • LEADING PRAYER

Guest Speaker
Command Sergeant Major David Seminary
US Army Reserves 367th ENBN CSM
St Joseph, MN

Guest Speaker
Erik Flowers
CWC Veterans Services Director

Guest Speaker
Sue Sterling
VFW Post 1647 Auxillary President

September 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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|  <p>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Elk's Breakfast | 4 Labor Day No BINGO | 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 | 11 PATRIOTS DAY Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 12 Post & Aux 7:00PM 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 VFW Auxiliary Anniversary 1914 | 15 POW/MIA Recognition Day | 16 |
| 17 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00 | 18 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm | 19 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 FALL Conference @ Rochester | 23 FALL Conference @ Rochester |
| 24 Legion's Breakfast Gold Star Mother's & Family Day | 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 |