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Comrades:

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well and ready for some nice weather soon.

We had a lot of donations this month, around \$13,700 to organizations around are area. We gave to Support Our Troops, VFW Day of Service, Legionville, Crow Wing Museum, Habitat for Humanity, National Guard Youth Camp, and Vets with Nets.

Remember we are having the Freedom Festival May 21st, noon to 4pm. There will be a lot of fun things to do. We will be hosting a Blood drive next month, check the website for time.

Thanks again to all are volunteers who help at the club.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and get ready for some VFW baseball.

Commander,
Chip Borle



We celebrated Helen Doucette's birthday on Tuesday, April 5th. A big thank you to Helen for her *many* years of service.

Brothers and Sisters:

I am happy to report that plans for the Armed Forces Day Freedom Festival on May 21 are progressing well. We are thankful for all the people who have stepped up to help organize it. The enthusiasm of the Post, Auxiliary and DAV members is contagious. Even the businesses in downtown are excited about the number of people this festival will bring to town. *Have you circled May 21 on your calendar yet?* It will be held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. with exhibits, games, silent auction, and prizes enough to please everyone who attends. Our goal is to let people know how the VFW helps veterans as well as the community. Tune into our Facebook page and our website for more information as the date gets closer.

<https://www.facebook.com/brainerdVFW1647>

On another happy note, we voted on officers for the next fiscal year at our April meeting. They will be installed at the May 10th. Sue Sterling, Helen Doucette, Sandra Swearngen, and Dawn Garin accepted nominations for their current positions. New elected officers are: Brenda Collins - Chaplain, Marna (Sam) Lohse - Guard and Lynda Hummel - Conductress. Paula Person accepted the nomination for another term as Trustee. Thank you to all who are willing to give their time and talents to make this organization great.

Last, but not least, we now have a name for our dame—drum roll please —*Lady Liberty*, submitted by Lynda Hummel. She will receive two free passes for VFW Sunday breakfasts. The runners up were *Popsie* from Paula Persons, and *Sharpshooter Sally* (*Sister to Rosie the Riveter*) – from Doreen & Loretta. Look for *Lady Liberty* when you come to the club next time. She'll only be with us for a month or two before she reports for duty to her next assignment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sterling - Auxiliary President

The Corner Lot

- 4/1 Nels Lee Danielson
- 4/2 Donald Hannahs
- 4/9 Bataan Remembrance



Auxiliary Sunshine Report

Get Well Wishes to those who have been ill. Sympathy to Jim Falconer and family on the passing of his son, James (Chip) and to Beverly Hannahs and family on the passing of Don. The Auxiliary extends sympathy to all those who have lost a loved one.

Helen Doucette – Sunshine Committee

Around the Club: Welcome to our new members of both the Post and Auxiliary, we are so happy to have you aboard. We are also pleased to welcome our newly elected officers.

Sunday May 22nd the BHS Football Team and their Parents will be doing the Breakfast. They have volunteered in appreciation to both V F W and all veterans. Please come in and support the Team, V F W and Veterans.



Facebook

Look for us on Facebook
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

Make sure to “like” us so you see what is happening at the Post.



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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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!



BUDDY POPPY Volunteers Needed

Our Poppy Promotion will start in April with our business routes. The Street Promotion will be on Friday and Saturday May 20th & 21st. We will need everyone’s help. All the monies raised will be used only for our Veterans and families and the money stays in our local area. Please consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift. If you can help call Dawn Garin @ 821-3361. We need everyone’s participation to make this a success.

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30, 2022

9:00am: wreath ceremony at Laurel St Bridge

9:30am: ceremony at All-Veterans Memorial
4th and Laurel St

10:30am: Parade north of Washington Street on 3rd
Avenue NE to Evergreen Cemetery

11:00 am: Main ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery
(Should last a half hour)

12:00-2:00pm: Lunch at the Brainerd American Legion
708 Front Street) for veterans and families.

Schedule is tentative, please check the website:
www.brainerdVFW.org for the final schedule of events

Check out the 6th District Facebook page:
[MN VFW 6th District Auxiliary](https://www.facebook.com/MNVFW6thDistrictAuxiliary)

July 1st starts our new 2022-2023 year.

This is a reminder to send your dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin or drop them off at the club if not already paid for the past year. They **must be paid prior to June 30th** or your membership will end and you will be required to complete a new application. Your \$20.00 annual dues can be mailed to: Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd MN 56401. Your membership cards are mailed from Kansas City, please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your card,

Helen Doucette – Membership Chairman

Post Dues: Post Membership Dues are now due for those who pay annually. You can send them to Quartermaster Pat Wing at VFW Post, 309 S 6th

Group photo with 19 of the 22 Vietnam Veterans who showed up for the gathering.



About 22 Vietnam veterans celebrated National Vietnam Veterans Day at the Brainerd VFW on Tuesday, March 29th. Of the 2.7 million who served there, only about 30% are alive today.

More photos and articles are available on the website: <https://www.brainerdvfw.org/vietnam-vets-day.html>

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Elks Breakfast	2 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	3 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	4 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	5 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	6	7
8 Eagle's Breakfast Mother's Day	9 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	10 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	11 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	12 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	13	14
15 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$9.00	16 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	17 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	18 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	19 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	20 BUDDY POPPY PROMOTION	21 ARMED FORCES FREEDOM FESTIVAL NOON-4PM
22 Legion Breakfast	23 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	24 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	25 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm 500 cards 6:00	26 Dollar Night Burgers / French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	27	28
29 Elks Breakfast	30 Memorial Day	31 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage – 6:00 pm	Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm			