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THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone, hope you are enjoying the rest of your summer. It is Fair time now, the first week in August.

Our VFW picnic is August 27th at St Mathias Park. Hope to see you there.

We had \$6000 in donations this month. We gave to Interfaith Volunteers, Alzheimer's Walk, a youth trip to DC and Cub Scouts.

Remember to thank our volunteers for all their hard work.

Commander
 Chip Borle



GOOD FUN

GOOD FOOD



Happy summer folks,

I want to start off by thanking all our members who helped or participated in this year's 4th of July parades. Both the Crosby and Brainerd parades were well attended, and our float represented us well. Our Color Guard did an awesome job at both parades, and we appreciate how hard it can be to carry a flag for a long time in the heat of the day. The Auxiliary Color Guard represented us well, too.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual picnic on August 27 at St. Mathias Park. Come any time after 11 am. Food will be served starting at noon. There will be lots of food, prizes, and games for the kids, as well as bean bag toss for the adults. (see picnic photos) All Brainerd VFW members and their families are invited. Check our Facebook and website for more information as the date approaches. Hope to see you all there.

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that the Dept. Commander and Auxiliary President want the Post and Auxiliary to work together, as represented by this year's pin. (see photo). They are also working together for two joint special projects that help our veterans. Since both projects involve fishing, we lakes area folks know how beneficial these projects can be. The two projects are "Veterans on the Water of Arlington," and "Warriors and Walleyes Outdoors of Wood Lake." We will be asking you to help us raise funds so we can send our own Veterans on the 2-4-day fishing trips next summer. For full information about these projects, check out [Commanders Project](#) on the Department of MN VFW website.



Sue Sterling
 Auxiliary President



SEE YOU
 AT THE
 PICNIC

The Corner Lot



- 6/23 Post Colors – Lakes Jam @ BIR
- 6/24 Carlos Lind
- 6/24 Greg Kavanaugh
- 6/27 Rich Yeager
- 6/30 Douglas Livingston
- 7/1 Joseph J Sawyer
- 7/4 4th of July Parades – Crosby & Brainerd
- 7/6 Melvin Dahlberg
- 7/7 James Daly
- 7/8 Clarence Billman
- 7/8 Lakes Area BMX – Post Colors
- 7/11 Veterans of Civil War French Barnes
- 7/13 Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation – Post Colors
- 7/15 Dayl Towry
- 7/15 Tom Bock



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!

Sunshine Report

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to all who have been ill.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Betty Johnson and Evelyn Toth, as well as all who have lost a loved one.

Happy 50th anniversary to the Montours!

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins
 Co-Chairmen

Around the Club:

We have had a very busy summer at the Brainerd VFW and our many volunteers have been there to help. At the time of writing this article, we will be hosting the District 6n Youth Baseball Tournament. August is also very busy with the Fair and the Beer Garden. The decision has been made to only do burgers and Bingo on Monday and close the kitchen Tuesday thru Thursday. On Friday, August 11th the Alzheimer’s Association will be serving a spaghetti dinner from 5pm until gone, the price is \$7.00. The Post and Auxiliary annual family picnic will again be on August 27th at St Mathias Park please bring a dish to share. There will be food, games, horseshoes, and drawings. Hope to see you there.



“Together We Can”

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	
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.

Brainerd VFW Bean Bag Tournament



309 South 6th Street, Brainerd, MN

August 26th, 2023

Sign up 11 – 11:45am
Tournament begins @ 12 sharp
\$5 Entry Fee, 100% payback
Random draw for partners
Possible singles tournament after-
time permitting



Kitchen will be open.

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

Enjoy 
**a great meal
for a great
cause.**

 **Join
the fun!**



TOGETHER, WE CAN END ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

Feed your Noodle

Spaghetti Feed

All proceeds will benefit the Brainerd Lakes Area Walk to End Alzheimer's

Friday, August 11th
5:00 pm until gone
VFW Post #1647
309 South 6th Street, Brainerd, MN


\$10.00 per person
Spaghetti, Salad, and a Breadstick

For tickets or more information contact:
Amy Misener 218-821-8896 or Kristine Hohenseil 218-831-4860
Purchase online at: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for Feed Your Noodle




Register or donate at act.alz.org/Brainerd
Sponsored by: Brainerd Lakes Area Walk to End Alzheimer's Planning Committee & VFW Post #1647

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		NO FOOD, Stop by the Fair and say Hi!					
6 Elk's Breakfast	7 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	8 Post & Aux 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	9 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	10 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	11 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser \$10.00 5:00pm till gone	12	
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