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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is doing well in these crazy times.

I am sorry to inform everyone that we will not have the VFW picnic this year. We will reschedule it for next year.

No donations this month.

We did have some damage during the July 17th severe storm. We will hire a clean-up crew to help out.

Thank you for the people helping with food at the VFW. We are doing our best to keep everyone safe. Also, thanks for everyone that comes down helping the club out.

Remember we are all one family so watch each other's backs and treat everyone with respect.

Commander,
 Chip Borle

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Greetings,

It is Sunday afternoon and I am watching my 4-year-old grandson play his first game of flag football. The day is beautiful, that is why I like Minnesota.

The VFW Auxiliary met for the first time since the COVID-19 restrictions and it was very nice to see everyone.

Elections and Installation were held. The officers for the 2020-2021 year are as follows:
 President Jan Lambert, Sr Vice Helen Doucette, Jr Vice Sandra Swearingen, Treasurer Dawn Garin, Guard Diane Gildart, Chaplain Arleen Elliott, Conductress Karen Williams, Patriotic Instructor Kim Jensen, Trustee 1 yr. Sue Sterling, Trustee 2 yr. Paula Persons, Trustee 3 yr. Dave Montour.
 Installation was preformed Margery Marsh again this year. Thanks Margie and thank you to our newly elected officers and those who have served in the past.

I received this information from members who attended the meeting however I would like to have a way to communicate if we have another stay at home order. I would like to have those who would like to receive communication to send the info to my email janlambertsmith@msn.com or to Dawn Garin at bdkgarin@hotmail.com. Also, if you would be interested in teleconferencing please indicate that.

Chairmanships are the next order of business so be thinking of one that might interest you. Some of the chairmanships will depend on the school status and may need to be worked differently this fall.

Sympathy to those that have lost a loved one and speedy recovery to those that have been ill or recovery from surgery.

To everyone be safe and healthy.

Respectively,
 Jan Lambert
 Auxiliary President

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Wednesday, July 15, 2020:

Senior Vice Commander Dave Meyer and Chaplain/Webmaster Mark Persons were out working at the **All Veterans Memorial** in Brainerd. They pulled up some bricks and pavers to adjust their height, then put down sand to fill spaces in between. This was regular maintenance by volunteers.



The Corner Lot

- 6/25 Jacob M Neshein
Taps only
- 6/26 Richard F Schram
Full honors
- 6/29 Charles W Extrand
Full honors
- 7/16 Dale A Eyestone
Full honors
- 7/21 Mid MN Builders Golf Tour @ Legacy
Flag Presentation

Auxiliary Sunshine Report:

Get well wishes to those who have been ill and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.
Helen Doucette and Ila Fanjoy
Committee Chairman

Oh Lord, we humbly ask that You place Your arms around us. Give us comfort, strength and courage to get through this virus so we can continue the mission of helping veterans and the community. In Your name we pray, Amen.
Mark Persons
Post Chaplain



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.BrainerdVFW.org

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



BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

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WELCOMES OUR BRAINERD VFW FRIENDS!

•MONDAY—FRIDAY: Open at 11 a.m. • SATURDAY Open at noon •SUNDAY Open at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY: •Bar Bingo • 1 p.m. •4th SUNDAY: Breakfast Buffet • 8 a.m. to noon

MONDAY: •Rib Basket \$6 • Build a Burger (Starting at \$4)

TUESDAY: • Hot Beef Sandwich \$6

WEDNESDAY: • Wings 45¢ • Broasted Chicken (Limited Menu)

THURSDAY: Wings 45¢ • Tacos, Taco Salads & Quesadillas • Cosmic Bingo 6 p.m.

FRIDAY: Chili Dog & Chips \$4 • Full Menu 12—8 p.m. • Special Dinner or Walleye 5 p.m. •

Meat Raffles 5:30 p.m.
Charitable Gambling Lic.# 00529

L>R Vicki, Managing Director of Women's Center, Tammie, Shannon, Exec Director of Women's Center



Auxiliary Life Member Tammie Ebertowski was recognized by the Brainerd City Council for her selfless service to the Brainerd community through her many years of volunteer service. She was nominated by Shannon at the Women's Center. Tammy also is very active volunteering for Veterans. Below you see her donating blood dressed up like the Statue of Liberty to show her support for the U.S. during the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations Tammi



Look for us on Facebook
Brainerd VFW Post 1647

July is the start of the 2020-2021 Auxiliary year. Do not delay, send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Trail, Brainerd or you can drop them off at the club. 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 Street, Brainerd, MN. 56401. The annual dues are \$35.00

Thank you to Mark Persons, Post Chaplain, and webmaster for submitting the below article which was featured in a “Proud to be of Service” article on the National VFW website.

VFW Post 1647 in Brainerd, Minnesota, is doing what it can to help veterans and local residents during the pandemic. The Post maintains a robust website and it has been a hub for useful information. Their goal is to be a beneficial, hopeful, and uplifting presence in the community. “We are proud of our website which is updated almost daily to keep members and the public informed,” said Post Chaplain and Webmaster Mark Persons.

The BrainerdVFW.org website put up VA instructions for veterans who might be feeling ill. There also is a link so veterans can apply for COVID-19 financial grants. The home page has a chaplain’s prayer as well as our encouraging radio ads which tell people, “We will get through this and come out with our flags flying high.”

The Post is known for charitable giving and activities throughout the year, and they are continuing to serve beyond providing online resources. “The Post opened its doors to the Red Cross. In three days, 160 units of blood were donated. One donor was a woman dressed as the Statue of Liberty,” Persons said. Additionally, on the first day of the stay-at-home order, Auxiliary member Kathy Brastrup began sewing face masks. She has made more than 500 so far, including red, white, and blue masks worn by the Honor Guard during a Memorial Day video ceremony.

“Memorial Day was a bit different this year. Instead of a crowd of hundreds, a video recording was made at the All Veterans Memorial in Brainerd,” said Persons. “Post Commander Chip Borle played Taps to be part of the Taps Across America nationwide effort to honor our fallen.” All of these efforts by Post 1647 caught the attention of the local newspaper and their Memorial Day event was broadcast by two radio stations.

“As a Vietnam veteran, I am glad and proud to be a member of the Brainerd VFW,” Persons said.

August 2020

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm					1
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