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# THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades

Hello everyone, hope you are all doing well this crazy year. Please keep wearing mask to stay safe. We rearranged the club to follow the guidelines. So just be patient with the bartenders. Hopefully, we will be open again soon!

For donations, this month we gave to the Marine Corps League toys for kids \$500, The Women Center \$500 and Children Miracle Network \$1400.

I want to thank all you Veterans for your service and hope had a great Veterans Day.

Here is some courage Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commander,  
 Chip Borle



Greetings to All,

I really do not have a lot to report. We had to cancel our card making class hosted by Sue Sterling. Sue and I met at my house and do have some ideas on how to make the first get together class to run smoothly. Sue and I will look for date and a place to meet. Hopefully soon after Thanksgiving. It might be somewhat difficult if we have another shut down. This will be delayed till further notice

Reminder that. Annual dues are due. Mail them to Dawn Garin. If you are having difficulty paying please contact Dawn, Helen, or myself. The Auxiliary maybe able to help.

I think it is important for us to meet face to face, but this is probably not in our best interest for the present time. Soooo I will be learning how to meet virtually. Stay tuned for this adventure.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving even if it was a little unusual. Thank you to all that participated in the community Thanksgiving dinner.

I will close for now. Be safe and stay healthy to you and yours.

A Blessed Christmas and for 2020 I will need to remember the blessings I received this year and I hope you are able to do also. Because I hope we will not have another year like it.

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

Respectfully,  
 Jan Lambert  
 Auxiliary President



**The Corner Lot:**

- 10/23 Alexander Smude
- 10/24 Maragat Voels
- 10/27 Todd Ruedisili
- 10/29 Eugene M McAlpin
- 10/30 Clarence Bertrand
- 10/30 Donald Damm



11/11 Veteran's Day ceremony at the All Vet's Memorial

**Membership:** Thank you so much to those of you who sent in your Auxiliary dues so promptly. We really would appreciate it if those who have not paid yet do so. Annual members are considered delinquent if not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual dues are still \$20.00, and Life Membership is based on your age. Thank you again and please stay well.

Helen Doucette  
Auxiliary Membership Chairman

Layettes are available for Veterans and families who will be having a baby. If interested, please contact Arleen Elliott @ 839-5035 or 829-7840.

**Auxiliary Sunshine Report:**

Get Well wishes to Tammy Hill. Sympathy to Doreen Olson on the passing of her husband Larry, and to the family of Lorraine Montgomery.

We send get well wishes to all who have been sick and Sympathy to those who have lost a Loved One.

Helen Doucette – Sunshine Chairman

Thank you to those of you who have sent in donations for a Buddy Poppy Card or made a donation to our Relief Fund. It is greatly appreciated. Donations can still be made by sending in your check earmarked:



Buddy Poppy.  
Dawn Garin – Poppy Chairman

**Legislative Veterans Affairs Updates:**

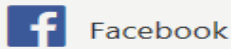
New National Native American Veterans Memorial opened on Veterans Day, on the National Mall in Washington D. C.

Volunteers for COVID-19 research Studies. This is to test vaccines, treatments and to better understand how the virus effects people. Volunteers must be at least 18 but do not have to be a veteran.

Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and survivors. Starting Veterans Day 2020 all veterans and Gold Star Parents became eligible for free access to more than 2,000 federal reservation areas.

More information can be found in the V F W Action Corp Weekly.

Auxiliary Legislative Chairman



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Brainerd VFW Post 1647

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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.

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Your Auxiliary dues are due by December 31, 2020 to remain a member in good standing. Send your \$20.00 annual dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin, 15751 Firefly Tail, 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

## Patriot's Pen Competition

Winners were announced in the annual Patriot's Pen essay writing competition at the Brainerd VFW. The theme was "What is Patriotism to Me?" Taking first place with \$300 was Alex Lelwica of Brainerd, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Francis of the Lakes School. Second was Elizabeth Sarvie of Brainerd for \$200. Taking third was Margaret Ringhand of Ironton for \$100.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
<b>Check the website or Facebook for re-open date</b>		1	2	3	4	5		
		6	7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERANCE DAY	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 	26
		27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021</b>	 <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>