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THE VETS GAZETTE

Comrades –

Hello everyone, hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. Thanks to the volunteers that helped with the Thanksgiving meals at the Legion.

The men's bathroom is almost done, it is looking great so far. Thanks to all who made this possible.

We had \$7800 this month going to different organizations. The YMCA, Salvation Army, Veterans for Christmas, Patriots Pen and Voice Democracy, Christmas for Kids that is for the VFW Christmas and Food Shelf shelter.

Give a big thanks to Mark Persons and the people that helped him with Patriots Pen and Voice Democracy. We will be giving out the awards to the winners at the next meeting.

We had two new members this month, keep up the good work.

We will be having Tom and Jerrys on New Year's Day from 11am-1pm.

Have a great Christmas and see you around in the New Year.

Chip Borle-Commander

Happy holidays everyone,

Christmas is coming and we are looking forward to our children's Christmas party on December 10 from 11 am to 1 pm for children 11 yrs old and under. This year the party is open to the public, so if you have friends or family with kids, be sure to invite them. Santa will be there, age-appropriate gifts will be given, a singalong with Christmas songs, and pizza!

We will be decorating the VFW dining area on Sunday, December 4 from 4 pm to whenever it's done. It would be nice to have some volunteers show up to help make the task go faster. Why not come to watch the Vikings play the New York Jets and help us decorate when it's over. It will be a good time for all.

This year the auxiliary is once again providing gifts for some of the local veterans who are in senior care facilities or are homebound. If you would like to help us sort and wrap these gifts, please join us at the club for camaraderie and fun while getting the wrapping done. It's a good time to get to know each other while helping out a fellow veteran. We will begin at 2pm on Sunday, December 4th.

Lastly, we know that the holidays can be difficult for some people both mentally and financially. If you know of any veteran or their family member that could use some help, please contact me or Helen Doucette. We want to do whatever we can to make their life a bit better.

Sue Sterling
Auxiliary President



Santa Claus is coming to town!!

The Corner Lot

10/20 Maurice E Schwen
10/22 Harley Niles
10/29 Ralph Henkensiefken
11/7 Bill Tessmer



Thank you to all the Honor Guard and Veterans for all the help in the Veteran's Day celebrations.

Auxiliary Sunshine Report

Get Well wishes to those who have been ill.
Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.
Helen Doucette & Brenda Collins
Co-chairman

FACEBOOK REQUEST:

We need your help with our new Facebook page. Our old Facebook page was taken down due to no fault of our own and we've started a new one. In order to build up our followers again, we ask that you 'like' and 'follow' us in Facebook. Simple open your FB account, type 'Brainerd VFW' in the search bar and hit enter, when our page opens be sure to click on the word 'Follow' in the top part of the post, as well as 'like' underneath the text. Once you do that, you will be able to get all of our posts in your own 'feed'. This will help you stay updated on what's happening at the club and see some fun photos of the people and events we post. AND...if you click 'share', more people will be aware of what we offer. If you have any questions or need some Facebook help, just give Sue Sterling a call and she'll be glad to assist you 218-831-5540.

Around the Club

Big news, Santa Claus will be at the VFW on Saturday, December 10th for a party for all good little girls and boys starting at 11 a.m. with gifts from Santa and lunch. Merry Christmas to all.

It looks like the remodel of the men's restroom is about finished, Thanks to the floor covering donated by JB from Tykes Carpet, Kevin Jensen, Bruce Jensen, and Jerry Doucette with the rest of the construction, Great Job Everyone.

The Auxiliary will again be doing gifts for some of our veterans in the care facilities and for some of our shut-ins. The Post and Auxiliary were able to help a needy veteran's family while the veteran is in the hospital with the help of our Scout Troup and an Eagle Scout to do fall clean-up. This is one of the many ways to help those in need.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR



11:00am – 1:00pm
New Year's Day at the Post
Join us for food, fun, friends
(free for paid members)



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!

July 1st was the start of our 2022-2023 year.

Please send your dues to Treasurer Dawn Garin or drop them off at the club. **Let's try to have our membership at 100% by December 31st.** Better yet consider becoming a Life Member.

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 Street, Brainerd, MN. 56401. The annual dues are \$35.00.



VFW AUXILLARY WILL BE PRESENTING A BAKE SALE
FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

THE SALE WILL BE HELD DURING THE DECMBER BREAKFAST.
PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARD THE GENERAL FUND.

SPECIAL REQUESTS TO BAKE:
PIES - LEFSA - CHRISTMAS COOKIES - BARS - SNACK BREADS
CAKES - FRESH HOMECANNED GOODS
AND CASH DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

PLEASE CONTACT RHONDA AT 218-851-7944 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BAKE AND FOR DETAILS!
IF POSSIBLE, HAVE ITEMS PLATED AND LABELED WHAT IT IS, TO THE VFW ON SATURDAY,
THE 17TH BETWEEN 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. FOR SET UP.



A VERY LARGE THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN PAST MONTHS!
WE HAVE SOME AWESOME BAKERS HERE!
AND GENEROUS PEOPLE!

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm		 Merry Christmas		1 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	2	3 6th District Meeting St Cloud Granite Post
4 Elks Breakfast	5 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	6 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	7 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	8 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	9	10 Children's Christmas Party 11am-1pm
11 Eagle's Breakfast	12 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	13 Post & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	14 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	15 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	16	17
18 VFW Breakfast 8am - noon \$9.00	19 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	20 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	21 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	22 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	23	24 Christmas Eve Close @ 5:00pm
25 Christmas Day closed	26 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	27 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1hardshell, \$2 softshell, \$3 salad Cribbage - 6:00 pm	28 .50 Wings \$1.00 fries & \$1.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	29 Burger Night Burgers\$1.25 French Fries & Beer \$1.00 each	30	31 New Years Eve