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THE VETS GAZETTE

Hello everyone, hope you enjoyed the Holidays and are ready for our next party, the Super Bowl.

It is sad to report that Chuck's wife Karen, who was a volunteer at the club for a long time has passed away. She was a huge help with Bingo, at Sunday breakfast and other dinners. Our prayers go out to the family.

This month we gave away about \$ 15,966 to different organizations. We gave to Brainerd Warriors training program, Pillager Fishing League, Armed Forces Service Center, Brainerd Library, Boy Scout of the Year, and the State Commanders and President project.

We learned a few new things from the Midwinter Conference, so might be a few changes at the club.

Enjoy the rest of the winter, hopefully we have only 3 months left.

Commander,
 Chip Borle

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 Greetings everyone,

Do you know that February 11-17 is National Salute to Hospitalized Veteran Patients? February is sure to be a great month for making life better for veterans. Have you thought about how you can share some love on Valentine's Day with veterans? The St. Cloud VA Hospital is now open to volunteers coming to visit the patients and/or residents in their facilities. If you are interested visiting St. Cloud Hospital, give me a call and we'll arrange a date. A date??? 😊 Let's make a date with a hospitalized veteran!

Did you know that the District 6 Voice of Democracy contestant is the winner of the state competition? Yup – she won \$3,000. Remember that next year and encourage your kids or

grandkids to become a contestant. The winner is Lydia Prout from Melrose, and she will be participating in the Parade of Winners at the National Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. in March. Just think...it could be one of our kids next year!

Did you know that the VFW provides a Continuing Education Scholarship for adults 21 and older who are a current VFW auxiliary member, or their spouse, son, or daughter? The application process begins on July 1 and ends February 15. This \$1,250 scholarship will be awarded in the Big 10 Conference. Applications, eligibility criteria, and entry requirements can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships . Check it out.

Did you know the cost of dues will increase as of July 1, 2024, the beginning of the next fiscal year? The national dues portion will increase from \$5 to \$10 for annual members. If you are an annual member, why not become a lifetime member now?

That's it for this newsletter but be sure to check out our Facebook page and website for all the latest news as it happens. Stay warm folks.
 Sue Sterling - VFW Auxiliary President



Commander Chip & President Sue @ convention

The Corner Lot

- 12/23 Ruth Melchoir
- 1/5 Warren Holsapple
- 1/11 Donald Chisholm
- 1/12 George Nelson
- 1/13 James Newgord
- 1/19 Daniel Frazier
- 1/20 Karen Hanson



Sunshine Report

We would like to take the opportunity to send our sympathies to the family of Donna Johnson, Betty Johnson, and Karen Hanson.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have lost a loved one, and to all who are ill we pray for a speedy recovery.

Helen Doucette and Brenda Collins



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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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!



**Super Bowl Party
Come join the fun**

February 11th

Game starts @ 5:30pm

Potluck – bring a dish to share

Busch Light Specials 2/\$5.00

Things to think about:

- Election of officers will be coming up shortly. Elections will take place at the April meeting. Please give consideration to holding an office or chairmanship.
- Auxiliary Annual Dues will be increasing, you may want to consider converting to a life membership.
- Valentines Day – Wed February 14th
- St Patricks Day – Sun, March 17th

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.

From our own 6th District! Congratulations to Lydia Prout, a junior at Melrose High School. She is pictured with Department Commander Dan accepting her award of \$3000.00 as 1st place winner of the 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Competition. She will participate in the National Legislative Conference in Washington DC on Monday, March 4th. You can watch it live at 6pm EST by logging on to www.vfw.org.



Buddy Poppy Contest
 Be sure to check out all the Poppy Display photos. They can be found on the website:
<https://www.brainerdvw.org/uploads/9>

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>Club Hours Mon - Sat: Noon-10pm Sunday: Noon-5pm</p>				1 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	2	3 6 th District Meeting @ Sauk Rapids 12:30 lunch 1:30 meeting
4 Elk's Breakfast	5 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	6 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	7 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	8 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	9	10
11 Eagle's Breakfast	12 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	13 Post & Aux 7:00PM 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage – 6:00	14 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	15 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	15	17
18 VFW Breakfast 8am – noon \$10.00	19 Bingo & Basket Food 6:00 pm	20 5:00 pm Tacos: \$1.50 hardshell, \$2.50 softshell, \$4 salad Cribbage 6:00	21 .75 Wings \$2.00 fries & \$3.00 salad 3pm - 7pm	22 Burger Night Burgers \$1.50 Fries \$1.50 & Beer \$1.00	23	24
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