



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

I apologize to Chuck Dresen for spelling his name wrong in the last newsletter; I will double check name spelling from now on. Chuck wants me to let you know that Bingo could use more sellers on the second and third Wednesday of the month. Selling is not hard work and the people are great. Plus, you will get invited to the semi-annual Bingo workers party.

The lower level has new carpeting and the linoleum was also replaced. The vendor doing the work was Above the Floor and it looks very nice. Remember this space is available for rent or use for events.

Carol and I were ready for the parade for Lakefront Days but it was canceled. We now have 800 pieces of bubble gum to give away, anyone want some?

Some members have asked me about the patio status and here it is as I understand it. The parking lot to the south of our building belongs to the city, not us. In the past they allowed us to use it for our trash coral. They don't want to let us build a patio there as it would infringe on the value of the lot. We have formed a task force to discuss this and other issues in regards to the VFW and downtown future plans. When the task force meets I will try and report on these plans. Thanks to Ed Speiker for getting this meeting going.

I hope you all know about the Veterans Farmers Market held every Thursday 4-7pm in our parking lot. Colleen Callahan has done a wonderful job getting it going, setting it up each week and securing a grant from various organizations to help senior citizens and young kids to buy vegetables and promote a healthy life style. New this year the VFW is selling sweet corn from Casey's farm. The profits from this goes to the VFW and is split between the post and the auxiliary.

We had many to choose from this month for volunteer recognition. Among the outstanding volunteers is Bonnie Theis who has worked steak fry's for over 40 years. The meat raffle sellers all do a good job and get little recognition for this. The volunteers sell meat raffle tickets on Monday and Thursday Nights. Sometimes it's not an easy job as it can be hard to get a buck from some people. Those doing this for us are: JimC, Merl M, Shelly and the girls, John B, Joe W, Scott H, and Mike and Carol M. Over the years thousands of dollars have been raised for our charitable gambling fund to be given away to Veterans and our local groups. Nancy and Breezy Brezinski are also recognized for working most of the Monday burgers, funerals and the steak fry's; always with a smile on their face and a great attitude for the work to do. Thanks Nancy and Breezy you are our volunteers of the month and for your reward you can use the Auxiliary Presidents parking space whenever you come down to the VFW!

Lee Seurer the Post Adjutant is recovering from surgery and we wish him well. Also, Mike McGahey volunteer extraordinaire is recovering nicely from his recent mishap. Thanks also to auxiliary members Helen Sieben and Liz Speiker for their efforts in making and distributing blankets and quilts to needy and homeless veterans. We received thank you notes from 2 of our 4 scholarship winners. Thank you Savannah Boeser and Abby Simpkins for the thank you and good luck in your future.

See you at the next meeting of VFW Post 6208 on Monday, September 10th at 7:30pm.

Yours in comradeship,

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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

We had our annual Members picnic on Sunday Aug 5th. We had about 50 people in attendance. I think everyone had a good time. We had a water balloon toss between the kids and the grandparents. We had a few wet people but all had fun. We made pork chops on a stick along with the hot dogs, baked beans and chips. Good salads and desserts were provided by the members.

We were able to give away \$2000 in donations this month. We gave \$500 each to Servicemen's Center at the Airport, MACV, Unmet Needs and Helping Paws.

It is time to get your annual dues paid. Amount is \$20. Please send your dues to Carol Dresen at 16803 Lyons Ave S.E. Prior Lake, MN 55372. If you wish to pay by credit card you can go on the VFW Auxiliary and use the MALTA system to pay your dues. If you have questions please contact Carol at 952-447-7715. If you know of anyone who is eligible to be a member please encourage them to sign up.

Helen Sieben gave us another 24 quilts in the last 2 months to be given to the Hastings VA Home and the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. She works with a mission sewing group from St. James Church.

Liz Speiker gave the Auxiliary \$425 from the sales of Pop and Ice Cream for last month, that included sales from the Car Show that was held at the VFW in July.

The annual 'Stand Down' for homeless vets was held on Aug 11th at the Target Center. Liz Speiker got two gentleman to drive down to the Target Center with 400 blankets that had been donated by the sewing groups.

We will be having our annual inspection on Monday September 10th at 6:30. Johanna D. Rowe, 2nd District Senior Vice President will be here to do our audit. Let's try to have as many members present at our meeting to welcome Johanna.

Remember if you do anything that benefits the community or veterans please let us know so we can add it to our monthly community reports. Ex. Give blood, visit a shut-in, give a drive to someone that needs to go to the doctor or grocery store.

Sue McNeil our club manager lost her brother and Louanne Krueger lost her sister this month. Our thoughts and prayers go out you and your family.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 10th at 7:30pm; please join us if you're able.

To those who have been ill, we wish you a speedy recovery. To those who have lost a loved one, our prayers are with you.

Loyally,

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Surgeon	Floyd Nagler	Conductor/Patriotic Instructor	Ron Tessmer
Judge Advocate	David Lathrop	Guard	Louanne Krueger
Gambling Chairman	Chuck Dresen	Trustee - 1 Year	Darlene Davidson
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Steak Fry Chairman	Mike McGahey	Hospital	Pat Cates
Pancake Breakfast Chair	Robert Herubin	Legislative	Rick Draeger
Americanism	Mike McGahey	MN Scholarships	Darlene Davidson
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Youth Activities	Bob Schmokel	Veterans & Family Support	Ann Cole
POW/MIA	King Cole	Youth Activities	Louanne Krueger
Service Officer	Floyd Nagler	Buddy Poppy/National Home	Caroline Martin

**SEPTEMBER
2018**

PRIOR LAKE VFW POST 6208



LIVE MUSIC

- Bird Dog 8th**
- Crazy Eyes 15th**
- Dakota Rambler 22nd**



\$2.75 BEER SPECIAL

WEEKLY EVENTS

- * Burger Monday
- * TACO Tuesday
- * BINGO Wednesday
- * Harvest market— Thursdays
- * Steak Fry 2nd & 4th Saturday
- * Meat raffle—Mondays and Thursdays

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Labor Day	4 TACO NIGHT  Beyond Yellow Ribbon	5 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	6 HARVEST MARKET Meat Raffle HC Meeting 7pm	7 DINNER MENU Grill Sirloin with Grilled Shrimp special	8 Steak Fry  Bird Dog
9 Fireman's Chicken BBQ	10 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  VFW Post/Aux 7:30pm	11 TACO NIGHT Sportsman Club	12 Senior Dance Snowmobile Club BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	13 HARVEST MARKET Meat Raffle Ladies Night Out	14 DINNER MENU Beef Burgundy special	15 DINNER MENU  Crazy Eyes
16	17 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  Legion Meeting	18 TACO NIGHT Hook Setters	19 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	20 HARVEST MARKET Meat Raffle  Marine Corps 7:00pm	21 DINNER MENU Artichoke Chicken Breast special	22 Steak Fry  Dakota Rambler
23 Burger Bash 5-7pm	24 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT SNOTRAILS	25 TACO NIGHT Cub Scouts	26 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	27 HARVEST MARKET Meat Raffle	28 DINNER MENU Grilled pork chops w/apple topping spec	29 Credit River Tractor Club Burger Bash 4-7pm
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