



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

The President and I went to the mid-winter conference and attended the banquet where Nathan Dapper obtained his award for winning Teacher of the Year for Prior Lake VFW. It was such a pleasure representing our post at this occasion. Prior Lake VFW was in the program numerous times for sponsoring the VOD awards and Teacher of the Year. One of the highlights for me was the Commanders parade of checks and our generous donation to his program for service dogs from our Post. It's great to represent a Post doing so well financially, in volunteerism and participating in VFW Programs. Speaking of this, hats off to Berne Mahowald for donating the panels to soften the noise volume in the bar. Thanks also to Kermit and his crew for getting this project done. Another completed project was completed thanks to Floyd Nagler and his crew. We have a cleaned up and organized lower level backroom with 2 new closets. One of the closets is for the Marine Corps League to store their flags, and valuables. The Marine Corps League meets at the VFW and hosts the annual Birthday Ball in our club rooms. Thanks to Floyd again for getting us 5 new members for our post out of the Marine Corps League meeting. He stressed the spirit of cooperation between the VFW and Marine Corp League to get the new members. Thanks Floyd. The other closet will probably be used by the Auxiliary to store their things and the old walk-in closet in the lower level will be used by the Boy Scouts. Some new shelves were also constructed to allow Mimi to store her seasonal decorations all in one place. We are only going to keep a very limited collection of wheel chairs, walkers and crutches down stairs from now on. People are very generous in donating medical equipment to us but we have found there is very little demand for its use from our members.

If you haven't attended a steak fry for a while come on down. The kitchen crew has selected an upgrade brand of steaks that are very very good. My crew and I have volunteered to host a steak fry on Saturday Feb. 23. We are two short of having a full crew. I am looking for one couple that has never volunteered in any capacity at the VFW to step up and give it a try. We want to show someone new that volunteering can be fun and rewarding. You don't have to be a VFW member to volunteer.

Susie McNeil our wonderful Club Manager is the keeper of the "to-do list". It's a list of little things around the Post that need fixing, cleaning or replacing. If you see something that should be on the list let me know and I will pass it onto Susie. And if you're a handy person you can look at the list and see if there is something on it your willing to tackle. Susie wanted me to list some of the Feb. events down at the club: Feb 2, country band from 1-5, Super Bowl Sunday happy hour all day, specials and give aways, and Spaghetti fundraiser on Feb 10th proceeds are going to a military youth reading program.

During our Jan. Post meeting we were able to give out some pretty nice amounts to local groups: senior celebration for prior lake senior high \$1000, ROCK \$500, Veterans Service Dogs \$500, Navy Seabees \$100, VOD prizes at the department level \$200 and USO \$100. We are able to be so generous only because our customers participate in bingo, pull tabs and meat raffles. And our Gambling Manager Chuck D does an excellent job of managing our gambling revenue. Just an informal non-binding survey: Would you support Post 6208 going into debt to build a new building or some extensive remodeling? Would you participate in a capital campaign to help fund it? Text, email or call me your answer. Cell:651-325-7186 email mmartin462@live.com

See you at the next meeting of VFW Post 6208 on Monday, February 11th at 7:30pm.

Yours in comradeship,

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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

The holidays are over and I hope everyone had a good one.

On January 5th five of our Auxiliary members went to Wells for the District meeting. We received a \$10.00 reward from the district for being 100 % in membership. Way to go members.

Mid-Winter conference: The commander and I just got back from the Mid-Winter Conference; we attended the banquet where Nathan Dapper obtained his award for winning Teacher of the Year for Prior Lake VFW. He is a 7th grade teacher at Twin Oaks Middle school. We were very proud of him. Hoping he does well at national. We also received another monetary award from Department for being 100% by December.

We discussed the future of the Farmers Market at our January meeting. It was decided that Auxiliary did not want to take on the responsibility of the market. No one felt they had experience to take it on, even with Colleen's training. Colleen is going to see if she can find another non-profit to take it on.

I want to thank Lyaman McPherson for the new podium that he built for the Auxiliary. Our old one was in bad shape. The new one looks very nice. I also want to thank Floyd Nagler for building a cabinet to hold the podium and our meeting supplies.

Judy and Don Fedder have been selected as our volunteers of the month of February. They both have been helping out on Steak Fry nights and Burger nights, Don helping with burgers and Judy selling of Ice cream and pop. It is nice to see couples volunteering together. Thanks for volunteering. For the month of February you can use the Auxiliary President's parking space in the back of the post.

Dates to remember in February and March:

* Spaghetti Dinner Sunday Feb 10th at 5-7pm to benefit military families via United Through Reading program.

* Saturday March 9th at Mankato Post 950 for the district meeting in Mankato, MN. There will be a joint meeting with VFW and VFWA members starting at 12:30pm in the Auxiliary room. The Auxiliary meeting will follow at 1pm. Please plan on staying after the meeting for a while to help tie blankets to be given to the Vets Hospital.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 11th 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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VFW Post And Auxiliary Roster 2018 - 2019



Commander	Michael Martin	Auxiliary President	Caroline Martin
Senior Vice Commander	Rachel Maloney	Senior Vice President	Josie Schmaltz
Junior Vice Commander	Dave Thompson	Junior Vice President	Mary Giles
Adjutant	Lee Seurer	Secretary	Freida Barlage
Quarter Master	Ed Speiker	Treasurer	Carol Dresen
Chaplain	Cheryl Burton	Chaplain	Darlene Davidson
Surgeon	Sherri Beaupre	Conductor/Patriotic Instructor	Ron Tessmer
Judge Advocate	Rich Davidson	Guard	Louanne Krueger
Gambling Chairman	Chuck Dresen	Trustee - 1 Year	Darlene Davidson
House Committee Chairman	David Lathrop	Trustee - 2 Year	Sharon Draeger
Legislative Chairman		Trustee - 3 Year	Mary Lou Lannon
Blood Chairman	Chuck Dresen	Americanism	Liz Speiker
Steak Fry Chairman		Hospital	Pat Cates
Pancake Breakfast Chair	Robert Herubin	Legislative	Rick Draeger
Americanism	Mike McGahey	MN Scholarships	Darlene Davidson
Honor Guard	David Lathrop	National Scholarships	Maria Belden
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

FEBRUARY

2019

PRIOR LAKE VFW POST 6208

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



LIVE MUSIC

Groove Hawks 2nd
Solid Gold 9th
Dakota Ramblers 23rd



\$2.75 BEER OF THE MONTH

WEEKLY EVENTS

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 DINNER MENU	2 DINNER MENU 5-8:30pm 🎵 Groove Hawks
3 Super Bowl Happy Hour all day Drawings/Give-aways	4 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT	5 BEAN BAGs  Beyond Yellow Ribbon	6 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	7 Meat Raffle BEAN BAGs HC Meeting 7pm	8 DINNER MENU	9 Steak Fry 🎵 SOLID GOLD
10 National Honor Society Spaghetti feed 5-7pm	11 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  VFW Post/Aux 7:30pm	12 BEAN BAGs Prior Lake Sportsmen	13 Senior Dance BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	14 Meat Raffle BEAN BAGs Valentine's Day	15 DINNER MENU	16 DINNER MENU 5-8:30pm 1pm Polar Plunge
17	18 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  Legion Meeting	19 BEAN BAGs Hook Setters	20 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	21 Meat Raffle BEAN BAGs  Marine Corps 7:00pm	22 DINNER MENU	23 Steak Fry 🎵 Dakota Ramblers
24	25 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT SNOTRAILS	26 BEAN BAGs Cub Scouts	27 BINGO 6pm Full Kitchen Menu	28 Meat Raffle BEAN BAGs Gun Training		