



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

The weather was great for our annual post picnic and the turnout was ok. Thanks to all who attended and for the food that they brought. Our next post event will be the annual post dinner sometime in October. This will be a free event to all paid up members so you members who pay annually now is the time to pay for 2019-2020. If you're an annual member, maybe look into becoming a life member?

We had a nice productive post meeting in August. Several new members were in attendance. The Quartermaster gave us an update on the new building and everything is on schedule for a further announcement in the coming weeks. In preparation for the building design the past president Carol and I toured some VFW's in the state recently. Mostly we are looking for new ideas or things not to do. In the Owatonna VFW the manager showed us the very nice hall they have that would seat 300 for dinners and bingo. The only problem there is the kitchen is at the far end of the hall and it's a long hike for the wait staff. I have noticed that staff and customers at the various Posts we visited are very fourth coming about the strengths and short comings of their Post. If you have visited a fraternal club and found it has some nice features we could incorporate let me know and we will go on another field trip. As part of the design we want a big dining room/community room, which is evident in some of the events we host. Coming up, there is a cancer benefit on Sept. 7th from 3-7pm. The Fireman's Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on the 8th of Sept and always a big crowd so come early to support the firemen. On Sept. 21 we will be hosting the MN Deer Hunters Gun Bingo from noon to 4pm.

Dawn and Mark Kes were at our last meeting with a very interesting proposal for our members and the community. They want to, in conjunction with the City of Prior Lake, hang military banners of service people on the light poles in the downtown area. At our meeting the membership thought this was a very wonderful idea and we voted to help them in any way possible. We will have a post member on their advisory committee (thanks Ed). We will collect names of participants and help fund the start up as needed. Watch for further information when we get it – and remember this is for active and non-active military residents of Prior Lake. Think how awesome it will be with a banner on each light post from Fish Lake Rd to West Avenue and both ways on Main Street.

The membership was in a generous mood again this month with donations to Rock (aid to under-nourished students), United Thru Reading, Boy Scout Jackets, Camp Ripley Disabled Vets Hunting and to the Prior Lake Cheer team.

The former Vets farmers market is now the little market that could, located at Tractor Supply on Thursday nights. The crowds have been great with the added room and vendors. Thanks to Casey's farm, the VFW is there selling sweet corn. We have sold out each Thursday night we have been there and if the weather holds we should have corn to sell thru September.

Did anyone see me on the Prior Lake-Savage school channel? I was there promoting the Voice of Democracy contest for senior high school students. If you have a child or grandchild in this age range, ask them to participate. Last year we had prize money left over because we had so few entries. Speaking of schools I will again this year be at the Fall Community festival on Sept. 16 – stop in and say hi.

See you at the next meeting of VFW Post 6208 on Monday, September 9th at 7:30pm.

Yours in comradeship,

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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

The September meeting will be run by Sr. Vice President, Betty St. Martin. I will be in Arlington giving an Official Visit, they call it now.

We have learned at the August meeting that Official caps will be the only head coverings to be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. Unless religious or health reasons.

Barb Prindle has all the information on contacts, vendors and advertising to pass along to the group willing to do this. Is there anyone willing to take over that boutique that could be held December 7, 2019. Call me as soon as you know. Maybe by now she has found another group to pass this opportunity unto. With our 16 members who were at our meeting, I was hopeful we could find someone willing to take on this project as it brings our group over \$500.

Our scholarships, Voice of Democracy, grades 9-12 and Patriots Pen, grades 6-8 have the same themes this year. The 2019-2020 theme is "What Makes America Great." What a great opportunity to be able to see Washington and be able to have others read or hear your message. I'm proud to hear we have students that do this besides all the homework they already have. Both contests have October 31, 2019 deadlines. Good luck to our students who commit to these contests. The links may be found at <http://mnvfwauxiliary.org/>. Then General Orders the month you want will be listed. Or if you want scholarships click on those links.

We need a Welcome Letter, and Sharon Dreager I heard wrote a nice one.

Fall Conference is September 13-15 in Mahanomen. I will be going and booked the room. I hope others will be going and will see you there. (I need to learn short hand for better notes.)

Big Ten Conference October 18-20 in Omaha, Nebraska. More to add a later date.

Heads up for our November 11, 2019 meeting. We will have an Official Visit from either Johanna or Janet Rowe. Previous check ups were known as Inspections.

Maybe I'll see you at the great Minnesota get together. Tuesday August 27 is Veterans Appreciation day.

To our members who are housebound, may you receive company. For those who sick, may you recover soon.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 7:30pm; please join us if you're able.

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**SEPTEMBER
2019**

PRIOR LAKE VFW POST 6208



LIVE MUSIC

DAKOTA RAMBLERS 14th
NIGHTTIME BOOGIE 28th



\$2.75 BEER SPECIAL

WEEKLY EVENTS

- * Burger Monday
- * TACO Tuesday
- * BINGO Wednesday
- * Steak Fry 2nd & 4th Saturday
- * Meat raffle—Mondays and Thursdays
- * Saturdays: BAR opens at 11am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1	2 Labor Day Bar opens at 2pm	3 TACO NIGHT  Beyond Yellow Ribbon	4 BINGO 6pm Lunch 11am-4pm Full Kitchen Menu	5 Meat Raffle Lunch 11am-4pm HC Meeting 6pm	6 Full DINNER menu 5-9pm Lunch 11am-4pm	7 Burger Bash 3-7pm
8 Prior Lake Fireman's Chicken BBQ 3-8pm	9 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  VFW Post/Aux 7:30pm	10 TACO NIGHT PL Sportsman	11 Senior Dance BINGO 6pm Lunch 11am-4pm Full Kitchen Menu Snowmobile Club	12 Meat Raffle Lunch 11am-4pm Ladies Night Out	13 Full DINNER menu 5-9pm Lunch 11am-4pm	14 Steak Fry Lunch 11am-4pm  DAKOTA RAMBLERS
15	16 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT  Legion Meeting	17 TACO NIGHT Hook Setters	18 BINGO 6pm Lunch 11am-4pm Full Kitchen Menu	19 Meat Raffle Lunch 11am-4pm  Marine Corps 7:00pm	20 Full DINNER menu 5-9pm Lunch 11am-4pm Burger Night Party 5:30pm	21 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm Lunch 11am-4pm Deer Hunters BINGO 12-4pm Bar opens at 10am
22 Burger Bash 5-7pm	23 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT	24 TACO NIGHT Cub Scouts	25 BINGO 6pm Lunch 11am-4pm Full Kitchen Menu Gun Training 6pm	26 Meat Raffle Lunch 11am-4pm	27 Full DINNER menu 5-9pm Lunch 11am-4pm	28 Steak Fry Lunch 11am-4pm  NIGHTTIME BOOGIE
29	30 MEAT RAFFLE BURGER NIGHT SNOTRAILS					