



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We had a slight change of plans with my resignation. I have decided to stay on as commander through the end of my term. My new meds are helping some, but there may be times when things don't get done in a timely manner, or at all. So, you are stuck with me for a few more months. If you have been thinking about getting more involved with the Post, now is the time. Elections are just around the corner, and we desperately need your help.

The post has remained busy through December with two Pancake breakfasts. Thank you, Ed Speiker and your team, for all your hard work. Sue and Tim did a fabulous job with the food and service for our annual Christmas dinner. Thank you to President Betty and her team that did such a wonderful job setting up the tables and getting all the fun centerpieces.

Teacher of the Year - Veronica Ransom, Prior Lake 3rd grade elementary teacher was selected as our Teacher of the Year. She has also been selected as our 2nd District Teacher of the Year K-5 as well. Congratulations Veronica!

VOD and Patriots Pen - Our Voice of Democracy 1st place prize went to Lauren Zanto, 2nd place Karsten Dehnert, and we had a 3rd place tie going to Maria Bischel, and Noah Anderson. I can also announce that Lauren Zanto was our 2nd place winner for the 2nd District.

Our Patriots Pen 1st place prize winner went to Mallory Schwen, 2nd place Khalid Ayour, and 3rd place Molly Zack. Because we had over 220 essays for patriot's pen, we were able to advance 14 essays to district. I am happy to announce that our students took 1st and 2nd place in the district. Congratulations to 1st place winner Chase Walgrave and 2nd place winner Raina Schroeder.

A big thank you to Maria Belden and all her wonderful volunteers for the hours and hours' worth of work it took to make this program such an amazing success.

Bloomberg Music Scholarship – We have a wonderful new scholarship this year. The family of Ed & Florian Bloomberg donated monies to honor their father's memory and to help young musicians. Please check out the application that is attached in this month's newsletter. Applications will be available by emailing DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com

2023 Hometown Hero Banner Program: This year we will be honoring our World War I, World War II, and Korean era veterans. Applications can be found on our post website at VFWpost6208.com Space is limited so order your banner for your Honored Veteran asap.

Building Remodel Committee: We are getting closer! We have met with several contractors and are working on all the fine details to get our project up and running. We are still hoping to start the major portion our remodel in April, but everything is still very fluid at this point. More to come.

Community Service.

Don't forget to drop me a line if you donated any time back to our community. (dc.thompson@mchsi.com) If you donate blood, please report that to our Blood Donation Chairman, Chuck Dresen at (DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com.)

Donations for the month of December: Wreaths across America (National Cemetery); Wreaths for the Fallen (MN Veterans Cemeteries); MN Warriors Disabled Veterans Hockey Program; St Michaels (Interactive technology); Troop 339 annual membership donation; and a special pledge to help purchase mattresses for the VMAC transient quarters at the Minneapolis VA.

Important Dates:

2 nd District Meeting	Jan 14 th	1:00pm	Montgomery, MN
Monthly meeting	Jan 9 th	7:30pm	VFW Post
Midwinter Conference	Jan 13-15	All day	Brooklyn Park, MN
Pancake Breakfast (Scouts)	Mar 5 th	8:30-noon	VFW Post
2 nd District Loyalty Days	April 29 th	8:00 – 5:00	Hastings MN
VFW State Convention	June 8-11	All day	Plymouth MN

OPEN for LUNCH! Wednesday through Sunday. Starting at noon you can stop down and get a great selection of food at awesome VFW pricing. If you haven't had a chance to stop in, please do so. We would love to see you, and it's a great way to help support the club.

Yours in comradeship,

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<p style="text-align: center;">January Coupon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00 Off any Kitchen order over \$25.00.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Present this coupon for discount.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Not valid on Burger night, Steak Fries, or with any other special offers, Expires Jan 31st.</small></p>



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Season's Greetings to all members,

Thank you all for coming to the Christmas Dinner. The food was great and it looked like everyone had a good time. It was nice to get together without a meeting. Although we do good things, like sending cards containing money to the VA Home Hastings. Thanks to the ladies that helped send the cards out. Also, at the dinner we had winners of the Voice of Democracy along with the Patriots Pen.

The winners are as follows:

Voice of Democracy

Lauren Zanto - \$500

Karsten Dehnert - \$200

Maria Bischel - \$50

Noah Anderson - \$50

Patriots Pen

Mallory Schwen - \$100

Khalid Ayour - \$75

Molly Zack - \$50

Congratulations to all of you, great job. Thank you to all who helped with the judging process. It takes many hours to read through all the entries. In addition a huge thank you to Maria Belden for all the hours she put into this project. The 2nd District meeting will be held in Montgomery on January 7th, 2023 at 12:30pm. Awards will be given out and then sent to state. Best of luck on this next step.

The meeting was short. We gave \$1000 to the Marines for Vets that are at the VA center which houses Marines who need to stay overnight for appointments and tests.

If you missed the Christmas Eve eggnog given by our House Committee, mark your calendars for next year. Speaking of calendars, it's over. Thanks to all who bought one this year. Good Luck!

The Commander who volunteered to step in for Dave Thompson had to drop out, Dave will continue. Thank you Commander I know this will be hard and we are here to help where we can.

For those who are sick or have lost a loved one our prayers are with you.

**** Reminder****

Our next meeting will be January 9th at 7:30pm.

I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe New Years!

Loyally your president,

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VFW POST AND AUXILIARY ROSTER 2022-2023



Commander – Dave Thompson
Senior Vice Commander – Bob Schmokel
Junior Vice Commander – Jake Roach
Adjutant – Lee Seurer
Quarter Master – Ed Speiker
Chaplain – Cheryl Burton
Surgeon – Emily Weiderman
Judge Advocate – Ed Speiker
Trustee – 1 Year Tom Moore
Trustee – 2 Year Rachel Maloney
Trustee – 3 Year Eric Zimmerman
Americanism - Lyaman McPherson
House Committee Chairman – David Lathrop
Legislative Chairman – Floyd Gast
Gambling Chair – Patty Simburg
Honor Guard – David Lathrop
Service Officer – Will Connor
Youth Activities – Bob Schmokel
POW/MIA – Chuck Dresen
Sargent at Arms – Gary Thompson
Blood Chairman – Chuck Dresen
Building Chairman – Lee Seurer
Pancake Breakfast Chair – Ed Speiker
Steak Fry Chairman – Lyle Krueger

Auxiliary President – Betty St Martin
Senior Vice President – Mary Lou Lannon
Junior Vice President – Kermit Mahlum
Secretary – Louanne Krueger
Treasurer – Caroline Martin
Chaplain – Louanne Krueger
Conductor – Warren Sieben
Guard – Jenny Speiker
Trustee 1 year – Lynda Allen
Trustee 2 Year – Jenny Speiker
Trustee 3 Year – Jan Franta
Americanism – Liz Speiker
Hospital – Helen Sieben
MN Scholarships – Mary Lou Lannon
National Scholarships – Maria Belden
Veterans & Family Support – Darlene Davidson
Buddy Poppy/National Home – Louanne Krueger
Community Outreach – Mary Giles
Historian – Louanne Krueger
Membership – Caroline Martin
Mentoring/Leadership – Caroline Martin
Patriotic Instructor – Liz Speiker

**JANUARY
2023**

PRIOR LAKE VFW POST 6208

WEEKLY EVENTS







- * Burger Monday
- * BINGO Wednesday
- * Steak Fry 2nd & 4th Saturday
- * Meat raffle—Sundays and Thursdays
- * BAR hours Noon-11pm;
Open until 1am Sat & Sun
- * Happy Hour Mon-Fri 2-6pm
- * Kitchen open Wed-Sat Noon-8pm;



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1 Happy New Year Bar open at noon	2 4 H Club 7pm	3  Beyond Yellow Ribbon	4 BINGO 6pm Deerhunters 7pm	5 BEAN BAGs HC Meeting	6 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm	7 Conceal & Carry 7am Burger Beer Bash 5-7pm
8 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p	9 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm  VFW Post/Aux 7:30pm	10 BEAN BAGs Sportsmen Club 7p	11 BINGO 6pm	12	13 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm	14 Steak Fry Combat Vet  White Elephant
15 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p	16 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm  Wrestling 8pm Legion Meeting	17 BEAN BAGs Conceal & Carry noon PL Hooksetters	18 BINGO 6pm Deerhunters 7pm	19 BEAN BAGs  Marine Corps 7pm	20 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm	21 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm
22 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p	23 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm	24 BEAN BAGs	25 BINGO 6pm	26 BEAN BAGs	27 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm	28 Steak Fry  Dakota Ramblers
29 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p	30 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm SNOTRAILS	31 BEAN BAGs				

THE BLUMBERG VFW MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

1. Sponsored by the Blumberg Family in memory of Ed & Florian Blumberg & their band the “The Jolly Musicians “who performed for Prior Lake VFW functions for many years.
2. Scholarship amount \$1000.00
3. Eligibility
 - a. Child or grandchild of an Honorably Discharged Veteran, (DD 214 required) or active-duty military, (proof of service required).
 - b. Carrying 12 credits or comparable, pursuing post-secondary education 2 or 4 year college or vocational school.
 - c. Must have completed the first semester and be enrolled in the second semester. A copy of their second semester schedule is required. Any major eligible.
 - d. All applicants must be legal residents of the State of Minnesota.
 - e. A letter of recommendation from a Teacher, College or High School or an employer required.
 - f. If you have received this Scholarship once, you are not eligible to apply again.
4. Scholarship funds will be issued to the student for his or her use in paying school expenses.
5. Deadline for applications will be March 31st each year.
6. Applications will be available by emailing devildogvfw68@gmail.com or contacting Prior Lake VFW Post Commander.
7. All qualified applicants’ names will be placed in a tumbler for random selection at April Post meeting.

**Blumberg VFW Music Scholarship
Application**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone _____

Post-Secondary School _____

Address of School _____

Veterans Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Branch of Service _____ **Dates** _____

**Attach Proof of Service (DD 214), letter of recommendation &
copy of second semester schedule.**