



## Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

**Election of Officers** - That right it's time for the Election of Officers for the 2023/24 year. We will start with nominations in March, Elections in April, and the Installation in May. We need a New Commander, Quarter Master, Trustee 3-year, and a Service Officer as well. Currently we have no one interested in stepping into those positions, and of course if we don't fill our key leadership positions, we will lose our charter as well as our building and all our assets to State. We have 285 members, of which we see the same 15-20 members at our monthly meeting. These are the same men and women that have been faithfully attending our meetings for years. We need new participation from our membership. Please reach out to me if you are interested in serving in any way.

**Building Remodel Committee:** We have selected a contractor, set a budget, and set the date for the remodel. We have selected Stanley & Wencil and set our budget of \$900,000 for our first phase of the remodel. The major portion of the remodel will start April 10<sup>th</sup> with a drop-dead finish date of July 10<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to start on some smaller projects asap with the possibility of the post not opening until 3:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Our goal is to keep the post open throughout the entire remodel. During the heaviest portion of the remodel, we will partition off the bar area and have a temporary bar with limited serving capabilities in the dining/dance area of the post. Of course, we will be in a very ridged state of flexibility, so things will change to meet the needs of the contractor.

**Special Recognition:** Congratulations to our Post Chaplin Cheryl Burton for being selected as a National Aide-de-camp. These recommendations are made to recognize individual members that have toiled in the background on behalf of the VFW and may never have been recognized for their efforts.

**Bloomberg Music Scholarship** – We have a wonderful new scholarship this year. The families of Ed & Florian Bloomberg donated monies to honor their father's memory. Please check out the application that is attached in this month's newsletter. Applications will be available by emailing [DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://VFWpost6208.com) Space is limited so order your banner for your Honored Veteran asap. The deadline for this is February 28, 2023.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Joint Forces motorcycle ride** – I am excited to announce a new event for our VFW. We have several Veterans organizations that all use our facility for their regular meetings, and we are teaming up for a Joint Forces ride. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, The Two Eagles Marine Corps League Detachment, and the South of the River Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organization are teaming with us for this fun day on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to come, but please put this date on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.

### Community Service.

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

**Donations for the month of December:** MACV and our annual contribution to the Prior Lake Savage Scholarship fund.

**Important Dates:**

House Committee meeting	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00	VFW post
Monthly meeting	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	VFW Post
Pancake Breakfast (Scouts)	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-noon	VFW Post
2 <sup>nd</sup> District meeting	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Chaska MN
Pancake breakfast	Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – noon	VFW Post
VFW Remodel starts	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	3 months	VFW Post
2 <sup>nd</sup> District Loyalty Days	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 5:00	Hastings, MN
VFW State Convention	June 8-11	All day	Plymouth, MN
Joint Forces Motorcycle Ride	Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	All day	VFW Post

**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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## Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Greetings members

I would like to say congratulations to Cheryl Burton, our Post Chaplin. She was appointed to the National Chaplin Aidi-De-Comp for 2022-2023. Great job Chaplin Burton.

The end reports will be handed out at the February 13th meeting. This is for all committee Chairman, there will be two copies. They will need to be turned into me so I can send them to the District President by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

There was an audit that was misplaced, it has been found. It will be read at the next meeting. At the last meeting there were checks sent to the district that were delayed on being cashed, now completed. This has saved us a lot of money by not having to pay the stop payment fees. Delay in deposit was a District issue.

It is time for the Scholarship Program that the Prior Lake VFW Auxiliary is again offering. This scholarship is designed to assist financially to all children, grandchildren or members of Prior Lake auxiliary enrolled in post-secondary education. Applications may be obtained from the chairman, Mary Lou Lannon at 15494 Red Oaks Rd SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372 phone # 952-447-2249. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2023. Selection of winners will take place at the April 10th meeting. The auxiliary would like to thank Larry and Betty Cates, Dick Cates, Bill Cates, Dick Lannon, Tom Lannon and Duke Schroder. This is an important job.

I know it is cold outside and more snow will be coming, but it's time to think about elections. Please think about taking a post. I am pleased to say Louanne Kruger and Caroline Martin will be keeping their post, thank you ladies you do a great job. If you don't take a post, there are several opportunities for you to volunteer. Your time and talent are needed for the success of the organization. Please step forward and continue to help us. If it is chairing a committee or running for office, you can make a difference. Many hands can make light work for all. Elections are in April please stop by this can make or break the auxiliary. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text me at 612-298-7653.

For those who are sick or have lost a loved one, our prayers go out to you and your family.

Loyally your President,

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## **VFW POST AND AUXILIARY ROSTER 2022-2023**

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Commander – Dave Thompson	Auxiliary President – Betty St Martin
Senior Vice Commander – Bob Schmokel	Senior Vice President – Mary Lou Lannon
Junior Vice Commander – Jake Roach	Junior Vice President – Kermit Mahlum
Adjutant – Lee Seurer	Secretary – Louanne Krueger
Quarter Master – Ed Speiker	Treasurer – Caroline Martin
Chaplain – Cheryl Burton	Chaplain – Louanne Krueger
Surgeon – Floyd Nagler	Conductor – Warren Sieben
Judge Advocate – Ed Speiker	Guard – Jenny Speiker
Trustee – 1 Year Tom Moore	Trustee 1 year – Lynda Allen
Trustee – 2 Year Rachel Maloney	Trustee 2 Year – Jenny Speiker
Trustee – 3 Year Eric Zimmerman	Trustee 3 Year – Jan Franta
Americanism – Floyd Gast	Americanism – Liz Speiker
House Committee Chairman – David Lathrop	Hospital – Helen Sieben
Legislative Chairman – Floyd Gast	MN Scholarships – Mary Lou Lannon
Gambling Chair – Patty Simburg	National Scholarships – Maria Belden
Honor Guard – David Lathrop	Veterans & Family Support – Darlene Davidson
Service Officer – Will Connor	Buddy Poppy/National Home – Louanne Krueger
Youth Activities – Bob Schmokel	Community Outreach – Mary Giles
POW/MIA – Chuck Dresen	Historian – Louanne Krueger
Sargent at Arms – Gary Thompson	Membership – Caroline Martin
Blood Chairman – Chuck Dresen	Mentoring/Leadership – Caroline Martin
Building Chairman – Lee Seurer	Patriotic Instructor – Liz Speiker
New Building Chairman – Ed Speiker	
Scholarship/Donation Chair – Chuck Dresen	
Pancake Breakfast Chair – Ed Speiker	
Steak Fry Chairman – Lyle Krueger	

**FEBRUARY  
2022**

# 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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<a href="http://www.vfwpost6208.com">www.vfwpost6208.com</a> 16306 Main Street, Prior Lake, MN 55372 952-226-6208						
			<b>1 BINGO 6pm</b>  Credit River Tractor	<b>2 BEAN BAGs</b>	<b>3 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm</b>	<b>4 Conceal &amp; Carry 7am</b>  <b>Burger Bash 5-7pm</b> 
<b>5 Closed</b>  Employee Christmas Party	<b>6 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm</b>  4 H 7pm	<b>7 BEAN BAGs</b>  Beyond Yellow Ribbon	<b>8 BINGO 6pm</b>  PL Snowmobile	<b>9 BEAN BAGs</b>  HC Meeting 2pm	<b>10 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm</b>	<b>11 Steak Fry</b>  Combat Vet 11am  <b>Bird Dog</b>
<b>12 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p</b>  Super Bowl	<b>13 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm</b>  VFW Post/Aux 7:30pm	<b>14 BEAN BAGs</b>  PL Sportsman Conceal & Carry 12p	<b>15 BINGO 6pm</b>	<b>16 BEAN BAGs</b>  Marine Corps 7pm	<b>17 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm</b>	<b>18 Burger Bash 1100a-2p</b>  <b>Wreckless</b>
<b>19 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p</b> <b>Burger Bash 2-4pm</b>	<b>20 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm</b>  Legion Meeting	<b>21 BEAN BAGs</b>  Hooksetters 7pm	<b>22 BINGO 6pm</b>	<b>23</b>  Ladies Night Out Vendors lower level	<b>24 Full DINNER menu 5-8pm</b>	<b>25 Steak Fry</b>  <b>Dakota Ramblers</b>
<b>26 Sunday Funday MEAT RAFFLE 3p</b>	<b>27 BURGER NIGHT 5-7pm</b>  SNOTRAILS	<b>28 BEAN BAGs</b>  Cub Scouts	<b>28</b>			