



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

September 2023

Commander's Notes: This month started with the inevitable passing of another brother, a true American Hero and a steadfast and loyal member of our post; Floyd Nagler's passing was not unexpected but the pain is still not easy to set aside. Please look to your brothers and comrades for solace and share the stories of accomplishment and joys that his life provided us all. As a post we had both setbacks and highlights. Great comradery when customers returned to our post canteen during our Saturday, August 19th outdoor joint fundraiser. Specific numbers will be reported at the September 11th meeting. We still need a list of who may be attending Fall Conference and District 2 meetings in September. Together we are a post managed by a few individuals but those individuals that you selected to lead should not be doing all of the heavy lifting as well. I and others who did help out with the JOINT fundraiser were very disappointed in the turnout of post members to our first event in two months and our 'ONE' and only event in August. Frankly most of those that did show up did not offer to participate in any of the setup/security/take down/recruiting or any function of the post or the bar. I understand there is some animosity at the current process of remodeling but that does not alleviate the need for POST Members to participate in Post events. The key point is that the Joint Forces Ride was a POST Recruiting event and Fundraiser not a Post Canteen event. The bar was in a support mode and I believe that got lost in the run-up and planning phase. We need to pull together to close out the remodeling phase and move into the soft opening and then the grand re-opening. Barring any other unforeseen setbacks, soft opening is projected to be in early October on or around the 6th. Finally Special Meeting notices were sent out and that will take place with or without you on Aug 31st at 7:30p so please attend/listen/participate and vote based on real information, not rumors and accusations.

Dates to Remember:

Aug 31 - Special Meeting at 730pm to discuss and vote on financial obligations and further outlay of funds.

Sept 22-24 - Fall Conference in Rochester. Need a list of who may be attending.

Sept 30 - 2nd District meeting in Jordan. (**Changed to Sep 30 from Oct 21**). Need a list of who may be attending.

Oct 6 - Soft reopening of VFW Bar/Canteen.

Marine Corps League (MCL) Commandant's Corner: Two Eagles Detachment would like to thank all who bought raffle tickets, and other items at the Joint Fundraiser on Saturday August 19th. We will be having our final brat sale of the year on Sept 16 at the Shakopee Sam's Club from 1000-1500 and will have Marine Corps Ball Gun raffle tickets to sell. Ball is on Nov 10, 2023 at the VFW. All proceeds are used for college scholarships, helping veteran families in need and multiple community organizations. Semper Fi.

RECRUITING: I personally recruited one new Member; Charles Kronen in August. As I stated in July's Newsletter, I would like to challenge each VFW member to recruit *at least* one new member by the end of the year, bring that new member in for a beer at the Canteen and I will buy your first round but only if I am invited to be there to welcome them personally. Introduce them around to everyone you know and make it a celebration for them. Once the Canteen is reopened *I am going to Sponsor a Motion on the floor to 'Reinstitute' the Commander's Drink Coin allowance. This would be used only to recruit and retain new members. Please work with me on recruiting the Marine Corps League, American Legion and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Members who all meet here regularly at our Post for monthly meetings. Need someone who is connected to the Rotary Club Veteran Members, Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, and Optimist Club. Any other areas we may be missing like Local Sheriff's Dept and Police Dept most likely have qualifying Veterans as well.*

VOLUNTEERS: We still need a 'Volunteer and 'Community Service coordinator'. Who is willing to step up? This would not be a big haul, just someone to bounce ideas on community outreach and to interact with some of the other organizations in Prior Lake as mentioned above in the recruiting section.

Building Remodel update: Bar rebuild is in full swing and bar top could be in place by mid-September. Concrete is being poured this week which is the last BIG item needed before we start putting things back together. Bar/Concrete then walls, ceiling, lighting, flooring and then soft opening.

FundRaising: Fundraiser is online and live at [GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208](https://www.givesendgo.com/VFWPost6208)

We have already raised \$4217 dollars in 25 days. My daughters (Kiki & Belle Bowtique) raised \$117 by selling baked goods and ice cream at the Fundraiser. Please go to [GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208](https://www.givesendgo.com/VFWPost6208) and make your Tax Deductible donations by credit card or 'Cash App'. If you prefer to donate by check please mail checks to P.O. Box in header above. We will be starting a Memorial Brick and/or Tile fundraiser soon. More to Follow. **Page 3 of this Newsletter is the Fundraising letter that you can send to your Family, Friends and Business associates. Post online or on a bulletin board at work. Please share it as often as possible. Our Post's future success is in your hands! We need all hands on deck to accomplish the mission.**

House Business: New Kitchen manager was a bright spot during our recent event, seems to have a special bond with the community and she is very aggressively looking for ways to bring the kitchen area into the black. She has already proposed a list of new food items or food specials and longer kitchen hours to increase sales. Some of these include Taco Tuesday, more fresh items and 'salad' as a menu item.

Club Manager's Corner: Moving into the new office once carpet is laid. Already booking new events in November. If go-ahead is given, new breakfast booking could start in November for the Rotary club.

Community Service Hours: Please report to Dave Thompson at dc.thompson@mchsi.com (Hours put in setting up for Post Fundraiser/Putting up Tents/Moving Equipment/Fencing/ cleaning the Parking lot is Community Service. Please carefully Track all of your volunteer hours and report them.

Blood Donation Chairman: Report all donations to Chuck Dresen at (DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com)

Thoughts and Prayers. Please keep our Brother **Floyd Nagler** and his Family in your thoughts and prayers for his recent death. One last heartfelt thank you to those who assisted with rides for Floyd's wife Jan during his last days and most grateful to those who visited and spoke with him. **SgtMaj Floyd Nagler was a TRUE GREAT AMERICAN.** Other prayer requests should be noted during the monthly meeting.

Hope to see you all at the Special meeting of VFW Post 6208, Thursday August 31st at 7:30 pm.

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

Yours in comradeship,

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Dear Patriots,

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VFW Post 6802, has called Prior Lake, Minnesota, our beloved home for over 77 years. Our post is a crucial resource for area veterans and military families. Last year alone we provided urgently-needed services to veteran families, such as financial aid, Fisher House and VA Medical Center volunteers and travel assistance for veterans and families. In addition, we continue to perform Color Guard and funeral honors for local veterans, and provide patriotic support to local causes. Furthermore, we allow veteran groups and local non-profits the use of our building free-of-charge as a meeting place. Our post has always faithfully served Prior Lake and Scott County as a vital resource and unique community gathering space. However, after the many decades of joyous occasions, consisting of heavy and happy traffic, we too, must humbly ask for financial support.

Recently, it has become painfully obvious that we must undertake a Remodeling Campaign to ensure our safety and longevity, and allow us to continue our longstanding tradition of humble service to our veteran community. VFW Post 6208 is in dire need of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code compliance remodeling and repair. We are now required to build two new handicap ramps, widen our entrance door, add an additional staircase entryway to the lower floor as well as enlarge and modify the existing one. We must also provide dedicated ADA service space at the bar and dining areas, as well as install an elevator to allow disabled vets to use the lower floor conference areas. In addition, the 100-plus year old building that we occupy is overdue for roof, ceiling, plumbing, electrical upgrades and floor repairs.

We are reaching out to patriotic friends like you, because we receive no government funding and all of our veterans' services are totally free. Kindly consider a Tax-Deductible monetary donation towards our "Renovation Campaign." A gift in any amount made out to the "VFW Post 6208 Building Fund" would be greatly appreciated (Post 6208 is a registered 501(c)(19) Military non-profit). A donation form and information to send a check is included as well as the link to our VFW Post 6208 fundraising page. This site takes no money from your donation aside from credit card fees and will provide you with an immediate receipt to your email account; Go to [Givesendgo.com/VFWPost6208](https://givesendgo.com/VFWPost6208) to make your Tax-deductible donations.

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Please share this information with Family, friends and Business associates. We will also be starting a new Memorial Brick & Tile program soon, once details are fully known so stay in contact with us online at www.VFWPost6208.com for the latest details. On behalf of our local veterans and their families, many thanks for considering this heartfelt request.

Sincerely, Yours in Comradeship,

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Hello All,

With Veterans Day approaching on Saturday, November 11th, VFW National Chairpersons have organized a Poster Contest. This would be a great way to show respect for our Veterans. Using cardstock, tag board, foam board - any size and as many poppies as you like (we've got A LOT)!! We will bring the poster to Fall Conference in Rochester (September 21ST – 24TH) for judging. First, second and third place certificates will be awarded. At our last meeting our members expressed an interest in becoming more involved. Here's your chance to get those creative juices flowing!

Our club remodel continues to slog along. **Estimated** re-opening should be around the first week of October. Please share this excerpt from our Commanders letter with your family and friends.

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On behalf of our local veterans and their families, many thanks for considering this heartfelt request."

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11th, 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the VFW.

With gratitude and best regards,

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VFW POST AND AUXILIARY ROSTER 2023-2024



Commander – Scott Kiger
Senior Vice Commander – Bob Schmokel
Junior Vice Commander – Jake Roach
Adjutant – Lee Seurer
Quarter Master – Dave Thompson
Chaplain – Cheryl Burton
Surgeon – Rachel Maloney
Judge Advocate – Jake Roach
Trustee – 1 Year Rachel Maloney
Trustee – 2 Year Eric Zimmerman
Trustee – 3 Year Richard Rogozinski
Americanism – Floyd Gast
House Committee Chairman – TBD
Legislative Chairman – Floyd Gast
Gambling Chair – Patty Simberg
Honor Guard – TBD
Service Officer – Floyd Gast
Youth Activities – Bob Schmokel
POW/MIA – TBD
Sargent at Arms – Gary Thompson
Blood Chairman – Chuck Dresen
Building Chairman – Lee Seurer
Pancake Breakfast Chair – TBD
Steak Fry Chairman – Lyle Krueger
Donation Committee – Chuck Dresen

Auxiliary President – Lynda Allen
Senior Vice President – Mary Lou Lannon
Junior Vice President – Mary Giles
Secretary – Louanne Krueger
Treasurer – Caroline Martin
Chaplain – Louanne Krueger
Conductor – Ronald Tessmer
Guard – Jenny Speiker
Trustee 1 year – Melanie Skelly
Trustee 2 Year – Jan Franta
Trustee 3 Year – Betty St Martin
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 – Liz Speiker
Patriotic Instructor – Liz Speiker