



## Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Greetings Comrades,

October 2023

**Commander's Notes:** "The Fall Conference in Rochester was well attended, Chuck Dresen, Dave Thompson and I were there to get the latest information and updates. This past weekend Chuck and I attended the 2nd District Meeting in Jordan. We had a couple of successful fundraising and recruiting events this month; met quite a few new eligible prospects and shared the fundraising information while discussing the current status of the remodel project. Dave Thompson, Emily Weiderman, Jason Geist and I attended the Prior Lake High School Fall Fest hosted by the Chamber and were able to solicit quite a bit of interest in the Post reopening schedule as well as the remodel in general. Please consider getting out of your comfort zone and lending your years of experience to our junior members at one of these events in the future. It is a great way to pass the time and give back to the community by just being present in the moment and sharing your experiences/stories and advice to others while recruiting new members and answering questions about the VFW's history and future. We are getting close to "Soft RE-opening" date and still do not have new menus for the kitchen or bar. More will be discussed below for the Canteen, House and Building Committee. Thank you to those who attended the Special Meeting and voted for your future. It was a great experience even if everyone did not come out of it with their goals achieved. The final outcome was approval of an additional \$200,000 loan if needed.

### Dates to Remember:

**Oct 6** - Soft reopening of VFW Bar/Canteen

**Oct 9** – Monthly VFW meeting

**Oct 19** – Monthly MCL meeting

**Marine Corps League (MCL) Commandant's Corner:** Marine Corps League (MCL) Commandant's Corner: MCL approved a \$500 donation to the VFW for the Building Campaign and will be returning to the VFW for our Monthly meeting starting in Oct; every 3rd Thursday. Your Commander, Scott Kiger has Gun-raffle tickets for sale as a fundraiser for the Marine Corps Ball. Every year we hold this event in your Bar and we hope it is ready for a big event this year.

**RECRUITING:** 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, Yellow Ribbon Society, American Legion and the CVMA Members who all meet here regularly at our Post for monthly meetings.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We NEED a 'Volunteer and/or '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; Rotary Club Veteran Members, Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, Optimist Club. Any other areas we may be missing like the Local Sheriff's Dept and Police Dept. This person or person(s) does not have to be a VFW or Auxiliary member. Please tell your family members: We need volunteers for soon to be announced Bingo-Night/Pancake Breakfast/SteakFry night/ etc. etc.

**Building Remodel update:** Not going to candy coat-it... Bar top should be in place by Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, BUT could be delayed due to our contractor not putting down payment in time to meet the deadline. Also having a slowdown getting our main light fixtures in on time; much of that was internal problems due to disagreements on style

over substance and cost versus design and quality. The bottom line is; commercial grade is better and it also costs more, and usually higher graded items take longer to acquire. Kind of common sense but not always easy to swallow since we cannot walk into Lowes or Menards and grab high quality, commercial grade off the shelf. Regardless of problems we will be having our soft-reopening on October 6th unless City of Prior Lake inspectors fail to reinstate our Occupational License on time. Expect it to happen, bring your families and look over the new building work. A lot of people have been giving their blood-sweat-&-tears; hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into this project. Special thanks to Leroy Seurer who has been keeping his eyes, ears and sweat in this project from the very beginning.

**Fundraising:** Fundraiser is online and live at [GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208](https://www.givesendgo.com/VFWPost6208) ! We have already raised \$23,900 dollars. 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:** Please consider racking your brains to help out with Canteen for the following items; New Menu and Food items, Service specific. I.E. Army Burger name; Tank-a-nator Bacon Burger?/Navy Nuclear-Submarine/Marine Corps; Gyrene Burger? Air Force Flying-High Fries. WE NEED IDEAS!!! New Specialty Drinks with the same theme. Devil Dog Drink: The Wake-Island "is Old-Crow Bourbon and Grapefruit juice/ Army; 'Machine Gun' / Navy 'Dark 'n' Stormy or Grog'/ Air Force; 'Blue Moon'/ Space Force: 'Cosmo' Martini? One set price: High quality liquor made the same way every time. We need a vote on Taco-Tuesday; Thumbs up? / Thumbs down? NEED VOLUNTEERS to pull it off.

**Club Manager's Corner:** Moved into the new Office. Booking new events in November. If go-ahead is given, new breakfast booking could start in November for the Rotary Club. Thank you to all who helped set up my office and moving kitchen equipment from downstairs!

**Community Service Hours:** Please report to Dave Thompson at [dc.thompson@mchsi.com](mailto: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](mailto:DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com)

**Thoughts and Prayers.** Keep our Brother Floyd Nagler and his Family in your thoughts and prayers, his wake is being held on October 4th here in Prior Lake, with internment at Fort Snelling on the 5th at 2pm. Please contact me personally for details. I don't have the family approval to pass them publicly here.

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, October 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](http://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,

We continue to explore avenues to build veteran support, make our presence known in the community and build camaraderie. One avenue is the Auxiliary Outreach Program. This Program involves the partnering of your Auxiliary with another organization to show Auxiliary presence locally while building and strengthening ties in our community. This Program is not for donations or individual volunteerism; it involves Auxiliary members working together alongside the organization with whom you voted to partner. The point of partnership with another organization in your community is to build community ties while getting the VFW Auxiliary's name "out there" and making a positive difference in the world by helping others. If you have any ideas for organizations that could use our help, bring those ideas to our October meeting!

Auxiliary members gathered together to make "Cookies in a Jar" to sell at the Pleasant Street Art walk and also sold a hotdog/soda combo. Proceeds will go towards the Renovation Fund. You may participate in the ongoing fundraiser online and live at [GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208](http://GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208) ! We have already raised \$23,900 dollars. Please go to [GiveSendGo.com/VFWPost6208](http://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.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Club.

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**