



### Commanders Corner

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to all our members who participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing and all the other Post events throughout the past year. Your work is greatly appreciated by the communities we serve.

At the November meeting we decided to move the Christmas/New Year’s party to the spring or summer. Over the next few months the planning will begin. We would like your input into the summer get together but you need to be at our meetings to contribute.

A calendar of events for the next four months is included in this newsletter. Please take time to incorporate the information into your calendars at home.

### Community Involvement

**Lambeau Field Concessions:**The 2018-2019Lambeau Field Concession season will begin June 8, 2019 with the Paul McCartney concert. This is a great money making opportunity. While we will not be able to watch the concert we will be able to hear the music and raise funds for the post. Due to serving alcoholic beverages anyone working the registers must be at least 18 years old. We will have students working the standcooking food. If you are interested in supporting the Post you need to view the online training and complete the exam at the end of the training.

Logon at [greenbaysportservice.com](http://greenbaysportservice.com), use the password **gbnpo**; please only share this with people who will work for us at Lambeau Field. Complete the self identification portion and select Waupaca VFW Post 1037 for the group name. Some documents will need to be downloaded to review. At the bottom of the page is a link to the NPO test. Review the documents and take the 50 question test at least 72 hours before the scheduled event.

Upon arriving to Lambeau Field the first time you will need the following documents:

- 1) A copy of your test certificate
- 2) Signed workplace violence training doc
- 3) Signed policy training document
- 4) Signed volunteer waiver document

**Scholarship Status:** The Scholarship committee will be meeting soon. If you know of any student graduating from Waupaca or Iola Scandinavia High Schools please invite them to apply. Students supporting the VFW’s concession stand at Lambeau Field automatically receive a scholarship based on their community involvement and support of the Post.

### Thank you for your Participation

**Veterans in the Classroom:** Thank you to all of you who participated in the Veterans in the Classroom event at the Waupaca Middle School. Post Members who participated are: Dennis Dornfeld, Bill Flemal, Jack Klepps, Dick Morey, Ron Radloff, Marvin Waldschmidt and Darwin Werner Veterans who also supported the event are: Laura Colbert, Jesse Cuff, and Matt Keil.

Thank you, Dick Morey for making all the arrangements with the middle school.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Once again a few of our members braved some harsh Wisconsin Winter like days to ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

Auxiliary Members: MaryKay Hills, Alice Maggio, and Kathy Flemal

Post Members: Darwin Werner, Tom Thyssen, Steve Reis, Ron Radloff, Dick Morey, Rocky Maggio, Chuck Houtman, Bill Flemal, Chris Eitland, and Wayne Eisentraut.

We want to extend a special thank you to Sherry Werner for taking care of the pick-up of donations and to Harley and Haily Werner for filling in the bell ringer positions that were not filled. Also, a special



thank you to Eric Hills and Abigail Hills for their support of the bell ringing.

Again, thank you to all who took the time to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

**Lambeau Field Concessions:** As the 2018-2019 season ends we would like to recognize those members who volunteered their time.

Chris Eitland, Bill Flemal, Steve Hackett, Dick Morey, Dave Rollins, Darwin Werner

Auxiliary volunteers: Kathy Flemal, MaryKay Hills, and Sherry Werner. We would also like to recognize MaryKay for all the extra effort she puts into the Lambeau Field concession stands, we really appreciate all you do.

Thank you to the students and friends of the Post who also volunteered, your support is greatly appreciated and we will be sending money to your organization.

### Memorial Project Update

The Veterans Memorial project started prior to November 2014. Wayne Knutson, a VFW member and Waupaca County Veterans Service Office at that time, developed a plan to update the memorial plaques on the city square in downtown Waupaca with a more fitting memorial. In November, 2014 a team of VFW members presented the idea to the City. The idea, however, was put on hold by the City while completing the Waupaca Downtown Plan.

Now that the Downtown Plan is complete we have been in conversations with the City. However, after another year of negotiations we are no further along with the City.

We will start looking for properties outside of the city that would provide the area needed for a memorial and associated parking. If any member knows of someone willing to sell or donate some property for a memorial please come to an upcoming meeting to present the idea.

### Celebration of Lives

**TAPS:** Our Post Honor Guard performed a final salute for the following veterans in October and November of last year.

- SPC Lawrence Neubauer Jr     Army Vietnam
- A1C Roy Thompson             USAF Vietnam
- LCPL Rusty Harris              USMC Vietnam
- SP4 Vernon Diers                Army Vietnam
- PVT Donald Nourse              USMC SWA
- SP5 James Ostrowski          Army Vietnam
- Donald Erpenbach                Army
- SP4 Robert Draeger             Army Vietnam
- PFC Ronald Kasten                USMC Vietnam
- A1C Harold Houle                USAF Korea
- Arthur Monettferrante
- SP6 Jerome Hansen              Army Korea
- MR3 Jack Martz                  Navy Vietnam
- SP4 Gerald Geisen                Army Vietnam
- A1C Ronald Kuether              USAF Vietnam
- SPC Louis Springborg          Army Korea
- A2C Duran Buckley                USAF Vietnam
- SP3 Eugene Schoenhofen        Army
- Thomas Courtney                Army Vietnam
- SFC Patrick Minenna             Army Vietnam
- Steven Weigel                    USAF Vietnam
- PFC David Stockman             Army Korea
- EM2 Herman Hoehl Jr.          Navy Vietnam

### Free Flu Shots for Veterans

Walgreen’s and the Veterans Administration have partnered to provide no cost standard flu shots to veterans enrolled in the VA Healthcare program. The free flu shots runs through March 31, 2019. Simply go to your neighborhood Walgreen’s, tell the pharmacist that you receive care at a VA facility then show your VA Healthcare card and your photo ID. Walgreen’s will send an update of your vaccination to the VA where your immunization record will be electronically updated.



**Veterans Services Update**

In October 2018 the Veteran Affairs wartime pension program experienced a shift in the methodology for calculating assets and income to determine eligibility. Any wartime veteran, discharged in other than dishonorable character, with income below the Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR) of \$13,536 for a single veteran or \$17,724 for a married veteran may be eligible to receive a pension. It is important to note that the listed rates are gross income but you may deduct medical expenses to determine countable income.

The assets do not include the primary domicile and up to two acres on which the home sits. If you own a farm or larger parcel, the acreage beyond the two acres must be counted in the total assets. The exception would be if the parcel cannot be subdivided and sold off.

The new calculation uses a \$127,041 maximum net worth, income plus assets, standard to determine further eligibility. If a wartime veteran’s countable income is \$10,000 and the veteran has assets of \$115,000, he/she would qualify for the pension program.

Veteran’s who are housebound or need aid and attendance will have a higher maximum pension level but still must be under the net worth limit. If you feel you may qualify for this program, please contact your County Veterans Service Office.

**Upcoming Events**

- 27 Jan District 7 Meeting at Marshfield
- 1-2 Feb Department of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Conference at Baraboo

**Membership**

<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>	<u>Percent</u>
123	130	94.62%

Welcome to our new members Christopher Eitland Navy – Persian Gulf

**Member Contact Data**

To help reduce the cost of mailing, the Post would appreciate an email address for all our members who have access to email. Using email will also help us keep in contact with you while you are on vacation or migrate to warmer climates.

Every library will have internet access so if you wish to create an email address and need help please contact a Post officer. You may need to get a library card for the library in order to use their computers. See the Librarian to find out the requirements for using their computers. We will still use the U.S. Postal Service to deliver our newsletter to members without access to email so please do not feel you need to have email as a Post member.

**Happening at the Highground**

- 27 Jan – Winter Bowl Fundraiser – Rose Bowl in Marshfield
- 9 Mar – Friends of the Highground Dinner
- 16 Mar – Porch Greeters Lunch

**Newsletter Information**

If you have information for the March/April newsletter, please submit it by February 15, 2019 to the email address:

**VFWPost1037@outlook.com.**

**Unmet Needs**

If you stop at Burger King for a meal please put your change in the Unmet Needs box on the counter. Those funds go to the Department to help with veteran relief

**Social Media**

Please follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/VFW1037/](http://www.facebook.com/VFW1037/). Thank you to Gordy Meyer for managing the Facebook account.



## Auxiliary President's Corner

With the New Year comes a feeling of optimism that I hope brings success to our chapter. Success in working with veterans and their families that leads to better lives for those who have served, regardless of when or where, and their dedicated families who supported them throughout their service.

The first meeting in 2019 will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will host dinner at 6:00 pm and start our meeting at 7:00. Please feel free to invite someone to attend.

The District 7 meeting will be in Marshfield at the Eagles club on January 27. If you are interested in attending please let me know. The Department of Wisconsin's Mid-Winter conference is at the Ho-Chunk Hotel in Baraboo February 1-2. The Department and districts are open to all auxiliary members, not just the leadership. This is a great opportunity to meet people from our district and throughout the State. Attending will also give our members an appreciation for all the activities of the VFW Auxiliary.

## Disaster Relief

While we should be alert to veterans and their families' needs throughout the year the cold winter months can prove more challenging to them. The VFW Post has disaster relief funds for families who are finding it difficult to pay for heating or utilities or possibly falling behind on rent or mortgage. This is especially true for those with young children as the veteran and spouse try to balance the basic needs of the family with the need to celebrate Christmas joyously as other families celebrate with presents and family dinner. If you know of a family in need please let your Post or Auxiliary leadership know.

## Frank Brown Scholarship

The Auxiliary offers scholarships for members or family of members who are continuing their

education. The Frank N. Brown Scholarship is for a Wisconsin High School Senior or college freshman who is a direct relative to a Wisconsin veteran. **The application is due by April, 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

There is also a Frank W. Brown scholarship for veterans seeking a teaching license. The veteran must have completed one year of college and be accepted to the College or School of Education. **The deadline for applications is May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

More information for both of these scholarships is available on the Wisconsin Department website at [www.wivfwaux.org](http://www.wivfwaux.org).

## Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a person currently enrolled in a medical field and a \$750 scholarship for EMT or paramedics training that will lead to certification. The EMT/paramedic applicants may be first year students.

The application must be a military veteran or the immediate family of a veteran and could be used at either a university or technical college. For the medical scholarship the student must have completed at least one year, while the EMT/paramedic training program does not require the completion of the first year. **Applications must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

## Auxiliary and Post Banquet

We are planning on having a spring or summer banquet for a get together with the VFW Post. Due to lower hours of light, possible icy or snowy roads, and members vacationing or spending time at their winter home we have decided to move the Christmas and New Year's party to sometime this spring or possibly celebrating a theme 'Christmas in July'. We will be discussing the banquet at our January and February meetings. Those who have ideas or wish to participate in planning the banquet are asked to attend the upcoming meetings.



## Currently Serving

The following service members were referred to the Auxiliary by members or friends of members. We sent them either a Christmas package or a gift card.

1LT Alicia Dorsett 65 <sup>th</sup> Bde, 1-121 FA APO AE 09354	SGT Robert C. Benkert MWSS 372 Det A Unit 89065 Box 11 FPO AP 96610-6500
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LCPL Sarah A. Benkert HMLA 267 Unit 89025 Box 26 FPO AP 96610-6500	SPC Eugene Pliska B Co. 2-127 IN MOB 1011 Chaffee Rd Fort Bliss, TX 79916
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SPC Travis Blank B Co. 2-127 IN MOB 1011 Chaffee Rd Fort Bliss, TX 79916	SPC Thomas Utecht B Co. 2-127 IN MOB 1011 Chaffee Rd Fort Bliss, TX 79916
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If you know of anyone serving in the military please let us know. We will add them to our newsletter distribution. A special thank you to Pat Radloff for taking the reins of this project and getting the care packages shipped to those serving.

## Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen

Again this year we did not have any participants from the local community submitting an entry into the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen competition. This program provides a great opportunity for local school aged children to receive scholarships.

## Young American Patriotic Art Contest

The Young American Patriotic Art contest is for high school students in grades 9-12. The maximum age is 18 years old at the time of submission of the art.

There are two categories of art. The first is 2D art that must be on a canvas. The second is 3D art that covers paper mache, pottery, metal work, etc...

**All art projects are due to the Auxiliary by March 31<sup>st</sup>.** During the next couple of months we will

discuss the submission process for the artwork. More will be published in the next newsletter.

There are restrictions on size and weight of submissions. Interested participants should check out the Auxiliary's website for more information at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

## Continuing Education Scholarship

The Auxiliary offers a continuing education scholarship to a family member of a VFW Auxiliary member. The family member must be in the immediate family (spouse, child or the Auxiliary member), extended family members are not eligible.

**The final date of application is February 15<sup>th</sup>.** Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one for each national conference conducted by the VFW Auxiliary. Applicants must fill out an application and provide a 300 word essay on their commitment to their goals and how the scholarship will help them. More information is available on the scholarship at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

## Veterans Voices Writing Project

The purpose of Veterans Voices is to allow military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through writing. The intent is to have veterans reflect on their service and write a prose article or poem then submit it to be published. The 64 page magazine is published three times a year. If you know of a veteran with a story please consider lending him or her any support needed to write about the experience.

## Draping of the Charter

The following Auxiliary members passed away in October or November 2018.

Betty Anderson  
Marion Goodacre (Life Member)  
Shirley Johnson



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January/February 2019

January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 Post Meeting Social: 1700 Dinner: 1800 Meeting: 1900	8	9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Operation Desert Storm begins 1991	18 MOC Testimony Monroe	19 MOC Testimony Monroe
20	21 Martin Luther King Birthday Observed	22	23	24	25	26
27 District 7 Meeting in Marshfield  Signing Vietnam Peace Accord 1973	28	29	30 TET Offensive Launched 1968	31 Panama Campaign Ended 1990		

February 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mid Winter Conference Ho Chunk Hotel Baraboo  National Freedom Day	2 Mid Winter Conference Ho Chunk Hotel Baraboo  Groundhogs Day
3 Super Bowl	4 Post Meeting Social: 1700 Dinner: 1800 Meeting: 1900	5	6	7	8	9 USMC Captures Guadalcanal 1943
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday  Darwin Day	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 USS Maine blown up in 1898	16
17	18 Presidents Day Wis. VFW News Articles due to Editor	19 Iwo Jima invaded 1945  Wisconsin Spring Primary Election	20	21	22	23 USMC raise flag on Mt. Suribachi  Desert Storm Offensive begins 1991
24	25	26	27	28		



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					1	2 Battle of Bismarck Sea begins 1943
3 Star Spangled Banner made National Anthem 1931	4 Post Meeting Social: 1700 Dinner: 1800 Meeting: 1900	5	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10 Day Lights Saving Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's	18	19 Iraq war begins 2003	20 Spring Begins	21 Waupaca County Veterans Coalition meeting – Courthouse 2-3 pm	22	23
24 Kosovo Operation begins 1999	25	26	27	28	29 Last American forces leave Vietnam 1975	30
31 Somalia Operation ends 1995						

## April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Post Meeting Social: 1700 Dinner: 1800 Meeting: 1900 Invasion of Okinawa begins 1945	2 Wisconsin Spring Election	3 Coast Guard established 1790	4	5	6 Army Day
7	8	9 Fall of Bataan, Start of Bataan Death March 1942	10	11 Persian Gulf cease fire 1991	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17	18 Holy Thursday	19 Good Friday	20 US Declares war on Spain 1898
21 EASTER	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Fall of Saigon, End of Vietnam War 1975 Post Audit Due				