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## Commanders Column

Greetings Veterans:

The Holidays are fast approaching. Where did the year go? Stay safe and enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends. And remember to keep our Veterans in your Prayers and take time to visit with them, send a card or give them a call. Holidays are so special, make it special for our Veterans too.

Veterans Day falls on a Saturday this year so we will have our Veterans Dinner on Sunday, November 5th, Social 4:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

We will also recognize Past Commanders/Auxiliary Presidents and Membership.

We will be starting in November to play Bingo every Sunday from 1:30 until ? Food will be available. Check our website for more information.

November 10th we will be at the Blaine High School for the Veterans program.

The Kid's Christmas Party is December 3rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available after the November 7th Post and Auxiliary meeting and then in the bar area.

Check out our website for updates on events.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone. God Bless You and stay safe.

Commander Randy Monson



November 5th - Daylight Savings Time ends.  
Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



THE POST WILL CLOSE AT 4:00 p.m.  
on DECEMBER 24th

THE POST IS CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Greetings VFW Auxiliary Members!

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Hello everyone. We started Fall with holding the District meeting on September 9th at our Post. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a great success. Fall Conference was September 22nd and 23rd in Rochester. Our workshops for the programs was once again informative and well attended by the Auxiliaries. I attended many of the workshops, including Hospital and Auxiliary Outreach. Auxiliary Outreach is all about volunteering with another organization within our community. Others can recognize our organization and understand our purpose. Serving our communities and Our Veterans. If you have any projects you would like for us to do, join us for our meetings and bring them to our membership. The hospital meeting consisted of our Representatives from the facilities within Minnesota, including the three new homes, and Fargo, and Sioux Falls VA Medical Centers. One of the topics discussed was the Hospital Meeting at Midwinter for everyone to attend. The plans are to bring that meeting back in 2025 at Midwinter.

We had our Bake Sale, September 15th, and it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who continues to Bake and volunteer. Six Auxiliary Members assisted the Residents with Bingo at Park River and Benedictine Nursing Home. In October the Post sponsored Bingo at the Minneapolis Veterans Home however due to a rise in Covid we were unable to assist the Staff. Thank you Comrades for sponsoring bingo. We hope to be able to join the Home in December for Bingo. On November 16th we will be having approximately 20-25 Veterans and Staff from Minneapolis Veterans Home to the Post home for an old fashion Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteers needed to assist with the Veterans.

November 5th will be our Veterans Day, Membership, and the recognition of Past Commanders and Presidents Dinner. We hope to see many of you there. Contact Mary Lou, 763-434-6580, for a reservation as we need a count for the planning of the food. Thank you. November 11th is Veteran's Day. Remember to thank your special Veteran and all of our Veterans for their service. December 3rd is our Childrens Christmas Party

at the Post. Mark your calendars as it is a wonderful day for them. Of course Santa Claus will be there to hear all the wants of the Children.

Remember to check your CALENDARS for all upcoming events for the Post and Auxiliary. Volunteers are always needed at the different facilities for Bingo with the residents and all the events at the Post. Always something for everyone to enjoy and volunteer for. Thank you for all you do for the Veterans and their families.

If you know of someone who is ill or lost a loved one please contact Chaplain Andrea Wildenberg, 612-481-3180 or President Doris Anderson, 763-370-4664.

To those who have been ill we wish you a speedy recovery and to those who lost a loved one, our prayers and sympathies are with you and your family.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Doris Anderson  
President



Sgt. John Rice hosts 7th district meeting 9/9/2023



Mary Lou Michels (our resident poppy queen) gets first place for her display at 7th district meeting!!!

## VFW Auxiliary Membership

We welcome new members Nancy Waugh, Mindee Peterson and Ann Herrin. Dues notices were sent out and as of this writing, only one annual member needs to pay and we will be 100%. Check out the list of members who are due pins at our Veterans Dinner.

Mary Lou Michels, Sr. Vice Auxiliary President and Membership Chairman

### VFW Post Membership

#### 10 year pin

James Holder

#### 15 year pin

Richard Bair  
Amanda Bauer  
John Bernier  
Thomas Gooden  
Amy Houde  
Donald Koran  
William Martin  
Joshua Riviere

#### 20 year pin

Daniel Bullock  
Richard Casper  
Nicholas Hockert  
Wayne Holmberg  
Roger Johnson  
Rodney Kannianen  
Stephen Nelson  
Eugene O'Neill  
David Regal  
John Troup

#### 25 year pin

John Anderson  
William Currie III  
Gary Exley  
Craig Marlow  
Thomas Nelson  
  
**30 year pin**  
Bryon Eilertson  
Gerald Newton  
James Star  
Merlyn Strand  
David Weidma

#### 35 year pin

Glen Poppler  
Jerald Valento  
  
**40 year pin**  
James Maass  
Joe Morgan  
  
**45 year pin**  
Fred Esch

#### 50 year pin

Denis Buschmann  
Ronald Chovan  
Ronald Herker'  
  
**55 year pin**  
Melvin Weber

### VFW Auxiliary Membership

#### 5 year pin

Linda Lambert Bird  
Mark Boda

#### 10 year pin

Sharon Bormet  
Mary Hoffman  
Shelley Solheid  
Laurel Malark  
Joyce Pierret

#### 15 year pin

Diane Hubers

#### 20 year pin

Sheryl Renstrom

#### 25 year pin

Lou Ann Cameron  
Marcy Cameron  
Marjory Gibson  
Tanya Goodroad  
Tina Klein  
Lynn Peterson

#### 30 year pin

Julie Anderson  
Sharon Burger  
Robert Reimer

#### 35 year pin

Deanne Henke  
Jeanne Kinsel  
Marion Rohrbach  
Dorothy Star  
Nicolle Thomas  
Betty Henrikson  
Ardis Marquardt  
Dawn Zeiher

#### 40 year pin

Jeanette Borders  
El Jean Glomski  
Jane Morgan  
Jacqueline Troup  
Sandra Winther  
Mary Vogt

#### 45 year pin

Cynthia Femling  
Diane Frank  
Karen Jones  
Susan Roddy

#### 50 year pin

Sharon Reineke

#### 55 year pin

Dorothy O'Connar

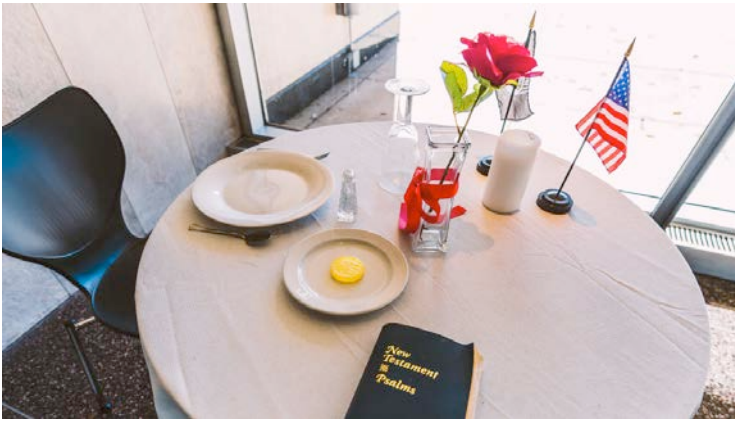
## QUILTS OF VALOR

Five Veterans received their Quilt of Valor on October 14th, 2023 at the Blaine Veterans Park. Presenter was Janet Knafla from the Anoka Chapter Grateful Hearts Quilters. To date over 370,000 Quilts have been presented across the United States.

Pictured left to right are Jim Rosberg Navy 1974 - 1980, 1993 to 2008. Steve Nascene Army 1970 - 1972, Larry Overby Marines 2012 - 2020, Ron Waugh Navy 1969 - 1971, and Patrick Gilbert Army 1998 - 2021. Thank you for your service. If you would like to nominate a Veteran, please call Mary Lou at 763-434-6580.



# MISSING MAN TABLE



A missing man table, also known as a fallen comrade table is a ceremony and memorial that is set up in military dining facilities of the United States Armed Forces and during official dining functions, in honor of fallen, missing or imprisoned military service members. The table serves as the focal point of ceremonial remembrance, originally growing out of US concern of the Vietnam War POW/ MIA issue.

The missing man table may be a permanent display in dining facilities, and is also traditionally part of military dining-in ceremonies and service balls. The ceremony may also be performed in conjunction with Veterans Day and Memorial Day services.

The missing man table consists of the following elements:

A small table set for one, symbolizing the isolation of the absent service member. The table is usually set close to, or within sight of, the entrance to the dining room. For large events, the missing man table may be set for six places representing each of the five armed services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard), with the sixth symbolizing the civilians who died during armed conflict. The table is round to represent the everlasting concern the survivors have for the missing.

One or more head covers may be placed upon the table to represent the armed service of the missing persons.

A white tablecloth to symbolize the pure intentions of the service members who responded to the country's call to arms.

A single rose in the vase symbolizing the blood that service members have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America. This rose also represents the family and friends who keep the faith while awaiting the return of the missing service members.

The red ribbon represents a love of country that inspired the service members to serve the country.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate that represents the bitter fate of the missing.

Salt sprinkled on the bread plate that symbolizes the tears shed by waiting families.

An inverted glass to represent the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake.

A lit candle symbolizes a light of hope that lives in hearts to illuminate the missings way home.

An empty chair to represent the absence of the missing and fallen.

The elements are tradition, not prescribed. Private displays by individuals or groups will often include a Bible.



## GAMBLING CORNER

**Paper and Electronic Pull-tabs** daily 11 am – 15 minutes before bar posted closing time.

**Meat Raffle:** Monday through Thursday at 5:30 PM Friday at 5 PM & Saturday at 3 PM

Video Horse Racing and Tip Boards to follow Fri & Sat

**Report Card from the Gambling Control Board:**

VFW Post 6316 Blaine License Number: 01298				ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT - 2023		Star Rating: ★★★★★	
<b>Calculation of Net Receipts</b>		<b>% of Gross Receipts</b>		<b>% Spent Lawful Purpose</b>			
Gross Receipts	\$6,963,001	100%		50% or more	0 star		
Prizes Paid	\$6,024,372	86.24%		40% or more	4 star		
Net Receipts	\$938,628	13.46%		30% or more	3 star		
				20% or more	2 star		
				10% or more	1 star		
<b>Calculation of Net Profit (net receipts less expenses)</b>		<b>% of Net Receipts</b>		<b>Calculation of Lawful Purpose Expenditures</b>			
Allowable Expenses	\$470,324	50.21%		Charitable Expenditures <sup>1</sup>	\$62,122	6.83%	
Net Profit	\$468,304	49.79%		Other Lawful Purposes <sup>2</sup>	\$98,401	10.50%	
				Taxes and Fees <sup>3</sup>	\$356,456	38.06%	
				<b>Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$514,979</b>	<b>55.19%</b>	
				<b>Lawful Purpose Category</b>			
				to and by 501(c)(3) organizations or 501(c)(4) federal organizations	1	\$38,880	
				scholarships	5	\$1,000	
				recognition of military service	6	\$16,165	
				youth activities	7	\$6,357	
				state, federal, and local gambling taxes, regulatory fees, and unrelated business income taxes	8	\$356,456	
				real estate taxes on owned gambling premises	9	\$16,238	
				use of government	10	\$600	
				utilities for owned veterans or fraternal building used as primary headquarters	16	\$31,585	
				membership events for licensed veterans organizations	17	\$391	
				recognizing humanitarian service	19	\$1,000	
				repair, maintenance, or improvement of real property or capital assets	22	\$34,378	
				acquisition or improvement of real property used exclusively for lawful purpose	24	\$13,609	



**SUNDAY @ 1:30 PM MATINEE BAR BINGO**

- \$99 payout games 1-5 & 7-11 - game 6 = \$125 cover-all
- Game 12 coverall starting \$300 @ 50 with \$100 scheduled weekly increases capped at \$1200
- (Must playing game 7 – 11 to qualify for coverall.)
- November 12, 19, & 26 & December 10 & 17 @ 1:30pm

**TURKEY BINGO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH @ 6:30PM**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me and let's talk. 763-710-4630 or vfw6316@hotmail.com Respectfully - Nick



Veterans Park in Blaine is now the home of our own Freedom Rock #6. Ray (Bubba) Sorensen ii has one in each county in Iowa and currently is working on Minnesota. I was fortunate enough to get a picture of Him in action on 9/11/2023. A beautiful tribute to our veterans.

Joyce Pierret  
Americanism Chairperson



## VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American Veterans of all wars.

In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in WWI, then known as "the Great War".

Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of WWII and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Thank our Veterans who served or are serving their Country honorably during war or peacetime. It is because of our Veterans that we have FREEDOM.



## BLOOD DRIVES

At our October 17th Blood Drive the American Red Cross collected 29 units of Blood. THANK YOU to the dedicated donors and to our volunteers.

Our next Blood Drive is December 19th from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

It takes about an hour to donate blood. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Give the Gift of Life, Donate Blood.



Mary Lou Michels, Blood Drive Coordinator



## POW/MIA BURIAL UPDATES

The defense POW/MIA accounting agency announced 24 burial updates of service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors. From 9/11 - 10/9 2023.

Joyce Pierret  
POW/MIA Chairperson

## CANCER GRANTS

We have cancer grant forms for any member who is in need. Call me at 763-434-6580 and I will mail you a form. All the information is private between you and your doctor.



## DECORATE THE BIG HALL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

November 26th at 1:00 p.m. we will be decorating the big hall for the Christmas Holiday. Lots of hands will make the job go faster.



## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 3rd is the Children's Christmas Party from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available after the November 7th Post and Auxiliary meeting and then in the bar area. Tickets will be available until November 15th. You need a ticket to attend.



## MEDTRONIC HONORING OUR HEROES DECEMBER 11TH

On December 11th Medtronic is Honoring Our Heroes. We have submitted names of Veterans.



## BAKE SALES

November 17th is our next bake sale. Just in time for Thanksgiving. Pick up some of your favorite treats.

December 15th is our Holiday bake sale. Lots of Goodies will be available.



## SEWING COMMITTEE

Our group meets every Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 at the Post. We need volunteers to cut out pieces and to tie quilts. We have been busy making shawls, Cathy caps, lap robes, quilts, lap robes, etc. We are also making tray favors for the Veterans. If you would like to help and if you have questions, call Marge at 763-757-7129.



## COFFEE WITH OUR VETERANS

Mark your calendar for the second Monday of the month. Veterans are invited to come for coffee and dessert and a time to visit with other Veterans.



## SAVE SAVE SAVE

Please continue saving Pop tabs, eye glasses, canceled, tattered flags. We have places for everything.



## POW/MIA PRAYER

Heavenly Father, hold our troops in your loving hands,  
Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts  
they perform for us in this, our time of need.

These things I humbly ask in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Lord, we ask that you comfort and protect our fellow  
Americans, both missing and held captive.

In your Divine way let them know that they are not  
forgotten.

Amen

Joyce Pierret  
POW/MIA Chairperson



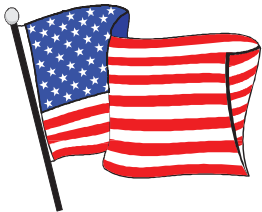
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## SGT. JOHN RICE VFW





**SGT. JOHN R. RICE**  
**US Army World War II - Korea**  
**Killed in Action Tabu-Dong, Korea on 6 September 1950**

*A career soldier who gave his life for his country.  
Denied burial in Sioux City, Iowa, because of his race.  
Through the intercession of President Truman,  
Sergeant John Rice was buried with honors at  
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.*

