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Commanders Column

Greetings Comrades;

Hope all of you are doing well. We are moving into fall and soon enough the snow will be falling, please take caution as the weather can be unpredictable.

As you know our Post made ALL- AMERICAN. It is truly an honor for this Post to be recognized at the District, State and National level. It is my Intent that we continue to make ALL-AMERICAN again this year. Thank you to all who helped make this happen, let's do it again!!!

Unfortunately we have lost a few members over the last year and those shoes will be hard to fill. Membership is the cornerstone of the VFW. It is important for all of us to Recruit new members, let's all do our part.

On November 9th, we will have our Veterans dinner and will recognize membership, 4:00 Social, 5:00 Dinner. A signup sheet will be posted in the club, please get your name on the list as we need to know how many we need to serve. I hope to see you all there.

November 11th is VETERANS DAY! There will be a VETERANS program from 2-4 pm. At the VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK in Blaine, and our COLOR GUARD will be out in our community that day as well.

Our annual children's Christmas event will be held on December 7th. Tickets for the event will be available November 3rd following the membership meeting. Tickets will NOT be available the day of the event so get your tickets early. A big thank you to our Auxiliary for everything you do.

As winter approaches please continue to check on your neighbors and our friends who need assistance. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

Take care and be safe,
Corky A. Olson
Commander



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour and enjoy a little extra precious sleep.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day is a national Holiday - President Abraham Lincoln declared it in 1863 - celebrated the fourth Thursday in November. It's a celebration spending time with family giving thanks, feasting on the traditional Thanksgiving meal, turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and, of course pumpkin pie AND watching the football games.

With respect to travel, the Holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another.

REMEMBER our Veterans. Take time for a visit, send a card, call. The Veterans will appreciate anything you do for them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Enjoy the beautiful Holiday with your family and friends. Remember our Veterans during the busy Holiday Season. A card is great, a visit is really special, a phone call is welcomed.



Blaine VFW Baseball Banquet

Greetings VFW Auxiliary Members!

Hello Sisters, Brothers, and Comrades,

Welcome to Fall, hope everyone had a great summer with family and friends. September means closing of cabins, lots of yard work, back to school for our Children and Grandchildren, and back to our regular activities for the Auxiliary.

Commander Corkie and the VFW had the great honor of receiving their **ALL AMERICAN HAT** at the September meeting. Congratulations Commander Corkie, VFW members, and Auxiliary for working together making Sgt. John Rice an outstanding Post. Thank you

September's 19th bake sale we took in approximately \$350. Thank you to all the Bakers for the goodies. The **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/ PATRIOTS PEN** contests information has been given to the schools with a deadline date to the Post of October 31st. We are looking forward to hearing and reading the essays of our Students. September 19th following the bake sale, Americanism Chairman Joyce Peirrot presented a wonderful program remembering those men and women held as **PRISONERS OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION** of all Conflicts and Wars. Due to Fall Conference some of us were unable to attend and look forward to attending the ceremony next year. Thank you Joyce. We donated neck and heart pillows, quilts, and 19 pairs of diabetic socks to the Mpls. Veterans home. We played bingo with the residents of Park River and Benedictine nursing homes and served one funeral luncheon. Assisted the VFW with a spaghetti dinner for the softball team they sponsor all summer.

October started with the inspection of the Auxiliary by 7th District President, Peg Snoke. All is good and ready for the year. We Draped the Charter for Past Auxiliary President, Gladys Broker. October 13th we played bingo at the Mpls. Veterans Home sponsored by our very own VFW, Sgt. John Rice. We play bingo every other month and Volunteers are always needed. Assisted serving the VFW with a spaghetti dinner. Served 4 funeral lunches, had Coffee for our Veterans, played bingo with the residents of Park River and Benedictine nursing homes. Our sewers made tray favors for our Veterans at the

Mpls. Veterans Home as they also are busy making quilts, neck pillows and heart pillows for 12 Veterans facilities throughout our state. Volunteers are always needed as they meet every Thursday from 1 to 4 at the Post. October 25th we attended District meeting in Hopkins. Blood Drive the 14th Bake Sale 17th.

November 9th is our Veterans, Membership Dinner and December 7th is the Childrens Christmas party. Contact Mary Lou, 763- 434-6580, if attending. Volunteers needed for decorating and cleaning up for both events.

Check your Auxiliary calendar for all upcoming events. Volunteers are welcome.

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

Happy Holidays to all

Doris Anderson, Auxiliary President

Membership

Our sympathies to the family of Gladys Broker, a lifetime Auxiliary member, who passed away recently and to Auxiliary member, Carolyn Puttin, on the loss of her significant other.

Notices were sent to our annual members and thank you for your quick responses, we only have two more dues to collect and then we will be 100% in membership. We are offering \$50.00 off when you transfer to a life membership. A great offer!

We welcome new members. If you know of anyone who would like to join our Auxiliary and they qualify, let us know and we will send out an application.

Mary Lou Michels, Membership Chairman



Auxiliary Membership Pins

5 years	Anita Anderson Shirley Hawkins Willie Roddy	30 years	Roberta Dalbec
15 years	Heidi Collins Rachel Roddy	35 years	Megan Arko Valerie Stephens
25 years	Cindy Friske	45 years	Linda Eiler
		55 years	Jeanette Almgren

Member Anniversary Recognition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6316 is proud to recognize and celebrate the dedication of our members who continue to uphold the mission, values, and camaraderie of the VFW. Your years of commitment demonstrate true patriotism and unwavering support for veterans, their families, and our community. Thank you for all you do in service to others and for helping to keep the spirit of the VFW strong.

5 Years	Jessie B. Davies	30 Years	Kevin W. Fordyce Dean V. Johnson Thomas G. Ryan Aldeen B. Underland
10 Years	Stanley N. Deden Donald J. Fineran David M. Moga Erin B. Moga Jenny T. Wright	35 Years	James E. Berg Harley W. Hedy Rolland D. Olson Jason A. Rydh Wayne B. Sorenson Christopher J. Wiener
15 Years	Jami L. Eiler Anthony J. Koehler Michael E. Rudolph	40 Years	Dennis C. Jensen
20 Years	Audrey M. Benny Jason E. Johnson Keith R. Lian Ronnie L. Miller Gary F. Wildung Jason K. Wright	45 Years	Vincent W. Gysbers Ronald R. Horman
25 Years	Larry C. De Smith James E. King Marc L. Klein Richard J. Maday Eusebus T. Parker Ryan R. Woodman	50 Years	Daniel J. Cullen
		55 Years	Joseph B. Jetland Jr. William L. Kocur Richard J. Wiener
		60 Years	Ronald M. Frank Charles J. Krantz Michael D. Strout

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of these members for their loyalty, dedication, and service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and our community. Your commitment ensures that the values we fought for continue to live on in the generations that follow.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The National Illustrating America Art Contest is a program for students (including K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 and home-schooled students). They submit original two dimensional pieces of artwork by March 31st to the Auxiliary. Entry forms and rule sheets are available from the Auxiliary. If you have a student or students who might be interested, please contact me.

The Auxiliary is donating books to daycares and schools as part of the Patriotism through Literacy Program. So far, we have donated 11 books to three schools/daycares. There is a list of suggested books from the National HQ that we purchase from. If you know of any schools or daycares which might be interested in receiving a book, let us know.

Many activities you do with young people can be considered youth activities. Please let us know what you are doing so that we can report it and help both the Post and Auxiliary receive credit for all of your good work.

Karen Jones, Youth Activities Chairman



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Sunday, November 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., we will be decorating the big hall for the Holidays. Many hands are needed. This is a Post and Auxiliary function. The Post is always so wonderful with bringing in the many totes that contain the decorations. AND when we are done, it looks so lovely and festive.



VETERANS DAY DINNER

NOVEMBER 9th, 2025, join us at the Post as we Honor our Veterans with a dinner. We will also recognize Membership and our Past Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents.

SOCIAL 4:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00

WE NEED YOUR RESERVATIONS BY November 5th. Call 763-434-6580 OR you can sign up at the pull-tab area.

Check the list of Post members and Auxiliary members and see if you are due a pin

QUILTS OF VALOR

On September 6th, 16 Veterans received their Quilt of Valor at the Blaine Veterans Memorial Park. Presenters from the Chapter Grateful Hearts Quilters of Anoka were Renee, Sandy and Larry, and Sandy. To date more than 422,000 Quilts of Valor have been presented throughout the United States. To nominate a Veteran, please call 763-434-6580 with the Veterans name and phone number.

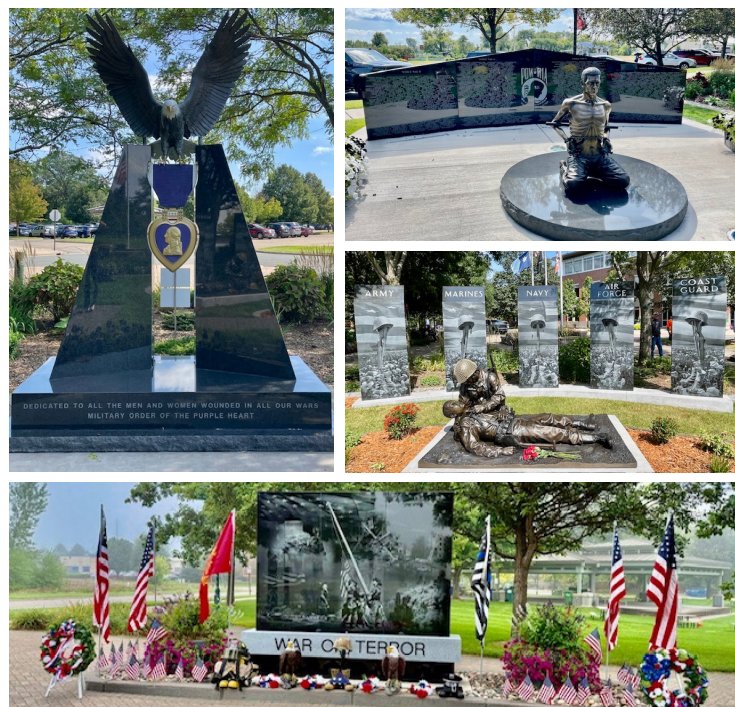
Receiving their Quilt of Valor (in no particular order) are the following Veterans: David Seifert Air Force, Edward Slavick Army, Mike Jaszczak Navy, Cheryl Purkat Coast Guard, Peter Davis Air Force, Elizabeth Davis Army National Guard, Ron Hammon Army, Adry Huemann Navy, Richard Azuero Air Force, Ken Zepeda Army, Dan Britt Army, Diane Budnick Army, Luther Martinson Navy, Wesley Meade Army, Stephen Slack Army National Guard, Michael Frankki Army.

THANK YOU for your service.



VETERANS PARK

Wonderful Veterans Park Additions - Must See !!!!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7th, 2025. The Party is from 1:00 - 3:00.

You must have a ticket to attend. There will be food, games, and of course, a visit with Santa. Tickets will be available after the November 4th Post and Auxiliary meeting and then in the bar area until November 18th. We need time to shop for the gifts and wrap everything. PLEASE, NO late requests as the gifts are purchased for the appropriate age group.

CHRISTMAS TREES TRIVIA AND FACTS

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas Tree tradition. The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree in New York City dates back to the Depression era, with the first tree placed in 1931. The tallest tree displayed at the center arrived in 1999. It was a Norway Spruce measuring 100 feet tall and it came from Killingworth, Connecticut.

Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.

In 1979, the National Christmas tree was not lit except for the top ornament, this was done in honor of the American hostages in Iran.

The 14th President, Franklin Pierce, is often credited with bringing the Christmas Tree tradition to the White House in the early 1850's.

In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge, started the National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony now being held every year on the White House lawn.

Christmas trees generally take 6 to 8 years to mature.

98% of all natural Christmas Trees are grown on farms.

In 1963, the National Christmas Tree was not lit until December 22nd because of a national 30-day period of mourning following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

President Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas Tree from the White House, possibly for environmental reasons. BUT his young son snuck a tree into the White House anyway.

WWI was a brutal slog BUT on Christmas Eve 1914, something remarkable happened: British and German troops stopped fighting, and came together to share Holiday cheer.

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

WWI - known at the time as "the Great War" officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, November 11th, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11th, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11th not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention to the important purpose of Veterans Day: A Celebration to Honor American Veterans for their patriotism, Love of Country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

On November 1919, President Wilson, proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the Country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor Veterans of WWI.

In 1954, after WWII had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen in the Nation's history: after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the Veterans service organizations amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans". With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11th, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the majority of state legislatures, all major Veterans service organizations and the American people

BLOOD DRIVES

At our October 14th Blood Drive, the American Red Cross collected 30 units of blood. THANK YOU to our dedicated donors and to our volunteers. Our next Blood Drive will be December 16th from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.



SEWING

The sewing committee turned in 20 Cathy caps, 4 walker bags and 14 quilts. The committee meets every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 and work on projects.

A special thank you to Norman A. who donated lots of material and sewing supplies.

If you have questions, call JoAnn at 763-757-2471



SGT. JOHN RICE VFW POST 6316 EARNS ALL AMERICAN STATUS

SGT. JOHN RICE VFW POST 6316 - ALL AMERICAN POST - Post Commander Corky Olson & Auxiliary President Doris Anderson

Signifies Achieving Excellence in Membership growth of 101% and program participation. Recognizing the post as one of the top performers nationally. It demonstrates strong leadership, dedication and community involvement. "Commitment to the VFW's mission". Post and Auxiliary combined.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!!!



POW/MIA RECOGNITION EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 19TH

First Annual Recognition Day Balloon Release - Numbers of Still Missing Soldiers - WWII - 72,000 - Korea - 7,500 - Vietnam- 1,500. A Big Thank You to Fred from Dollar Tree for donating the balloons.



CANCER GRANTS

We have cancer grants available for an Auxiliary member who is in need. Call 763-434-6580 and a form will be mailed out to you. All the information is between you and your doctor.

SAVE, SAVE, SAVE

We continue to collect cancelled stamps, pop tabs, eyeglasses and hearing aids, tattered flags. Just bring the items to the Post and we will take care of it.

POW/MIA UPDATE

14 IDENTIFICATIONS
19 BURIALS
From WWII, Korea & Vietnam

Joyce Pierret,
POW/MIA Chairperson



POW/MIA PRAYER

Father, your own son was a prisoner, condemned,
He died for us.

To bring us the gift of Life Everlasting.

Comfort us now in our longing for the return

Of the Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.

Help us, Father, Inspire us to remove the obstacles.

Give courage to those who know the truth to speak out.

Grant Wisdom to the negotiators and
Compassion to the jailors.

Inspire the media to speak out
as loudly as they have in the past.

Protect those who seek in secret
and help them to succeed.

Show us the tools to do your will.
Guard and bless those in captivity,

Their families, and those who work for their release.

Let them come home soon.

Thank You Father, AMEN.

Joyce Pierret, POW/MIA Chairperson

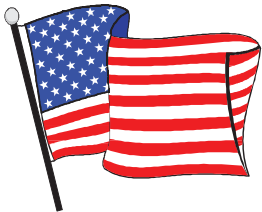
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SGT. JOHN R. RICE
US Army World War II - Korea
Killed in Action Tabu-Dong, Korea on 6 September 1950

*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.*

