

THE MESSENGER



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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Though our post home closes for remodeling until mid August, such adversity arises with opportunities. Post Auxiliary officers & members are available to attend functions , including conventions, conferences, rallies, reunions & good old-fashion, coffee clutches.

Resource materials can be brought about State, federal, corporate & private benefit opportunities targeted for Veterans & their loved ones. Often each of these entities is evolving - which provides challenge to interpret.

If Claims are considered, please bring VA ,military & medical information as appropriate. For any new Post & Auxiliary members being recruited, please bring DD214.

We make the commitment to help you for lifetime, which includes keeping us alive! Our national slogan, "No one Does more For Veterans," is a way of life !

BREAKFAST Eau Claire SCHEDULE
(informal /attendance encouraged)

MAY & JUNE 8-10am.

MONDAYS —Mom's Kitchen,

3035 N Hastings Way

TUESDAYS — Maple Manor,

2 507 S Hastings Way

WEDNESDAYS— Chickadees,

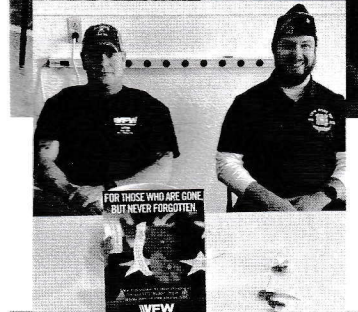
1928 3rd St

THURSDAYS—VFW 7232,

2900 W Folsom

FRIDAYS — Festival Foods,- West

POPPY REPORT



We held our annual Poppy distribution and many people generously donated. Many veterans and auxiliary turned out to help. Pictured are just a few of the 16 volunteers, THANK YOU!



BIG, BIG AUCTION FUNDRAISER!
SEE NEWSLETTER INSERT

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE

www.facebook.com/vfwpost305

www.VFWPost305.com

AUXILIARY COMMENTS

The month of May has many opportunities to show support for our military. May, marked officially as Military Appreciation Month, is a special month for both those in and out of the military.

Friday, May 12th, 2023 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day, a holiday honoring husbands, wives and partners of service members. This annual event occurs each May on the Friday before Mother's Day and was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

I did not grow up in a Military home, but my grandchildren did. It is this younger generation of Veterans I can personally relate too when I organize/encourage family themed events. I think of the holidays and birthdays my sons missed out on while deployed overseas. My daughter in laws left to "hold down the fort".

Poppy Day was a great opportunity for outreach and be visible in the community and to let others know we, the Auxiliary are here to support the veterans/military.

We have the opportunity to remember the fallen and raise money during the Saturday, May 27th/ Memorial Day weekend wrestling event at Chi- HI school. Five volunteers are needed for the concession stand and 50/50 raffle. The wrestlers have volunteered to run through the bleachers to help us sell raffle tickets. Wrestling fans wearing patriotic attire to the event could win a prize.

Toppers pizza is donating pizza and we will make the the proceeds from it. Please contact me if you could help us out and sign up for a 2 hour shift, this is sure to be an opportunity for outreach.

Shrimp for Soldiers fundraiser location and dates are booked for the rest of the year. Mark your calendar for July 26, Sept 6, and Nov 8 from 3-5pm. The location will be in Army/Navy Surplus Store 1518 S. Hastings Way, Eau Claire. The owners are graciously supporting us by allowing the Shrimp truck to be parked in their corner lot.

Because of the Post 305 remodeling construction, we will plan on having the Auxiliary meeting at Brickhouse Pub and Grub (2233 Birch St. Eau Claire). We will meet at

5:30pm (just prior to the VFW meeting, that way we can also attend the VFW meeting and vice versa.

I close with, we are here to improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families, and our communities.

God Bless America
and may God Bless our Military

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REMODEL PROJECT NEWS

The big news is the Post remodeling project. It is underway, and we don't expect to reopen until at least mid-August. Here are before and after photos of one of the first days:



Proudly serving the public and members!



V.F.W. POST 305
1300 Starr Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715-552-8438

Our commander and the members of Post 305, welcomes the comrades of V.F.W., fellow veterans, family, and friends to come visit and experience what we have to offer.

ELECTIONS

In April, elections were held. Dave Zien was elected for a second term as Commander; Larry Motzer – Sr Vice Commander; Jr Vice Commander; Bruce Fredrickson – Chaplain; Kevin Bertetto – Quartermaster; and Duane Steinhauer as the newest trustee. At the May meeting we will install the officers, along with the new auxiliary officers, even though they don't take over until July 1st.

NEWSLETTER INFO

I want to start using email for those who are okay receiving it. I have a list from your VFW applications. I will be sending a "test" message. When you receive it do nothing if you want email newsletters, and answer me if you do not! If you do not get my test, either the email I have for you is wrong or I never did have one. You can send me an email anytime to get added. cmrudesill@gmail.com

The Club was recently nominated in Volume One as "Best of the Chippewa Valley" in 11 categories.



VFW POST 305 OFFERS "DISCOUNTS" FOR EVERY ELIGIBLE VETERAN

CURRENT VFW FEES	VIETNAM VETS \$150 Savings	ALL OTHER QUALIFIED VETS 50% OFF
THROUGH AGE 30	\$425	\$212
31 - 40	\$410	\$205
41 - 50	\$375	\$187
51 - 60	\$335	\$185
61 - 70	\$290	\$140
71 - 80	\$225	\$ 75
80 and Over	\$170	FREE

"ALL" QUALIFIED VETERANS OVER 80 YEARS OLD ARE FREE

ALL DISABLED Minimum Discount of 50% + Difference of Disability Rating over 50%

EXAMPLE: 30 years old with 75% rating

\$425

- 75%

\$106.25 Total Cost

Must prove Disability Rating

No other veteran organization offers these kinds of discounts to the veterans. Please consider joining our post. No one does more for veterans.

For more information or reservation of your special event in our banquet hall or pavilion please call 715-552-8438

"PERMANENT" ADDRESS CHANGES PLEASE SUBMIT "ALL" ADDRESS CHANGES TO:

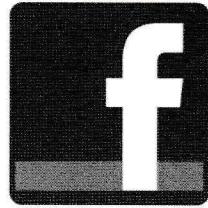
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REGULAR POST MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK SITES

We have two Facebook sites where you can be constantly informed of our activities and events. We have the post site: **VFW Post 305** and we have the district 9 site: **VFW District 9**

If you use Facebook, please look these two sites up and "Like" or "Follow".



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AND
FOLLOW**

AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership

Through 20	\$253	56 - 60	\$173
21 - 25	\$242	61 - 65	\$161
26 - 30	\$230	66 - 70	\$150
31 - 35	\$219	71 - 75	\$132
36 - 40	\$213	76 - 79	\$109
41 - 45	\$201	80 and over	FREE
46 - 50	\$196		
51 - 55	\$184		

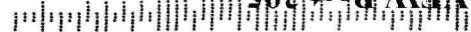


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