

THE MESSENGER

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Support our Stars



DECEMBER 2023

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Thank you VFW Post 305 employees, House & Trustees committee members for your dedication and perseverance . “ EVERYONE TEACHES -EVERYONE LEARNS!” You have helped us survive in fine form -both the Covid pandemic & \$800,000 (near \$500,000 loan) remodeling projects.

Your feedback during this first time will help determine future directions. Often we are complimented about the quality of service ,food & facility. Certain employees & members are often singled out for ,”going above and beyond the call of duty!”

It is now time to better show our appreciation from each of us - to our compatriots, customers, vendors and their families! Please let us know about those who might be worthy of accolades.

Such notifications could be included in our monthly Post /Auxiliary newsletter.

For those individuals or families hurting by challenging medical conditions - sometimes a simple get well card or prayer is needed. “Repenting and praying for others -heals ourselves!” James 5:16.

For any Veteran in need , whether a member of the Post or Auxiliary or not - she/he could be eligible for up to a \$1,000 UNMET NEEDS Grant. There are lots of resources to access for anyone in need.

All of our efforts prepare the whole State when Mary Ann is the Wisconsin Vfw state

commander starting on July 1, 2024to June 30, 2025.
Benjamin Franklin said ,”I will speak of no person -but all the good I can!” Please be positive ,put into writing & report positively all the good aspects of our three recent retired leaders ;
—Dick Freitag, House Committee Chairman
—Tracy, Kitchen Manager
—Rick Anderson, Bar Manager
—Tammi Kuhn, Bookkeeper

Thanks again for your loyalty and teamwork. The best days and years are indeed ahead of us. Our national motto is ”Mission First -families always!”

God bless you ,your loved ones & our troops!
Dave Zien
VFW Post 305 Service Officer /Cmdr
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**OFFICIAL NOTICE:
FINAL NOMINATIONS
& VOTE
ON DECEMBER 19, 2023
AT 7:00 PM for
3 HOUSE COMMITTEE
POSITIONS**

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE
www.facebook.com/vfwpost305
www.VFWPost305.com

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary has been busy since the Grand Re-opening celebration held on Sept 10. We organized raffles, and food items to raise funds to help out the remodeling fund. We had about 500 members, family and neighbors attend the family friendly celebration.

We had everything from a PTSD horse to a Humvee, face painting, balloon artist and Cotton Candy "Queens". Auxiliary members Anita Weiland and Fran Kirschner had 10 different flavors of cotton candy along with Carolyn Kuhnert, Jeanette Stabenow and Barb for handling raffles.

Our Ribbon Cutting event with the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce held on Sept 26 was well attended with news media covering our event. The PTSD horse owned by Charlotte King, 14yrs old-daughter of Jason and Cassandra King (Auxiliary member) was the star of the event.

During the event, Post 305 honored Cassandra for her efforts working with local veterans. The Auxiliary has held a couple Football themed fundraising events as well. The Packers vs Vikings game proved to be a fun filled event for all. And then the Snowblower raffle helped earn the Auxiliary some good proceeds.

We have donated \$1,500 to the post to buy TV for either the museum area and now the vision of replacing the membership boards with digital version membership/ events/ Advertising boards.

We look forward to helping with other projects to update our Post.

WE are here to support our Veterans

Marthamae Kottschade
President
VFW Post 305 Auxiliary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 12/6 Wed 1pm Auxiliary Monthly meeting - Post 305 Hall
- 12/13 Wed 9am National Guard 387th Birthday-Brief Announcement/ Post 305
- 12/19 Tues 7pm VFW Monthly meeting- Post 305 Hall
- 12/20 Wed 9am Space Force 4th Birthday-recognition/Awards- Post 305
- 1/3 Wed 1pm Auxiliary Monthly meeting- Post 305 Hall



VFW Post 305 Colorguard was asked to present colors for Veterans that were at Heritage Care in Eau Claire during their "Fly in" event

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DECEMBER 19th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
NOMINATIONS & VOTE
for 3 Upcoming positions



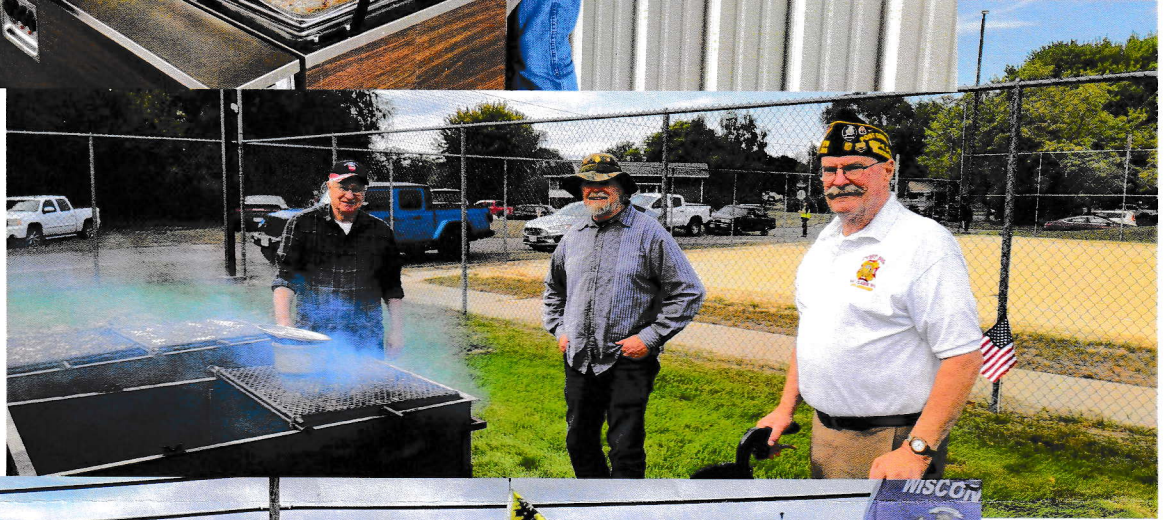
Union members from Local #18 Wisconsin AFL-CIO, met with some Post members to present us a check towards our remodeling project. The check was for \$1818.18. This group has used our Post for many meetings/parties and was excited to be able to come back. They also announced that if a veteran needs help, they would be glad to help. They mentioned some examples as building a handicap ramp to the house, and gutter cleaning as possible projects. Thank you Local #18.



POST 305 GRAND RE-OPENING!

Held on September 10th, 2023







Ribbon cutting with Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce held on Sept 26



AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are planning another Auction fundraiser with Sold4U Auction. (We need at least 30 items to make a listing)

This has been a great source of extra revenue for us. If you have Sporting goods, guns, household/Seasonal items, event tickets that you could donate for us to list on the auction please contact:

Dick H (call/text 715 456 5899 or

Kevin Bertetto (call/text) 715 505 2619



A full complement of Honor Guard members turned out to honor longtime Post member Dave Lam at his funeral

POST 305 UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Updating both the Post and Auxiliary membership boards. Being planned is a modern electronic, billboard with current events or advertising included. Members will have branch of service depicted.
- Catalog each item in the museum, which depicts some of the nation's and world's only artifacts
- Next major project could be expanding that museum up to 30 feet out to River (seeking possible museum quality items to be pledged or loaned for a \$2 - \$4 million dollar project).
- Qualifications for state, federal, private funding & grants possible because a museum
- Work with Visit Eau Claire to include Vfw 305 as a start or endpoint for regional Patriotic tours. Some of us can be regional tour guides.
- Install floodlights to the Chippewa River /Dells Pond
- Christmas light and display in the Tank area decorated by Marthamae.
- Label the 11 outside stones, i.e. Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf ,Iraq, Afghanistan, Global War Terrorism. Only WWII is now depicted.
- Include HOMEFRONT Heroes, Citizen Soldiers, Prayer Warriors —all those who—“kept the home fires burning !” Those the families, churches, schools, farmers & businesses —deserving to be recognized on equal terms with the other 10 stones
- Praise on a bronze type plaque, those individuals giving as auction items or donating \$1000 or more, to the current remodeling and proposed Museum expansion projects.
- Anticipating that by our December 17 regular VFW 305 meeting , we will obtain the 20 members needed to be the largest VFW Post in Wisconsin. (Each member receives valuable information on benefit programs).
- Seeking to recruit, 172 Auxiliary members to be the largest Auxiliary by June1, 2024 (Whole families discover and harness resources).

If you have information/photos we can include in upcoming newsletters please email to
Marthamaekottschade@gmail.com

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	\$167
61 - 70	\$290	\$145
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.

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		

"ANNUAL FEE IS ONLY \$30.00"

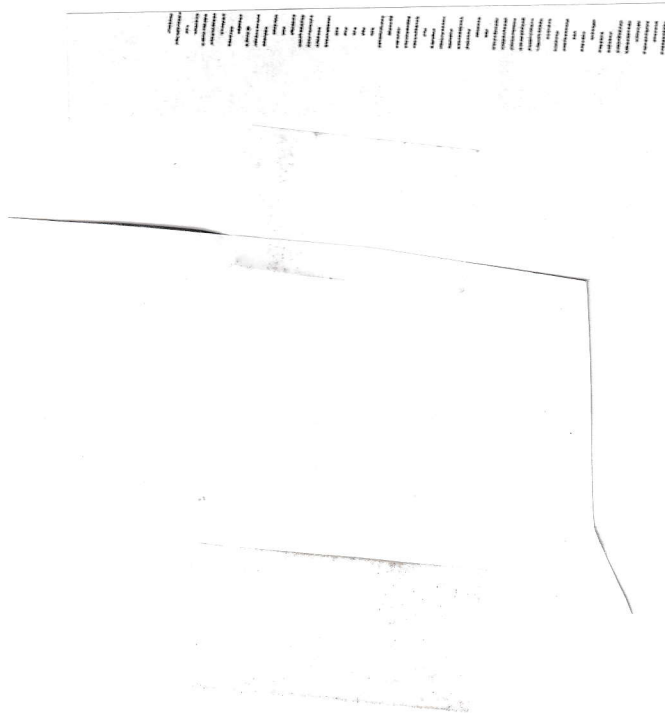


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We have two Facebook sites where you can be constantly informed of our activities and events. We have the post site: **VFW Post 305** and we have the district 9 site: **VFW District 9**

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