

**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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**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 \$21.00"*



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 1300 Starr Avenue  
 Eau Claire, WI 54703



SEPTEMBER 2023

**GRAND RE-OPENING**  
**Support our Stars**



**On Starr Ave**

*Celebration!*

**Family-friendly Grand Re-opening Event!**

**Sunday, Sept 10th 3-7pm,**

Fun for the kids, music, BBQ chicken dinner, raffles, balloon characters and gun raffles.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy yourself

*BOGO-Heroes\* receive free dinner with the purchase of a dinner*

**Evening will end with a short program starting at 6:30pm to honor and remember 9/11/2001 victims and thank Heroes\*.**

*(\*Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Military)*

**VFW Post 305**

1300 Starr Ave  
 Eau Claire, WI  
 (715)552-8438  
 www.vfwpost305.com



**FREE EVENT**

**Rain or Shine!  
 Open to the Public**

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Bountiful blessings -so beautifully bestowed upon us! Our GRAND RE-OPENING kicks off Sunday, September 10, which is also Grandparents day , the day before Patriots' Day /911! The STARS are all Veterans, all military branches, LawEnforcement, Fire & EMS being honored year round .

The Grand Commemorative Tributes reveal 14 specific recognition dates either at or co-sponsored by VFW Post 305 & Auxiliary. These important, Veteran, military and patriotic dates will be celebrated with special type programs at the post and area tours with VIP special guests.

Please often check out our post website& Facebook. Details will be added up to the day of events Feel free to contact post or Auxiliary officers directly for information and insight. For out of towners , please contact us for guided tours of regional patriotic sites.

Enormous kudos go to Clint Rudesill and Geoff Groh for working with contractors to coordinate successful completion of the total remodeling project. VFW members Dick Hajek and Duane Steinhauer shipped in to help save perhaps \$35-\$40,000 by utilizing their plumbing ,sewer & electrical experience.

At the VFW national convention in Phoenix, Mary Ann & Roy Christopherson, Marthamae Kottschade, Bruce Wozniak, Roger Kubera and I were privileged to represent the Post 305. The Main VFW motto , "no one does more for Veterans" --added this year's slogan , Veterans first -families always!"

For anyone donating \$1000 or more or items to the auctions for our current remodeling project and potential museum expansion project --will have their name put on a commemorative bronze plaque.

Another simple plaque will depict all those who shoot a 30-30 lever action Henry rifle, which was our 1st place recruiter prize from the VFW National. All those who were recruited or helped recruit VFW or Auxiliary members are encouraged to shoot this rifle. Please let me know any participants .

It could be received just after Labor Day by VFW National office , being sent to Marc-ON Shooting in Hallie. After that ,we will have to coordinate different shooting ranges.

The Grand Re-Opening Committee organized by Marthamae Kottschade deserve congratulations for outstanding coordination. Let's have fun !

There's been lots of "miraculous successes " in helping Veterans& their loved ones with their service connected disability claims, accessing VA/ community care and pursuing other programs.

Please feel free to contact any of our post auxiliary officers for information and insight. NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

- VETERANS FIRST - FAMILIES ALWAYS!  
Dave Zien  
VFW post 305 service officer/ Cmdr  
cell / text 715-829-9436



## REMEMBERING HEROS DISPLAY CASE

Proposed is a , Remembering Heroes display case that depicts all our post & Auxiliary Members who have passed on .” In honor of “Charmin Charlie“ Gorton ,Rose “Rosie “Hartung and Richard “Usmc Dick “Peterson.

## REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE

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*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.*

## AUXILIARY NOTES

Are you excited for the Grand Re-opening celebration of the Post?? It will be a great opportunity to bring your children, grandchildren and friends to show off the recently awarded ALL STATE and ALL AMERICAN POST (which is ranked #22 in the Nation.)

Post# 305 and Auxiliary are also on track to have the largest membership in the State of Wisconsin.

We have such a beautiful facility we need to show it off.

I encourage you to help volunteer Sunday, September 10th. Even if it's just an hour. Members Anita Weiland and Fran Kirschner are the "Cotton Candy queens but popcorn and snowcones still need to be served at this Family Friendly open to the public event. Heidi Kubera is taking care of the kids games .

I wanted to share my experience with you from the recent National Convention in Phoenix. This was my 1st National Convention and I encourage others to attend Conventions at any level. My highlight was being able to receive the National award earned by our Post Commander, Dave Zien. Dave recruited the most Auxiliary members in the nation. He was also the top recruiter for the State of Wisconsin, recruiting over 50 Veterans.

Our monthly meetings will be held at our Post, 1pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month. I look forward to seeing you.

WE are here to support our Veterans

Marthamae Kottschade  
President  
VFW Post 305 Auxiliary

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**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.

## USAF BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

A USAF Birthday Celebration Breakfast will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 7am to 8:30 am at VFW Post 305.

From 9 am to 10:30 am, tour the Chippewa Area History Center, 12 Bridgewater Avenue, Chippewa Falls. Presentations by Scott Sullivan and Kevin Beretto.

Followed by a visit from 11 am to 12:30 pm to the Leinies Lodge. Leinis is "the Chippewa Valley's most visited tourist attraction".

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

**CLINT RUDESILL, QM, VFW POST 305 1300 STARR AVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703**

**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.**

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