

THE MESSENGER



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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Dear Comrades, Auxiliary, Potential Members & Loved Ones -

These challenging times invite opportunity - while inspiring euphoria! Our POST HOME building project allows us to spread our wings, called ,” Vfw305 Outreach.”

Post & Auxiliary officers, house committee & trustees are eager to attend meetings or special functions upon request. Whenever ,wherever there’s Rallies, reunions, conventions, conferences, coffee clutches —Please let us know. At that time & place, we’ll share information about the VFW, Veterans benefits & programs. . My cell/ text 715-829-9436, email davezien@gmail.com.

Feel free to send us contact info of potential Post / Auxiliary members so we can send items by US Mail . Up to several hundred monthly are now being sent. Volunteers are appreciated.

The 1300 plus mailing to disabled Veterans in Chippewa ,Eau Claire & some from Clark & Dunn County’s received generous donations from the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute Foundation & Camp Victory. Lots of individuals & families were helped.

VFW Post 305 member businesses welcoming visitors & meetings so far include;

- 1) Chick-a-dees Family Restaurant / Brent Knutson , 1928 Third St EC
- 2) The Brewing Projekt / William Glass 1807 N Oxford Ave EC
- 3) Marcon Shooting / Dan Marcon, 4089 124th St, Chippewa Falls

A \$70,000 goal is being established to help the current remodeling & potential future inside/ outside museum expansion projects. A bronze type plaque is being considered to appreciate these efforts.

Dave Zien
Post Service Officer/Commander
cell / text 715-829-9436

WELCOME CELEBRATION



Commander Zien, Auxiliary president Marthamae Kottschade present a cake to the Post in honor of the newly elected State Jr. Vice, MaryAnn Christopherson

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE

www.facebook.com/vfwpost305

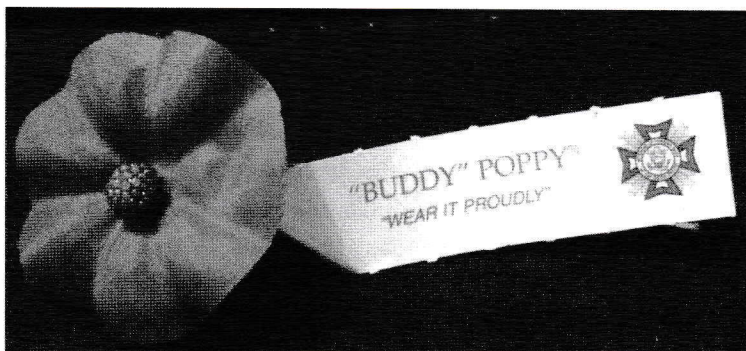
www.VFWPost305.com

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



MaryAnn presents Dean Emerson a Bronze Legacy Life membership purchased by the Post in honor of his years of outstanding service to the Post.

Legacy Life Membership is a way to honor and memorialize VFW members. There are three levels, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The cost is different for each level. Upon death the Post gets a share of that payment back and each year the Post gets an endowment (amount depends on level). The Legacy member gets a discount at the VFW Store and recognition at National level. The memorial continues even after death.



Our annual distribution is Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22. Many of us have contacted a location to sign up, but we need workers to take a shift. You can serve any amount of time but please volunteer. You can call me 608-697-2651 to make arrangements to get your poppies and buckets (if you are taking the first shift of the morning).

POST ELECTIONS

April is the month the VFW elects new officers. We need you! Commander and Quartermaster are needed, plus many other positions. I am retiring as Quartermaster but will help train the new QM.



They say April showers, bring May flowers. Marthamae flower! Speaking of flower, we are doing a Poppy distribution Friday, April 21st 11-5pm at Hy-Vee in Eau Claire. We have both sets of doors to be at, so I could use some volunteers. I'm planning on being there the entire time frame, but if others could do a 2 hour shift that would be great. I promise it will be fun. I'll bring everything, but if you need a chair, feel free to bring it. Kids/grand kids are welcomed and encouraged to help. Customers love it \$\$\$. Call or text me to put your name on the list. 507-271-9069

Poppy distribution is a great time to do community outreach and promote what the VFW/VFW Auxiliary is all about.

In March we did our first "Shrimp for Soldiers" event in Post 305 parking lot. I hope you noticed the signs up around the club promoting the event. We ended up making \$1,000 (in 3 hours) WOW—what a catch! Thank you to all of you that showed up to help out and draw attention for the event. Auxiliary members Carolyn Kuhnert with Fran Kirschner and Anita Weiland took good care of our profits.

We will do more Shrimp for Soldier fundraisers but we need a high traffic location. (Any ideas?) For those of you who bought the frozen AWESOME Shrimp, please tell your friends what an Awesome product it is. Word of mouth and a better location will help in the future.

Watch the VFW Post 305 Facebook page to stay tuned for upcoming events during summer. Especially since Post 305 will be closed for a few months for remodel.

God Bless our Military!
Marthamae Kottschade
Interim President
Auxiliary to VFW Post 305

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.

KITCHEN PROJECT

The Post voted to completely close during construction. **Therefore at the end of business on Sunday April 23 it will close** until approximately mid-August. Regular Post monthly meetings will still occur, on the usual dates, where an update on the building progress will be given. You should plan to park in the south lot and enter through the doors directly into the hall, or in nice weather watch for a meeting in the pavilion (may need a spring time jacket). Watch our Facebook page for pictures and progress. We have a loan approved to cover costs above our saving account, but will always accept your donations.

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

Serving Breakfasts all Week.
Lunches Monday through Friday.



FRIDAY
FISH FRY dinner
Dinners hours
are 5:00 to 8 pm



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.

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:

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

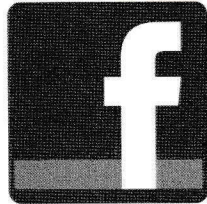
REGULAR POST MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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		



"ANNUAL FEE IS \$21.00"