

THE MESSENGER



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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Commanders Notes

Outstanding accolades are deserving for all those who participated in our first VFW305 Sold4UAuction! The net proceeds \$3875 reflect dedicated, time, effort, expertise & personal expenses.

Dick Hajek “the spark plug” with Kevin Bertetto, auction coordinator spearheaded the effort. Heavy lifting type efforts by Paul Koehler/ webmaster, Marthamae, Duane Steinhauer, Ralph Palmer ,Gary Culver, Dave Lee-etc

As with any auction -lots of surprises for those donating or purchasing items. An almost new refrigerator (retail \$1675) sold for only \$175. A wall hanger junk double barrel 12 gauge shotgun, earned us \$55.

But most satisfying was for those donating items. The auction proceeds can be earmarked, but so far most are going to help our post remodeling & potential museum expansion projects.

Please let us know if you have auction items deserving to be donated. After all, “It is more blessed to give than to receive!” (Acts 20:35).

Congratulations to our post at last week’s VFW State convention. We were awarded, “All State status”! This may allow our members to purchase the elusive “White Hat!”

Mary Ann Christofferson is our new State Senior Vice Commander. On July 1, 2024 she will be the Wisconsin VFW State Commander. Marthamae Kottschade (Auxiliary President -elect) was elected as Guard for our State Auxiliary !

Please let us know your ideas for our possible week-long grand opening activities during mid to late August.

For activities to attend or bring Veteran/ community resources to -
Feel free to call or text me 715-829-9436 or davezien@gmail.com

God Bless you, your loved ones & our troops !
Dave Zien
VFW Post 2711 Service Officer/ Commander

**2ND & 3RD
\$OLD4U AUCTION
JUNE 23-27 AND
JULY 21-25!**

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE

www.facebook.com/vfwpost305

www.VFWPost305.com

AUXILIARY NOTES

We will have our next meeting Wednesday, July 5th at 1pm at the Brickhouse Pub and Grub (2233 Birch St. Eau Claire). I encourage everyone to attend. It will only take an hour of your time and we have concerns to vote on for the upcoming year.

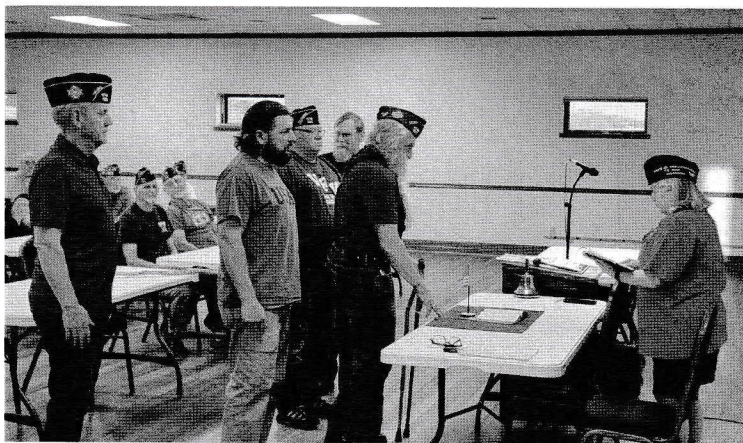
Mark your calendars for upcoming Shrimp for Soldiers fundraiser- AWESOME SHRIMP will be available 3-5p on Wednesdays July 26, Sept 6 and Nov 8th in the corner of the Army/ Navy Surplus store parking lot (1518 S. Hastings Way). AWESOME SHRIMP is great on the grill and tastes even better knowing when you purchase a 2lb for \$35 that \$9 goes to the VFW POST 305 Auxiliary.

At our recent State Department meeting our Post received awards for achieving 100% membership and recruiting 10 new members. Have you asked the family of VFW eligible veterans to join us? We are a service organization to support veterans. I recall hearing a Veteran once say when he was asked "Why he was not a member of the VFW", his reply was "Noone has asked me". Let's ask everyone!

I look forward to our Post home remodel being done and re-open (rumor is Mid -August) so we can do events and promotions to show our support to our Veterans.

Marthamae Kottschade

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Your 2023-24 VFW Post 305 officers

\$OLD4U AUCTIONS ROUND 2 & 3

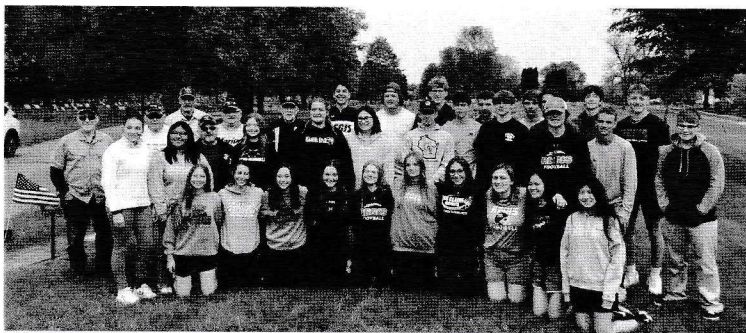
VFW Post 305 and \$old4U Auction are joining forces AGAIN for more online auctions. A 2nd and 3rd Auction will be held- bidding (June 23-27) and (July 21-25). Because of the success of the 1st online auction we net \$3,870.65...WOW- lets do it again AND then again!

We need your items- If you have something you can donate (guns, ammo, tools, Hunting/fishing equipment, seasonal, appliances, even sport/entertainment tickets call/text Dick (715-456-5899) or Kevin (715-505-2619)- this definitely has been a unique and creative way to get funds for our post.

MEMORIAL DAY HAPPENINGS



VFW Post 305 Honor Guard marching in the Eau Claire Memorial Day parade. Later that day they provided the Colors for the Fleet Farm ceremony.



Each year VFW Post 305 puts flags on the graves of veterans at 2 cemeteries. Here is the 2023 group of students, Regis staff, and Post members. The Honor Guard heads up this project but welcomes any others willing.

Next POST Meeting is Tuesday, July 18th @ 7pm
 Next AUXILIARY meeting Wednesday, July 5 @ 1pm
 At Brickhouse Pub & Grub



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	\$112
80 and Over	\$170	FREE 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.

VFW POST 305 & Sold4U Auctions ARE JOINING FORCES!

For An Online Only Auction!

To Benefit Local VFW Organizations

DONATIONS WANTED:

- Ammo · Guns · Tools · Collectibles · Art & Pictures
- Military Items & Books · Woodworking Items
- Garden & Landscape Equipment · Autos · Trailers
- Fishing/Camping/Hunting Gear
- Household/Garage/Workshop Items

PLEASE: All Items MUST BE Clean & In Good Working Condition!

NO: TV's Or Old Electronics, Bedding, Broken Furniture!

BIDDING DATES:

June 23rd - 27th
July 21st - 25th

HOW/WHERE TO BID:

1. www.Sold4UAuctions.com
2. Click Any Of The Links With Dates Under "CURRENT & UPCOMING AUCTION"
3. Click On "LAKE HALLIE" link at the top of the website page
4. Click "SIGN-UP" Or "LOG-IN"
5. Enter Your Information & Follow Directions For Further Instructions
6. Enter "VFW" in the search box



TEXT OR CALL KEVIN AT (715) 505-2619 FOR QUESTIONS



VFW
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



Sold4U Auctions



We have an "Honorary Auxiliary Member" Mini Shrimp Matthew Bertetto, son of Kevin and Lissa Bertetto earned his title as he drew attention for the most recent Shrimp for Soldiers fundraiser

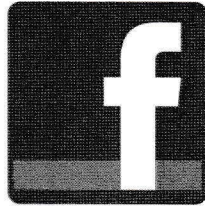
If you have information/photos we can include in upcoming newsletters please email to Marthamaekottschade@gmail.com

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
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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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