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Greetings members!

With the outbreak of COVID-19 we are in very uncertain times indeed. As I write this column I am listening to the news in the background and it can be very depressing. The situation is changing rapidly and at times it is hard to understand all the information that is disseminated through the media and online. The only thing that seems consistent is to practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently. I have been practicing both. Having said that I realize that not all of our members can do so because they are first responders, health care workers or have a job that requires them to work through this crisis.

As a post we have taken several measures to adhere to recent local, state and federal government guidance and requirements. We closed our canteen operations on March 14 and it will remain closed until it is deemed safe to re-open it. We have rescheduled our Post 95th Anniversary/Boeker Memorial Dinner from April 25th to May 23rd. We are currently planning to offer members the opportunity to log-on to join our next Post Meeting on Monday, April 6th in a Skype format. A limited number of members (under 10) will be allowed to attend in person and we are currently working on the details. Having said all that, keep in mind that circumstances are subject to change. When and if we they do we will update you via email, through the phone calls or via our post website at vfw1318.org.

We also have some funds available to post members to help defray some of the cost that members may incur due to the loss of employment or other unforeseen expenses associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. These funds will not address all needs but they may help. Details on how to apply for these funds have been disseminated via email and are also available elsewhere in this newsletter.

The most important thing I would like to emphasize is that we will continue to operate as a VFW Post that takes care of veterans and each other as much as we can under the current circumstances. We will continue to conduct our post meetings in whatever circumstances the situation will allow. At our next post meeting we will have our election of officers for the 2020-2021 year. We will update our Post Website when changes occur. What each of us can do is keep in communication with each other and help each other as much as the situation allow.



Commander Joe Hines

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 4th – Post Meeting – 6 pm
- 5th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 6th – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 9th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 13th – Madison Veterans Council 6:00 pm
- 26th – Events Committee– 6:00 pm
House Committee – 7:00 pm

June

- 1st – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 2nd – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 3rd – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 10th-13th – State Convention, Rothchild
- 13th - Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 23rd – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
House Committee – 7:00 pm

July

- 1st – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 6th – Post meeting – 6:00 pm
- 7th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 8th - Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 17th – 24th National Convention - Reno
- 28th – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
House Committee – 7:00 pm

Post is closed on Mondays.

The Post is closed until further notice.

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Joe Hines
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Carlos Tucker
 Jr. Vice Commander -----Edward Maiolo
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----Eric Ravnikar
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Pat Morgan
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----John Kraak
 Trustee, 2yr -----Andy Lochner
 Trustee, 1yr -----Steve Eisenhauer
 Officer of the Day----- Elisabeth Harman
 Service Officer-----Brad Burt
 Guard -----Karl Kleemann
 Americanism/Loyalty Day---Bob Evans
 Community Activities -----Bob Evans
 Legislative Officer -----Joe Hines
 Public Relations -----Joe Hines
 Newsletter Editor-----Gundel Metz
 Web Administrator-----Andy Mansfield
 Voice of Democracy -----Joe Hines
 Youth Activities -----Joe Hines
 Historian-----
 House Committee ----- Bob Evans, Joe Hines,
 Carlos Tucker, Edward Maiolo, Ray Trent, John
 Kraak, Rose Doucette, Gundel Metz, Brad
 Thompson, and Greg Burr and Permanent Guest -
 Auxiliary Representative
 House Committee and Events Committee meets on
 the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President -----Ellen Evans
 Sr. Vice -----Rose Doucette
 Jr. Vice -----Elizabeth Moore
 Treasurer -----Melissa Crary
 Conductress-----Gundel Metz
 Secretary -----Adajo Forester
 Trustee, 1 yr----- NinaSmithback
 Trustee, 2 yr-----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3 yr-----Elizabeth Moore
 Chaplain-----Sharon Crary
 Guard-----Nina Smithback
 Historian----- Rose Doucette

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V.F.W. NEWS DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10TH. IF YOU HAVE A STORY, AN IDEA, A WEBSITE TO SHARE, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION IN AN EMAIL OR THROUGH THE POST OFFICE TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

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POST MEETINGS:

First Monday of each month @ 6 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS:

First Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.

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CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Mondays – Closed
Tuesday – Thursday: 11 am to 11 pm
Friday & Saturday: 11 am to 12 pm
Sunday: 11 am to 8 pm

Canteen Specials:

Tuesday is Taco Tuesday
2 for \$4.00 or
3 for \$5.00

Wednesday is \$4.00 hamburgers till 8:00 pm

Thursday is \$.60 Wings

Friday is Cod Fish Sandwich or
6 pieces coconut shrimp for
\$6.00

Check the board for our daily specials.

Trivia every Thursday starting at: 7 pm

Karaoke every Friday starting at: 7 pm

Plus we have the weekly draw on
Fridays.

WACKO – Every Sunday

Several times a month we also have Paint
Night. Check with the Canteen for dates
and times and any other activities.

Stop on by and meet our staff, Kelso,
Kate, Myranda, Vikki, Nate, and Patrick.
Plus Greg is there almost every morning
cleaning up.

If anyone is interested in joining
VFW Post 1318 color guard,
please contact the Post at
VFW1318@hotmail.com. The
Post Color Guard assists in flag
or veteran related ceremonies.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

Three months since our last letter. At first it seems like not much has happened with us but, lately, a lot has happened in the world. First with the Auxiliary. Our grand total for new socks collected was 275 pair! That is so exciting! We also had a generous donation from the Post and were able to purchase new sweat pants. We then donated everything to the Home at King. They are always so grateful to receive all we have for them. We have them as our beneficiary of choice. We also donate many, many blankets to them. I will report on that next time to keep you informed of the numbers.

The 2nd District was scheduled for this Saturday, March 28, but obviously is not going to happen. It has been rescheduled for Saturday May 9th. Hosted by our Post 1318. We hope that this date will work, but please check with me for any updates.

Second and last, as all of us are dealing with staying home to avoid COVID19, I urge everyone to listen closely to all guidelines set by our Government and medical leaders. Stay away from anything that is not a trusted source on the internet or any phone calls you may receive. The scammers are working overtime to prey on the elderly and take advantage of anyone worried about the Virus. Please, stay calm, call a friend, stay in touch, get some exercise any way you can, and wait it out. This too, shall pass.

We are looking forward to Springs arrival and our next meeting! New members, men and women are always welcome!! Please come join us.

Stay happy, spring clean, write in a journal, sing a song, call a few friends, go for a walk, and practice Social distancing.

See you soon!

Take care and Stay Healthy

Ellen Evans
President
Post 1318 Auxiliary

The Post is closed until further notice.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Joseph Hines

Great News! Governor Evers approved and signed Assembly Bill 75 into law creating the 2019 Wisconsin Act 124. This law ensures that county and municipal ordinances, regulations, or rules do not interfere with honorary firearm discharges using only blanks during ceremonies such as a funeral, event honoring a current or former member of the military, law enforcement, or fire fighter, or military honors provided at a ceremony on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or at a veterans memorial site. I had been reporting on the developments related to this initiative in my last two newsletter columns. This new law is particularly significant to Post 1318 and our members. Until this law passed Madison is one of the few municipalities in Wisconsin that had technically prohibited the use of honorary firearm discharges using blank ammunition. Honorary firearm discharges in the City of Madison had required a waiver from the Chief of Police or Mayor.

I recently attended the VFW National Legislative Conference March 1-5 in Washington D.C. as the Wisconsin representative on the VFW National Legislative Council. I was one of 11 Wisconsin VFW members from across the state to attend this conference. Quartermaster Gundel Metz was also part of this delegation as the Past State Commander. During this visit I met with our U.S. Representative Mark Pocan and Gundel Metz met with Senator Tammy Baldwin. Please read the cover story and my column in the March/April issue of the VFW Wisconsin News. (Pictures on page 9)

EVENTS COMMITTEE

by Bob Evans

As the sudden reversal of our lifestyle is impacted in every way by the coronavirus we are challenged to revisit our activities for the post. What yesterday was a relatively simple planning process today is layered with complexities. When will we be able to resume with some normalcy or will we have to adapt to a new normal that will have new rules and adaptations.

We will be cancelling Hogs and Dogs for the foreseeable future and we have set back our Post Celebration sponsored by Roger Boeker memorial until at least May. Much of our value as an organization is our ongoing community support and the support and advocacy of Veterans. As most of you are aware the Post canteen is closed and although we have some recourses it is painful to see all activities that take place at the Post suspended.

Never in our lifetimes have we had to make such drastic changes in our routines and daily activity. In all my travels and deployments I have never encountered anything like what is happening presently. We have a choice here where we can choose to make this an opportunity to reassess and recover when this crisis is over and develop a plan to do so.

This is also an opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are as a nation and our entire national infrastructure that we take for granted. It also brings home how globally interdependent that we are. We take for granted stocked shelves, variety of products, fresh produce and easy access. We can use this experience to understand what we have and the reality of what we have all have fought to protect.



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20 March 2020

Dear Members:

In these difficult times, the Post is offering a little bit of financial assistance (up to \$500) to those members who have been laid off from their job and are having difficulty paying rent or mortgage or other immediate needs. We will send up to \$500 to the business that you identify for us.

If you need assistance, please fill out the enclosed Application and return it to the Post Quartermaster. You can fill it out on line and submit via email or print out and mail in.

If you need more assistance than we can offer, please go to one of the two listed below websites and ask for assistance from either the State or National VFW Unmet Needs Program.

www.vfwwi.org - Resources

www.vfw.org – Assistance – Financial Grants

Please let us know if you may be experiencing other difficulties and we, the Executive Committee, will make a decision on helping you out.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Hines

Joseph B. Hines
Post Commander

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

by Gundel Metz

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POST 1318 APPLICATION FOR A ONE TIME ASSISTANCE OF UP TO \$500.00: FOR POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS ONLY

1. NAME: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____

3. PHONE NUMBER: _____

4. EMAIL: _____

5. HOW MUCH MONEY REQUESTING: _____

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RENTAL OR MORTGAGE COMPANY

a. _____

b. PHONE NUMBER: _____

7. OTHER REASON FOR REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: _____

a. Name of Business: _____

b. Address of Business: _____

c. Phone Number of Business: _____

POST ANNIVERSARY DINNER

by Elisabeth Harman

Granfield VFW
POSTPONED
Post 1318 celebrates
95 Years!

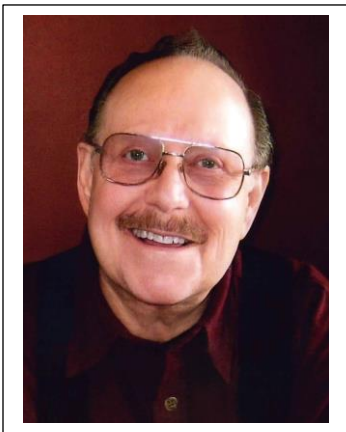
The Dinner has been postponed until 23 May 2020. Please keep an eye on our Web Page, Facebook Page, and you can always contact Elizabeth or the Quartermaster to find out if we have to cancel it.

Join us in a celebration for our members and our community supporters now planned for Saturday **May 23, 2020** at **6pm***

RSVPs will be required by 13 April, 2020. Please direct all inquiries for this event to the organizer: Liz Harman via email to guerraypaz1984@gmail.com.

*This event is sponsored by the Roger Boeker memorial fund

*If you are an active Post 1318 member and do not receive your invite by March 1 please contact: Liz Harman at guerraypaz1984@gmail.com or call the Post Quartermaster at 608-255-5955 to RSVP.



FAREWELL COMRADE STAN HERSHLEDER

Editors Note: Stan was a very active member of the Post. He will be missed. Stan wrote his own obituary and it was posted on the Cress Funeral Home website. Thank you to the Post members that attended his memorial and burial. The family greatly appreciated it.

Stan Hershleder, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed into eternity after a long gallant struggle with cancer, Parkinson's and stroke on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Stan was born December 27, 1932 at St. Mary's Hospital, the son of Fred and Dorothy Hershleder. He grew up working in his father's store on State Street starting at just six years old. In 1948, while attending Madison Central High School, he joined the Wisconsin National Guard. Graduating in 1950, he remained active in the Guard for 3 ½ years. In 1951 while attending the University of Wisconsin, he requested activation to active duty in the Army and was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas for basic training. After serving as Cadre on a rifle range teaching recruits, he was sent to Ft. Benning, GA for special training and then to Korea for the remainder of his military commitment. He was first sent into combat with a Heavy Weapons Company and then to the 3rd Division NCO Academy modeled after West Point. He graduated 2nd in a class of 367 men, achieving the 2nd highest score ever reached at the academy and received a special Commendation from the Division's Commanding General. After returning to his unit he received a personal "request" from the Commandant of the Academy to become an instructor, teaching Military Leadership. He was later an instructor at I Corp. NCO Academy. He served in Korea for approximately 15 months and attained the rank of Sargent First Class before rotating to Fort Sheridan, Illinois where he received an Honorable Discharge.

Stan returned to his family business with Furs by Hershleder, Ltd., and in 1961 assumed full management responsibilities as Master Furrier-Designer. He studied with noted English Fur Designer, Mr. Simon Clayton in New York in 1963 and again in 1968. In June, 1974, Stan and his father moved their business to their new building on East Washington Ave. and it became the home for their business as well as Stan's permanent home, which he, "loved more than any other home he could ever have." He was voted President of the Master Furriers Guild of America in 1986 by his peers and served until he resigned in 1990. Thousands of his clients will remember Stan for his unyielding honesty, obsession with integrity, enduring trustworthiness and many awards for Business Ethics, Unique Designs and superlative workmanship. His tenants recollect Stan's enduring honesty, caring supervision and devoted management. Besides frequent travel to New York, his business often took him to Montreal and Frankfurt, Germany. He retired in December of 1996, after 43 years and a successful, rewarding career personally and meticulously hand-crafting all types and styles of fur coats, jackets, hats, pant suits, skirts, capes, stoles, boas, flings, mink golf club covers, muffs, slippers, mink Teddy Bears, mink bow ties, earmuffs, a mink coat for a client's pet dog and even fur bras for several women. Stan steadfastly refused to use or sell any furs which were threatened or endangered.

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Stan was a member of the National Wildlife Federation, The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America, the Izaak Walton League of America, The World Wildlife Fund, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1318 and a member of Temple Beth El since 1956. He enjoyed his many hobbies keeping exotic tropical fish, photography and his darkroom, antiques, and many kinds of music from classical to blues and some of today's popular ballads. He enjoyed professional tennis, boxing matches, pool, billiards, acrylic paint pouring, museums, antique cars and travel in Europe (not all at the same time). He enjoyed fishing in Madison's lakes using plugs and lures he made himself, but often with Ben's help. He always felt a love of horses. This came from his mother taking him horseback riding when he was 5, 6 and 7 years old. If he saw one, he had to stop and pet it. His favorite cities were the French Quarter in New Orleans, London, Prague, Vienna and Amsterdam. He loved his Basset Hounds, Roxanne and Charlie, his pet squirrel, Shirley and his kitties, "babies," Blossom, Flower, Lily and Posy.

He is survived by his cherished daughter, Katie (Tom) Riccio of Madison; his beloved son and pal, Ben of Peachtree City, Georgia; and a brother, Howard of Sacramento, CA. Stan often spoke of his nephews, David Jaffe and Gary Hershleder. "Poppo" loved his granddaughters, Leah (Todd) Thomas of Milwaukee and Samantha (Josh) Luter of Emeryville, CA. He was so proud of his great-grandsons, Charlie and Emmet Thomas of Milwaukee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Dorothy (Stein) Hershleder.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC



State Chief of Staff Michele Rathke, State Commander Don Lynch, Senator Baldwin, Post member and National Council Member Gundel Metz. And unnamed staffer for Senator Baldwin.



State Deputy Chief of Staff Kerry McAllen, Representative Pocan, Post Commander and National Legislative Committee Member Joe Hines and Past State Commander Al Kochenderfer.

ANALYSIS OF GOV. EVERS' EMERGENCY ORDER #12
"SAFER AT HOME ORDER"
MARCH 24, 2020

Prepared By: State Senior Vice Commander Jason E. Johns

Q: Can members gather at VFW posts/premises to drink together? Have Post meetings?

A: No. As per (3): Prohibited activities: "All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in this Order.

HOWEVER: As per 13(g) Organizations that provide charitable and social services: Businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including prevocational group supportive employment, food banks and food pantries, **when providing** food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life, for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance, as a result of this public health emergency, and people with disabilities.

WHAT THIS MEANS: we can only assemble to actually provide these services. Such as preparing meals, delivering them, or providing other needed assistance to needy individuals. Post activities that "approve" or implement these sorts of activities do not allow for groups to get together to decide to do it.

Q: Can a Post still make repairs and hire construction companies to work on post building?

A: No. As per (13)(n): Critical trades: Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, etc.... **who provide services that are necessary** to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Business and Operations. These are all defined within the Order and VFW posts are not listed.

Q: Can employees still work at a Post while closed? I.e.; Cleaning, paperwork, etc. Can Volunteers?

A: Yes, but with restriction. (2) Non-essential business and operations must cease: All for-profit and non-profit businesses with a facility in Wisconsin, except Essential Businesses and Operations as defined below (not VFW), are required to cease all activities at facilities located within Wisconsin, except **a.** Minimum Basic Operations, and; **b.** Any operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractor performing activities at their own home or residences.

"Minimum Basic Operations" is defined as (and as such only employees/volunteers may do the following at a Post (not including those posts with separately designated restaurants/bars, which I will discuss further):

(14) Minimum Basic Operations: For the purposes of this Order, Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

- a.** The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant, and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities.

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- b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

Q: Post honor guard, storage, staging & weapon maintenance?

A: Yes. But as per the Minimum Basic Operations as noted above and would categorize this under “ensure security.”

Q: Can the post honor guard conduct funerals?

A: Yes. But only outside. (Unless counted as part of the “10 people in a room...” as **(13)(h & j)** states: “Funeral establishments, as defined... except that any gathering shall include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals shall adhere to Social Distancing Requirements as much as possible.

(13)(d): Restaurants: Restaurants shall close, except as follows:

- i. Restaurants may remain open for food take-out or delivery service only.
- ii. Alcohol sales must comply with (13)(e) below.
- iii. Customers may enter only for the purpose of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- iv. No seating may be provided.
- v. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vi. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- vii. Cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
- viii. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

(13)(e) Bars: This includes breweries, brewpubs, wineries, distilleries, and alcohol beverage retailers. Such establishments shall close, except as follows:

- i. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages and food are allowed, if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance.
- ii. Delivery of alcohol beverages to retail customers is prohibited.
- iii. N/A
- iv. Customers may enter the above establishments only for the purposes of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- v. No seating may be provided.
- vi. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vii. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- viii. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited.
- ix. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

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LOOKING BACK OVER LAST 20 YEARS



Past State Commander Earl Banks with Post member Anthony Hardie, 2008.



Post member John Kraak, aka Santa.



Past Post Commander Jerry Schultz and Past Post and Past State Commander Curt Taylor.



Christ & Norm Scoville along with Roger Boeker attending opening ceremony of the Vietnam Travel Wall at VFW Post 8483



Past State Commander Bill Backes, Past Post Commander John Hahn, and Past State Commander Earl Banks. Presenting John with his All American cover and certificate. John was in Afghanistan at the time of National Convention. 2005



Second Row, first seat, Post Senior Vice Commander Lonnie Cooks attending District 2 meeting, 2003.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY

Please notify the Post if you have moved or have a new email address so that we can keep you informed and plugged into Post Activities

Please send your email address to the Quartermaster so we can send you the Newsletter electronically. Thanks. vfw1318@hotmail.com