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Greetings members!

Post 1318 was recognized as an All-State post for the first time in over ten (10) years at the Wisconsin VFW State Convention in Appleton on June 14, 2019. I want to thank everyone for all the hard work you have all done in the past year that enabled our post to achieve this distinction. We were one of twenty posts in Wisconsin that achieved that distinction this year. The Wisconsin VFW currently has over 260 posts so this is quite an honor. As many of you know our membership percentage was over 100% this year which is also the highest it has been in recent years. Achieving membership of over 100% is probably the most important and difficult criteria to obtain when a post is competing for All-State recognition. However it is not the only requirement.

Posts designated as All-State must maintain accurate up-to-date records to include our election report, quarterly audits, and tax statements. Posts must show they are active in the community by submitting reports that show all the volunteer hours many of you have given to community projects such as hospital volunteer hours, veterans' court hours, animal rescue and legislative efforts. We are also evaluated by our participation in higher level VFW events such as attendance at the District 2 Meetings, Patriotic Rally, Flag Day, State Mid-Winter Conference, State Convention and National Convention. We also demonstrated that we can help lead initiatives through our concession stand at the Badger Football Game, the Ruck 22 March, Shop with a Cop and the Hogs and Dogs events. We maintained and even increased our membership this year and we have demonstrated that we are an active, viable and relevant post. That was due to all of your efforts. Thank You So Much and let's please maintain the momentum. In the coming year ask another veteran to join the VFW, volunteer for another event and come up with any idea you may have to make us a more active viable post. All of this we help us become the type of post we want for ourselves and our fellow veterans.

On June 1st we held our first Roger Boeker Memorial Dinner here at Post 1318. As many of you know Roger Boeker was a long-time post member that passed

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Commander Joe Hines

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 5th – Post Meeting – 6 pm
- 6th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 7th – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 10th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 27th – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 7:00 pm

September

- 3rd – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 4th – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 9th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 14th – Operation Ruck 22 – 7:00 am
- 14th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 pm
- 24th – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 7:00 pm

October

- 1st – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 2nd – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 5th – Hospitality Tent at Football game
- 7th – Post Meeting – 6 pm
- 12th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 18-20 – Big 10 Conference, Omaha, NE
- 22nd – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 7:00 pm

Post is closed on Mondays. The day of our meetings, we have a social hour in the Canteen at 5:00 pm. Come and join us.

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Joe Hines
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Carlos Tucker
 Jr. Vice Commander-----Edward Maiolo
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----Eric Ravnika
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Pat Morgan
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----John Kraak
 Trustee, 2yr -----Andy Lochner
 Trustee, 1yr -----Glen Flanigan
 Officer of the Day-----
 Service Officer-----Glenn Flanigan
 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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 October 10TH. IF YOU HAVE A
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 SHARE? PLEASE SEND THE
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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 half price 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 of the month.

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.

Commander's column continued.

away last December. Roger was a remarkable man whose life touched family, friends and the veterans' community here in Madison. Approximately seventy five (75) family, friends, fellow veterans and members of Post 1318 attended this memorial dinner. This was a great chance for many long time acquaintances of Roger to reminisce about a dear friend that impacted all of us. Post member Liz Harman organized this very successful event and was supported by our employees here at the post. Thanks for doing such a great job Liz.

As I write this column we are in the middle of preparing to support the 3-334th, 95th Training Division Family Day on July 13th at Elver Park here in Madison. This is a part of the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) that encourages partnership between VFW Post and military units. We also have representatives working with VFW Post 7591 and VFW Post 8483 here in Madison to support the upcoming Ruck 22 March the Prevent Veteran's Suicide. This year's Ruck 22 event will be held on Saturday, September 14th and as in the past years Post 1318 will be the mid-march stop for the march. Also Post 1318 will run the concession stand at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Tent at the Wisconsin Badgers football game on Saturday October 5. As many of you know this is an annual event in which Post 1318 has always participated in. In past years the WDVA has held this event at the Badgers Football

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Gundel Metz

As the immediate Past State Commander, I want to thank the members of Post 1318 in not only helping make the Post a 100% Post but also in assisting the State to be an All American Department. This is the first time in 12 years that the State has reached that goal. Your membership is very important in that when VFW at the National and even at the State level speaks with Congress, those numbers count. Our Representatives and Senators always want to know how many people we represent. Plus with more members we are able to participate in more VFW programs and help out more in our communities. We need to continue to grow our membership to ensure that we are able to participate in all the VFW Programs and also to help our community, especially veterans and their families.



Our newest members: Bill A., Carrie C. and Jennifer B. Please say HI and welcome the next time you see them.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello All,

In April the Auxiliary helped the Post with Hogs and Dogs. We were able to help with the food stand and it was a great success. Our state convention was in June and we received a few awards. That is always a great feeling. We enjoy the activities we do and it's so nice to receive the accolades at convention. The State VFW Auxiliary made 100% in membership and made the National Auxiliary "Circle of Excellence". You, being a member, helped the State achieve that elusive goal.

Do you know of anyone who may be eligible to join our Auxiliary? We are always looking to welcome more members, male and female, into our group. Our annual membership is \$17.00. If you are an annual member, have you considered becoming a life member? Here is the breakdown of a life membership:

Through age 20 - \$253.00	Age 21-25 - \$242.00	Age 26-30 - \$230.00
Age 31-35 - \$219.00	Age 36-40 - \$213.00	Age 41-45 - \$201.00
Age 46-50 - \$196.00	Age 51-55 - \$184.00	Age 56-60 - \$173.00
Age 61-65 - \$161.00	Age 66-70 - \$150.00	Age 71-75 - \$132.00
Age 76-80 - \$109.00	Age 81-85 - \$ 86.00	Age 86-90 - \$ 69.00
Over Age 91 - \$ 58.00		

At this time of year we are so grateful for our service men and women who have sacrificed to keep us all free so we can celebrate our independence. Please remember to thank our veterans. That is why we are here, to help our veterans and their families.

Consider joining the Auxiliary as we help the Post with the following functions Operation Ruck 22 on September 14, 2019 and the hospitality tent on October 5, 2019 at the UW Football game.

Until next time, remember our Veterans.

Ellen Evans
Post 1318 Auxiliary President
608-835-5980

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Joseph Hines

The new state budget has provisions that are very favorable for Wisconsin Veterans. The new budget includes an allocation of \$13,800,000 in state dollars to the Veterans Trust Fund. The Veterans Trust Fund is the main funding source to operate the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). The WDVA administers the Wisconsin specific veterans programs in the state. This recent allocation is the largest allocation of state dollars to the Veterans Trust Fund in history.

The Veterans Trust Fund had been sourced by revenue for from repayment of loans the WDVA made under its personal loan program, federal grants, and receipts from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and from receipts of program revenue from the state veterans homes at King and Union Grove. These sources of revenue have been declining over the past years. Also there has been controversy in recent years on using the program revenue from the state veterans' homes at King and Union Grove and redirecting these funds from the veteran's homes to the Veterans Trust Fund. This is why the new budget uses general purpose funds to bolster the Veterans Trust Fund.

The new state budget also allocates \$18,000,000 dollars to build and maintain state veterans facilities at King and Union Grove and at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery at Spooner, WI.

BLUE WATER NAVY ACT NOW LAW

VFW National Press Release

The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is saluting the president for signing the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019* into law last night.

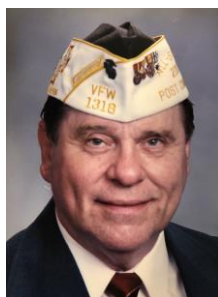
"Tens of thousands of Blue Water Navy veterans of the Vietnam War and dependent children born with spina bifida due to a parent's toxic exposure will now benefit from this new law," exclaimed VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence, "and the VFW is proud to have helped lead the charge to return these benefits to these deserving veterans and to expand existing benefits to dependent children. We look forward to the Department of Veterans Affairs publishing implementation guidance on their website very soon."

The VFW-championed *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019*, or H.R. 299, restores VA benefits to thousands of Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans who had their disability eligibility taken away in 2002 after arbitrary regulatory changes. It benefits veterans exposed to Agent Orange while serving along the Korean DMZ with an earlier start date to encompass the timeframe when various defoliants were tested — to Sept. 1, 1967, instead of April 1, 1968 — and expands benefits to children born with spina bifida due to a parent's exposure in Thailand, coverage that already exists for the children of Vietnam and Korean DMZ veterans. The new law also requires the VA to report on research being conducted on a broad range of conditions possibly related to service in Southwest Asia, which is important for future legislative efforts to create a list of presumptive conditions for veterans seeking VA health care and benefits.

"The VFW is proud of the 116th Congress for ending this benefits inequity, and we salute President Trump for quickly signing H.R. 299 into law," said Lawrence.

BOEKER MEMORIAL DINNER

By Elizabeth Harman



Our departed comrade Roger Boeker touched the lives of many; a fact evidenced by the 75 guests in attendance at the first Boeker Memorial dinner on 1 June 2019. Family, friends, volunteers, representatives of local businesses, and fellow VFW Post 1318 members all gathered on a summer evening to pay homage to a generous (and very opinionated) Roger Boeker. His family representative, Nancy O'Malley, also paid tribute to Roger's family members who served in various campaigns and were members of Post 1318. Friends such as Jose DeLeon gave emotion-filled stories of Roger making a difference in his life, how Roger remained humble even when comrades presented him with high honors, and how much we will miss him. Other guests in attendance also shared their thoughts and memories and helped us all remember that Roger will live on via the good deeds, his constant desire to educate, and countless volunteer hours he gave. Rest in peace dear friend.



Did you know that if you attend a Post meeting, you have a chance of winning some money? At every meeting all members put \$1.00 into the pot. That evening one person wins half the pot, and the other half goes into a second pot to see which member on our roster is the winner. The second pot is small right now but growing. You have to be present to win.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

BY BOB EVANS

The Activities committee is a hybrid combination of the House committee and a few additional members and representatives from Rolling Thunder. Rolling Thunder who 1318 sponsored has been a remarkable support addition to 1318 activities and has brought some much needed ideas and energy to the ongoing activities of both Rolling Thunder and Post 1318.

Recently the Activities committee has turned its attention to the advertising challenge that 1318 has always been confronted with. We with the approval of the membership have contracted with Atman Design to develop a website for 1318. We are using the National VFW website to springboard off of so we will have substantial content that we will not have to manage or duplicate. There is some ongoing cost to this but the advantages and support insure that we will have a viable internet representation for 1318.

On July 13, we are supporting the 334th training unit family day, Commander Hines has worked out with the National VFW some financial support so that we will be able to do this for the unit with no cost to them. If any members would like to participate in supporting this effort contact Joe at 443-655-8457. Some volunteers are still needed.

We are making some progress in organizing and coordinating activities for the post and where we have lacked in developing and advertising capability this should be greatly enhanced by our website development where we can provide linkage to other sites. As we support Rolling Thunder in developing Operation Badger Base 2021 this will be critically important in being able to hyperlink between websites and other services such as Facebook.

We the Activities/House committee are very aware that to remain a viable organization in support of Veterans in the future and to attract new membership we have to be digitally literate and become able to articulate our advocacy for Veterans across a variety of platforms.

Looking towards the future in Veterans advocacy and support your membership remains committed in making advances in bringing 1318 into a position of strength in developing and advertising to an ever increasing supportive base.

MEMBER UPDATES

Congratulations to Post Commander Joseph Hines for being appointed as the State's VFW Legislative member to the National Legislative Committee. This appointment is for the next three years.

Congratulations to Post Quartermaster Gundel Metz for being elected as the National Council Member for the State VFW. This position is for the next four years.

We now have a new web address: vfw1318.org. It is still a work in progress, but please visit the site often to see what is going on.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MEMORIAL DAY



Post members (left to right) Andy Lochner, John Hahn, Commander Joe Hines, Jennifer Berends, and Elizabeth Harmen took their time and went out to Forest Hill Cemetery to place the American Flag on veterans graves for Memorial Day. They also had to go back and pick up all the flags. Post members do this every year. If you want to help out, contact the Post Quartermaster and she will put you in contact with the

STATE CONVENTION



Commander-in-Chief BJ
Lawrence & State
Commander Gundel Metz



Commander-in-Chief BJ
Lawrence, Post Commander
Joseph Hines and Post
Quartermaster Gundel Metz



Post Commander Joseph Hines
being escorted by Honor Guard
Member & PSC Renee Simpson

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.
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