

# V.F.W. NEWS

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Greetings members!

Greetings members! In my last column I highlighted the fact that Post 1318 achieved All-State Post status for the first time in over ten years. Since that time, our district, District 2 Wisconsin VFW; and our department, Department of Wisconsin VFW; received All-American recognition at the VFW National Convention in Orlando, Florida on July 22nd, 2019. Our success as a post helped both our district and state organizations achieve this honor. Our past District 2 Commander Cory Geilser, who was recognized as an All-American District Commander for 2018-2019; was also recognized as All-American Post Commander as commander of his post, Post 721 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Our Wisconsin VFW Commander Gundel Metz who is also our Post 1318 Quartermaster was recognized as an All-American Department Commander. I could not find past records for when District 2 last made it, the Department of Wisconsin last achieved these All-American milestones in 2007.

I mention these achievements because it really reflects positively on all of us in Post 1318. We are a part of both District 2 and the Department of Wisconsin. Our hard work and achievements helped make this possible. The more important point is that this is a victory for the veterans in our community, and our state. That is something we can all take pride in.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> we supported the 3-334<sup>th</sup> 95<sup>th</sup> Training Division Family Day at Elver Park here in Madison. We supported the 3-334<sup>th</sup> which is an Army reserve training battalion with units in Wisconsin and northern Illinois. We ordered, prepared and helped to serve approximately 200 military and family members a meal of hot-dogs, hamburgers, brats, beans, chips, watermelon and soda as part of this event. This was a big undertaking and it was a resounding success. The unit chain of command told post members supporting this event that it was the best family day they have ever had. This is an initiative of the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) that encourages partnership between VFW Posts and military units. Our national organization covered 80% of the cost of the food that we purchased for the event. This was great exposure for our post and for the VFW. Thanks to all post and auxiliary members that supported this event.

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Commander Joe Hines

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Post Meeting – 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 7:00 pm

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Rolling Thunder Extravaganza – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Post meeting – 6:00 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 WILL BE CLOSED DEC 23, 24, AND 25 FOR CHRISTMAS AND DEC 30, 31, AND JAN 1 FOR NEW YEARS.**

### 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 -----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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

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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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President -----Ellen Evans  
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 Trustee, 2 yr-----Rose Doucette  
 Trustee, 3 yr-----Elizabeth Moore  
 Chaplain-----Sharon Crary  
 Guard-----Nina Smithback  
 Historian-----Rose Doucette

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 SHARE, PLEASE SEND THE  
 INFORMATION IN AN EMAIL OR  
 THROUGH THE POST OFFICE TO  
 THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.



# 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](mailto:VFW1318@hotmail.com). The  
 Post Color Guard assists in flag  
 or veteran related ceremonies.

(Commander's column continued)

On September 13-14 we continued our support of the annual Ruck 22 March to Prevent Veterans Suicide along with our other Madison VFW Post 7591 and 8483. This year Post 1318 prepared and hosted a spaghetti dinner to benefit Ruck 22 on Friday, September 13 the evening prior to the actual Ruck 22 march. We raised over \$1,200 for Ruck 22 from the proceeds from this dinner. The following day Post 1318 served as the mid –march rest stop for three (3) groups of Ruck 22 marchers that made their way to Post 1318 along the march route. BB Jacks from DeForest donated and catered a meal of barbecue pulled pork sandwiches along with other food items for the marchers in our hall. This was a great event that really demonstrated what can be accomplished when we work with other posts, local government and local businesses to accomplish a common goal. Thanks to all the post members, auxiliary members, Ruck 22 Committee members that volunteered and provided support for both the Ruck 22 spaghetti dinner and the Ruck 22 march itself. Each year the Ruck 22 committee continues to improve this event. A special thanks to Jamie Herrman for representing 1318 on the Ruck 22 Committee.

We operated our annual concession stand at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Tent on October 5 which was the Wisconsin Badgers Football team's fourth home game. This was a big change from the previous support of this event as it usually scheduled for the first home game of the year in late August or early September. We had a great effort from post members and plenty of volunteers. WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar singled out Post 1318 for praise during her address to the veteran audience at this event. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up and made this effort a success. Special thanks to John Kraak for operating the grill and for Quartermaster Gundel Metz for planning, coordinating and ordering the supplies for this event.

As I write this column the post is preparing to host our first ever Homecoming Dance on October 12<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the Badger Honor Flight. The Badger Honor Flight is another great joint veteran initiative that provides trips to Washington D.C. for veterans to view veteran memorials on the National Mall. This is a project our House Committee Chairman Ray Trent has coordinated with the Badger Honor Flight organization.

On November 9, Post 1318 will sponsor a spaghetti dinner to benefit Shop for a Cop. The proceeds from this dinner will help with the costs of the annual Shop with a Cop event that we will host later this year with local law enforcement agencies. We are always looking for volunteers to help serve and bus tables. Please contact the post or myself if you would like to volunteer.

Once again I would like to thank you all for being part of Post 1318 and for what you do for your fellow veterans and the greater community.



Left: (L to R) The workers Bill McFarland (mem), Luke Herman., Venus Hilgart (mem), in the background Billy Muether, Bill Muether (mem), Joe Hines (CDR), and Mike Rowland.

Right: Veterans and friends enjoying the tent and hospitality







## AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello everyone from the Auxiliary,

We have been quite busy lately and will continue to be through the end of the year.

In September we helped host a Spaghetti Dinner for Ruck 22. The Auxiliary was in on the set up, dinner and clean up. We also provided 3 baskets for the Silent Auction. The night was a success for the Ruck 22 fundraiser. The next day was the Ruck 22 walk. Again we were there all day for the set up during the wonderful lunch served by BB Jacks of DeForest. It was fantastic. The Auxiliary also provided fresh bananas, oranges, and applesauce packets. Once again, we were there for the clean up, but it's all part of the fun when it's such a great cause that we can be a part of.

October brought the Annual Wisconsin Badger Game. We get to sell and serve brats, burgers and hotdogs at our tent outside the game. It's such a great time, we look forward to it every year!

Next was the super fun Homecoming Dance we had as a fundraiser for Badger Honor Flight. We had the honor of having the fantastic DJ Jesse Garon from WOLX who does our Trivia nights every Thursday night. It doesn't get any better than that!! I, for one, danced my legs off! So much fun! I'm sure we will be doing another dance in the future.

We have recently delivered 25 hand tied/sewn blankets to the home at King. It is our pleasure to be able to do this and provide the beautiful, warm and cozy blankets we do for the residents there. It is our number one project that continues throughout the year. It takes a lot of time and a lot of care to do this kind of work for our Veterans. It is definitely a labor of love from our Auxiliary to our Veterans. We hear from them every year and they truly appreciate every one of the beautiful blankets they receive.

Another new project we have is the Sock Drive. We have a large "bucket" to deposit new socks in our Post entry way. Please take the time and bring a pair or two or three of new socks for us to distribute to the Veterans that need them the most. Most likely it will be the hospitalized or maybe Homeless Vets. This will go through November. Help us fill this large bucket many times over!

November 9 we will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for SWAC-Shop with a Cop. This is a great cause, very close to our hearts. Shop with a Cop happens every year and helps children that need it most. They are chosen

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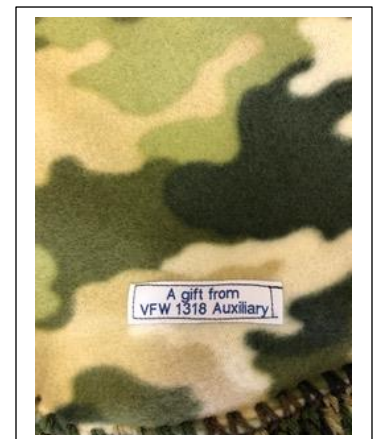
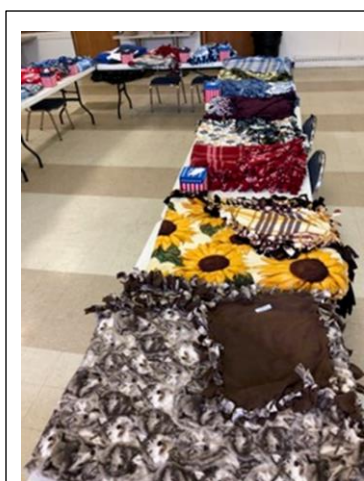
by outside agencies. They are then paired with a Police Officer and they shop for **Christmas** Gifts for their families and themselves. Funds are provided. Then, are able to wrap all the gifts together with their "Cop", have a pizza, veggies and milk lunch and take their gifts home. This makes the Holiday they may not otherwise have. We are happy to be able to help anyway we can. Our Auxiliary also provides fresh baked cookies for the group.

That takes us through the year and will keep us pretty busy.

This is part of what we do here and we always welcome new members to our group. Please contact me to ask any questions you may have about the VFW Auxiliary. Men and Women are welcome to join us!

Until Next time,  
Please join us!

Ellen Evans  
President,  
Post 1318 VFW Auxiliary  
608-835-5980



VFW AUXILIARY 1318 is sponsoring a fall sock collection for hospitalized veterans. New socks of all sizes and colors will be collected at the post during the months of October and November. Please place socks in the collection bin located near the office.

All socks will be taken to the VA hospital in Madison to be distributed to needy veterans.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Joseph Hines

I serve on both the Wisconsin VFW Legislative Committee and on the National VFW Legislative Committee. The Wisconsin VFW Legislative Committee advises and provides feedback on legislation affecting veteran specific issues in the state of Wisconsin. I also do the same as a member of the National VFW Legislative Committee but on legislation affecting veterans nationally.

One of the most recent bills that the Wisconsin VFW supported is Assembly Bill 75. This bill states that a local government restriction on the discharge of a firearm may not be enforced if the discharge uses blank rounds and is used to provide military honors at the following:

-- A funeral -- A cemetery on Memorial Day -- A cemetery on Veterans Day -- A veterans war memorial

Current law does allow local government to prohibit the discharge of blank ammunition at these activities. Current law in the City of Madison prohibits the discharge of blank ammunition at the above veteran/military related events. However the Mayor or Police Chief can grant permission so military or veteran firing squads can discharge blank ammunition on these occasions. Assembly Bill 75 would enable veterans and military organization to discharge blank ammunition at military/veteran funerals, cemeteries on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and at veteran's war memorials anywhere in the state of Wisconsin

At the national level the National VFW Legislative Committee is made up of representatives from each of the fifty (50) state departments. I represent Department of Wisconsin VFW on this committee. This year the VFW has five (5) Priority VFW Talking points that we are engaging in with members of Congress. These talking points are the Widows Tax, Burn Pits, VA Health Care, Transition and the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. These are the main issues (but not the only issues) that the VFW National Legislative Committee advocate for this year.

## UW HOCKEY RECOGNIZES VETERANS

UW Men's Hockey is sponsoring a Veteran for each UW men's home game. You will receive four tickets to the game, which includes yourself, and you will be introduced "On the Ice" at the beginning of the game as the Veteran of the game. If you are interested in being the Veteran of the game, please contact me **Scott Groff** at (C: **608-417-0723** or email: **stgroff@hotmail.com**) with the following personal information and your top three game dates in order of preference. I will then contact you with a game date, or let you know we filled up.

Info I needed: Name, Branch, Rank, Hometown, Years of Service, and Where / When You Served

Potential Game Dates (\*email me your top three, in order\*):

Minnesota Duluth- Friday Oct.18 & Saturday Oct. 19

Clarkson- Friday Oct. 25

Notre Dame- Friday Nov. 15 & Saturday Nov. 16

Michigan- Saturday Nov. 30 & Sunday Dec. 1

Ohio State- Friday Jan. 10 & Saturday Jan. 11

Michigan State- Friday Jan. 17 & Saturday Jan. 18

Minnesota- Friday Jan. 31 & Saturday Feb. 1

Penn State- Saturday Feb. 15

Arizona State- Friday Feb. 21 & Saturday Feb. 22

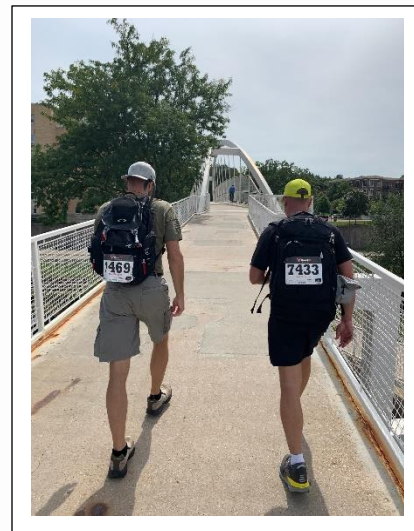
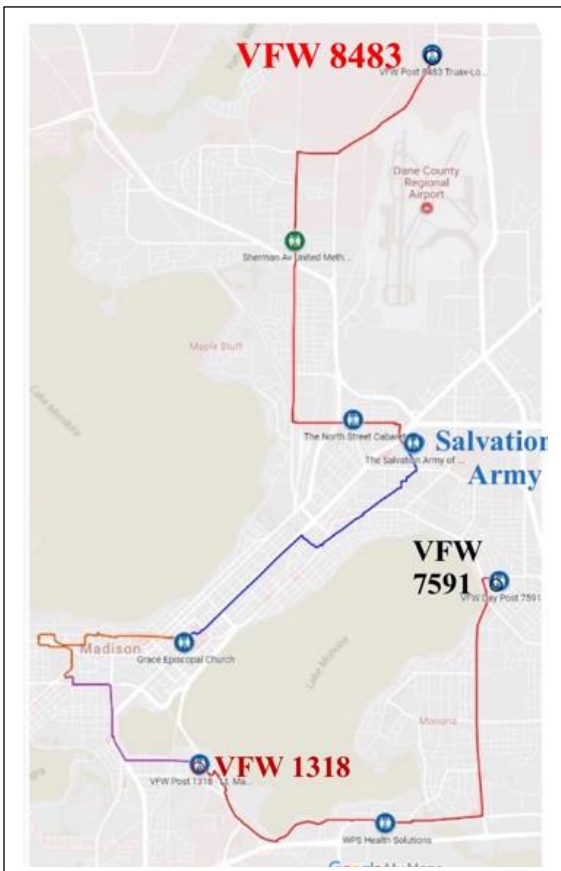
# OPERATION RUCK 22

BY AARON KREBS AND JAMIE HERMANN

On a beautiful sunny Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, morning, approximately 125 people gathered at VFW Post 8483 to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Ruck 22 march. VFW Post 1318, 7591 and 8483 were involved in volunteering to put on Operation Ruck 22—a 22-mile and 22-kilometer ruck march to raise awareness of the approximately 22 veteran suicides that occur daily.

The Primary route is a 22 mile ruck or march that includes stops at all 3 Madison area VFW Posts. This year a 22 kilometer option was added and those participating can request a short route. Stops also include local businesses that have donated food and water for hungry and thirsty ruckers as well as the usage of bathrooms and shelter.

Ruckers are split into 3 groups, each group has an American flag, captain, navigator and rear guard. Groups range from 10-50 and create quite the sight when traveling along East Washington Ave, along Regent St. or up the hill on Monona Dr. There are often times where curious members of the public stop and chat with the ruckers.



Money raised from the event will be donated to 4 local and worthy organizations: Back to Basics Training, Cover Me Veterans, Connected Warriors, and Pets for Vets. Each of these groups worked towards assisting veterans and suicide prevention efforts.

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(Operation Ruck 22 continued)

VFW Post 1318 and Rolling Thunder Wisconsin Chapter 5 also hosted a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This was very successful in raising \$1200 which was donated to support of the mission of Operation Ruck 22.

Thank you to all the VFW Post 1318 members, Auxiliary members and Rolling Thunder Wisconsin Chapter 5 members for making the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Ruck 22 a successful event by volunteering and/or marching in the event. Post members from all three Posts, VFW Auxiliary Members, friends and families raised over \$8,000. You can find out more about Operation Ruck 22 by looking for them on Facebook or by sending an email to [OperationRuck22!@gmail.com](mailto:OperationRuck22!@gmail.com). Plans are in place for a 2020 ruck and volunteers are always needed.



Rolling Thunder  
Members Keith Forst  
(L) and Luke Hermann

Auxiliary State Senior Vice  
President Linda Schluter  
with her husband and  
friends from Post 7591.



Operation Ruck 22  
marchers at Camp Randall  
and the State Capitol, SEP  
14, 2019



**WISHING EVERYONE HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

BY BOB EVANS

Since the last newsletter the activities Committee has been working with the house committee on increasing our events and the effective advertising of those events. The VFW sponsored a homecoming dance on Oct 12th which was a fund raiser for Honor Flight. This event was initiated and organized by our House Committee Chairman Ray Trent. Kelso, Miranda and Ellen Evans decorated for the event. There was enough money raised to sponsor one person to attend on an upcoming flight.

There are several upcoming events that I would like membership to put on their calendars. I want to encourage all membership to attend and support these events. We have them advertised on our web site and we are dependent on the community support for these fundraisers so anything that will support these activities in getting the word out is appreciated.

Upcoming activities of Note: There will be a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on the 9th of November from 5-7:00 pm. This is to raise money for the annual sponsorship that 1318 does for Shop With a Cop, involving police officers from the Dane County Area. Please let people know and come and attend yourself to support this. This is also advertised on the 1318 website. This event will feature Chef John Krack and his famous spaghetti sauce and will have representative police officers serving the meal

The second event is the annual Rolling Thunder extravaganza on December 14, 10-4. This event features vendors, raffles and other fun features. Jamie as the lead from Rolling Thunder puts extensive effort into this major event for Rolling Thunder. Please put this on your calendar and stop by and participate as well as spreading the word.

Thank you for supporting 1318 events.



Left: Julie Pfluger, her mom, Teri Pfluger and sister, Jen Pfluger.

Right: Jesse Garon, our great DJ for Trivia and Karaoke, helps clean up.



## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser November 9th

Shop With a Cop – Dane County, Inc and the VFW Post #1318 invite you to join us for a spaghetti dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, milk, water and coffee.

**VFW Post #1318**  
**133 E. Lakeside St.**  
**5:00 pm until 7:00 pm**

\$10.00 per person  
\$5.00 Kids 5 to 12  
Kids under 5 free

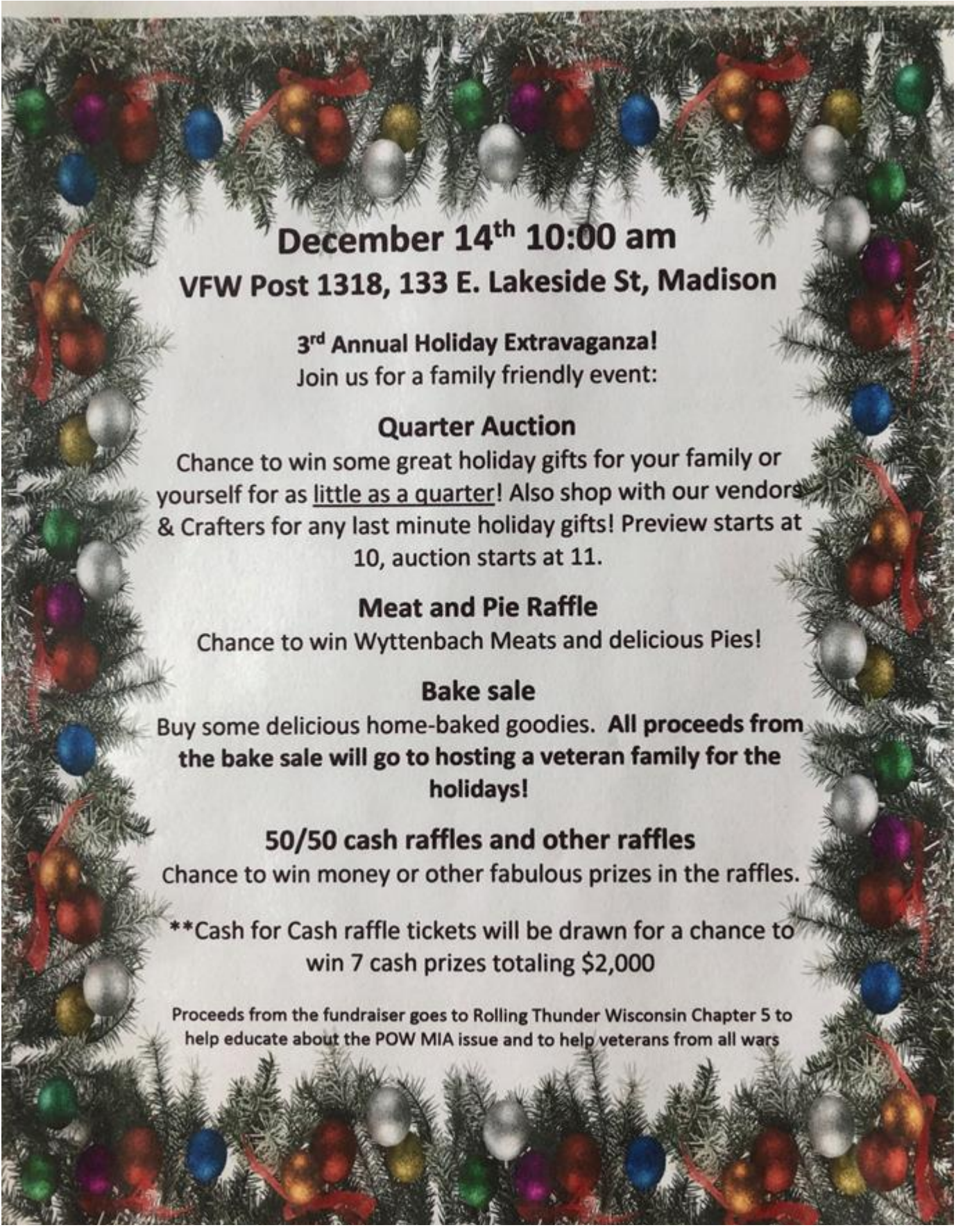
All proceeds will be used to benefit families in Dane County through our annual event.

**Thank you for  
supporting our  
event!!**



Shop with a Cop – Dane County, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization  
<http://www.shopwithacopdanecounty.org/>  
Like us on Facebook





**December 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**  
**VFW Post 1318, 133 E. Lakeside St, Madison**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Extravaganza!**  
Join us for a family friendly event:

**Quarter Auction**

Chance to win some great holiday gifts for your family or yourself for as little as a quarter! Also shop with our vendors & Crafters for any last minute holiday gifts! Preview starts at 10, auction starts at 11.

**Meat and Pie Raffle**

Chance to win Wytttenbach Meats and delicious Pies!

**Bake sale**

Buy some delicious home-baked goodies. **All proceeds from the bake sale will go to hosting a veteran family for the holidays!**

**50/50 cash raffles and other raffles**

Chance to win money or other fabulous prizes in the raffles.

**\*\*Cash for Cash raffle tickets will be drawn for a chance to win 7 cash prizes totaling \$2,000**

Proceeds from the fundraiser goes to Rolling Thunder Wisconsin Chapter 5 to help educate about the POW MIA issue and to help veterans from all wars



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## FOOTBALL GAME



Our chefs this year, Post Member, Steve Eisenhauer. and Post friend, John Baxter



## MEMBER UPDATE



Post member, Roger H., visiting his combat buddies who didn't make it home. Roger went on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight with two other combat buddies. Each veteran had their oldest son as their guardian.

### 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

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