

Serving the Community Since 1925

V.F.W. NEWS

Published Four Times a Year by Marion C. Cranefield Post 1318
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vol 20 No. 3 July/August/September 2020



Greetings,

When I wrote my last column for this Newsletter, I thought by this time we would have more answers on how we as a nation, state, and city deal with the COVID-19 virus. It seems at this juncture the situation is more confusing than ever. The conflicting information and indecision really make our present situation all the more frustrating. Fortunately, within our post I believe we are doing a great job of dealing with the crisis as best we can. This past April we had our first meeting ever entirely online. Our May and June meetings were also online. During this time most of our Building and House committee meetings were online. I have to admit that I have missed the personal connection we all experience when we have the meeting together at our Post. However, I was pleasantly surprised how well the online meetings went and how we were still able to accomplish the post business. There were a lot of decisions that had to be made these past three (3) months that necessitated a lot of motions and we worked through all of this business with relative ease. Our online attendance was the same if not better than our regular meeting attendance. I came away feeling really proud of how everyone adapted and continues to adapt to the challenges this COVID-19 crisis presents.

Our canteen operations resumed on June 18 and we are now open four days a week from Thursday through Sunday. We are adhering to local governmental guidelines concerning the business operations during this pandemic. We have applied for and have received funding through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which is a federal governmental program to provide businesses relief during this COVID-19 Crisis. These funds have helped us to still pay and retain our canteen staff during the time our canteen operation was closed. In the short time we were open this past June our canteen operation did quite well. The patrons of our canteen have really been supportive. Many have donated funds to our post to keep our operations open through a donation feature on our vfw1318.org website. One of our patrons even designed and printed out the huge wall menus mounted on the walls in our canteen and in our hall.

As you can see this has really been a joint effort between our members and post supporters that has enabled us to continue operations through these difficult times. I would really be remiss if I did not mention the herculean efforts

(continued on page 4)



Commander Joe Hines

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 3rd - Post Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 4th - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 24th - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
- House Committee - 7:00 pm

September

- 1st - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 14th - Post Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 22nd - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
- House Committee - 7:00 pm

October

- 5th - Post meeting - 6:00 pm
- 6th - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 27th - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
- House Committee - 7:00 pm

The following groups will meet again when allowed:

- First Wednesday Badger Honor Flight - 6:00 pm
- Second Saturday Rolling Thunder - 10:00 am
- Madison Veterans Council 6:00 pm

Post is closed on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesday

**Post open only Thursday, Friday
Saturday and Sunday**

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Joe Hines
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Carlos Tucker
 Jr. Vice Commander -----Edward Maiolo
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Pat Morgan
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----Steve Eisenhoauer
 Trustee, 2yr -----Andy Lochner
 Trustee, 1yr -----John Kraak
 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, Bill Austin,
 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 Cray
 Conductress-----Gundel Metz
 Secretary -----Adajo Forester
 Trustee, 1 yr----- NinaSmithback
 Trustee, 2 yr-----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3 yr-----Elizabeth Moore
 Chaplain-----Sharon Cray
 Guard-----Nina Smithback
 Historian----- Rose Doucette

CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

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

Canteen Specials:

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.

(PLEASE CALL THE CANTEEN TO
SEE IF HOURS ARE CHANGED
AND/OR WHAT SPECIAL WE MAY
HAVE)

**Find us on
FACEBOOK and
TWITTER**

**Facebook:
The VFW, Cranfield's
Post 1318**

TWITTER@VFWPOST1318

WEB ADDRESS

VFW1318.ORG

Telephone: 608-255-5955

Email: vfw1318@hotmail.com

V.F.W. NEWS DEADLINE IS
October 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.

V.F.W. NEWS OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

V.F.W. NEWS is the official publication of
Cranfield VFW Post 1318. V.F.W. NEWS is
published quarterly by V.F.W. Post 1318,133 E.
Lakeside St., Madison, WI 53715.

Annual membership in VFW Post 1318 includes
subscription to the V.F.W. NEWS through email
or postal mail.

**V.F.W. Memorial Hall
133 E. Lakeside Street
Madison, WI 53715**

Questions or comments about the Newsletter?
E-mail: VFW1318@hotmail.com

POST MEETINGS:

First Monday of each month @ 6 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS:

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

**DANE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE
OFFICE**

210 Marting Luther King Jr. Blvd Rm 108
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: 608-266-4158 TDD 608-266-4157
Legislative HOT-LINE 800-362-9696



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,

Hope all is well with everyone!

As with all of you, not a lot has been going on with the Auxiliary, but we are still going! Our monthly meetings are done online, and that is a great advantage for us. We have a couple of members that don't live in the Madison area, and now they can attend all of our meetings. We love that!

We are so excited that the VFW/Cranefield's is now open. It is a great place to stop in and cool off, or sit outside and enjoy the beautiful setting under the trees in relaxing front yard. Trivia, Karaoke, and Wacko are all back, and couldn't be more fun! Please stop in Thursday thru Sunday.

We are continuing to make our blankets for the hospitalized Veterans. They are generally delivered to the Home at King in the late Fall/early Winter.

Please continue to support our Vets. Stop in and enjoy yourself.

We are always looking for new members to join our Auxiliary. Both men and women are encouraged to join.

We love our Vets and encourage you to support them and their Families.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Ellen Evans
President
Post 1318 Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is holding virtual meetings at this time.

(Commanders column continued)

of both our Quartermaster Gundel Metz and House Committee Chairman Ray Trent. Gundel successfully researched, filled out and submitted our PPP Loan application that secured funding to help pay our staff during the COVID shutdown. She continues to oversee the bookkeeping operations of our canteen while she performs the regular functions of a post quartermaster. Ray Trent supervised the temporary shutdown of our canteen operation during this crisis to include coordinating with vendors, maintenance contractors and staff. Three months later Ray coordinated with these same people to successfully reopen the canteen. Both of these individuals are breaking new ground because this post has never gone through a situation like this before. They are both doing a great job.

We held our July meeting at the post for the first time in four months. This meeting was also available online. So this was our first ever combination post/online meeting in Post 1318 history. It went great for the first meeting of this type. Our meeting attendance was the best it has been in over a year. I don't think online meetings will ever be as effective as in-person meetings. But they will remain a part of our post meetings in the near future and most likely will be an option in the years to come.

MILITARY HISTORY

Obviously, I do not have enough room to write down all military history that happened during the month of July, August, and September. So here are a few items from various wars/eras.

July 1, 1863 – Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg

July 1, 1950 – First U.S. ground troops arrive in Korea

July 3, 1775 – George Washington took command of the Continental Army

July 10, 1943 – The Allied invasion of Italy began with an attack on Sicily

July 10, 1951 – Armistice talks begin at Kaeson

July 25, 1898 – U.S. invaded Spanish Colony, Puerto Rico

August 7, 1964 – After attack on US destroyers in Gulf of Tonkin, Congress authorized President Johnson “to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States”

August 14, 1945 – Japan accepted Allied surrender terms

August 16, 1777 – The Battle of Bennington, Vermont occurred

August 24-25, 1814 – During the war of 1812, Washington, D.C. was invaded by British forces

September 1, 1939 – Beginning of World War II

September 5, 1951 – North Koreans abandon Bloody Ridge after UN Forces outflank it

September 7, 1994 – The U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin

September 9, 1943 – The invasion of Salerno began

September 14, 1814 – The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred

September 15, 1916 – Tanks were first used in combat

September 18, 1947 – The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service

September 26, 1918 – The Battle of the Argonne began

EVENTS COMMITTEE

by Bob Evans

It is difficult to write about activities at this time when we really have no activities at this time. The virus that has plagued a lot of the world has had a huge impact on Post 1318. We are open at a reduced capacity after months of enforced closure. This has challenged the Post leadership in applying judgement, incorporating factors that cannot be accurately forecast. This has led us to make the decision to reopen and at least recover some of the Post fixed costs through the canteen. However, as a result of social distancing and restricted requirements for attendance, as well as a concern of responsibility for unnecessary exposure for members and guests, we have elected to forgo activities for the immediate future.

What this time for me broaches the question as to what risk we are willing to assume and how much of our quality of life we are willing to give up to be safe. As service members we have assumed risk in our lives in order to maintain our freedoms and the rights we enjoy as Americans. We are now facing an enemy that threatens our lifestyle and our economy, but is one that requires societal discipline rather than military force to defeat.

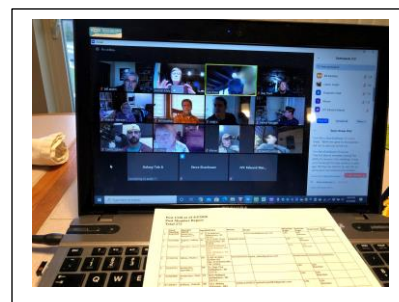
While we are all in this together, it falls to us as an individual organization to make the critical decisions that will maintain our survival. In all of our military service we have undergone situations that have taxed our adaptive abilities and forced us to find strengths we didn't know we had. We have had to place our trust in leaders we were in reality unsure of. We have the same challenge now that our State and Federal leadership are applying judgement without complete information and conflicted by economic and political pressures.

Individually and collectively we are in territory we have not experienced in our lifetime. The VFW and Post 1318 are here to support you in this strange time. Our activities presently are focused on helping our membership successfully survive and flourish during a societal challenge. This requires the tenacity to face and defeat an enemy that does not have a political ideology or agenda. I believe we will have the self-discipline and personnel strength to persevere. In any crisis there is an opportunity and once realized hopefully we can take advantage of that.

QUARTERMASTER UPDATE

We have all been coping in our own way with the requirements to stay safe and try to reduce the spread of COVID 19. If you need any assistance, please contact the Quartermaster at vfw1318@hotmail.com or call the Post and leave a message. I go to the Post about twice a week at this time. We all need to do our part in stopping the spread of this deadly disease. Our veteran population is older and we do not want to be the cause of spreading the virus to any of our members.

We will continue to hold Post Meetings both at the Post and virtual. Every month, I will send you out an email to all of our members (whose email address I have) letting you know how to log into the meeting. Please join us.



#STILLSERVING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will present its first-ever #StillServing Celebration the week July 20-24. The virtual event, which culminates in the installation of incoming VFW National Commander Hal Roesch, will shine a spotlight on personal veteran stories that emerged as result of the [#StillServing campaign](#) which began in February of this year.

“When we launched the #StillServing campaign it was to bring attention to the unexpected ways veterans continue to serve their country after they leave active military,” said William “Doc” Schmitz, VFW national commander. “The onset of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 multiplied the inspiring stories of veterans’ continued dedication to giving of themselves, now to their local communities. It represents the heart of VFW.”

The #StillServing Celebration will kick off Monday, July 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. and will include veterans’ #StillServing videos, remarks from special guests, surprise celebrity entertainers, a #StillServing T-shirt giveaway and opportunities for VFW members and other viewers to engage with each other and share to their social channels.

For more information, go to vfw.org/StillServingCelebration, and follow the VFW’s Facebook page facebook.com/VFWFans with notifications turned on. While registration is not required, all are encouraged to complete the [RSVP form](#) and indicate whether they would like their name posted in the welcome gallery.

“For former military, raising their hand to meet a need is right up their alley,” said Schmitz. “The sense of teamwork and purpose in volunteering is a natural fit for the military veteran. No one is better trained or experienced to carry it out effectively. This #StillServing Celebration brings the truth of that forward and we are excited to share it.”

The VFW encourages all veterans to share stories by going to vfw.org/StillServing to show how they continue to answer the call to serve in ways big and small. In addition, family or friends are asked to use #StillServing in social media posts to honor a veteran in their lives who believes the spirit of service transcends military life.

The VFW urges Americans to visit vfw.org/StillServing to learn more about the campaign, make a shareable image honoring veterans in their lives, watch videos of VFW members making a difference and see a collection of user-generated content.

The **VFW National Convention** has been cancelled due to COVID 19. As you are aware we cannot gather in large crowds especially with our population. Please be advised that the upcoming **Pro-Forma Convention**, followed by the Change of Command ceremony will begin streaming on the [VFW’s Facebook page](#) at 10:00 a.m. (CDT), Friday, July 24.

(Editors Note: I found this on Facebook and thought it was worthwhile to copy.)

Some of us are Veterans

We left home as teenagers for an unknown adventure.

We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.

We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.

We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.

We found new friends and new family.

We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.

We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.

We didn't get enough sleep.

We smoked and drank too much.

We picked up both good and bad habits.

We worked hard and played harder.

We didn't earn a great wage.

We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.

We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.

We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.

We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.

Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.

Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.

Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.

We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.

We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.

We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.

We have dealt with victory and tragedy.

We have celebrated and mourned.

We lost a few along the way.

When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.

We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.

We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.

We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.

We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.

Being a veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.

It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.


People see a veteran and they thank them for their service.

When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.

Try to remember the good times and forget the bad times.

Share your stories.

But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran. 

VFW Post 1318
133 E Lakeside Street
Madison, WI 53715

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MEMORIAL DAY 2020



Post members Bill Austin, Bill Muether, John Hahn, Joe Hines and Andy Lochner setting out flags for memorial day at Forest Hill Cemetary



SAR and Post member Bill Austin, Gundel Metz and Joe Hines paying respect to our name sake, LT Marion C. Craneheld.



Gundel Metz watching Memorial Day Service



Gundel Metz, Bill Austin, and Joe Hines (Commander) paying respect to Past Commander in Chief Lyall Beggs



SAR Members and Post Members Bill Muether, Gundel Metz, Joe Hines, and Bill Austin paying respect to Roger Boeker.



Roger Boekers marker at Forest Hill

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