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Greetings members!

This will be my last column as your Post Commander. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the commander of Post 1318. It seems like these past three years have flown by but at the same time it seems like a lifetime. We have all been through a lot with the sale of our current post home and what seems like endless negotiations that have gone with that. We negotiated the option to purchase agreement with Avante Properties in 2014, and then renewed and amended it 2017. It has been both a lifeline and a burden in many ways. It has been a lifeline in that it gave needed funding that has kept our facility (to include our canteen) in operation. At the same time, it has caused us all a lot of uncertainty because (until recently) we did not have a definitive date as to when we would actually execute the final sale of our post. All we knew for certain is that Avante would be required to give us a twelve (12) month notice when they would complete the purchase of our facility by which time we would have to vacate.

Last August we received this notice from Avante Properties in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Now we knew that we would complete the sale of our current facility this August and have to vacate. Then our next question became - what next? Do we find another facility to purchase, rent a facility to run, or just hold our Post Meetings at another facility? At this point we formed a building committee which met with the House Committee to examine all these options. We really looked at a number of possibilities and sometimes we met almost weekly. All options were considered. Conducting this search at this time was a challenge. All considerations had considered through the prism of this pandemic. Rental rates, property prices and availability of meetings spaces were all affected by this fluid situation. The building committee identified several options which were presented to the post membership for feedback. With this feedback we re-looked and pared down the options for further consideration. This process helped us focus on the fact that the Post members wanted a new post home. The Post membership felt that it was important to our post identity to have a building to call our own. Our members felt it was also important to have a facility that we could use to serve the greater veteran community and the community as a whole.

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Commander Joe Hines

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 3rd – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 4th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 8th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 25th – House Committee – 6:00 pm
- 31st – Memorial Day

June

- 1st – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 7th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 12th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 22nd – House Committee – 6:00 pm
- 23rd – 26th State VFW Convention – Green Bay

July

- 5th – Post meeting – 6:00 pm
- 6th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 10th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 27th – House Committee – 6:00 pm
- 31st to 5 Aug – National Convention

Post is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

The following groups will meet again when allowed:

First Wednesday Badger Honor Flight – 6:00 pm

Madison Veterans Council 6:00 pm

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

CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Mondays – Tuesdays closed
 Wednesday: 4pm to 11 pm
 Thursday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Friday & Saturday: 11 am to Midnight
 Sunday: 11 am to 8 pm

Canteen Specials:

Thursday is \$.75 Wings

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

Check the board for our daily specials.

Trivia every Thursday at 7:00 pm and
Karaoke every Friday at 6:30 pm

Plus we have the weekly draw on
Fridays.

WACKO – Every Sunday

Stop on by and meet our staff, Kate,
Vicki, Erica, Nate, Joseph, Steve and
others. Plus Greg is there almost every
morning cleaning up.

**DUE TO COVID 19 WE HAVE
LIMITED SEATING**

As Always call the Post if you want to
know what is going on that day.

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FACEBOOK and
TWITTER**

**Facebook:
The VFW, Cranefield’s
Post 1318**

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JULY 10TH. IF YOU HAVE A STORY,
AN IDEA, A WEBSITE TO SHARE,
PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION
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Questions or comments about the Newsletter?
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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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OFFICE**

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Madison, WI 53703
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Legislative HOT-LINE 800-362-9696



**If you want information for the
on-line Post meetings, please
contact the Post Quartermaster
at vfw1318@hotmail.com. All
Post meetings are hybrid, some
members at the Post and the
others via internet.**

(Commander's column continued)

The building committee worked with a real estate agent and identified several prospective properties. We inspected several possibilities and determined that the property at 2740 Ski Lane would best serve our needs. We secured approval from the post and arranged financing. All of us took a lot of coordination and time. Our original offer was not accepted as the seller had received another offer from a prospective buyer before our offer could be finalized. We were fortunate in that this prospective buyer could not complete the purchase and our next offer was accepted. We now own the property at 2740 Ski Lane. We have a great vision of what we hope this property will become. We have a lot of renovations ahead to make this a reality. There are numerous licensing and permitting issues that we are currently working through. However, we have made great progress in both of these areas. The whole post has made this happen and it has been a great team effort. However, three individuals deserve special praise. Ray Trent has spearheaded the renovation efforts with the help of our Auxiliary President Ellen Evans. Gundel Metz has worked the financing, permitting and licensing issues. They have and continue to do great work.

I mention this whole process because I believe it epitomizes how this post works. We are a volunteer organization and like any volunteer organization you will have members who take on a greater role. They are selfless and we are lucky to have them. At the same time all post members have been kept informed and participated in the process of finding a new post home when a critical decision had to be made. If all goes well, we will be in our new post home this August. We all worked together to come up with a solution and it was not always easy and certainly not fun. But veterans have the ability to work together as a team and I think Post 1318 exemplifies that. I think we will continue to be the same viable post that serves veterans in the Madison community for years to come. This is why I am so proud to have been your Post Commander. I want to congratulate Carlos Tucker as he takes the command of Post 1318 in May and wish him all the luck in the world. Please continue to give him the same support you have shown me.

MILITARY HUMOR

Here is a little bit of humor after the long year we have all had. Please stay safe and hope to see you soon at the Post.

Joke #1

Ask the Army to secure a building and they will set up a perimeter around it and make sure nobody gets out.

Ask the Marines to secure a building and they will charge in, kill everybody inside, and then set up defenses to make sure nobody gets in.

Ask the Navy to secure a building and they will turn off all the lights and lock all the doors at 1700.

Ask the Air Force to secure a building and they will sign a 10-year lease with an option to buy.

Joke #2

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now, let's try it again!"

Officer: "Soldier. Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"



AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

We are into a new year, and WOW! is it an exciting one for us!! With the purchase of a new building, things are happening behind the scenes. We are so fortunate that the new location is not too far from the current VFW. It is going to be a beautiful creation to be proud of. Unfortunately, it takes a ton of work to get there. But patience is a good thing, and the membership of both the Post and Auxiliary will definitely be pleased.

I have the privilege of being on the team working to prepare the building. The leaders are Ray Trent, our House Committee Chairman, Gundy Metz, Quartermaster, and an exceptional builder, Mike Lamont. I just gather numbers and distribute information. The amount I have learned is phenomenal, and I love every minute of it. The process is mind boggling. We do our best to keep everyone in the loop, and welcome questions at any time. Please ask anything you are wondering about.

We have continued to do our blanket project and the Home at King is so happy we are. They were delivered in December and now there are already a number of bags of newly crafted blankets and quilts ready to go again! The talent and determination in our Auxiliary is amazing. The simplest tying of a fleece blanket, adding to the donation, can bring an immeasurable calming to a Veteran.

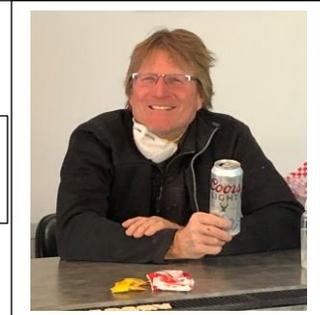
Please consider joining us in our Auxiliary at Post 1318. We continue to meet virtually, but are looking forward to the day we will meet in person on a regular basis. It should be soon!

We welcome men and women into our wonderful group.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Ellen Evans
President
Post 1318 Auxiliary

General Contractor Mike having lunch at the Post.



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

BY BRAD BURT

Introduction

Ranking members of the House and Senate Affairs Committee met March 4, 2021, to discuss the allocation of funding through Congress. One of the concerns brought up by Senator John Raymond Tester of Montana was his concern about patient hesitancy amongst veterans who will be offered the COVID-19 vaccination. 600,000 vaccines have been allotted to the VA for inoculation. Ranking members of the Senate urge all veterans to take them when their number is called. Please reach out for more information by calling your County Veterans Service Officer or VA Social Worker to learn more. Information can be found on my virtual Service Officer website at www.outpost422.com.

Education

Rather than push education and ask our membership to go back to school, this month, we will be discussing the benefits of going back to school instead. For school, I am looking to interview three Post members or veterans of the community who served in Fallujah and Hue for a documentary project. The goal seeks to provide the Post with some background and history of Marines who served in these occupations. The documentary information provided will be donated to the Post as a historical submission. My professor published an article about her son who served in Afghanistan. She informed me there is a website for use to tell our story. I will gladly help Post members with their submissions. Militaryexperience.org works with veterans who wish to publish their stories. Please reach out if you are enrolled in school and need an ambassador to help through hard times. Visit my website to connect with many resources that have helped me survive pulling out of the muck and mire of receiving bad grades due to writing challenges. Next month will be about the Blue Water Navy Act and the UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project through a short summary of sources.

Links

Military experience <https://militaryexperience.org>

Military experience contact the-journal-of-military-experience-vol-31.pdf (wordpress.com)

Madison College enrollment Enrollment Services | Madison Area Technical College
(madisoncollege.edu)

Hue <https://www.veteransadvantage.com/blog/military-veterans-news/vietnam-veterans-remembering-those-who-fought-battle>

Fallujah [Fallujah: Battle for the !\[\]\(bd3b31712ad9bab5a241210fa6925cdd_img.jpg\) City of Mosques !\[\]\(882be629d4a853dc90d60f084b0d185d_img.jpg\) - VFW](#)

Conclusion

Continue to check in with the Post and be seen. We appreciate all who served, our auxiliary and community support. We must continue to stay focused on the mission of sticking together through this hard time on the home front. The VFW is our bond. We are strong when we stick together. Thank you for your service. Reach out anytime if you need questions answered with claims, benefits, or anything really. I am your connecting link to resources to help you succeed.

POST ELECTIONS

BY GUNDEL METZ

The Post elections were held on April 5th at the regular meeting. Congratulations to the following officers who were either elected or appointed for the 2021-2022 year:

Commander: Carlos Tucker
Senior Vice Commander: Edward Maiolo
Junior Vice Commander: Steve Eisenhauer
Quartermaster: Gundel Metz
Adjutant: Joseph Hines
Chaplain: Pat Morgan
Surgeon: Rose Doucette
Judge Advocate: Bob Evans
Three Year Trustee: Kyong Clawson
Two Year Trustee: Bill Muether
One Year Trustee: Andy Lochner
House Committee: Bob Evans and Greg Burr were reelected.

The following members were elected as delegates to the National Convention: Gundel Metz (NCM), Jeff Miller, Carlos Tucker, Steve Eisenhauer, Joseph Hines, and Bob Evans.

The following members were elected as delegates to the State Convention: Gundel Metz (PSC), Jeff Miller, Carlos Tucker, Edward Maiolo, Steve Eisenhauer, Rose Doucette, Sharon Warsaw, Bob Evans, Elizabeth Harmen, and Ray Trent.

COVID VACCINE UPDATE

FROM MADISON VA HOSPITAL WEBSITE

COVID-19 Vaccines

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized three COVID-19 vaccines. VA is following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance to pause in providing the Janssen vaccine at this time. This pause is due to a concern about possible rare side effects. Your safety is our top priority. For more information, go to the CDC website. [Read the CDC and FDA statement on the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine](#). If you have a vaccine appointment scheduled, your VA health facility will work with you to determine what to do next.

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Congress has passed a new law that allows us to offer COVID-19 vaccines to more people. VA is now able to offer vaccine to the following groups who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine at VA when their local VA facilities have enough vaccine:

- Veterans
- Spouse of a Veteran
- Caregivers of a Veteran
- Recipients of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) benefits

The best way to stay informed is to [sign up to tell us you'd like to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA](#). Your local VA facility will then contact you when they have a vaccine for you.

For your continued health and safety during this pandemic, please don't come to a VA health facility to request a COVID-19 vaccine without an appointment unless you are coming to a specific scheduled event such as a walk-in clinic or drive-through clinic that does not require an appointment.

Note: Your employer, pharmacy, or local public health officials may offer you a COVID-19 vaccine. We encourage you to take the first opportunity you have to get a vaccine at the most convenient location for you.

The Madison VA currently receives the Moderna vaccine. The Madison VA is currently offering COVID-19 vaccine to all *Veterans already receiving care from the VA*. Currently enrolled Veterans can call the **Vaccine Scheduling Line at 608-280-2160** to make an appointment right away. We have appointments available at our main hospital and all of our Community Based Outpatient Clinics.

Below are frequently asked questions and answers, we share them to help educate all Veterans with the most current information we have on vaccination.

Are Vaccines Safe?: The process that FDA uses for identifying safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines is rigorous and robust. No short cuts were taken in assessing the safety of these vaccines.

I am not worried about COVID-19, why should I get vaccinated? Even if you are not worried about your own health, your vaccination will help stop the spread of COVID-19 in your community. Each additional vaccination assists in stopping the spread of the virus and helps us get back to normal life. Even if you are not personally worried about COVID 19, you can be part of the solution to protect your family, your community, your fellow Veterans and your Country!

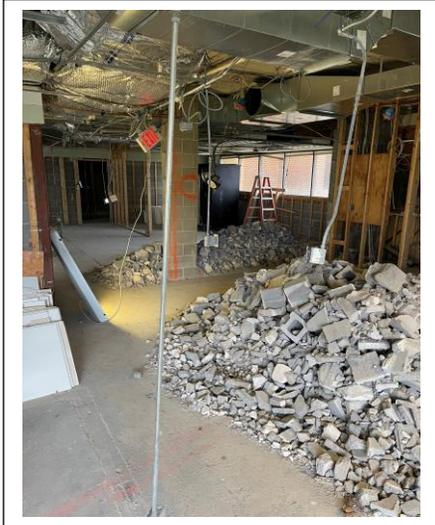
Can I get COVID-19 from the Vaccine? No, the vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means the vaccines cannot give you COVID-19.

I have already had COVID-19, I am already immune to infection? We do not know how long immunity lasts after getting COVID-19, so it is still important to get vaccinated. We recommend waiting 90 days after you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to get a vaccination.

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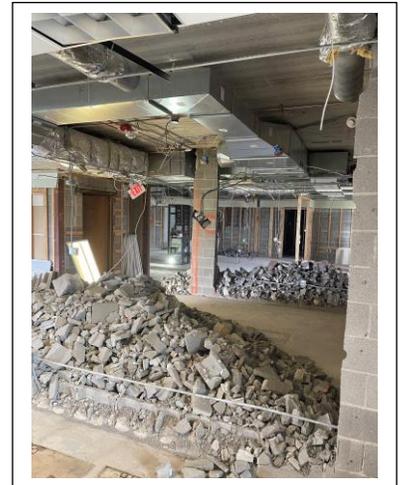
POST FUTURE HOME UPDATE



2740 Ski Lane, Madison



The rubble made it to the outside of the building



Future Auxiliary Room



Future Post meeting room

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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