

V.F.W. NEWS

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Greetings, Comrades!

Allow me to wish you all the best in this Fall season, or should you prefer, Happy Autumn! It sounds a bit odd, rolling off the tongue, doesn't it? "Happy Autumn." Obviously there must be a good reason. While both Fall and Autumn represent the exact same thing, one is definitely used more often than the other. Yet at least a couple of my daughters would still venture to argue that neither is as appropriate as "Comfy Sweater Season." In an effort to mitigate the potential for conflicting opinions of appropriate terminology, I did some research and discovered that Americans tend to say Fall more than Autumn. Reader's Digest told me that. Interestingly enough, I also discovered that historically, the season was known as neither Fall, Autumn, nor Comfy Sweater Season, but rather "Harvest." In fact, Harvest is the earliest known name for what I consider to be the best season of them all. Historically speaking though, the original name of harvest was by no means the best when it came to discussions of the season.

Apparently, the name created confusion since Harvest referred to both the season when crops are harvested as well as the actual act of harvesting of crops. One word with two meanings; what a pain that must have been while navigating so much other adversity in the 1500s. Plague, famine, meteorological wrath of a harsh winter in a new land... yet I can only imagine the terror in the hearts of America's earliest settlers as the leaves began to change, the air became crisp and the furrowed fields reached their bountiful thresholds. Clearly the citizens of the new world vexed greatly over the impending horror that they be misunderstood in wishing someone "Happy Harvest!" How would the greeting be interpreted?? Was the intent to wish another that they remain in good spirits whilst gathering the spoils of the growing season? Or did they simply mean to wish a pleasant season, overall? Ugh, what a hullabaloo!

Luckily, the times changed, and a fancy new term sidled into vogue, finally putting an end to the whole "But, kind person, of WHICH Harvest DOST THOU SPEAK?!?!" conundrum. This term was "Fall." Merriam-Webster guesses that poets of the era took a deep-seeded liking to phrases about "the falling of the leaves". Apparently, this was kind of a cliché go-to for poets back then, sort of like the "I like sunsets and long walks on the beach" of the 17th century. And with poetry being a major source of entertainment at the time, the public clung to the edgy new phrases, integrating the word "Fall" to represent the season. Can you imagine a time when the simple, single syllable word, "Fall" was considered the hottest new slang term? That must have been some serious excitement in

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Commander Carlos Tucker

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

1st – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
7th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
12th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
22nd – House Committee – 6:00 pm
Events Committee – 7:00 pm

December

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

January 2023

5th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
6th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
14th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
24th – House Committee – 6:00 pm
Events Committee – 7:00pm

Post is closed on Mondays

The following also meet at the Post:

Madison Veterans Council
VFW 1318 Band for Rehearsal
Madison Navy League
Riders United

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Carlos Tucker
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Steve Eisenhower
 Jr. Vice Commander -----Venus Hilgart
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----Joseph Hines
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Rose Doucette
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----Andrew Lochner
 Trustee, 2yr -----Kyong Clawson
 Trustee, 1yr -----William Muether
 Officer of the Day-----Ray Trent
 Service Officer-----Will Atkinson
 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-----William Muether
 House Committee -----Bob Evans, Carlos
 Tucker, Steve Eisenhower, Venus Hilgart, Ray Trent,
 Sharon Warsaw, Rose Doucette, Gundel Metz, Bill
 Austin, and Joseph Hines and Permanent Guest -
 Auxiliary Representative
 House Committee and Events Committee meets on
 the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President -----Ellen Evans
 Sr. Vice -----Rose Doucette
 Jr. Vice -----Elizabeth Moore
 Treasurer -----Melissa Cray
 Conductress-----Michael Rowland
 Secretary -----Adajo Forester
 Trustee, 1 yr-----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 2 yr-----Elizabeth Moore
 Trustee, 3 yr-----Michael Rowland
 Chaplain-----Rose Doucette
 Guard-----
 Historian-----Rose Doucette

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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: 11 am to 8 pm
 Wednesday: 11 am to 8 pm
 Thursday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Friday & Saturday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Sunday: 11 am to 8 pm

Canteen Information:

Food Specials:

Taco Tuesday's
 Wrap Wednesday
 Trivia Thursday Nachos
 Friday Fish fry

Happy Hour Specials:

Tequila Tuesday
 Top Shelf Whiskey Wednesday
 Thirsty Thursday
 The Boyle Fridays

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

Plus we have the weekly draw on
 Fridays.

WACKO – Every Sunday

Stop on by and meet our staff, Kate,
 Erica, Allison, Nicole, Brent, Scott, Flip,
 Michael, Anna, and others.

Saturday evenings we may have a band,
 singer or paint night.

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

**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)

1674!! But what about Autumn? No idea. I just didn't have the energy to Google anymore. But what I do know is that both Autumn and Fall were used in America for a while, but as time pressed on and the English Empire struggled at odds with the Colonies, eventually America declared its Independence from Britain. Our newly formed nation and its citizens began to take strides to separate from the former monarchy in as many ways as possible, including the move to ditch all of that long winded, fancy schmancy discourse about aristocrats, tea and crumpets, and delightfully bland food. We were a new and independent nation, and we were going to start talking like one! So it was in the 1800s when the unofficial, yet still proverbial, line in the sand was drawn. Americans took ownership of the full rich flavor of the word Fall, in all its glory, embracing and honoring its poetic roots. And the word Autumn, with its pretentious extra syllable, belonged to the Brits. A perfectly suited consolation side-dish to the world's blandest cuisine. I mean no disrespect here. I am simply a strongly opinionated American patriot. If you've ever tasted British food, then you know what I mean. It really is rather bland.

To experience the complete opposite of the flavor of British "food," the timing is perfect since the Fall season is here! The changing colors are a flavorful feast for the eyes as the leaves transform to their boldest beauty in brilliant golds, deep reds and russets. And while leaf-peeping season is short lived, it would seem that time, itself, is also becoming shorter.

The world's cultural climate is changing faster than it ever has before. As technology advances and the next generations seem to be developing broader gaps between one another, as the world continues to gain cross-cultural connectivity yet struggles with the growing pains of resisting the identity of a global community, it is important to anchor in identity; to not lose track of who we are as individuals and where we are as humans and citizens. We should never forget to frequently revisit these questions: Where do we want to be? Who do we want to be? And how do we define that? Even if we cannot predict what is on the other side of the rapidly approaching horizon, maintaining our independence remains as paramount now as it was for the new Americans of the freshly independent United States of America in our earliest years, embracing the poetry of change, and integrating it into our identity. So let us do so as we have done before, as we embrace Fall, and please pass the beans on toast... to someone else.

Very Respectfully,
Carlos D Tucker, COMMANDER

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

WILLIAM ATKINSON

Comrades,

Thank you for your ongoing service to our community. The last few months have been an interesting and dynamic time for developments surrounding Veterans' issues, and as your Post Service Officer I want to be sure I am communicating the most relevant information to you regularly and effectively. The items I would like to briefly discuss here are the PACT Act, the ETS Sponsorship Program, and the role of Community Integration Coordinator.

As you may know, this summer the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act was signed in to law and became effective. Because of this, eligibility criteria and benefits for VA health care have been greatly expanded for Veterans from the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

As our new Auxiliary year is fairly new, we are fortunate to have a new member. We are very excited, and look forward to the year progressing and adding others. We will introduce her in the next newsletter, after the initiation.

In August our Auxiliary hosted the Second District Fall Meeting. It was one of the best attended in a long while. I feel we all learned something, and it was a wonderful chance for us to let everyone see the new V. We got rave reviews on the beautiful new bar and meeting rooms in our new location. We served 40 for lunch, which is the most we have served at one of our meetings for a few years.

On September 24th, we assisted Ruck 22, by setting up a stopping point across the street from the old V at Lakeside and John Nolan, in Olin Park. We had bananas, oranges, water, Gator-aid, applesauce packets, and granola bars. The walkers are happy to see us. Our station is at about the five-mile mark. We are happy to do anything we can to help the fight to prevent soldier/veteran suicide.

Our new location is wonderful, and invite each of you to stop in and take a look, have a drink, get something to eat, and enjoy yourself. We have activities throughout the week that you will definitely enjoy.

Please consider becoming a member of our Auxiliary. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. If you have questions about eligibility, you can check with us.

Thank you for your continued support of the V.

Ellen Evans
President
Post 1318 Auxiliary



Left – Post member Mark Herrmann stops at the table.

Top: Ellen Evans, Rose Doucette, Mike Rowland, Kenny Burkhalter, and Sharon Warsaw

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eras. Changes include the addition of new presumptive conditions and exposure locations, as well as improved screening and research related to toxic exposures.

In order to most fully benefit from these new policies, you or affected Veterans you know will most likely need to file a New or Supplemental Claim. This can be done through an online portal using VA Form 21-526EZ, through the mail by using VA Form 20-9995, in person at a Regional VA Office, or with the assistance of a trained Benefit Specialist. Please do not hesitate to utilize the resources that are in place to assist you, including County Veteran Service Officers and in-house VFW Post and Department Service Officers. Additionally, it is important to be alert for scams related to the PACT Act. More PACT Act resources can be found at this link (<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>). The VA also provides a How-To guide for filing a Disability Claim here (<https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/>) and additional information on Supplemental Claims is available here (<https://www.va.gov/decision-reviews/supplemental-claim/>).

While this new legislation will doubtless help many, many Veterans and families greatly in the next few months and years, other ways to get immediately involved in community efforts to support Veterans also deserve mention. The ETS Sponsorship Program, which connects community-based volunteer Sponsors to Transitioning Service Members, is beginning to gain momentum around the country. The chief advantage of this program when compared to other Veteran-serving initiatives is that the connections needed for a Service Member to thrive upon their return to civilian life in a given community can now be made while that individual is still on active duty, usually during the beginning of their transition process - up to as many as 12 months from their date of separation.

Overlaying and supporting this program is the Community Integration Coordinator role. As you might have guessed, this individual or organization leads the efforts in the community to connect the Service Member/Veteran and Sponsor to available community resources. For both the ETS Sponsorship Program and the Community Integration Coordinator role, training materials and guidance have been published to assist interested individuals perform the tasks associated with these missions effectively. My request to our Post is that we become highly educated on these programs and, if the will exists, advocate for increased VFW and partner involvement locally and beyond. If you would like to review the ETS Sponsor Training Manual and Community Integration Coordinator Toolkit, please let me know and I can send that information to you right away.

Thank you again for your commitment to our community and the work you do every day to improve the lives of Veterans in Madison and around Wisconsin. I am proud of this Post and the support we provide to our Comrades and neighbors, and I pledge to continue working diligently to be a resource to you and others engaged in these efforts. If you have any questions about the PACT Act, ETS Sponsorship and Community Integration Coordination, or additional input you would like me to consider, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In Service,
- Will

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ROLLING THUNDER® INC.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER 5

BY JAMIE HERMANN

Thunder Run

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Wisconsin Chapter 5 members have been busy over the summer with the first Annual Thunder Run. This was a 50/50 raffle-fundraiser, where 50% of the money was drawn for cash and gift certificate prizes and the other 50% was donated to local organizations.

Being the first year, this was a huge success, the amount raised was \$18,850 and another \$145 was donated by patrons from the bars and VFWs on the Thunder Run. October 1st, Rolling Thunder® Inc. held the final drawing and check donations at VFW Post 1318.

Rolling Thunder® Inc. was able to donate \$6,000 to Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin, \$2,500 to Custom Canines, and the remainder will go towards Rolling Thunder's general fund to help Veterans. For more information on these organizations or to watch for updates for the 2023 Thunder Run, please go to the Thunder Run Wisconsin Facebook group.

Operation Ruck 22 Event

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Wisconsin Chapter 5 set up a water and snack table along this year's Ruck event on 9/24. A couple of members walked the 18 k Ruck, others helped by handing out snacks and water, then set up an information table at the end of the event back at VFW Post 7591.

Non-for-profit Spotlight

July 15th at 6:35 pm, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Wisconsin Chapter 5 was the non-for-profit spotlight at the Mallards Game. The non-for-profit spotlight includes members selling 50/50 raffle tickets, a commercial telling more about Rolling Thunder® Inc. and our junior member, Henry, threw out the first pitch.

Coming Up:

October 15th - Medical Emergency Training for 2022. Paul Fazekas will be training Rolling Thunder® Inc. Members and others interested in Medical Emergency Training. If you are interested in joining us for this 8 hour training, please contact Jamie Herrmann.

November 12th – Rolling Thunder® Inc. Wisconsin Chapter 5 will be hosting a Meat Raffle and Quarter Auction at VFW Post 1318. Please join us at 12 pm for fun raffles and delicious food and drinks from VFW Post 1318.

If you would like to participate in any of these events or have questions about current events or Rolling Thunder®, Inc., please contact Jamie Herrmann directly at: jamieherrmann3@gmail.com.

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OPERATION RUCK 22

Here are pictures from this year's event which was held on September 24th. Both Rolling Thunder and VFW Post 1318 Auxiliary set up stations to welcome the participants.



Post member Aaron Krebs briefing the participants.

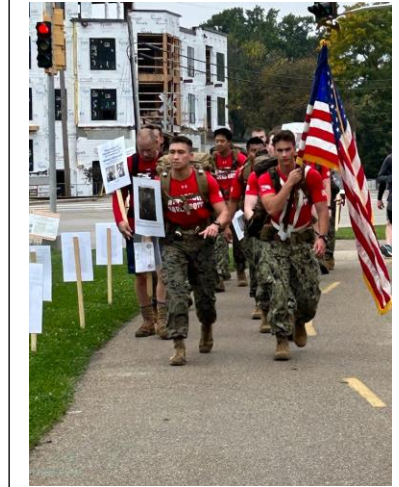


Right: Rolling Thunder members Jamie and Luke Hermann walking the 22 km march



Left: VFW Post 1318 Auxiliary members President Ellen Evans, Rose Doucette, and Mike Rowland

Right: Navy ROTC cadets



Far Left: Rolling Thunder member Billy Muether. Rolling Thunder and Post member Bill Muether and Post member Andy Lochner



Left: Participants stopping at the Auxiliary table for refreshments

ROLLING THUNDER® INC. WISCONSIN CHAPTER 5



Left: Rolling Thunder table at the Elks Club for Ruck 22.

Right: Members Bill Muether and Mark Hermann talking with participants.



Left: Jamie Hermann, Taryn Linderman with Odin, Kerry McAllen, State JV Commander, and Luke Hermann.

Right: Jamie and Luke presenting a check to Custom K-9.



Left: Members of Rolling Thunder preparing to draw names of the winners.
Right: People waiting to see if they won from participating in the Thunder Run.



QUARTERMASTER UPDATE

I have been a little bit busy this summer and into October. The first picture is with the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt. The other two are with two WW II veterans who have reached the age of 100, Marjorie Marshmann- Marine and Clarence Osland, aka Chink, - Army.



EVENTS

JAMIE HERMANN

It was a busy Summer with events the Post participated in:

- Weekly Thursday night Trivia and Friday night Karaoke with Host Jesse Garon and Sunday Wacko has been going strong!
- August 27th, the Post is excited to participate in the 11th Annual Veteran's Benefit Ride. All riders started off at VFW Post 1318 and received food and soda at the end of the ride. All proceeds from this ride went to Wisconsin VFW Foundations which assists Veterans that need a hand up.
- September 3rd VFW Post 1318 was invited to the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs UW Badgers Tailgate. Volunteers prepared and sold food and drinks prior to the game, then watched Badgers win against the Illinois State Redbirds!
- September 24th, Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin 7th Annual Ruck event. VFW Post 1318 is one of the 3 sponsors of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin and was well represented at this years annual event. Andy Krebs was the morning MC, Andy Lochner and Bill Austin checked in on people throughout the march and the Auxiliary members set up a tent with snacks and water for the marchers
- Throughout the Summer VFW Post 1318, along with other Wisconsin VFWs, American Legions and bars, teamed up to sell booklets for the 2022 Thunder Run: To Prevent Veteran Suicide presented by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Wisconsin Chapter 5. The Thunder Run was a 50/50 raffle-fundraiser with the final drawing hosted at the Post on October 1st.

Coming up

- Join us Thursday nights for Trivia and Friday's night for Karaoke starting at 7 pm, and don't forget to watch the VFW 1318 Facebook page for clues and song themes.
- Join us Sundays 3 pm for Wacko

We are looking forward to adding more events and activities at the Post as we head into the winter season. Follow the website (vfw1318.org) and Facebook @vfw1318 for upcoming events.

The objectives of the activities committee are to support Veterans and the broader community, raise funds for VFW support initiatives and engage VFW membership and internal VFW community building, and communicate to potential new members the value-added to their lives of being a VFW member.

If you would like to participate in any of these events or have other ideas for events that you would like to see VFW Post 1318 participate in, please contact the activities committee members or Jamie Herrmann directly at: jamiehermann3@gmail.com



VETERAN CRISIS LINE

TEXT 838255



Menu

Light Battered Cod Dinner

Includes French Fries,
ColeSlaw & Tartar **\$12.50**

Light Battered Perch

Includes French Fries,
ColeSlaw & Tartar **\$14.00**

NEW ITEMS IN THE CANTEEN

Before you come to the Canteen to have these delicious new items, please call to make sure we are serving them for that day. The Mini Tacos are available every day. The chili is usually available every Thursday. Other days we may have these items as specials.



MINI TACOS

Try our Mini Tacos for \$6.50

Comes with taco sauce and sour cream



CHILI

Bowl of Chili - \$5.00

Chili Dog & Chips - \$5.00

Chili Cheese Fries - \$6.00



MEMBERS CORNER



Karl Kleemann and his daughter, Anna Adkins, playing Wacko.

At right: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt visited the Post while in Madison. He is pointing to the patch he wore in Vietnam.



Left: Post Senior Vice-Commander Steve Eisenhauer with JVCiC Al Lipphardt and his wife Carol.

Right: Gundel Metz and Steve Eisenhauer with Jesse Dupree at Harley Davidson Hometown Rally.



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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