

V.F.W. NEWS

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Greetings Comrades,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Post Commander for another year. I hope everyone can enjoy this summer with family and friends. As I look back over the past year, I want to publicly recognize Ray Trent for everything he has and continues to do for our Post. His passion, tireless efforts, and unwavering support is second to none. Ray is one of the key components of our Post. He oversees the maintenance and upkeep of our Post home, he is an integral part of Canteen operations, constantly looking for sponsors, and constantly promotes the VFW. Ray, thank you for your passion, friendship, and always looking out for veterans.

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize our Quartermaster, Gundel Metz. She is the other key component. Her knowledge and experience are invaluable. Gundy and I have been at odds more than once. Sometimes we must agree to disagree. Sometimes one sees the other's perspective, and we reach a mutual agreement. Regardless of the outcome, I always learn something. Gundy, thank you for your mentorship, friendship, and your stubborn German ways.

Looking Forward. We have the foundation for a good leadership team. Gundel 'Gunny' has graciously agreed to be our Quartermaster for another year. Thank you. Our Senior Vice Commander, Venus Hilgart, has a different perspective on some things and is also very passionate. She will not hesitate to ask "why". This is one of the many things I greatly appreciate and respect her for. As the Post Commander, I need to effectively communicate the "why". If I don't, Venus will question me and help keep me on point. Venus, thank you for asking the tough questions and asking "why".

Our Junior Vice Commander, Rose Doucette. I think I can safely say, Rose grew up in our Post. Members of her family have been members of our Post for a very long time. Rose also brings a little different perspective and understanding. I appreciate her willingness to learn more and all the questions she asks. Through her questions, I am challenged to continue to grow and learn. Rose was also elected as our Auxiliary President for the coming year. I feel this is a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship with our Auxiliary and pursue more joint events. Rose, thank you for bringing up items that need to be addressed, asking questions, and working with me to strengthen the bond with the Auxiliary.

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Commander Steven Eisenhauer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

1st - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
7th - Post Meeting - 6:00 pm
9th - Classic Car & Bike - 5:00 pm
12th - Rolling Thunder - 10:00 am
22nd - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
House Committee - 6:30pm

August

4th - Post Meeting - 6:00 pm
5th - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
9th - Rolling Thunder - 10:00 am
13th - Classic Car & Bike - 5:00 pm
26th - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
House Committee - 6:30pm

September

2nd - Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30 pm
8th - Post Meeting - 6:00 pm
10th - Classic Car & Bike - 5:00 pm
13th - Rolling Thunder - 10:00 am
23th - Events Committee - 6:00 pm
House Committee - 6:30pm
27th - Meat Raffle - 3:00-5:00 pm
28th - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00-11:00 am

Thursday Night Trivia 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday Fish Fry all day and Karaoke 6:30 - 10:30 pm
Sunday fun with Wacko at 3:00 - 5:00 pm

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Steve Eisenhower
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Venus Hilgart
 Jr. Vice Commander -----Rose Doucette
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----Joseph Hines
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Sharon Warsaw
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----Andy Lochner
 Trustee, 2yr -----Tim Hilsenhoff
 Trustee, 1yr -----William Muether
 Officer of the Day-----Ray Trent
 Service Officer-----Steve Eisenhower
 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/PP-----Joe Hines
 Historian-----William Muether
 House Committee -----Members: Bob Evans,
 Steve Eisenhower, Venus Hilgart, Ray Trent, Sharon
 Warsaw, Rose Doucette, Gundel Metz, Bill Austin,
 Joseph Hines, Justin East and Permanent Guest -
 Auxiliary Representative
 House Committee and Events Committee meets on
 the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

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EVENTS

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



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday – Closed
 Tuesday: 11 am to 8 pm
 Wednesday: 11 am to 8 pm
 Thursday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Friday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Saturday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Sunday: 11 am to 8 pm

Canteen Information:

Food Specials:

Taco Tuesday
 Burger Wednesday
 Trivia Thursday
 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, AP, Michael,
 Anna Marie, Flip, Janelly, 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.

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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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**If you want information for the
 on-line Post meetings, please
 contact the Post Quartermaster
 at vfw1318qm@gmail.com. All
 Post meetings are hybrid, some
 members at the Post and the
 others via internet.**

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Our Adjutant, Joe Hines. Joe is one of our past Post Commanders. He is also a past State Adjutant, past National Legislative Chair, and continues to be involved in State Legislation. In addition to his knowledge of legislative issues and past experiences, I appreciate the fact that he tends to err to the side of caution. Joe helps me keep a perspective on things I may overlook. Joe, thank you for your mentorship and perspective.

Comrades, we have a diverse leadership team with differing perspectives, experiences, and leadership styles. This, in my opinion, can only make us better and continue to ensure the sustainability and legacy of our Post. I look forward to serving with the leaders of our Post and serving you, the members of Lt. Marion C. Cranfield Post 1318. To the members of Post 1318, I greatly appreciate your service to our country and your membership in the VFW and our Post.

There are a couple of big events coming up that I am excited about. Saturday, September 13th, we will be supporting our adopted unit, the 115th Fighter Wing with their family day. We will get more details and information at our July Post meeting and will get the word out. We will need volunteers to make this happen. We did this 2 years ago, and everyone who was able to help had a lot of fun interacting with the service members and their families.

Sunday, October 12th, meet and greet breakfast with the VFW National Commander in Chief at our Post. Stay tuned. Details to follow.

Enjoy your summer. I hope our paths cross, and we can chat in person.

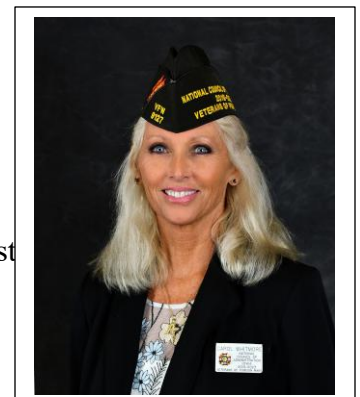
In Comradeship,
LCDR Steven Eisenhauer, USN (Ret)

POST QUARTERMASTER

As we increased our use of internet and emails, we decided to set up multiple email accounts for some of our officers. When reaching out to any of us, please use the emails listed below:

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Events – vfw1318events@gmail.com

While we have many events coming up, I want to highlight one very special event that is happening on October 12, 2025. We will be hosting a special breakfast for VFW Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore. Post member Vance, Navy Chef, is coming up with a special menu for this event. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us in October. More information will follow as we draw closer to the event. It is an honor for our Post to have the National Commander visit us.





AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rose Doucette

Hello Auxiliary members,

We are now at the start of a new year. I'd like to invite all members to attend our monthly meetings held at the Post on Ski Road. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm, or join us on-line through Zoom. Each meeting lasts about 1 hour and we review our present activities and volunteer projects.

I'd like to thank Ellen Evans for her support and leadership as President for the past 11 years. She has been very beneficial to my growth and the growth of this Auxiliary. She has led us to establish our annual "Shop with a Cop" event at the new location and produce successful fundraisers like our pancake breakfast. We have had successful poppy distributions and look forward to continued success in this area.

I have been an auxiliary member since 1976. I come from a military family. My father was a member of Post 1318 for 60 years. He was Post Commander in 1961-1962. My brothers, Ray and Doug, have been Post Commanders for multiple years starting in 1998. My mother was an auxiliary member and President of 1318. My sister and sisters-in-law have also been Auxiliary presidents. I hope I can make them proud. I am a dual member of both the Post and Auxiliary. Like many of my siblings, I joined the WI Army National Guard after college. I was activated for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. I was sent to Saudi Arabia as part of the 13th Evacuation Hospital. I treated soldiers with serious injuries in a field hospital Intensive Care Unit. It was during this deployment that I joined the VFW.

Professionally, I have recently retired from St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. As a registered Nurse my area of concentration was orthopedics. I am loving the retired life with every weekend off and not working any holidays. My husband Mike Rowland is also an auxiliary member. He has been active in many service projects. We have 1 son who completed college in Stevens Point and now lives in Menasha.

How can I assist you to be active and successfully involved with Auxiliary projects? Are there opportunities we could look into as a group? I am open to any suggestions. We have a few events scheduled and I'd like to invite you to them. We will again support the Fitchburg Night out on August 13th and the 115th family day. I have worked with the Post Senior Vice Commander, Venus Hilgart, to set up a tour of the fighter wing and observe the take-off of F35 jets. On October 12, we will be welcoming VFW National Commander, Carol Whitmore, with a breakfast at 1318. I hope you can be here to meet her.

I am very proud to be working with a strong leadership team. Sr. Vice Elizabeth Moore is a wealth of knowledge and has many years of experience. Jr. Vice Mike Rowland is always willing to offer a helping hand. Secretary Adajo Foerster is very skilled and knowledgeable, and Melissa Crary, as treasurer, ensures that every penny is accounted for and recorded. I hope to see you soon.

Rose Doucette
Auxiliary President

115TH FIGHTER WING UPDATE

COMMAND CHIEF MICHAEL ALVAREZ

The 115th Fighter Wing is in full summer mode once again, with each unit engaging in their various training events and exercises. In particular, the CERFP (CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package) was just up in the Volk Field/Fort McCoy area conducting their Ex-EVAL, working in the field for several days. Additionally, the Civil Engineering Squadron was up in that same area conducting their annual CE-Bivouac training, hitting all of their combat related tasks and core competencies, also while in the field, and the 115th EOD recently hosted the annual Audacious Warrior exercise, bringing in Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams from across the country to Volk Field and Fort McCoy to train.

If you were up in that area over the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed an unusually large amount of fighter jet traffic as well because the annual Sentry North (formerly Northern Lighting) air exercise was going on. This exercise brings airframes from all over the country to Volk Field to train at scale in the Wisconsin air space. The 115th F-35s were major participants in this exercise this year, and the pilots raved about the exceptional training capabilities this exercise provides. Also participating were air frames from other Air National Guard Units, the Active Duty, and the Marine Corps. It was quite the air show over that region to be sure!

These events and exercises over the summer have not only provided great training for our folks, but they have also been an opportunity for us to reintegrate and re-engage with our returned deployers. As noted in earlier editions, they are back after having served across the Middle East and Africa. In April, they trickled back into the country and back home to their families for some reconstitution. Now they are fully back in the saddle, reconstituted and back to the work at hand.

Another item of interest coming up has to do with our State Partnership with Papua New Guinea. They are about to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their Independence, and with that milestone, they are having a significant national celebration. As our State Partner, we have been doing several exchanges wherein our Airmen go over and conduct training with their military or do projects to support infrastructure improvements. The 115th, in that vein, will be headed out once again to that area to coordinate with our Australian partners to support their 50th celebration event. This partnership has been a great opportunity for our folks to work with another developing military, and we can't wait to continue this work both in the late summer with their 50th and going into the future.

As I write this, we are headed into the Independence Day weekend, and as I reflect on the Freedom in this country that we have all served to defend and protect, I am proud to be part of Post 1318 and am proud to have you partnering with the 115th. Together may we continue to defend and protect that most precious to us all!



Left: Civil Engineering Squadron during their CE-Bivouac Exercise.

Right: 115th Medical Detachment during their CERFP Ex-Eval



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

BY JOSEPH HINES

This year's winners from our Post 1318 Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Competitions were presented with their Award Certificates and checks at our June meeting. This year's Voice of Democracy theme was "Is America Today Our Forefathers Vision". Our Voice of Democracy Winner from Sauk Prairie High School was Cole Johnson. Cole did a wonderful job giving his speech to the members present.

Our Patriots Pen theme for this year was "My Voice in America's Democracy". All four of our winners read off their wonderful essays at the meeting. Our winners from Edgewood Middle School were at 1st Place, Emefu Xexemefu, and at 2nd Place, Emma Bircher. Our winners from Queen of Peace School were at 1st Place, Keira Farina, and at 2nd Place, Patrick Angel.

Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy ® audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regard to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, more than 26,400 ninth through 12th grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. This is in addition to the scholarships awarded at the post, district and state level here in Wisconsin. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?" If any members know of any high school student that is interested in entering the 2025-2026 Voice of Democracy Contest, please contact Joe Hines at vfw1318adj@gmail.com.

The Patriots Pen essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Each year, more than 60,600 students in sixth through eighth grades enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen ® annual youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of nearly \$1 million in state and national awards. Each first-place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000! There are monetary awards at the post, district and state level here in Wisconsin. This year's Patriots Pen theme is also "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?" If any members know of any 6th through 8th grade student that is interested in entering the 2025-2026 Patriots Pen Essay contest, please contact Joe Hines at vfw1318adj@gmail.com.

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Left: Patriot Pens 1st place winner Keira F. and her father with Commander Steve and Adjutant Joe. Right: Patriot Pens 2nd place winner Patrick A. with his family. Both attend Queen of Peace



EVENTS

JAMIE HERRMANN

2025 Second Quarter Highlights (April – June)

- **100th Anniversary:** A landmark celebration featuring historical displays, commemorative activities, and a community gathering.
- **Puzzle Competitions & Paint Nite:** Continued community engagement through creative and fun activities.
- **Pancake Breakfast** - A successful fundraising and community-building morning event. Rolling Thunder hosted the final pancake breakfast for this spring, raising money to help 3 local Veterans with food insecurities.
- **Meat Raffles:** Helped sustain fundraising efforts.
- **First Drag Bingo Event:** A lively new event that brought fun, laughter, and a great turnout, welcoming both regulars and new faces from the community.
- **Car/Bike Nights:** We teamed up with Rolling Thunder to host Car and Bike nights at the Post for local enthusiasts to show off their vehicles or come check out the cool cars and bikes and meet up with other local enthusiasts.
- **Weekly Events:** Trivia, Karaoke, and WACKO remained popular staples.

Here's what's heating up this summer at The Post – July through September!

- **Car/Bike Night: July 9, 5–8 pm**
Shine up your ride and join Rolling Thunder® and VFW Post 1318 for an evening of chrome, camaraderie, and community! Whether you roll in on two wheels or four, Car/Bike Night is the perfect chance to show off your vehicle, swap stories with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy great music, food, and drinks. Not bringing a vehicle? No problem—everyone is welcome to come check out the awesome lineup of cars and motorcycles on display. All makes, models, and ages welcome—join the action! These events will continue on the second Wednesday of the month through October, weather permitting.
- **Paint Nite: July 19, 6–9 pm**
Unleash your inner artist at our fun and relaxed Paint Nite—no experience needed! This month, you'll create "Worlds Without End"; a dreamy, starlit landscape guided step-by-step by a talented local artist. Grab a drink, pick up a brush, and enjoy a night filled with creativity, laughter, and community. Whether flying solo, planning a date night, or out with friends, you'll leave with great memories and a beautiful painting to take home—supplies provided—just bring your creativity! Reserve your spot here: <https://www.paintnite.com/us/wi/madison/events/worlds-without-end-tickets-10346104>
- **Drag Bingo – August 9, 6 pm:**
Get ready for a night of outrageous fun, friendly competition, and big laughs at Drag Bingo! Hosted by charismatic and entertaining performers, this isn't your average bingo night. Enjoy classic bingo with a twist—great prizes, cold drinks, delicious food, and a lively crowd. Whether you are coming for the game, the show, or just to see what all the buzz is about, you are guaranteed a good time. All are welcome—come with a spirit for fun and enjoy a truly memorable evening.

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- **Paint Nite – August 16, 6–9 pm**

Looking for a creative night out? Join us for Paint Nite and bring “Morning Sun” to life on canvas—a peaceful and colorful scene featuring rolling hills and a vibrant sunrise. No painting experience needed! A talented local artist will guide you step-by-step while you enjoy drinks, laughter, and great company. Please bring your friends, make it a date night, or come solo and meet new people in a laid-back, welcoming setting. All supplies are provided—you just bring the fun! Reserve your seat: <https://www.paintnite.com/us/wi/madison/events/morning-sun-tickets-10346101>

- **Car/Bike Night - August 13, 5–8 pm**

- **Cookie Designs with Sugar Llama – August 20, 6–9 pm**

Get ready for a sweet night out! Join us for a fun-filled evening of Cookie Designs with Sugar Llama, where you’ll learn how to decorate cookies like a pro. Whether you are a baking newbie or a frosting fanatic, you’ll have a blast creating colorful, edible art with expert guidance from the talented team at Sugar Llama. Enjoy good vibes, tasty treats, and plenty of laughs—perfect for a night out with friends, a unique date, or some creative me-time. You’ll leave with beautifully decorated cookies and sweet memories! Watch for the pre-registration on Facebook.

- **Hat Burning with Burlap – August 23, 12 pm**

Looking for a creative, hands-on experience with a little Western flair? Join us for Hat Burning with Burlap, where you’ll transform an ordinary hat into a one-of-a-kind, rugged masterpiece! This unique class guides you through the art of shaping, distressing, and branding your very own custom hat, with all tools and materials provided. Perfect for anyone who loves fashion, DIY projects, or just trying something new. No experience needed—just bring your style and get ready to make something awesome. Register now: <https://www.burlapandbarnwood.com/product-page/hat-burning-class-the-v-post-1318-sat-8-23-12pm>

- **Car/Bike Night: September 10, 5–8 pm**

- **Pull Tab Tournament – September 13, 2–4 pm**

Ready to test your luck and have a blast doing it? Join us for our Pull Tab Tournament, where every ticket is a chance at bragging rights, big laughs, and even bigger wins! With fast-paced rounds, fun competition, and plenty of cheering, this event brings out the playful spirit in everyone. Grab a drink, grab some tabs, and let’s see which team walks away with the top prize. It’s easy to play, exciting to win, and a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon with friends and fellow fun-seekers. Gather your teams of 2 to 4 people and email vfw1318events@gmail.com to sign up. Spots are limited to 20 teams. Cost: \$200 per team.

- **Paint Nite – September 20, 6–9 pm**

Looking for a creative escape with a little wine and a lot of fun? Join us for Paint Nite with local artist Tad McLain! No experience? No problem. Tad brings the energy, humor, and step-by-step instruction to help you create a masterpiece—even if you haven’t picked up a brush since grade school. Sign up at <https://www.paintnite.com/us/wi/evansville/event-owners/tad-mclain2>

- **Pancake Breakfast – September 28, 9 am–12 pm**

Start your Sunday with a stack of fluffy pancakes, sizzling sides, and the warm feeling of giving back! Join us for our Pancake Breakfast, where every plate served helps support a local veteran’s cause. Bring your family, friends, and your appetite for a hearty meal that makes a real difference.

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- **Badger Football Watch Parties & Pre/Post-Game Hangouts**

Calling all Badger fans! Whether you are cheering from the stands or the barstool, The “V” is your game day headquarters. Catch all the action with us on the big screen or swing by before and after home games for food, drinks, and unbeatable camaraderie. Enjoy cold beverages, tasty bites, and the best fan atmosphere in town! Everyone is welcome—friends, families, and fans of all stripes.

Upcoming Games:

Sept 6: Home vs. Middle Tennessee

Sept 13: Away vs. Alabama

Sept 20: Home vs. Maryland

Weekly Events:

o Trivia: Thursdays 7 pm – 9 pm

o Karaoke: Fridays 7 pm – 11 pm

o WACKO: Sundays 3 pm – 5 pm

Looking Forward

With a dynamic lineup of weekly and special events, Q3 continues to build on the energy of Q1 and Q2. Our Post remains dedicated to providing meaningful community connections, honoring our Veterans, and welcoming everyone through diverse and engaging programming.

Have an idea for an event or activity? We’d love to hear it! Reach out to us at VFW1318Events@gmail.com and help us continue building a strong and connected Post community.

For ongoing updates, visit: <https://vfw1318.org> or follow us on Facebook: The VFW – Post 1318

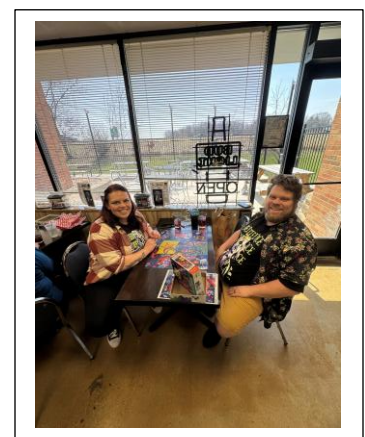
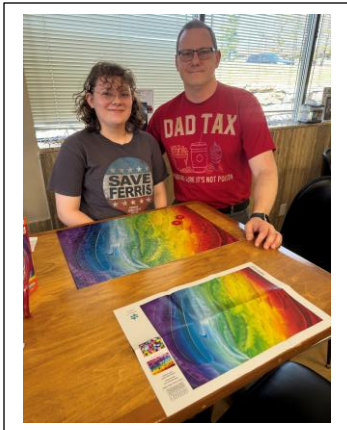


Left: Patriots Pen 1st
Place Emefu X
Right: Patriots Pen 2nd
Place Emma B. Both are
students at Edgewood
Middle School



Left: Voice of Democracy
winner Cole J. from Sauk
Prairie High School.





Pictures from
various
functions held
at the Post



ROLLING THUNDER® INC.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER 5

BY WILLIAM MUETHER

- The chapter hosted a pancake breakfast on April 27th at VFW Post 1318 and raised \$696. \$204 was donated by the chapter to bring the total to \$900, and it was evenly distributed to three veterans in need.
- Three of our chapter members rode to Lansing, Michigan, on Memorial Day weekend to participate in the 2025 Ride for Freedom hosted by the Michigan Rolling Thunder Chapters.
- The chapter supported two VFW 1318 Wednesday evening classic car and bike nights on May 14th and June 11th, with four more scheduled for July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, and October 8th from 5-8 pm. Community attendance has been slim but is anticipated to increase during the summer months.
- Members plan to participate in “Pistons and Props” on Friday, July 18th, from 5-9 pm and Saturday, July 19th, from 9-5 pm at Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport in Janesville. Admission is free for veterans on Friday evening. Proceeds from the event help support educational needs for our youth and financial needs for our veterans.



Left: Rolling Thunder Chapter 5 President and Post Member Mark Herrmann receive his Quilt of Valor



- The 2025 Thunder Run drawing is scheduled for September 20th at NV Corners in Sun Prairie and the chapter is working hard to make the event as successful as last year's 2024 event where the proceeds benefited Custom Canines, UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project, the Fisher House Foundation, Tunnel to Towers, Rock Valley Community Programs, Ruck 22, and Veterans Equine Trail Services (V.E.T.S).
- The annual Rolling Thunder National Conference in DC is scheduled from October 31st to November 1st and several of our chapter officers will be attending.

Please contact the chapter at rtmadison5@gmail.com if you would like to join us or participate in future events, or if you have questions about Rolling Thunder®, Inc. You do not need to be a veteran or own a motorcycle. All we require is an earnest desire to help raise POW/MIA awareness and assist our local veterans in need.

MEMBERS CORNER



Left: Post members, Gundel Metz, Andrew Lochner, Norm Scoville, and Bill Austin at Roger Boeker's grave.



Above: Post Junior Vice Commander, Rose Doucette, Member Andy Symanski, QM Gundel Metz, and Commander Steve Eisenhower at Fitchburg Memorial Day Ceremony



Post Quartermaster, Gundel Metz, and member Dave Strassman at Fitchburg Memorial Day Ceremony



Left: The grave of LT. Marion C. Cranefield, the Posts namesake, at Forrest Hill. Thank you, Norm and Chris Scoville, for cleaning up the marker. Looks great.

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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