

THE BURNS BULLETIN

Newsletter of Veterans of Foreign Wars Burns Post 388 and Auxiliary
(Spring 2018 Edition)

Commander's Comments

Greeting's Comrades

Although winter has not yet given up its hold on cold mornings and frosted windshields, take heart, spring is about to change all that. There is still some snow to melt and black ice to avoid so be careful out there when driving and walking about.

To update you on activities that occurred this past quarter, I would like you to know that the Fair Workers/Workers dinner party and the 7th District VFW Winter meeting were both a success. Generally speaking, both events were well received and well attended. The 7th District VFW Winter meeting, which was not something we bided on, turned out to be a money maker which was a wonderful development considering we had concerns whether we would break even.

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As most of you know, spring is the time of the year when the Post's leadership is subject to change. On March 14, 2018, nominations were opened for the positions of Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster and three-year Trustee positions. This nomination process will continue, at the April 10, 2018 meeting, so please give the thought of taking on a leadership role your consideration.

The post is planning to do the Wisconsin Valley Fair, again, this summer. The Fair Committee is currently addressing the issue of food sales without the benefit of our food trailers so be prepared for more changes in the beer garden. We will let everyone know what has been decided in the next edition of the newsletter.

Progress on a new post property has been slow but that does not mean there are no new developments. We now have a multiple building plans, on the table, and we are looking at parcel of land in the Village of Weston. This property is expensive to purchase and the cost of meeting all the village's code regulations must be evaluated to determine whether this project is financial feasible. The one thing we have agreed upon is that the building

has to be limited to a maximum occupancy of 99 persons. Occupancy beyond this limit would force us to pay for the repairs to the road, curb and gutter and sidewalk associated with running a larger water lateral off the main. This cost is in addition to the installation costs of an automatic sprinkler system in the building.

I want you all to know that my tenure as your Post Commander is nearing its conclusion. After two years of unsettling changes and difficult choices, I have concluded that it is time for new ideas and new approaches to be offered. In June, a new commander will be taking the reins and I know you will all give him or her the same courtesies and support that you so graciously afford me. Be assured, I will assist the new commander any way I can to make his term a success.

Dave Mandli,

Post Commander



New Post Home Update

The Going Forward Committee continues to work on obtaining a new Post/Auxiliary Home. We've looked at quite a few existing buildings and haven't come up with anything suitable to date. We've also checked out a number of vacant properties and currently have a couple that we're looking at. No firm decisions yet.

Plans are being worked on to build a post home. There are many things that need to be addressed concerning our own needs and also many requirements to check out that depend on the location of a site. Each municipality has its own guidelines to be met. Once we come up with a plan that we agree on we can submit it to get a cost to build. From there we can decide how the plan fits into our finances.

We welcome constructive input from post and auxiliary members. While we know we can't please everyone, we want to please as many as we can.

Think positive!

Bernie

2018 Memorial Day

Festivities

This year's Memorial Day parade will be held on Saturday, May 26. Step off will be 10:45 am at Marathon Park. Ceremony to follow the parade at the former post clubhouse at 388 River Drive.

The post will be placing flags at Pine Grove cemetery on Wednesday, May 23. If you would like to participate, please contact us at 715.842.0388 the week prior.

Auxiliary President

Message

Welcome to all. It is getting warmer outside, that means it's time to start thinking about finding a Buddy Poppy Princess and a Buddy Poppy Prince. If you know of a boy or a girl between the ages 8-12 please contact me at 715.432.1216 (texting me is always welcome). The Buddy Poppy distribution chart will be out in April, so plan on signing up for Buddy Poppy day early. Things seem to be going well at the Labor Temple.

Meeting are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Auxiliary meets in the downstairs meeting room, hope to see you there.

Deb Spatz

Auxiliary President



Attention Auxiliary Members!!!

Time is running out for you to pay your \$21.00 for 2018 dues if you are a continous member. If you are a life member your \$4.95 for cancer is also due. If you have paid either, you should have a written receipt from me stating you will receive your 2018 membership card from National. If you have questions feel free to call me at 715-845-5763. There still are a few of you left who have to pay. Let's try to be 100% soon. We are at about 95%.

Margarete Dahlke, treasurer

119th National VFW Convention

Every year, thousands of VFW and Auxiliary delegates gather to represent the organization's total membership of nearly 1.7 million at the weeklong convention. While there, our mission is to approve new national priorities to guide our organization as we lobbies Congress on issues important to the nation's veterans, service members and their families.

Convention delegates also elect new leadership, as well as recognize prominent individuals and organizations for their support of veterans and military personnel. Save the date for the 2018 national convention, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 21-25, 2018.

2018 State VFW Convention

This year's state convention will be held June 13-16 at the Tundra lodge, resort and waterpark in Green Bay. You can read more about the convention at this web link.

<http://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=17887>

Events Calendar

April

4 Post Bingo 7pm

10 Post & Auxiliary meetings @ Wausau
Labor Temple 7:30pm

11 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

17 Honor Guard Meeting 7:30pm

18 Post Bingo 7pm

25 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

May

2 Post Bingo 7pm

8 Post & Auxiliary meetings @ Wausau
Labor Temple 7:30pm

9 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

15 Honor Guard Meeting 7:30pm

16 Post Bingo 7pm

23 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

26 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

30 Post Bingo 7pm

June

6 Post Bingo 7pm

12 Post & Auxiliary meetings @ Wausau
Labor Temple 7:30pm

13 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

13-16 State Convention – Green Bay

19 Honor Guard Meeting 7:30pm

20 Post Bingo 7pm

27 Auxiliary Bingo 7pm

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CLEAR FORM

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____
MM / YY MM / YY DD / MM / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 -2011)	Location _____
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____
(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

NEW	Post # _____	FORMER MEMBER # _____
TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____		
RECRUITER	ID# _____	
<small>(Please print)</small>		
QUARTERMASTER	Signature _____	

Life Member Options		
AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	Committee Member	Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____

Annual Membership Life Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____
 Member-at-Large Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
 Address _____ Male _____ or Female _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (If applicable)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)
 Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying _____ or Nonpaying _____? (check one)

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
 Foreign Service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further state that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Election Date _____ Obligated Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Check here if this is a gift. Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer
 Payment: Cash Check Visa
 Mastercard Discover
 Life Membership Fee \$ _____
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 C. C. # _____
 CVV Code _____ Exp. ____/____
 Signature _____ Date _____

ACH (Bank withdrawal)
 Name of Bank _____
 Bank Routing No. _____
 Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
 Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$220
21-25	\$210
26-30	\$200
31-35	\$190
36-40	\$185
41-45	\$175
46-50	\$170
51-55	\$160
56-60	\$150
61-65	\$140
66-70	\$130
71-75	\$115
76-80	\$95
81-85	\$75
86-90	\$60
91 and over	\$50

OBLIGATION
In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature _____ **(Must be signed by all members.)**