



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Spring has arrived!

By Commander Jarrod McReynolds



Comrades

It is time for spring cleanup, can you believe it. I invite all

members new and old to stop on by the Post for a little bonding, and some cleaning. We will be conducting spring cleanup this Saturday April 3rd starting at 8 AM.

With the Spring cleaning out of the way we will be starting burger nights back up, and next Saturday we will be hosting the District 7 Convention. All are invited, we will be starting at 8:30 on April 10th with the Joint Memorial in the Hall.

The Department convention will be in Brooklyn Park again this year Jun 9th - 12th. We will be supporting the convention by proving vans back and forth from the Hotel to our Post. We will need volunteers to drive the vans. We may also need volunteers to assist with other aspects of the Convention. Let me know if you would like to help out.

As we have passed the one year mark of this pandemic, I realize how the little things we do, that we enjoy truly make a difference in our lives. Lets remember that sometimes the little things that we can do for others can make the biggest difference in their lives also. At the end of the day we the VFW and Palmer Lake VFW are charitable organizations, and while it is important to make sure that we take care of ourselves, and our families, for all of us we belong to an organization that can also take care of our Veterans and our Community. We as a group have the ability make both small and large changes that can greatly affect not only those that we strive to server, but this service also has a large affect on our lives also. Thank you for all that you do, and all that you will do in the future.

Jarrod McReynolds

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Auxiliary News

By President Tracy McReynolds

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to each and every one of you!

April MEETING reminder

There will be no meeting on April 13th, we had to move it to April 20th 6pm due to a special election for the City of Brooklyn Park, Mayor position. We have nominations and elections that evening. We are always looking for new faces to come in and join us.



Join Zoom Meeting

ZOOM Meeting Click to Join

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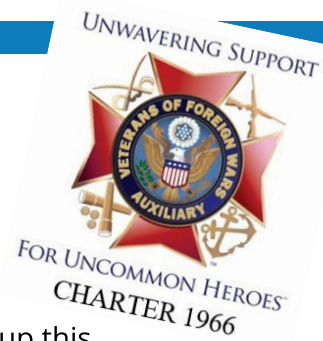
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**I will be asking that all members within the meeting have their masks on as it is a mandate that has been issued and we remain 6 feet apart.

Saturday April 10th we will be hosting the District Meeting at 9:00 am with a joint Memorial service to start.

We will be having our meeting immediately following in the Hall here at our Post. After the meetings we will have a joint installation of officers with a light luncheon will follow.

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The post will be having Spring Clean up this Saturday April 3rd Starting at 8AM if anyone is able, the weather should be very nice.

Hope to see you all soon, and thank you for your support

Tracy McReynolds, Auxiliary President
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Prayer Corner

By Chaplin Nate Gehl



Palmer Lake VFW is not only a Veteran's organization, but also a family. We grow, work, laugh and morn together.

We morn the passing of Auxiliary members Hali Chiodo and Past Commander Harland Weidemann's wife Charlotte Weidemann. Please keep the family and friends of these 2 great ladies and Auxiliary members in your thoughts and prayers.



Community Service

Senior Vice Janet Schaak



Greetings from your Community Service Chair.

HOW CAN I HELP?

There are many different way to help make a difference.

Regardless of how you choose to volunteer your time, always remember to log your community services hours in our community service log on our website.

[Click Here](#)

The Post will be hosting a farmers market weekly this summer if you are interested in volunteering to assist with this, please let me know by emailing me at palmerlake.srvce@gmail.com

Share the Veterans Crisis Line Number to Save a Life

Crisis Line. This confidential, toll-free, 24-hour-a-day hot line serves Veterans and their loved ones year-round. Reach qualified, caring Responders:

by phone at 800-273-8255,
via on-line chat on their website, or
by text message at 838255.

[Minneapolis VA COVID Vaccine Information](#)

Membership

Junior Vice Elizabeth Nelson



We are starting to make progress on membership. We are done to needing 11 new or reinstate members to reach

100%.

As the world starts to get back to normal let's get the word out there that Palmer Lake VFW is open, and we need Veterans to help us continue our mission.

Youth Activities

Program Chair Janet Schaak



Some of our earliest ties to the community involve youth groups and perhaps none are stronger or more lasting than the relationship between the VFW and America's scouting organizations. We are now accepting Scout of the Year Applications till the 10th of March.

Honor Guard

Honor Guard Commander Robert Hystad

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Guard at
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Formation

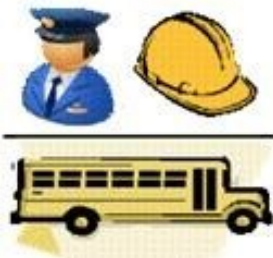


Veteran and Military Support

By Post Commander Jarrod McReynolds

The VFW Unmet Needs program provides up to \$5,000 in financial assistance to service members and military families who face unexpected financial difficulties as a result of military service. The program assists with the costs associated with basic life needs and does not require repayment. Qualified applicants must have served on active duty within the past 72 months

Safety



Have you entered into the
Community service report
your safety Volunteer
work?

If you have participated, or assisted in any work that deals with Pedestrian Safety, Drug Awareness, Recreational Safety, Highway Safety, Home and Fire Safety or other Safety projects please submit this on the [Community Service and Volunteer form](#).

Don't forget to also include Time spent donating blood anything that you do for the betterment of others has a place on the Community service and Volunteer form.

The Cooties Corner

By CCDB Terry Wagner



The Military Order of the Cootie is a subsidiary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Established in 1920, the organization is based on the principle of good humor and fun. The Cooties were instrumental in helping to establish the VFW National Home for Children, and National Home and the Cooties share a long and rich history.

Building sponsorship represents a strong commitment to the National Home, and it is critical to our ability to serve struggling families. Home sponsors provide for a home's annual costs, including utilities, lawn care and trash removal, as well as home maintenance and repairs. The National Home is grateful to leadership and members of The Military Order of the Cootie for their commitment to sustaining this house.

Terry E. Wagner

CCDB Pup tent 66

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Terry E. Wagner

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Veterans' Issues

By Post Service Officer Jeff Jarosz

As your Post Service Officer I have recommended that each of you make a copy of your shot card to show that you have been vaccinated. Right now there are companies out there who are going to charge you a fee to do this same thing. I am believing that you will need to show your shot record to get on an airplane, go to a concert, go to the Twins games and maybe even to go to a shopping mall. My recommendation is that each of you scan a copy to your computer so you will be able to make copies if you lose your card or just misplace it

(ABC 6 News)- Tuesday, Governor Tim Walz announced that all three of Minnesota's proposed new State Veterans Homes projects, to be located in Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston, will receive federal funding this year. The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently released the State Home Construction Grants Fiscal Year 2021 Conditional Approvals.

"As a veteran myself, I recognize the obligation we have as a state and a country to deliver on the benefits our veterans have earned," said Governor Walz. "We are pleased to be able to expand our State Veterans Homes into three new communities to serve our elderly veterans living in all corners on the state."

In 2018, the Minnesota Legislature allocated \$33 million toward the cost of the projects. The funding plan is a combination of federal-granted (65 percent), state-bonded and community-provided monies (35 percent).

"We appreciate the Minnesota Legislature's past support of our Veterans and these projects," said Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Commissioner Larry Herke. "The approval of federal funds will allow us to now move forward with construction. The planning and design process is nearly complete and now with this exciting news, those final touches can be made."

The three new Minnesota Veterans Homes projects are slated to receive more than \$80 million in federal VA funds. By June 30, MDVA will complete the Federal VA grant application process to obtain the funds.

MDVA leaders have worked closely with local elected officials and veterans' stakeholders on the planning for the new Veterans Homes. The communities of Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston have been very engaged in the process, donating land for the building sites and raising additional funds to support amenities for the new homes.

In Bemidji, the proposed facility reflects a North Woods cabin design for the public spaces as well as the 72 residential units that are split into two sections, avoiding long institutional-feeling hallways.

The Montevideo facility blends into the local prairie style environment with 72 residential units as well as a large community meeting room.

In Preston, the facility will enjoy fantastic views from its hilltop location that includes 54 residential units.

Construction could begin as early as early fall 2021 with an anticipated 18-month construction schedule.

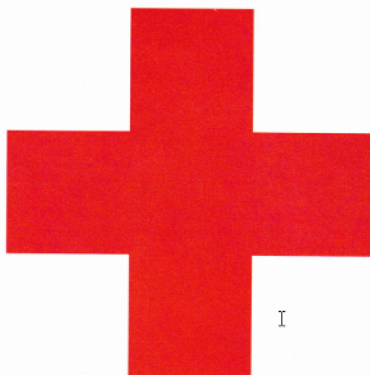
If any member has questions about their earned VA benefits, Minnesota Veteran's benefits or questions about filing a VA claim, I can be reached at jajaros@q.com or 763-434-9708

Jeff

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
VFW Palmer Lake Post 3915

Banquet Room
2817 N. Brookdale Dr, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55444

Monday, May 10, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Legislation

By Program Chair Larry Fonder

BUDGET

To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

- Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Properly fund the POW/MIA full accounting mission. Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

HEALTH CARE

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA and DOD must:

- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- Improve programs and services for women and minority veterans.
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care, including medications.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis. Expand telehealth services.
- Expand nursing home eligibility, and long-term care options.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- Extend Persian Gulf War disability compensation eligibility beyond 2021 and to Afghanistan-theater veterans, and reform the relevant Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- Establish presumptive disability compensation benefits for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI, blast survivors, and for health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.
- Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.
- Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- Transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the National Cemetery Administration.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, they must have access to:

- Timely and improved transition assistance, including access to programs after they leave military service.
- High-quality and sustainable education benefits. Strong employment and training programs.
- Small business development opportunities.
- Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.
- National veterans treatment court advocates.
- Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- Affordable housing and wraparound services to avoid homelessness.
- Improved character of discharge review and appeals procedures.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.

- Eliminate sexual assaults in the military. Establish the Armed Forces University.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.
- Improve stability and support for military families.

NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND POW/MIA

To fully support service members and their mission to fight the war on terrorism, and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Provide the necessary funding of at least five percent of GDP for the readiness, training, modernization, health care, and quality-of-life initiatives for the armed forces.
- Preserve the all-volunteer force.

The VFW Action Corps Weekly, an easy-to-read electronic newsletter that highlights the VFW's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill. Immediate access to a nationwide database of contact information for all elected officials, a congressional directory.



Regular VFW "Action Alerts" on how to get involved when our nation's veterans, service members and their families need their voices heard on Capitol Hill.

To view this week's edition:

[Click here](#)

Buddy Poppies

Program Chair Past Dep. Commander Lee Ulferts

POPPIES. POPPIES. POPPIES

Winter has gone and it is time to think of fields of red. We will be having a poppy distribution this year. We have 2 confirmed sites and are looking for more but to man those we need your help. Most people don't realize that every cent collected must go to a needy veterans family. I can't tell you how many cars we have repaired allowing a veteran transportation to work. We have helped replace a veterans driveway that had been condemned. We have bought a self-propelled lawn mower for a Korean veteran that wanted to remain independent. The list goes on but we can't do it without your help. It would break my heart if we had to turn someone away because we just didn't have the money.

That being said please sign up. I will be posting sign up sheets starting the 1st of May. What I would like is that you email me with contact info so I know how many to count on. My email is: lrulferts@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

In comradeship,

Lee Ulferts



Veteran and Post Activities

By Program Chair Blair Sorvari



**Saturday April 3rd
Starting at 8 AM**



***MONDAY APRIL 5TH
6:30PM***

***WIN PURSES OR CASH OPTION UP TO
\$150!!***

\$2.00 Hot Dog & Chips

Snacks will be available for purchase

Must be 18 or older to play!

****PURSE BINGO WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL****

Americanism and Citizenship

Program Chair Jarrod McReynolds

Upcoming Holidays Dates

Date		Holiday
Apr 2	Friday	Good Friday
Apr 4	Sunday	Last Day of Passover
Apr 4	Sunday	Easter Sunday
Apr 6	Tuesday	National Tartan Day
Apr 6	Tuesday	National Library Workers' Day
Apr 13	Tuesday	Ramadan Starts
Apr 13	Tuesday	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
Apr 19	Monday	Boston Marathon
Apr 22	Thursday	Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
Apr 30	Friday	Arbor Day

Dates to Note

Next Aux meeting Apr 13th at 6:00 PM at Post and via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 852 7320 9602

Passcode: 056403

Dial in by Phone +1 312 626 6799

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Passcode: 056403

Next Post meeting Apr 14th at 1900 at Post and via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 895 6318 4205

Passcode: PLVFW

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7th District Meeting 9 AM Sat. April 10th, 2021 Post 3915 Palmer Lake VFW

Department Convention Brooklyn Park, June 9-12, 2021

National Convention will be in Baltimore, MD July 31-Aug. 5, 2021.

Canteen Calendar

Club Manager Andrea Moy

monthly Specials

 **Beer** \$3.00

16oz
**MICHELOB
ULTRA**

Wine \$3.00
**WHITE
ZINFANDEL**



DRINK \$3.00

**RUM
SUNSET**

- BACARDI
- DJ
- GRENADINE

FARMERS MARKET



Booth Space Available

**Monday's
June 14th - Oct 11th
Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915**

**2817 Brookdale Dr, Brooklyn
Park, MN 55444**

**VENDORS WELCOME
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