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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello again! September is here and summer is about over. And for some of us a little extra peace and quiet as the kids head back to school. I hope everyone is in good health and doing well. If anyone knows of a veteran in need please send them our way. We can get them connected with services with the county CVSO. We also have our own post and auxiliary unmet needs programs to help provide financial resources. Our car donation program and other fund raisers have given us this amazing opportunity to help others so please spread the word.

We recently hosted a regional trap shooting event in conjunction with the Fallen Outdoors of Wisconsin chapter. This event took place in Hudson, WI over a 3 day period and an Olympic skeet shooter even showed up to participate. We held a raffle for a handgun and split the proceeds with Fallen Outdoors. The Fallen Outdoors is an organization that takes veterans on fishing and hunting trips throughout Wisconsin. As of this writing they have taken over 600 veterans on trips this year (you don't have to be disabled to participate). They are looking for someone in our area who would like to donate their time to take veterans out so if you know anyone who is interested you can contact them via their website or give us a call and we will get you the information.

Our post Quartermaster, Mitch Cline, as also secured for us our very first Space Force Flag. The accompanying pole and pedestal have yet to arrive. The U.S. Space Force is an official part of the Department of the Air Force and was founded on December 20, 2019. While this may get a chuckle from some, or remind them of the comedy show on Netflix, I have a feeling that they may be our first line of defense in the wars of the future, especially against peer adversaries.

And now for the monthly building update. We were in a bit of a bind when the trucking company who was scheduled

to haul soil for us cancelled at the last minute, but Dave Green contacted Total Excavation in River Falls and they saved the day. Total Excavation even donated the loading of thousands of yards of soil and assisted the military in their duties. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

The 612th out of Duluth, who is commanded by Lt. Col Curran, showed up on schedule and began work on the actual site. We got lucky our building site is basically in a gravel pit so instead of spending thousands of dollars hauling in soil the 612th went above and beyond and mined over 15 thousand cubic yards of gravel on site to build the foundation for our building. They took the soil we did haul in to fill in the holes where the gravel was mined from. So our building foundation is basically complete, a holding pond was completed and seeded, and they even managed to knock out another 100-150 yards of the walking trail. This earned them the flag award our post gives out to those who do some exceptional for us. They look forward to coming back in the spring when we will start putting utilities and the building slab in. And once again thank you to all the groups and individuals who got up every morning for two weeks and provided breakfast for the troops. They greatly appreciated it as does our post.

Lastly, it is that time of year where Junior High and High School students in St. Croix County can participate in Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards programs. We will be providing information to the schools and there will be cash awards given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in both categories. Winners will have the chance to go on to district, state, and national contests where more money is available. We have had good success in the past with our candidates and I expect this to continue going forward. And thank you to the auxiliary for administering the Patriots Pen for us this year. See you next month!

Greg Veldhouse, VFW Post 10818 Commander

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

We certainly have had a hot and dry summer. The Auxiliary has carried on and stayed committed to our veterans. The Patriotic Art Contest headed by Gayle House had a winner that went to nationals. Katelyn Doehrmann won third place. We are proud of her and of her accomplishments. The 22nd of August was Ox Cart Days in Star Prairie. The Auxiliary and the VFW marched in the parade. A wagon was pulled with auxiliary and VFW members. Thanks for representing the post. On the 28th was Linda Gibson's Ride for Heroes in which the Auxiliary provided salads. The VFW and the Auxiliary planned National Night Out. The VFW provided free hot dogs and the Auxiliary provided root beer floats. The police and fire squad provided their vehicles to show the kids. The police dog was also there along with a police character. Families were provided with this entertainment at Mary park. Lastly we draped the charter for Anna Robey. Looking forward to September the National President will be visiting Eau Claire the 11 and 12 of September. The Chamber coffee is September 10 and the Auxiliary will be presenting a missing man table. The Auxiliary will present a missing man table event at the Chamber Counsel on September 13. Wanda is looking forward to members to attend. The 21 of September is Auxiliary inspection.

Hope to see many of you in the weeks to come. Wishing everyone good health, happy occasions and many regards for those with hardships.

Rhonda Rimarcik VFW Auxilary President

UPCOMING EVENTS

POST MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

- **September 9 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of

the finance meeting. The management meeting will only consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.

- **September 17 - Post Cookout:** 4:00-7:00PM Join us at Mary's Park shelter number 2 for a Potluck Picnic. All members welcome.

- **September 21 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly

begins at 7:00PM. Every month at our Post Meeting, we have a drawing for some very neat prizes. Post meetings will take place at the **Best Western Conference Room**. The Auxiliary meetings have moved to the **American Legion building**. See Facebook page for Zoom information.

- **October 14 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of

the finance meeting. The management meeting will only consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.

- **October 19 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly

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- **October 30 - Post Birthday:** Post 10818 was founded on October 30, 1989



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