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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Everyone!!

August is here, time is flying by, and summer is quickly coming to an end. As you know by now Covid-19 is starting to make a comeback. The federal government has mandated all employees get vaccinated within the next 8 weeks and if I heard correctly, the VAMC is requiring masks again. I hope all of you are taking precautions as you see fit. Hopefully we won't hear any more stories of our post members or members of their families being hospitalized again.

On a different note, 47 soldiers from the 612th Engineering Battalion, out of Duluth, will be in New Richmond from August 7th through the 21st. They will be completing the last 50 feet of the walking trail by Wall Street and then turning and hopefully finishing the rest of the trail over the course of their stay. At the same time they will be preparing the pad where our building is going to be situated and raising up the topography of the land where the building will be. We need to get this completed before the end of the year so the soil has time to settle before construction begins in a year or two. The 652nd from Hammond is also stopping by to install the silt fencing around the construction site.

As part of having the soldiers here the post and others will once again be cooking breakfast for the soldiers. We are asking for volunteers to help on August 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20th if anyone is available. We need help from 5:30am to 7:30am on those days. And thank you to the Post Auxiliary for sharing the cost and helping with the preparation of these meals. I don't know what we would do without you sometimes.

In other news the Coast Guard will be celebrating their 231st anniversary. The CG was created by the U.S. Congress on 4 August 1790 at the request of Alexander

Hamilton as the Revenue-Marine whose original purpose was collecting customs duties at U.S. seaports. Collecting taxes, who would have guessed.

Another interesting fact is only one member of the CG has received the Medal of Honor and his name was Signalman 1st Class Douglas Munro from South Cle Elum, Washington. Munro's job was helping transport Marines to and from insertion points in the Pacific campaign on the island of Guadalcanal, where Japanese forces were attempting to build a strategically valuable airfield. On Sept. 27, 1942, Munro was in command of several small Higgins boats as the Coast Guard dropped about 500 Marines at a beachhead known as Point Cruz near the Matanikau River. The Marines came under heavy attack and had to be evacuated. Munro stepped up and took five of the small craft under his command and mounted a rescue mission. Munro made several trips under heavy fire and in an effort to provide cover and used his own boat as a shield between the beachhead and the other boats. As the last Marines were being evacuated Munro was fatally wounded. Focused on his mission to the end, his dying words to his friend Evans, who was with him on the scene, were: "Did they get off?" His sacrifice had saved hundreds of Marines. Men like this and their deeds should not be forgotten and that is why I wanted to share this.

And lastly, the stupid joke of the month. A drill sergeant grumbles at his fresh young trainee, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning, private."

"Thank you very much, sir," replies the soldier.

# FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

We certainly had a busy month. Starting with fun fest. The auxiliary became the first at being unit ever to have a wheelchair auxiliary member carry a flag in a parade. Thank you, Wendy, Maria and especially Wanda. I handed out flags, flag brochures, flag cards, flag education cards, flag stickers, and stickers to kids along the parade route for Americanism. The kid and parents were very enthusiastic to get the materials too. The following week was the county fair in Glenwood City. Thank you Karen Green, Wendy, and Gayle for setting up both. I manned the booth Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday to get a membership. This is our only membership drive all year so I was really trying hard for Kelly. Sunday Karen Green performed the missing man table on veterans day observance at the fair .

As of August first, I will be acting as secretary of the auxiliary. Hopefully, this transition will go smoothly and everything will work out. Be patient with me as I learn the ropes and we will all get through this together like a well-run auxiliary I know we can be.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 12 - 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.

- **August 17 - 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 Post. The Auxiliary meetings have moved to the **American Legion building**. See Facebook page for Zoom information.

- **August 22 - Ox Cart Days Parade:** Star Prairie
- **August 28 - Ride for Heroes:** Star Prairie Sports Bar
- **August 29 - District Meeting:** Meeting at Post 305 in Eau Claire.
- **September 9 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of

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