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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Everyone!!

Time has flown by and July is upon us. And so begins my second year as commander of our post. I am pleased to announce that our post has been awarded All-American status and our 4th consecutive All-State status. Our National Commander, Hal Roesch, made some last minute adjustments to the All-American criteria due to the impact that Covid-19 had on all posts nationwide over the last year and as a result we qualified for All-American. The year presented many challenges we were not prepared for like how to conduct meetings, how to recruit, how to raise funds, etc. Thanks to some ingenuity and new technology (like ZOOM meetings) we all came together and got the job done regardless. This award is for all of you, your hard work, your dedication, and we should all be proud.

And with the start of a new VFW fiscal year comes the challenges of maintaining membership and recruiting new members. If you are not a life member I highly recommend becoming one. Its relatively inexpensive and will cut down on the number of phone calls I have to make. If you choose to remain a member on a year-to-year basis please pay your dues early. And for you life members, consider getting a bronze, silver or gold legacy life membership. The post will get money from national on an annual basis in perpetuity long after you and I are gone. I also challenge everyone to recruit one new member this year. It can be difficult, but its not impossible.

On the VA front, the Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs issued a memorandum on May 24th, 2021 to initiate rulemaking to address the role that particulate matter exposure in the Gulf War plays in generating chronic respiratory conditions, such as asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. The rulemaking will address the establishment of presumptions of service

connection, for Veterans that served on active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War, and/or Afghanistan, Syria, Djibouti, and Uzbekistan, after September 19, 2001. 38 CFR 3.317 defines the Southwest Asia theater of operations for those who are impacted (can Google it). Rumor is there may be other possible presumptive conditions added to the Gulf War list in the near future, but nothing is certain yet. The VA is also currently reviewing tens of thousands of claims for veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and some of you may have gotten or could be getting notified of this.

With that have a good one and I will leave you with this joke. A soldier runs up a hill and around a corner before slamming into an officer. "Where do you think you're going, son?"

"Sorry, Captain! It's crazy out there and the firefight was so heavy. I got scared and tried to go AWOL." "Who you calling Captain? I'm a general!" "Wow!" exclaimed the soldier. "I didn't realize I'd run that far back."

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

With a new year and a new auxiliary president come new ideas. My name is Rhonda Rimarcik. I have served as Sr vice for last 5 years and Jr vice before that. So I finally made it up the chain to president. It is my honor and privilege to serve New Richmond and St Croix County.

Sure will be a huge task but I'm sure with enthusiasm of our auxiliary we will get the job done. I am hoping the school system and nursing homes will open more since COVID vaccine has been distributed. I donated books to the schools this last year and will and will again this next year. Wanda is our Americanism Chairman. She plans on educating kids on patriotism at school and in the community. Karen Green will continue with her legislative reports. Wendy will report on hospital. Kelly will report on membership and treasury. We draped the charter in June for Barb Hess.

The auxiliary was able to get into county nursing home in June to play bingo. The clients were happy to see us. I look forward to working with the VFW with their project in the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 15- 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.
- **July 20 - 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 in the downstairs of the New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street**

(across from the Fire Department). See Facebook page for Zoom

information.

- **July 8-11 - Fun Fest**, New Richmond, Parade is on July 11, come march with us!
- **July 14-18 - St. Croix County Fair**, Contact Greg Veldhouse 651-271-2177 (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to sit at our booth at the fair)

- **July 30 - Bike ride to the Highgrounds**

- **August 12 - Finance Committee**: Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of

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- **August 28 - Ride for Heroes**: Star Prairie Sports Bar



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