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Welcome to a new De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary year. After a very trying year for all it's great to be able to get back to our monthly meetings and other Veteran supporting events to meet old friends and get acquainted with our new members/friends. On July 1st we said goodbye to our former Post and Auxiliary leaders and welcomed our new volunteer leaders – you can see who they are by visiting our Post and Auxiliary web page at: www.deperewfw.net.

IT'S A DATE – To help celebrate our new year we'll be hosting our annual Post and Auxiliary Picnic at our Thursday, September 2, 2021 meeting. Due to on-going construction in the VFW Park (new pool, etc.) the picnic and meeting will be held in the De Pere Community Center (600 Grant St., De Pere) – in the downstairs dining area starting at 6 pm. We invite you all to come and enjoy the food and company. The Post and Auxiliary will be providing the FREE food – to help us plan on how much food and drinks we need to buy, PLEASE call either Pat or Linda to let them know you will be attending – their phone numbers are listed at the top of this page.

Due to continuing COVID-19 issues with restaurants (staffing, etc.) we have made the very difficult decision NOT to hold our annual Veteran's Day dinner this year (2021). So please come to our annual picnic instead – you'll have a lot of fun plus plenty of good eats a well !!!

The Post and Auxiliary received some huge awards this year – take a look at these awards:



The Auxillaries Marge Van Vonderen is pictured with her granddaughter and granddaughters husband right after she was awarded the 2021 Jeanette Frank Continuous Service award. This is the highest VFW Auxiliary of Wisconsin award for 25+ years of service to our veterans, their families and our communities. Next time you see Marge offer your CONGRATS for this outstanding award

Speaking of Service awards – Only 2 Auxiliary Posts in Wisconsin participated in all sections of the Youth Activities programs – YES we were one of these only 2. Our entry from St. Joseph School – 8th grader Calleigh Forgette took 2nd place in the grade 6-8 competition for Illustrating America Art Contest. PLUS, our Auxiliary took 1st place in category 1 Public Promotion of Poppy Campaigns; and 2nd place in category 3 Artistic or Decorative Use of Buddy Poppy at the State Convention.



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One thing the Post is extremely proud of is that we were selected as a 2020-2021 All State Post – one of only a handful of Posts in Wisconsin to receive this honor. Pictured is your Post Commander Pat Moran and Quartermaster Randy Hansen receiving their All State Team “white hats.” This is the first time our Post has received this honor since way back in 2005. A big CONGRATS must also go to our Post Senior Vice Commander Gene Coonen whose work in membership recruiting and managing the Post Honor Guard made this award possible – way to go Gene !!! State Commander Jason Johns (left) and VFW National Sr. Vice Commander Fritz Mihelcic (right) did the presentation.



We must also point out that Pat Moran was also the 8th VFW District Commander last year – and the 8th District was also awarded a 2020-2021 All State “white hat” – the first time the 8th District received this honor since way back in the dark ages – 1999 to be exact. Plus under Pat’s leadership the 8th VFW District was also named an All American District by VFW National – the first time that has ever happened. A big CONGRATS to you Pat for these outstanding leadership awards.

Despite the trying year in 2020 we still managed to do a lot for our Veterans, their families and our local communities. Here is a sampling of our accomplishments:



The Post and Auxiliary presented Ava Van Straten (center of picture) with the VFW Post 2113 and 8th District Scout of the Year award.

Ava is a very special scout – she achieved the highest Girl Scout award – Gold; then went on to earn the highest Boy Scout award – Eagle Scout. This makes Ava one of only a handful of scouts to achieve this double award IN THE WORLD. A truly, truly amazing performance for this De Pere girl.



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In April 2021 the Post created an endowed “*De Pere VFW Post 2113 Scholarship*” with our local Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). This scholarship provides opportunities for 1st – De Pere Veterans and their immediate family members, and 2nd – currently serving members and their immediate family members of our adopted military unit – the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (CAB), based at the Army Reserve Center on Holmgren Way. This unique scholarship is a way to support our local Veterans and currently serving soldiers AND to address the critical shortage of skilled craftsmen/women here in Northeast Wisconsin.



Post Commander Pat Moran and Post Scholarship Committee Chairman Dan Ammerman sign the scholarship agreement with NWTC Foundation Director Crystal Harrison.



LTC Jamie Hanson, Commander of the 432nd CAB and his wife Julie, representing the 432nd Family Readiness Group (FRG) acknowledge the support of this scholarship for their soldiers and family members



Ian Kaster of De Pere, a Desert War Veteran, accepts the very 1st De Pere VFW Post 2113 Scholarship.



Millie Kaster accepts a horde of gift cards donated by local De Pere businesses and our VFW Post 2113 thanking her for being a military spouse.



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Left – Post members Pat Moran and Gene Coonen present a check supporting the Brown County Sherrif’s Office Shop with a Cop Christmas gift program.

Above – Post member Pat Moran and Auxiliary member Linda Moran present a check supporting the De Pere Police Department’s Shop with a Cop Christmas gift program



Left - Auxiliary member Linda Moran with Post members Dan Lotter and Pat Moran present the De Pere Fire and Rescue Department with a cold water wet suit.

Right – Post members Jim Vogels and Pat Moran, with Auxiliary member Linda Moran and Randy Hansen representing our project partner Ryan Funeral Home present the Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Department with a cold water wet suit.

The suits are for use in aiding fire fighters in local cold water rescue and recovery operations.



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Membership

As in all newsletters we must ask for your help in both retaining and recruiting Post and Auxiliary members. We are a very active Post and Auxiliary and could use more members in each to further our outreach programs.

Veterans - If you know of any Veterans who would like to join our local De Pere VFW Post 2113 please call either Pat Moran (920-639-0922) or Gene Coonen (920-336-0968) with their name and phone number and we'll contact them or simply give them our phone numbers and have them call us – we'd love to hear from you and/or them. Annual membership in our VFW Post is only \$35.00

Auxiliary – The Auxiliary membership is open to any family member of a Veteran. So, if you know of any such family members who would like to help Veterans then our Auxiliary is a place for them. Please call Linda Moran (920-639-9987) with their name and phone number and she'll contact them or simply have them call Linda. Annual membership in our VFW Auxiliary is only \$20.00

Upcoming Special Events

- The De Pere Men's Club will be hosting their annual Veterans Day lunch (free) for De Pere Veterans on November 11th starting at noon in the lower level of the De Pere Community Center. Commander Pat Moran is coordinating, as our Post Honor Guard has participated in the past – call Pat (920-639-0922) if you are interested in attending.
- Daddy D's Productions will be putting on a Veteran's Tribute show on November 11th – dinner at 12 noon; show starts at 1 pm – at the Riverside Ballroom (1560 Main St., Green Bay). Auxiliary President Linda Moran is putting together a group to attend – so call her (920-639-9987) no later than August 31st if you are interested in attending – tickets = \$43 for the lunch & the show or \$27 for only the show.
- The Post has also been working with the De Pere Parks Department regarding upgrading the Veteran's Memorial located in VFW Park. The original one was too badly aged to save during the new pool area construction, so a new one was commissioned. Our Post created the design of the new granite memorial and put together a coalition of De Pere small businesses to fully fund this new \$15,000 memorial. While an exact dedication ceremony date has not yet been determined we are looking at some time in October or November this year, quite possibly on November 11th just prior to the De Pere Men's Club lunch event. Pat Moran is again the contact for this if you need more information.
- Post and Auxiliary meetings – all on Thursday's:
 - September 2nd – 6 pm, lower level of the De Pere Community Center
 - October 7th – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center
 - November 4th – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center
 - December 2nd – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center
 - January 6th – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center
 - February 3rd – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center
 - March 3rd – 3 pm, upper level of the De Pere Community Center



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Post Honor Guard



Our Post Honor Guard has had a very busy 2021 so far – averaging about 5 Veteran Funeral Honors per month, plus other events. Later in August we start opening every De Pere and West De Pere home varsity football games. If you'd like to become a member of the Post Honor Guard, even if for only a couple events, please call Post member Gene Coonen at 920-336-0968 and he'll get you started.

Two Final Items

- We need to update all of our Post and Auxiliary member email addresses – as a way to control costs we are starting to look at emailing this newsletter to all who wish to receive it by email.
 - Please email Pat and Linda Moran with your current email address and phone number
 - Add a note to your email stating if you wish to receive this newsletter by email or if you wish to continue receiving it by mail.
 - Pat and Linda's email is pmoran3147@gmail.com
- You can continue to find out what is happening with the Post and Auxiliary by visiting our Post web site – www.deperevfw.net.
 - This will always show the current Post and Auxiliary meeting location and time.
 - The Post is in the process of starting a VFW Post 2113 Facebook page – it's a work in progress and we'll let you all know when it goes live.

That's all folks, Pat Moran, VFW Post 2113 Commander and Linda Moran, President VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary