

**VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary
Joint
NEWSLETTER**



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The De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary March 2023 Newsletter

Post and Auxiliary meeting times and dates

We've moved back to our Spring – Summer – Fall meeting times so here is the meeting information. Please join us when you can:

- **Location:** De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St., De Pere – enter the Community Center's top floor by the flag poles. Our meeting rooms are at the end of the hall on the right side.
- **Times:** **6:00 pm** (2023 = April 6th; May 4th; June 1st; July 6th; August 3rd; and September 7th)
and
3:00 pm (2023 = October 5th; November 2nd; December 7th)
(2024 – January 4th; February 1st; and March 7th)
- **Dates:** Always the 1st Thursday of the month.

Post Honor Guard



We've had another very productive year performing for the public. This past year we conducted over to 90 military funeral honors for our deceased local veterans.

We submitted our application for this year's VFW Department of Wisconsin Post-level Honor Guard competition. This was our application's cover photo – it pictures our only married Veterans on the Honor Guard, CW5 Randy Hansen (US Army, Retired) and SP5 Deborah Hansen (former, US Army) presenting the US flag and the

POW flag at a "Friday Night Lights" De Pere High School varsity football game.



Post Honor Guard (continued)

Memorial Day 2023 events: These are the events that the Post Honor Guard and Auxiliary members are scheduled to participate in on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. If you can help with any of these Honor Guard events - please call Post Commander Pat Moran at 920-639-0922 – thank you in advance:

5:45 am – Arrival time at the Nicolet Restaurant (525 Reid St, De Pere) parking lot – depart in 2 groups to provide Memorial Day honors to the centralized Veterans memorial graves at the 5 cemeteries in De Pere. After this is completed, the Post buys breakfast for all who participated.

9:30 am – Arrive at the corner of Grant St and South Sixth Street – the Post and Auxiliary will be leading the De Pere Kiwanis Club’s Memorial Day parade for the 73rd straight year. The parade starts promptly at 10 am with Post Senior Vice Commander Joe Roffers firing off one round from one of the Post Honor Guards antique Springfield 30 Cal M1 rifles.

Pictured at the “start line” of the 2022 Kiwanis Club’s Memorial Day Parade are Post Honor Guard members: (left to right) Dan Lotter; Nick Moran; Randy Hansen; and “Mr. VFW” Joe Roffers.



11:30 am – Arrive in Voyageur Park (main stage) – Celebrate De Pere’s Veterans Memorial Ceremony is organized and led by VFW Post 2113 in partnership with all other Veterans organizations in the De Pere area. Arriving at 11:30 ensures all coordination and set-up can be completed for the ceremony to start promptly at 12:30 pm. If you can’t help by being part of the ceremony, please be there with your family by 12:30 pm to show your appreciation and support of our servicemembers past and present.

ALERT ----- On Saturday, May 6, 2023 the Post will be hosting a mandatory Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Military Funeral Honors Training. All Post Honor Guard members need to attend this critical training. It’s at the Comfort Suites Hotel & Rock Garden Supper Club, located at 1951 Bond St. in Green Bay. Enter through the Hotel front door for the training. Check-in starts at 8:45 am, with training from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. If you attend, lunch will follow paid by the Post. RSVP is required so call Post QM Randy Hansen (920-639-6996) or email him (rdhansen@mindspring.com) to attend.



Post and Auxiliary Membership

Post and Auxiliary membership is critical to the success we have supporting our fellow veterans in need, our own members and our community as a whole. If you know a Veterans or a Veteran's family member for membership in our Post Auxiliary that you pass their contact information on to either Pat Moran (for membership in our VFW Post 2113) or Linda Moran (for membership in our Post Auxiliary). Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to either Pat or Linda, as appropriate.


VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

Annual Post membership fee is only \$35.00.

****The Post has a very special program** whereas if you purchase a 1-year membership, then a 2nd year membership is paid by the Post. To take advantage of this special offer, your 1-year membership application and payment check must be mailed to Pat Moran to the Post's post office box and processed by the Post QM.

Life Post membership fee is based on your age – see the attached application for these costs.

****The Post does have a special offer Life membership rebate program of \$150.00 to help cover a portion of you becoming a Life VFW member.** To take advantage of this special offer, your Life membership application and payment check must be mailed to Pat Moran to the Post's post office box and processed by the Post QM.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Name (First, M, Last) _____ EMAIL _____

Address (Street) _____ Apt. / Lot # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MALE
FEMALE
DECLINE

Dates of Service (mm / yyyy) _____ to _____ Location of Foreign Service _____ Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Phone _____

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE

BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

<input type="checkbox"/> WW II	<input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	<input type="checkbox"/> INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> DESERT SHIELD/STORM	<input type="checkbox"/> IRAQ (2003 -2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
<input type="checkbox"/> KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	<input type="checkbox"/> BOSNIA/KOSOVO	<input type="checkbox"/> SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> KOREA DUTY (1965 - present)	<input type="checkbox"/> GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	Dates: _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

By entering into the Installment Plan, I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options, if selected.

Credit Card # _____ (Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature _____

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER (Please print) _____ ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Contact VFW Member Services at 1.833.VFW.VETS (1.833.839.8387) or write VFW Member Services, 408 W. 13th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts, or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW life membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a life membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (1) monthly payments. The member will be issued an annual membership card at the time of enrollment. A permanent life membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The life membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted. Delinquencies of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE: I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that: I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto; I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it; I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy; I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order; Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had renounced a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true courage -- and a citizen of our great republic.

FATTEST: that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions; I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval rejection.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____
\$1.00 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____
Committee Member _____
Committee Member _____

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**Auxiliary VFW Post 2113
Membership Information**

Annual Auxiliary membership fee is only \$25.00 for the first year, then \$20.00 every year after.

Life Auxiliary membership fee is based on your age – see the attached application for these costs.

Application – The completed application with payment check should be mailed directly to Linda Moran.

**National Dues Alert
Notice from Linda**

**I just found out that our national Auxiliary will be presenting proposal to increase our dues at the national convention in Phoenix, AZ, July 2023. If this passes then annual and life member dues will increase. NOW is a great time to become a Auxiliary Life Member before the dues goes up. Use the Auxiliary membership form in this newsletter and call me today to become a Life member.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____
 Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (if already a member) _____
 Annual Membership Rejoin
 Life Membership Transfer
 Member at Large in Department of _____ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
 (If not a transfer, skip to B.)
 LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____
 ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying Nonpaying
 ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

B THESE FIELDS REQUIRED
 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ Female Male
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

C POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____
 THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

D NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (if applicable) _____
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
 Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

E Investigating Committee Signatures
 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

F By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.
OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.
 Signature _____ Date _____
(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift.
Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.
 Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX Life Membership Fee
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Credit Card No. _____ CVV Code _____
 Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Life Membership fees are not refundable.
 Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.
 Through 20 \$253
 21-25 \$242
 26-30 \$230
 31-35 \$219
 36-40 \$213
 41-45 \$201
 46-50 \$196
 51-55 \$184
 56-60 \$173
 61-65 \$161
 66-70 \$150
 71-75 \$132
 76-80 \$109
 81-85 \$86
 86-90 \$69
 91 and over \$58

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VFW Department of Wisconsin Student Veterans of Foreign Wars (SVFW)

Our Veterans-helping-Veterans role today extends far beyond just helping only Veterans. We know a military Veteran has learned the value of service and has a true spirit of service, but we also know that value of service extends to their family members as well. Our Post accomplishes our service to our fellow local Veterans and their family members through our endowed **VFW Post 2113 Scholarship** that was established at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) two (2) years ago. Designed to fill a critical shortcoming in Veteran educational opportunities by helping Veterans and their family members with their continuing education. While at the same time helping our community address the critical shortage of nurses, skilled construction and factory workers and other skilled workforce positions by providing scholarship assistance at NWTC to those among us who are in financial need of scholarship monetary assistance.

With that in mind, we are proud to announce the recipient of the \$500.00 Spring 2023 NWTC **VFW Post 2113 Scholarship – Chad Allen:**

Chad Allen – Here is part of his thank you letter to the Post: “I am currently in the laboratory science technology program with the intention to transfer to a university to obtain a human biology degree. My goal is to then apply for medical school and start a career as a physician. This scholarship helps bring my family and I financial stability as I continue to pursue my goals especially because this semester takes up more days which I could spend working at my part time job.”

2022-2023 Patriot’s Pen Veterans Day Essay Award Winners

Linda Moran and Deb Nackers proudly present certificates and cash awards to the winners of this year’s VFW Patriot Pen essay contest

VFW Post 2113 and the Auxiliary congratulate all the winners and every student who entered all the very creative **“My Pledge to our Veterans”** essays in the contest!!



From left to right: Linda Moran; 1st Place is Julia Day; 3rd Place is Haylee Huth; 2nd Place is Margaret Destree; Deb Nackers; and Our Ladies of Lourdes Catholic School Principal Jeffery Young.



Leadership Spotlight

Name: Patrick Moran	Name: Joe Roffers	Name: Judy Sargent	Name: Deb Nackers-Sargent
Post Position: Commander	Post Position: Senior Vice Commander	Auxiliary Position: Guard and 1 st Year Trustee	Auxiliary Position: Secretary and Treasurer
Military Rank: E-5/SP5 (SGT)	Military Rank: Staff Sargent (SSG / E-6)	Military Rank of Relative: (Husband) Gerald Sargent Private 1 st Class	Military Rank of Relative: (Dad) Gerald Sargent Private 1 st Class
Dates of Service: Vietnam War 1966-1969	Dates of Service: Desert Shield/Storm War 1975-2000	Dates of Relatives Service: Korean War 1954-1955	Dates of Relatives Service: Korean War 1954-1955
Unit Served in: 4 th and 5 th Infantry Divisions	Unit Served in: 890 th Transportation Co.	Where did Relative Serve: Germany/Korea	Where did Relative Serve: Germany/Korea
Most Vivid Memory from Your Service: Seeing what a war does to a country – so very much destruction. Halfway into my tour taking a 4-day R&R vacation to Hong Kong. Now that was an amazing country to visit – so full of life and beauty. After 6 months in Vietnam that was a nice break. Traveling around Vietnam doing my combat mission, I was amazed by the large number of home town Brown County kids that I knew that I kept running Into = it's truly a small world.	Most Vivid Memory From your Service: Desert Storm/Shield – the oil well fires were the worst aspect, turning the skies black. Our unit had very creative people – we designed & built hot water showers by placing water heating units the roof of a conex, plus we pooled our money and took 400-mile trips to the nearest military store to buy steaks, potatoes, grills and charcoal in order to eat something good besides military freeze- dried meals	Most Vivid Memory from your Relatives Service: Jerry's stories of him driving his Commanding General all over Europe during the General's vacation. From Berlin where he was stationed to Spain, Italy and all points in between – that General sure knew how to take a vacation. That was one job Jerry really enjoyed doing!!	Most Vivid Memory from your Relatives Service: Dad did not talk about his time in service, but one of the things he mailed home was a coo-coo clock. It was the bane of my teenager years. One of the rules of our house was to wake up mom and dad when I got home. They would always ask "What time is it?" And more times than not, that darn clock would coo-coo and make a liar out of me.

Military Unit Partnership Program

In May 2023 portions of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (CAB) will be leaving Green Bay for a year-long deployment overseas. The 432nd CAB US Army Reserve unit has been a partner that the Post and Auxiliary have supported for a very long time. Once again, we'll be working with their Family Readiness Group (FRG) (spouses, kids and other family members) to provide support as needed during the time their soldiers are away from home. If you'd like to help in this effort, please contact Post Commander Pat Moran.



De Pere Fire and Rescue Monument Community Service Project

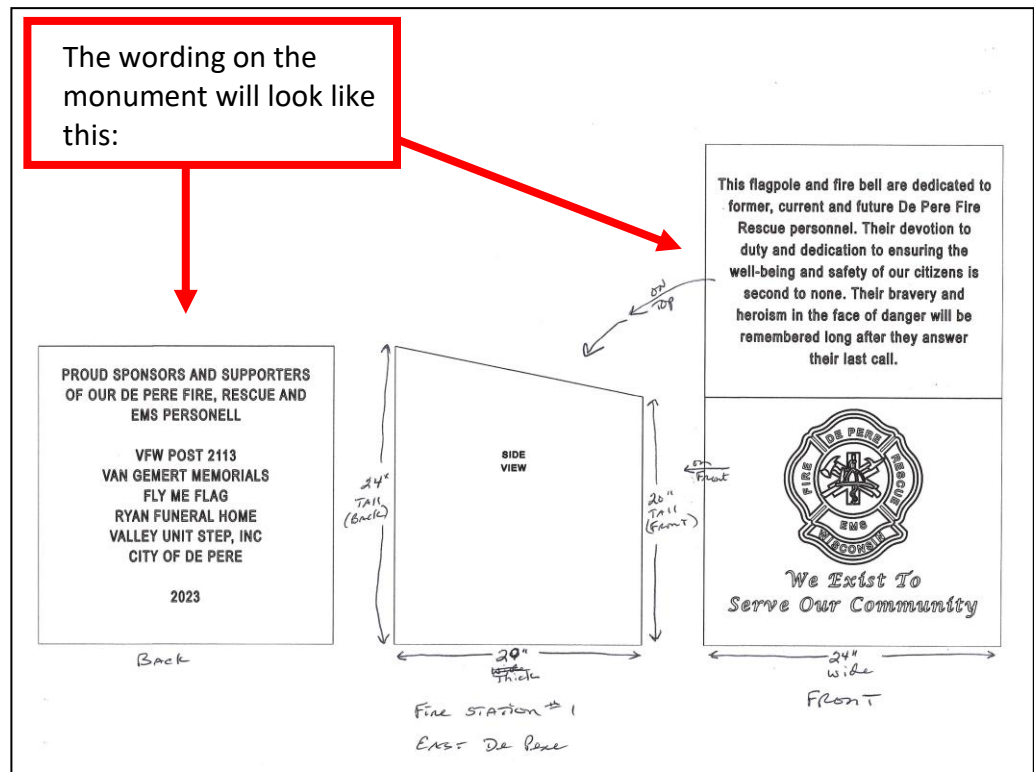
The Post has been working with the De Pere Fire Department for the past year after Fire Chief Alan Matzke mentioned the need for a flagpole at the main Fire Station (station #1) in east De Pere. That discussion led to the discovery that the Fire Bell on display outside the Fire Station does not have any type of plaque or other markings to tell the public what it represents. From those discussions the Post members approved purchasing and donating a new Flagpole and two (2) stone granite monuments once the City of De Pere Common Council approves (scheduled for March 21, 2023) this in-kind donation.

The total cost of this Post community service project will be between \$8,000 and \$13,000. Working with our community small business partners, we have secured financial support from Ryan Funeral Home, Fly Me Flags and the City of De Pere. Additional in-kind donation support is coming from Van Gemert Memorials / Zabel Monuments and Valley Unit Step.

The plan, if approved by the City on March 21, 2023, will be a two-phased project:

- Phase 1 – Immediately purchase a 20-foot flagpole and have Fly Me Flags install it at Fire Station #1 in the April/May 2023 timeframe. No dedication ceremony is planned for this.

- Phase 2 – Immediately order the 2 stone granite monuments, fully paying for 1 stone as a downpayment. The stones are coming from overseas so engraving, delivery and setup won't occur until September/October 2023. There will be a dedication ceremony for this installation.

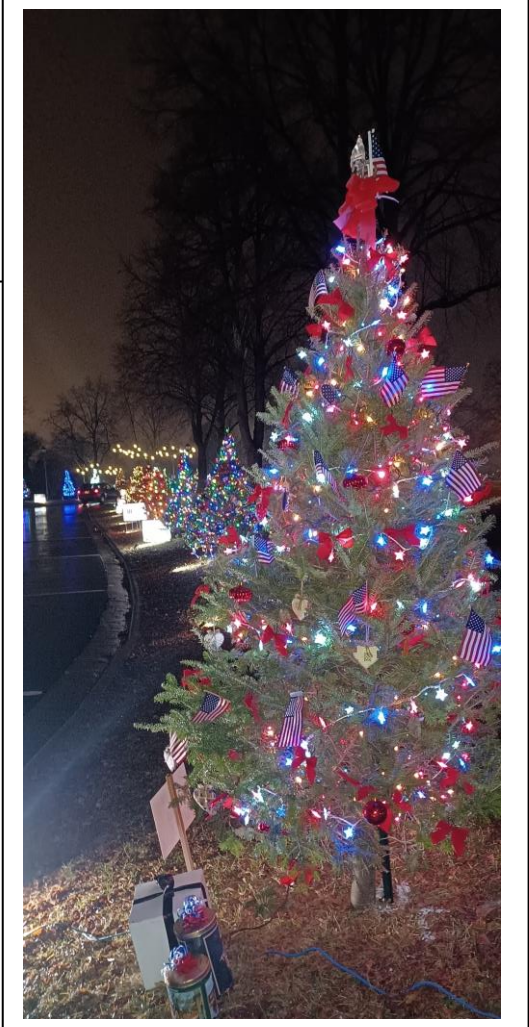


- The monument is designed to honor former, current and future firefighters and rescue first responders for their day-to-day service. It is not intended to be a memorial.



The City of De Pere Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is proud to announce the return of the Voyageur Park Holiday Christmas Tree Lights displays. First created in 2021, the displays are returning for their 2nd year, after no displays during the 2021 COVID year.

VFW Post 2113 and its Auxiliary are proud to show off their lighted Christmas tree for the 2022 display.



This is a drive through event and it is estimated over 2,000 cars full of parents and their screaming kids drove through the display area. The kids were really ready (not really) for a visit from Santa Clause on Christmas eve after experiencing the 25 different lighted tree displays.

The Auxiliary took the lead in getting the tree ready by gathering all the display items and lights, then working very hard in putting all the items into their proper places. The decoration crew is shown here (left to right) Bernice Jansen; Pat Moran; Linda Moran; Suzanne Uher; Scott Christian; Deb Nackers and Connie Borseth (kneeling).



Message from the President of the Auxiliary, VFW Post 2113

Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary – It’s hard to believe the Auxiliary’s “*Connect For and With Our Veterans*” 2022-2023 year has rounded the corner and is heading into our final 3 month stretch. Our Auxiliary has accomplished many things this year and I’m proud of all your efforts – your support has been simply amazing – *THANK YOU!*

First, we are at 100% plus in membership for the first time in many years. *THANK YOU* for making this happen!

Second, our *No Bake Sale* was a GREAT success – we raised \$815.00. The funds helped us provide support to Veterans and their families plus participate in several community programs. See the list for details. →

Third, along with Post members, attended Veterans Day activities at Fox View Elementary School, De Pere High School, Wrightstown High School, Sage Meadow Assisted Living facility and the De Pere Community Center’s annual ceremony honoring Veterans.



Deb Nackers cleaning a headstone

Fourth, we participated in cleaning Veterans head stones in our local De Pere area cemeteries.

Fifth, the Auxiliary assisted students from East De Pere Middle School in making and sending Veterans Day cards to all the Veterans living at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI.

Remember, our Auxiliary is all about helping our Veterans and their families – so thank you for all that you have done so far. Working together we can accomplish ANYTHING! God Bless everyone and let’s continue to have a GREAT year supporting our Veterans and their families.

No Bake Sale & Memorial Day 2022
Poppy Drive resulting contributions

\$175 – De Pere Police & Fire First Responder annual awards program
\$75 – De Pere shelters
\$850 – State & National Veteran and Family scholarship programs
\$400 – Freedom House adopt a family Christmas program
\$250 – VFW Veteran Unmet Needs program, VFW National Home and Veteran Support Equestrian Ranches here in Wisconsin
Plus – sent Halloween baskets and Christmas & valentine cards to Veterans and their families living in De Pere Nursing Homes

Finally, we’d like to offer a **HUGE CONGRATS** to Auxiliary member Connie Borseth’s husband **Kevin** for being named the Horizon League Coach of the Year (2022-2023). He led one of the greatest women’s basketball teams in UW Green Bay’s “Phoenix” history this year!

Coach of the Year - <https://greenbayphoenix.com/news/2023/2/27/womens-basketball-borseth-named-horizon-league-coach-of-the-year-levy-first-team-butler-second-team-and-all-defense>

Coach Borseth - <https://greenbayphoenix.com/sports/womens-basketball/roster/coaches/kevin-borseth/491>

Linda Moran, President of the VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary of De Pere



VFW Public Servant – First Responder – Award Citation Program

Each year the VFW Department of Wisconsin and VFW national recognize and present awards to those first responders in our community who have gone above and beyond the call of duty (in other words have “done good”) and award them a citation.

In De Pere your VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary spearhead a committee of community organizations to recognize those first responders among us who deserve that same recognition. The committee is comprised of the: VFW and Auxiliary Post 2113; Kiwanis Club of De Pere; Optimist Club; Lions Club; Pink Flamingos; Rotary Club of De Pere, Women’s Club of De Pere; De Pere Area Men’s Club and the Knights of Columbus.

The 2023 awards ceremony was held on February 28, 2023 at the Swan Club – here are your 2022 awardees:



Firefighter Brandon Hageman (L) and Battalion Chief Ron Cody (R) were recognized for entering a burning apartment building and rescuing two (2) people that were trapped on the 2nd floor of the building. They were able to enter the building, locate the individuals and assisted them out a window and down a ladder to safety. Their quick thinking, bravery, and selflessness serve as a testament of the dedication of all our De Pere Fire and Rescue personnel. Well done!!!



Police officers Tyler Dawson, Walter Pappas Jr., Jacob Eberhardt, Brian Rates, Aaron Alberts, K-9 Officer Benjamin Giese and on the floor is Officer Kurt (was he ever a talker at the awards ceremony). These officers were recognized for their team effort conducting drug enforcement within the City of De Pere and Brown County. Their team approach and efforts resulted in more significant drug arrests and forfeiture seizures than in any other year in De Pere’s history. Also recognized were this teams Sergeants – Sgt Matthew Magno and Sgt Jacob Nowak for their contributions to this historic success. Well done to you all!!!