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NEWSLETTER
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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'll be saying goodbye to our former Post and Auxiliary leaders and welcoming our new volunteer leaders – you can see who they are by visiting our Post and Auxiliary web page at: www.deperewfw.net. Pat Moran and Linda Moran have volunteered to continue in their key leadership roles with us.

Post and Auxiliary meeting times and dates – We've moved back to our Spring – Summer – Fall meeting times so here is that 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 (April, May, June, July, August and September)
 3:00 pm (October, November, December, January, February and March)
- **Dates:** Always the 1st Thursday of the month. Remaining 2022 dates are = May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st.

Post Honor Guard – We've had another very productive year performing for the public at local High School Varsity Football games and conducting Military Funeral Honors (playing taps, firing rifle salutes and then presenting the fired rifle shells to the family) for veterans who have departed.

One of the greatest honors was granted our VFW Post 2113 Honor Guard on April 12, 2022 when, out of all the northeast Wisconsin VFW Post Honor Guard units, we were selected to perform the Military Funeral Honors at the funeral for past VFW Department of Wisconsin Commander Bob Collins. Commander Bob served as the State VFW leader during the 1997 – 1998 year. He also served in several post, county, district, state and national level VFW leadership positions over the past 69 years.

We'd like to say THANK YOU" to all the VFW Post 2113 AND Auxiliary members who have volunteered for the Post Honor Guard over the years. Call Pat Moran if you're interested in joining. It takes the collective total membership to make the Honor Guard a success. Here are some of the current Post Honor Guard members:



Jim Vogels



Gene Coonen



Roger Ness



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Joe Roffers



Pat Moran



Max Smits



We don't have room for pictures of every Post Honor Guard member, past or present, so we'd also like to thank: Dan Ammerman, Mike Bader, Jim Bergman, Deborah Hansen, Randy Hansen, Dan Lotter, John Manders, Nick Moran, Debbi Nackers, Glen Teske, Ron Willems and Butch Zelten

We conduct a lot of Post Honor Guard ceremonies to open varsity "Friday Night Lights" football games at both De Pere and West De Pere High Schools. So, it was a very special treat for us when West De Pere High School honored one of our past Honor Guard members who was also a very long-time volunteer at West De Pere High School. Here is their dedication to Don Christian.



**DePere Auxiliary Give A Cheer,
 Helping Veterans Is Why We're Here.
 So Clap You're Hands & Stomp You're Feet,
 Veteran Care Is Why We Meet!**

Have you seen the VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary "CHEER" – believe you me it's quite the sight to behold.

Be sure to read the cheer in the bottom left corner of this picture.



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A big CONGRATS to our 2021 Veterans Day essay award winners. Pictured with Pat and Linda Moran are: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Principal Jeffrey Young; 1st place winner Breah Berry; 2nd place winner Madalyn Turriff; and 3rd place winner John Ver Boort.

Brothers and Sisters, the “**DON’T FUDGE ON CARE FOR VETERANS**” will soon be coming to an end. Thank you to those who volunteered throughout the year. Maybe it was planting flowers at the cemeteries, participating in the Memorial Day Services, promoting our poppy drives, making cards for various holidays to send to our VA Hospitals and nursing homes, croqueting hats and making patchwork quilts for needy children, collecting items for Freedom House, saving soda tabs for Ronald Mc Donald House or donating to our Halloween Bakeless Bake Sale.

The Auxiliary has done these following donations so far this year.

\$300 to Hospital Programs and Projects; \$75 to National Scholarships—Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Patriotic Art; \$100 to Dept. Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship; \$150 to the Dept. Van Project and \$100 to the Bring them Home Project; \$150 to Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center for X-Box for the Nursing Home; \$100 to the New Green Bay Community Shelter; \$50 to Warmth from the Heart Quilting Ladies; \$100 CP Telethon; \$80 Cancer Memorial for our deceased members; \$100 to Dept. VFW Unmet Needs Program; \$100 to Freedom House in Green Bay; \$25 Unity Hospice; \$100 Trinity Equestrian Center; and \$143 to National President Jean’s special project---Patriotic Art

Our Auxiliary is all about helping our veterans and their families – so thank you very much for your support. We could not do what we do without YOU !!! **THANK YOU, THANK You**

Linda Moran, President, VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary

This is our Post 2113 Auxiliary President, Linda Moran, with other Wisconsin VFW and Auxiliary movers and shakers (the big wigs) dedicating a new Wisconsin bench at the VFW National Home Park





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Every Veterans Day Associated Bank holds a "Salute to Veterans" competition among all their branches. Winning branches receive \$250.00 to donate back to the community. Boy were we ever surprised when the East De Pere branch called to say that they won and had elected to donate their contest winnings to:

\$125 – to the De Pere VFW Post 2113, and
 \$125 – to the Oneida VFW Post 7784.

Next Veterans Day we encourage you to stop in at your local Associated Bank branch to see their display. It'll be well worth your time.



A big CONGRATS to our 2022 Patriots Pen essay award winners. Pictured with Pat and Linda Moran are: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Principal Jeffrey Young; 1st place winner Isabel Derouin; 2nd place winner Lauren Ver Boort; and 3rd place winner Yeside Omotoso.

Four (4) years ago City of De Pere voters passed a referendum to build a new pool complex in VFW Park. Soon after the Post was contacted by the city parks department regarding upgrading the existing VFW Park memorial to veterans. Pictured to the right is what the memorial looked like then.

After 1 year of planning a new larger memorial was designed by our Post and accepted by the city. We then gathered community support to pay for the new \$15,000++ memorial – had great success and the new monument was ordered by the city.

Long story short, COVID related supply issues stalled the project until last month. The new monument has been completed and will be installed by the end of May 2022, with a dedication ceremony to follow soon after. See the next page to view the new monument.





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Memorial Day 2022 – Week and Month activities:

Friday, May 27; Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 – The Post and Auxiliary are conducting our annual **Buddy Poppy donation drive** events at the De Pere Festival Foods and Piggly Wiggly grocery stores from 8 am daily until 6 pm daily. If you can help, please call Commander Pat Moran to get scheduled for a 2-hour shift.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 – The **Post and Auxiliary travel to the five (5) cemeteries** in the De Pere local area to honor all veterans by performing a salute and rifle volley ceremony at each cemetery. We meet at Nicolet Restaurant in De Pere (525 Reid St.) at 5:30 am. Afterwards, everyone that helped is treated to a free breakfast (paid by the Post) at Nicolet Restaurant. If you can help, please call Commander Pat Moran.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 – The **Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade** starts promptly at 10 am. Continuing our long-lasting tradition the Post will be leading the parade, with Post member Joe Roffers firing the starting rifle shot. Post and Auxiliary members must be in position at the corner of Grant St. & South 6th St. and ready to go no later than 9:45. If you'd like to either walk or ride with us in the parade, please call Commander Pat Moran.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 – **Celebrate De Pere Salute to Veterans** event in Voyageur Park. VFW Post 2113 leads this event that starts at 12:30, with all services and veteran organizations in De Pere conducting a 30-minute celebration of service on the main stage. Post and Auxiliary members if you'd like to participate or simply watch, you need to be at the main stage by 12:00. If you can help, please call Commander Pat Moran.

Month of May - We will be conducting our annual **Heroic Roast Buddy Poppy coffee promotion**. For every bag sold by Village Roasters, \$5.00 will be donated to the Post Relief Fund to help us with supporting local veterans and their families in need. Village Roasters is located at 933 Anderson Drive, Suite K, Green Bay. You can purchase bags of regular or decaf coffee either at the Village Roasters store or on their web page – www.thevillageroasters.com – look for the Memorial Day or Heroic Roast tab at the top of the web page.





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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 Pat Moran (920-639-0922) 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.

Family Members of Veterans = 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.

LOST MEMBERS of VFW Post 2113 – We've lost touch with these 4 Post members. If you know their current address and/or phone number please call Pat Moran.

Lloyd L. Kolb

Melissa A. Stacpoole

George A. Thorne

James L. Van Gheem

Two Other Hot Post Topics

- 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.
 - Post members = Please email Randy Hansen, Post Quartermaster, with your current email address and phone number. rdhansen@mindspring.com
 - Auxiliary members = Please email Linda Moran with your current email address and phone number. pmoran3147@gmail.com
 - 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.

- Another way to find out what is happening with the Post and Auxiliary is by visiting our Post web site – www.deperevfw.net.
 - This will always show the current Post and Auxiliary meeting location and time.
 - The web page will also show current events the Post and Auxiliary are involved in

That's all folks. We'd like to take a moment to thank you all for your support of veterans and their family members over the years. It's meant a great deal to us to have your support !!!,

Pat Moran, VFW Post 2113 Commander and Linda Moran, President VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary



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Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village of veterans and their families to support our VFW Post 2113, our Auxiliary, our fundraising activities and the many charitable events or donations we participate in. We'd like to especially thank our Post and Auxiliary members who have reached annual membership milestones...here they are:

Annual Membership Milestones				
	2021		2022	
Years of Service	Auxiliary	Post	Auxiliary	Post
5 years	Peter Hermsen Alyza Hussong Art Hussong Vern Hussong	Jordan Forslund Micah Gifford Steven Hansen William Kayser James Koehler Dan Lotter William Moran Roger Ness	Debbi Nackers	Mike Bader Virgil Kussow
10 years	Alissa Turriff			
15 years	Olivia Hussong	Mike Baker James Nicolson		Charles Krone
20 years	Mary Beyer Kim Devine Jolene Hussong Donna Leiterman Bonnie Willems		Bernice Jansen	Harold "Butch" Zelten
25 years				Michael Vieau
30 years		Susan Pranke Dennis Kerkhoff	Carol Lindsley	Robert Bierke Authur Rettke Joe Roffers
35 years	Suzanne Uher Georgia Heitpas Barb Dennisen Lynn Gleason Judi Manci Liza Piakowski Della Spreeman	John Nusbaum Ron Willems	Dorothy Allcox Mary Dryja Suzanne French	William Lancelle
40 years				
45 years	Betty Blumer Linda Moran	Glenn Borths Lloyd Kolb Robert Wolslegel	Jacqueline Tussburg	
50 years		Donald Albers	Mary Wichman	Robert Novak George Thorne
55 years				
60 years			Clarice Konshak Judeann Maslinski	Harold Hansen
65 years				Robert Michels