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Post and Auxiliary meeting times and dates

We're moving back to our Fall – Winter - Spring meeting times. 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: **3:00 pm** (2023 = October 5th; November 6th; December 7th; April 6th;
3:00 pm (2024 = January 4th; February 1st; and March 7th)
**Starting in April 2024 we once again move back to our 6 pm meeting start time for the summer.
- Dates: Always the 1st Thursday of the month.

----- POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBER ALERT -----

The VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Post 2113 web page has a new home

www.vfwpost2113.org

For the past 4 months Post and Auxiliary members have been working with our new web host designer "Green Bay Websites". We hope you will like the new look.

Please feel free to let either Pat Moran or Linda Moran know if you have any recommendations for further improvements to the new Post website.



Post Honor Guard

The Post Honor Guard continues our long and proud history of performing Military Funeral Honors for our fellow deceased veterans – averaging 10 such honors per month.

Here are some Honor Guard events scheduled for the near future – we'll need your help in meeting them all – call or email Pat Moran to let him know if you can help.



SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1 – West De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

September 7 – East De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

September 15 – West De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

September 22 – East De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

***Note: September 22 - East and West De Pere play each other on this night – a double Honor Guard is needed !!

September 29 – East De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

September 29 – West De Pere High School varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

***Note: September 29 – a Honor Guard is needed at both schools !!

OCTOBER 2023

October 2 – Green Bay Country Club Veterans Golf Outing – 8:30am show time; 10:00am present the colors to start the golf outing. We partner with VFW Post 6705 (Denmark) for this event. Free breakfast

October 13 – East De Pere High School Varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

October 13 – West De Pere High School varsity Football game – 6:30pm show time; 7:00 present the colors

***Note: October 13 – a Honor Guard is needed at both schools !!

***Note: October 13 is the last game of the regular season. The Post 2113 Honor Guard will present the colors at any home playoff games that may follow.

NOVEMBER 2023

November 8 – City of De Pere Veterans Day Lunch for area veterans. Our Post 2113 Honor Guard performs the opening rifle volley salute before taps to honor all deceased De Pere area veterans. 11:30am show time; 12:00 noon honor past veterans with rifle volley.

Reservations are required – please let Pat and Linda Moran know if you will be attending.

**Lunch (Free) is sponsored by Ryan Funeral Home

**Taps will be performed by Connie Fellman – TV Channel 5 anchor and volunteer member of Bugles Across America

**Guest Speakers – De Pere Mayor James Boyd; De Pere Fire Chief Alan Matzke; Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Daniel Voelker (senior NCO of our adopted US Army Reserve 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion military unit).



Post Honor Guard awards

Well, what can we say about the dedication and effort from our VFW Post 2113 Honor Guard which is comprised of members of our Post and members of our Post Auxiliary. We need to offer our supreme gratitude for all our Honor Guard members for making these awards possible.

2022-2023 Wisconsin VFW Post Honor Guard of the Year



Randy Hansen (2nd from right) and Deb Nackers (3rd from right) receiving 2022-2023 Department Honor Guard of the Year award at the VFW State Convention, presented by VFW Department of Wisconsin Commander Michele Rathke (center)



(L to R) Randy Hansen, Deb Nackers and Post 2113 Commander Pat Moran being introduced to all VFW State Convention attendees as the 2022-2023 Wisconsin VFW Post Honor Guard of the Year awardees.

2022-2023 VFW National Outstanding Community Service Award



LEFT - Pat and Linda Moran displaying the trophy they received at the VFW National Convention for winning the “2022-2023 VFW Outstanding Community Service Award” for all the support the Post Honor Guard provides our local communities and our deceased veterans. **RIGHT** – Pat receiving the new Post sign from VFW Department of Wisconsin Commander Michele Rathke for this VFW National Post Honor Guard award



2022-2023 Wisconsin VFW Post Newsletter of the Year

This year the VFW Department of Wisconsin State Convention presented another surprise award to VFW Post 2113.



VFW Post 2113 QM/ADJ Randy Hansen was surprised by winning the 2022-2023 VFW Department of Wisconsin Publications Contest and being named as the 1st Place winner in the Small Post Membership Group for our Post's semi-annual newsletter.

Randy (center) is being presented the award by Michele Rathke (left), Commander, VFW Department of Wisconsin.

QUICK RELIEF FUND (QRF) UNMET NEEDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Are you a Wisconsin veteran or veteran's family member in need of financial assistance? If yes, then the VFW Department of Wisconsin's **QRF Unmet Needs** program could be for you.

The **Unmet Needs** financial assistance program is available to ANY veteran or a veteran's family. You do not need to be a member of the VFW to qualify – you just have to be a veteran or family member in need.

The **QRF Unmet Needs** program is offered as part of the VFW Department of Wisconsin's commitment to serving our fellow Wisconsin veterans and their families when they need a helping hand. The **QRF Unmet Needs** program is not a hand out program – the assistance this program provides offers directed financial assistance to help pay bills that provide for basic life needs.

Once your application is completed and submitted to the VFW Department of Wisconsin it is acted upon quickly. Our preference is for the **QRF Unmet Needs** program to pay the vendor directly. For this to happen a bill for your financial basic need is required to be submitted with the application along with a copy of the veterans DD214 or a copy of the veterans most recent duty assignment orders.

Submit your **QRF Unmet Needs** program request with this application:

<https://vfwwi.org/uploads/Documents/FMU-UMN.pdf>

Questions? Email them directly to: wipunmetneeds@gmail.com



VFW Post 2113 supporting our adopted units deployed soldiers with care packages

In April and May 2023 soldiers from our adopted military unit – the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (CA BN) based out of the US Army Reserve Center in Green Bay – were deployed overseas to provide support to our NATO partners with the on-going Ukraine conflict. Upon arrival overseas they were broken down into seven (7) support detachments. The Post and Auxiliary are now working in partnership with other community businesses/organizations and will be mailing care packages to the soldiers at each of those 7 locations.

- **COMPLETED** – August 12, 2023 - partnered with the 432nd Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG) for collection and packing of care package items, then mailed the 14 care packages on Monday, August 14, 2023
- **PENDING** – September 16, 2023 - partnering with the 8th VFW District for collection and packing of care package items, then mailing the packages on Monday, September 18, 2023
- **PENDING** – October 2, 2023 - partnering with the Green Bay Country Club and their annual Veterans Golf Outing for collection and packing of care package items, then mailing the packages on Tuesday, October 3, 2023
- **PENDING** – November 10, 2023 - partnering with the Wrightstown American Legion Post 436 and the Wrightstown School District’s annual Veterans Day celebrations for collecting and packing care package items, then mailing the packages on Monday, November 13, 2023.
- **PENDING** – November 30, 2023 - Christmas care packages - partnering with the 432nd Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG) for the collecting and packing care package items and Christmas cards from the soldier’s families, then mailing the packages on Friday, December 1, 2023.

Your Help is Needed in supporting our adopted units deployed soldiers with care packages

We need your help with this care package project with donations we can use to purchase care package items especially the 432nd branded “Chaos Brew” coffee from our business partner Village Roasters LLC in Green Bay. Each 8oz bag of coffee costs \$7.25.

Please send a check (made out to “VFW Post 2113”) (donation amount of your choice) (on memo line write “432nd Care Package project”) to:

VFW Post 2113 - PO Box 5604
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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 has a special 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 _____

to _____ Dates of Service (mm / yyyy) _____ 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/IMMUNT DANGER PAY
<input type="checkbox"/> KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1964)	<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.ETS. 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 _____

Life Member Options		
AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11
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

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER (Please print) _____ ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debits/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. Five 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.ETS (1.833.839.8387) or write VFW Member Services, 408 W. 34th 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 two 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 11 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 remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great Republic.

LATEST 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.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____

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

Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____

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VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary
Joint
SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Auxiliary VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

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

NOTE: See my letter in this newsletter - The National and Department of WI are increasing their dues – so, on July 1, 2024 we’re forced to increase our annual Post dues to \$30 - to avoid that increase PAY YOUR DUES NOW !!!

New Member Application – The completed application with payment check (made out to “Auxiliary VFW Post 2113) should be mailed directly to Linda Moran at the address listed on the front of this newsletter.

Renew existing membership dues – Simply mail Linda Moran your annual or Life

membership renewal dues payment check and on the memo line write either “annual dues payment” or “life membership upgrade.” Thank you in advance for your continuing support!!!

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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2023-2024 Patriot's Pen Essay Competition

NOTE: Leighton Peters, a 7th grade student from WI, won the 2022-2023 VFW National Patriot's Pen grand prize essay with this - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/PatriotsPenFirstPlaceSpeech.pdf?v=1&d=20230320T190040Z&la=en>

Linda Moran and Deb Nackers are the VFW Post 2113 coordinators of this VFW national essay program for any student in 6th grade through 8th grade.

**2023-2024 Essay Theme – “How Are You Inspired by America?”

**Download instructions - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Rules-and-Eligibility.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220421T143056Z>

**Download the application - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20230306T234856Z>

**The application and essay must be turned into Linda Moran no later than Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Essay Competition

Note: Scotland Stewart, a 10th grade student from TN, won the 2022-2023 VFW National Voice of Democracy grand prize essay with this - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/2023-VOD-First-Place-TN.pdf?v=1&d=20230310T153904Z&la=en>

Linda Moran and Deb Nackers are the VFW Post 2113 coordinators of this VFW national essay program for any student in 9th grade through 12th grade.

**2023-2024 Essay Theme – “What Are The Greatest Attributes Of Our Democracy?”

**Download instructions - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Rules-and-Eligibility.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220421T143448Z>

**Download the application - <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?v=1&d=20180316T180558Z&la=en>

**The application and essay must be turned into Linda Moran no later than Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

2023-2024 Teacher of the Year Award

Linda Moran and Deb Nackers are the VFW Post 2113 coordinators of this VFW national Teacher of the Year award program for any elementary, middle and/or high school teacher.

**Download instructions and the application - https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Community-Service/Teacher-Entry-Form.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20230607T162652Z

**The application and essay must be turned into Linda Moran no later than Friday, November 3, 2023.



VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Member Spotlight

Name: Daniel Ammerman	Name: Keith Hussong	Name: Donna Leiterman	Name: Marge Van Vonderen
Post Position: Chaplain, Life VFW member	Post Position: Life VFW member	Auxiliary Position: Senior Vice President	Auxiliary Position: Junior Vice President
Military Rank: Major General (MG) (O-8); US Army	Military Rank: Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (HMCS) (E8) US Navy	Military Rank of Relative: (Brother) Jim Vogels, US Army, Sergeant E-5. Post 2113 2 nd year Trustee	Military Rank of Relative: (Husband) Earl Van Vonderen US Navy
Dates of Service: Bosnia/Kosovo/Iraq x2 1980-2019	Dates of Service: Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 1985-2011	Dates of Relatives Service: Vietnam War 1968-1971	Dates of Relatives Service: WWII (Pacific) 1942-1945
Unit Served in: US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations	Unit Served in: Many US Navy ships	Where did Relative Serve: 196 th Infantry Brigade	Where did Relative Serve: New Guinea
Most Vivid Memory From your Service: 1 st – The character of the people that I served with. Their values, sense of service, teamwork, initiative and courage. Working beside them was an honor and they became like family. 2 nd – Iraq/Balkans – Bringing Order to Chaos was not only a unit motto but it is what we did together as Civil Affairs soldiers. There was no instruction manual that told us how to do this mission, but through our intelligence, creativity, initiative and boldness we reestablished governance and rebuilt critical infrastructure from the chaos and destruction of war.	Most Vivid Memory From your Service: 1 st – Serving on the USS George Washinton (an aircraft carrier; 2003-2005) in the Gulf. While working in the Crownsnest (highest lookout point on the ship) watching fighter planes taking off loaded with bombs – then watching them return empty, knowing they saved many of our ground forces lives by their completed flight missions. 2 nd – During 2006-2007 I was stationed on the naval base where Saddam Hussein was being held after he was captured. The fact that he was there created quite the buzz or high excitement level for all of us who were stationed there.	Most Vivid Memory from your Relatives Service: 1 st – Receiving the telegram telling us Jim was wounded. Mom & Dad were up north so my sisters and I rushed up to tell them. In the days before cell phones there was very limited follow-up details. We then just had to wait on pins and needles for additional information to reach us. 2 nd – Lastly, I'd like to thank Post QM Randy Hansen and Scott Baeten of Ryan Funeral Home for coordinating the Silver Banner award for Jim. They hosted a very wonderful ceremony at Ryan Funeral Home – where Jim's Silver Banner award is proudly displayed It was a very moving Ceremony!!	Most Vivid Memory from your Relatives Service: 1 st – We were a service family as our sons Randy (US Army, Vietnam) and Gary (US Army, German) both proudly served our country. 2 nd – My most vivid memory is also my most chilling memory. During his time in Vietnam my son Randy would send monthly audio tape recording letters home so that we could hear him and know that he was still alive. In each of those recordings we could clearly hear the howitzer cannons going off (firing) in the background. While we knew he was ok – it was chilling to know he was so, so very close to where actual combat was occurring.



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

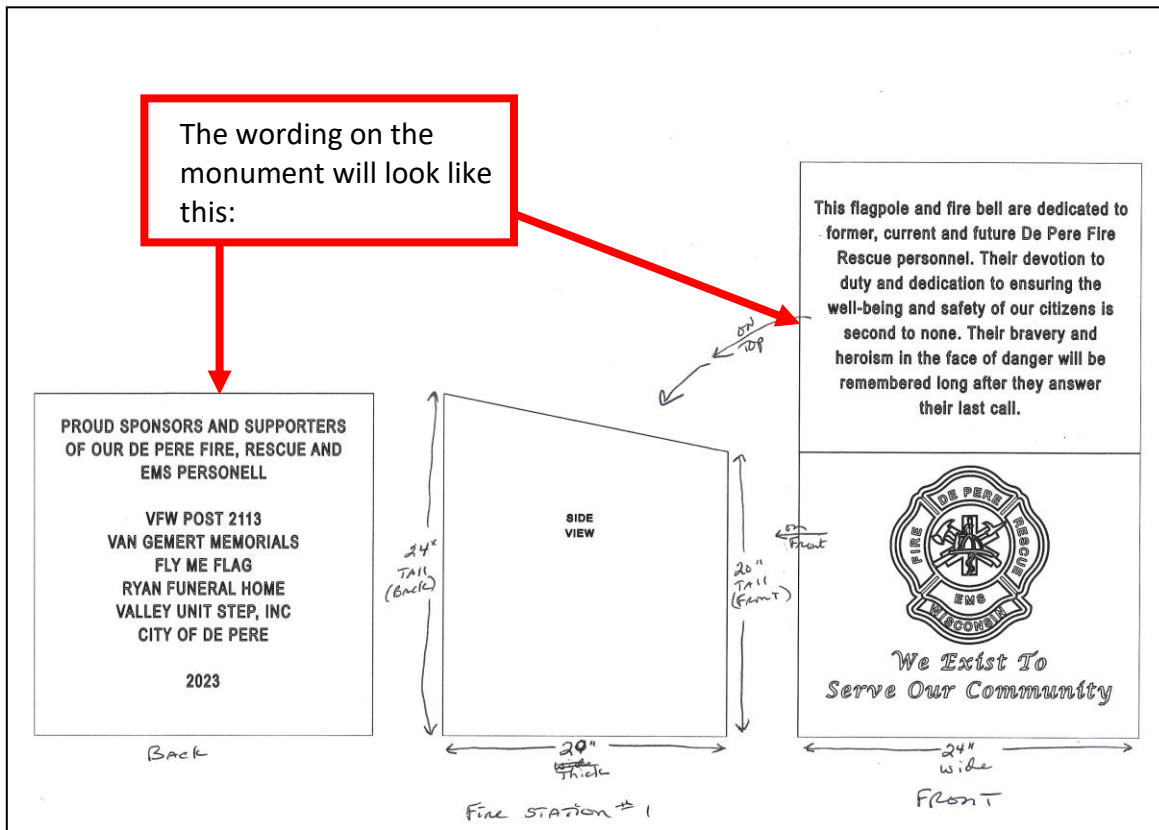
Our Post accomplishes our Veterans-helping-Veterans role by supporting our local veterans and their families through our endowed **VFW Post 2113 Scholarship** at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). Designed to help Veterans and their family members with their continuing education, while at the same time helping our community address the critical shortage of skilled workforce positions by providing scholarship assistance at NWTC to those among us who are in financial need of scholarship monetary assistance. Contact the NWTC Education Foundation to find out how to apply for the Post 2113 Scholarship at 920-498-5426 or 920-498-5541.

De Pere Fire and Rescue Monument Community Service Project

UPDATE:

Flagpole – the new flagpole at the main fire station on the east side has been purchased and installed directly behind the fire bell.

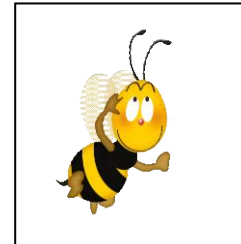
Monuments – Both monuments have been ordered and we’re just waiting for delivery to install them. Due to overseas COVID-related shipping issues, we don’t expect to receive the monuments until October 2023.





Message from the President of the Auxiliary, VFW Post 2113

Welcome Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters to the “**BEE THE CHANGE**” year, which is the theme of our new VFW Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary President Sherrie Rosenau. Let’s make this a fun year for our Auxiliary and share our wealth of knowledge and experiences with each other and our Veterans.



Elections were held and guess what, all officers remained the same. Thank you to all that took an office.

This year we had 4 very successful events – 1st - the annual Memorial Day Poppy Drive, 2nd – the annual Memorial Day Parade; 3rd – the annual joint Veterans Memorial event in Voyageur Park held right after the parade finished; and lastly 4th – The Brat Fry (at Festival Foods) that was held in August. Thank you to all that participated in these events and stopped by to buy a brat or hamburger from our booth.

This year we will be helping the soldiers and families of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (CA BN) who had soldiers deployed overseas in May for a year-long tour. We and other groups helped them first with a family event which was a Rockers Baseball game with a picnic and games for the kids the first part of August. It was a fun event for all, even a few of us Auxiliary and VFW members enjoyed themselves. Several of Post and others helped put together the first set of care packages that were sent out the Monday after the game from donations received thus far of snacks, coffee, coffee filters, etc.

Auxiliary, VFW Department of Wisconsin wise we have paid our Cancer, Hospital, VFW News and National Home donation requests for 2023-2024 year.

National and Department have voted to raise our annual dues. Department of Wisconsin will go from \$6 to \$10 effective Oct. 1st and National has raised their dues from \$5 to \$10 which will go in effect on July 1st of 2024. Thus far no increase in Life Memberships, but I’m sure that will occur in a few years. So next year in July of 2024 we decided to increase our Auxiliary Post 2113 dues to \$30 to cover these increases. **PLEASE PAY YOUR 2023 DUES BEFORE OCT 1ST OR IF ABLE GO LIFE THIS YEAR AND NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE INCREASES NEXT YEAR.**

Until next time remember our Auxiliary is all about helping our veterans and their families---so thank you very much for your help and support. We could not do what we do without all of YOU!!!

GOD BLESS EVERYONE

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Message from the Commander, VFW Post 2113

My fellow veterans,

On September 15, 2023 the nation will once again honor our missing in action on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. While it is our everlasting hope that all of the wartime missing will eventually be recovered and honored, that will not be the case as hundreds of US Navy and US Merchant Marine sailors, U.S. Army and US Marine Corps soldiers have been lost at sea and will never be recovered. The best estimates show the still missing servicemembers number = 4,400 from WWI; 72,220 from WWII; 7,497 from the Korean War; 1,579 from the Vietnam War and 132 Cold War and the Gulf War actions.



That is why VFW Post 2113 and the VFW Department of Wisconsin strongly supports the University of Wisconsin Madison POW/MIA Project (<https://mia.biotech.wisc.edu/>). Their mission is to recover missing U.S. military personnel from past global conflicts. Prime example - US Army CPL Don DuPont, a Korean War MIA, **FOUND on 7/27/2018 and IDENTIFIED on 1/24/2023** and returned home to WI - <https://fox11online.com/news/state/remains-of-wisconsin-soldier-missing-since-korean-war-return-home-north-korea-army-donald-donny-dupont-alma-center-eau-claire-fairchild-cleveland-cemetery#>

During my travels around town fellow veterans I meet often ask me why is it important to join the VFW. While that answer can lead to a very long discussion, it simply boils down to this – *YOUR VOICE IS THE CRITICAL COMPONENT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS RETAINING OR OBTAINING THE VETERAN RELATED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES YOU SO RIGHTLY DESERVE FOR PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE WHEN CALLED UPON TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY'S VALUES AND FREEDOMS.* Wow, that was a mouth full! What it really means is that by joining the VFW or any veterans organization we're putting our collective experiences and talents together for a single unified goal – using our voices to protect and serve all veterans, their family members and all future servicemembers. The Collective voice I'm referring to is called "The Military Coalition" (<http://www.themilitarycoalition.org/>) – this is a group of 35 veterans organizations that have banded together to make one huge collective voice in all things related to supporting our fellow veterans and their family members, and all currently serving servicemembers. It is the most effective voice fighting for our rights in Washington DC – err, the Halls of Congress. The VFW is a very proud member of this coalition but the VFW collective voice can only be effective when you, a veteran, personally decide to join the VFW.

So, please encourage your fellow veterans to join any veterans organization. That said, we'd love to have them join the De Pere VFW Post 2113 as we continue our proud history of supporting our local veterans and their family members PLUS supporting our local community through our many community activities and donations. If you know any veterans who are not members of the VFW, please call me with their information and I'll contact them.

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