



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Post Commander

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Greetings Comrades,

May 2025

Commander's Notes:

This month is a special month for Veterans. That being Memorial Day. This is a time that can be filled with joy and sadness. If you are able, please attend our Parade and Memorial service. Parade assembly starts at Twin Oaks Middle school at 8:30am. Parade starts at 9:00am with the Memorial service to follow at Veterans Park.

Note: after the service there will be hot dogs, beans, and chips at the club.

This month we have many things going on. The first item is our Past Commander's/Auxiliary President's dinner. This is a by invitation event that will be held on May 17th with social hour starting at 5:00 pm and dinner to follow. The menu is chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, green beans, and dinner roll and includes two drink tickets. Dinner is free for past commanders and presidents, for a guest \$15.00. Expect your invitation in the mail. The second item is Vets in the Classroom. This is your chance to field questions from the kids at Prior Lake High school and tell your story. That will be on Wednesday, May 21st at 8:30am. The third item is the installation of officers. This will be on May 24th at 9:30 a.m. This is mandatory for all positions elected and appointed (business attire, make sure you have your VFW caps).

Come check out our new elevator and lower-level conference room at the club. I would like to give a big shout out to our Auxiliary President Lynda Allen and her team for all their hard work. This was a major undertaking to secure the funding, that is why I would like to personally thank Lynda for making this happen.

Dates to Remember:

May 17th Past Commanders dinner starts at 5:00 p.m., Prior Lake Post 6208

May 21st Vets in the Classroom, arrive by 8:30 a.m. to get checked in, Prior Lake High School

May 24th Installation of Officers starts at 9:30 a.m., Prior Lake Post 6208

May 26th Memorial Day Club opens at 10:00 a.m.

June 5th-8th State Convention, Best Western Plus, 100 Fourth Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Post Website: You can find it at www.VFW6208.org Post Commander's email is CMD@VFW6208.org; Quartermaster QM@VFW6208.org; Club Manager Manager@VFW6208.org

Community Service: Please carefully track your volunteer hours and report them to Dave Thompson at dc.thompson@mchsi.com

Blood Donations: Report donations to Chairman Chuck Dresen at DevilDogVFW68@gmail.com

See you all at the next meeting of VFW Post 6208, Monday, May 12th at 7:30 pm.

Yours in comradeship,

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Greetings,

We were very pleased with the turnout for District 2 Loyalty Day which was held April 26th at our Post. Eleven Prior Lake Auxiliary members attended.

Lift (elevator) update: This will be the last lift update as the contractor finished the lift with half a day to spare! It was available, and used, by Loyalty Days attendees.

When you stop at the Club, make sure to look at the memorial bricks that have been put up on the wall. It is quite impressive. The program is continuing so if you would like to purchase a brick for yourself or a loved one there are applications available behind the bar.

From Club Management: Steam Heat Swing Band will be playing at the Club from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday May 18th. Volunteers are needed for steak fry nights (rotational), positions would be cashier and order-taker.

Dates to remember:

May is the month of the Military Caregiver – Paying tribute to the people who care for more than two million veterans is an important part of supporting troops and military families. But for some, it's also about recognizing the work they do that qualifies them as caregivers even if they don't think of themselves that way.

May 1st - Loyalty Day - This is a special day for people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom. It also falls on the same day as Law Day in the USA.

May 1st – Silver Star Service Banner Day - The designation recognizes the sacrifices of the ill, wounded, and dying members of the U.S. Military. The day also honors those who have been awarded the Silver Star Medal and their families, those who have demonstrated distinguished valor in combat, specifically courage and resilience. The Silver Star is the third highest decoration in the Armed Forces.

May 8th – Victory in Europe Day - On Victory in Europe Day, or V-E Day, Germany unconditionally surrendered its military forces to the Allies, including the United States. On May 8, 1945 - known as Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day - celebrations erupted around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe.

May 12th – Military Spouse Day - The Defense Department recognizes the strength and contributions of our nearly 1 million military spouses and offers extra support and activities focused on real-world needs on Military Spouse Appreciation Day each May, and year-round.

May 17th – Armed Forces Day - Armed Forces Day is the day to honor all who currently serve and all who have served, both active and former, in the reserves, National Guard or on active duty.

May 26th – Memorial Day. Join us in our annual Memorial Day Program. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Schools and walk to Memorial Park. A light lunch will be served after the program at the Club.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Prior Lake VFW Lower-Level Conference Room!!!!

With gratitude and best regards,

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VFW POST AND AUXILIARY ROSTER 2024-2025



Commander – Jake Roach

Senior Vice Commander – Scott Kiger

Junior Vice Commander – Michael J Berneck

Adjutant – Lee Seurer

Quarter Master – Dave Thompson

Chaplain – Chuck Dresen

Surgeon – Emily Weideman

Judge Advocate – John Wallace

Trustee – 1 Year – Eric Zimmerman

Trustee – 2 Year – Richard Rogozinski

Trustee – 3 Year – Dan Dion

Americanism – Floyd Gast

House Committee Chairman – Jason Geis

Service/Legislative Officer – Floyd Gast

Gambling Chair – Patty Simberg

Honor Guard Captain – Dave Dennig

VOD/Patriots Pen – Dave Thompson

Youth Activities – Bob Schmokel

POW/MIA – Floyd Gast

Sergeant at Arms – Gary Thompson

Blood Chairman – Chuck Dresen

Building Chairman – Lee Seurer

Donation Committee – Chuck Dresen

Officer of the Day – Gary Thompson

Pancake Breakfast Chair – Jason Geis

Steak Fry Chairman – Lyle Krueger

Auxiliary President – Lynda Allen

Senior Vice President – Mary Lou Lennon

Junior Vice President – Mary Giles

Secretary – Louanne Krueger

Treasurer – Caroline Martin

Chaplain – Louanne Krueger

Conductor – Ronald Tessmer

Guard – Ronald Tessmer

Trustee 1 year – Melanie Martin

Trustee 2 Year – Jan Franta

Trustee 3 Year – Betty St Martin

Americanism – Liz Speiker

Hospital – Sharon Murray

MN Scholarships – Mary Lou Lannon

National Scholarships – Maria Belden

Veterans & Family Support – Darlene Davidson

Buddy Poppy/National Home – Louanne Krueger

Community Outreach – Mary Giles

Historian – Louanne Krueger

Membership – Caroline Martin

Mentoring/Leadership – Mary Lou Lannon

Patriotic Instructor – Liz Speiker