



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

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## Post 1461 Message

July/August 2007

We would like to thank those who helped to put up and take down the flags at the cemeteries for Memorial Day.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> - Heritage Days Parade**

Meet at VFW at 3:00 p.m.

VFW dress: Tan slacks, white shirt, cap, gold ascot and shoulder braid.

Ladies' Auxiliary Dress: Navy slacks, white blouse, and white shoes.



#### **Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Kirkland Parade**

Line up at 10:30 am

Step off at 11:00 am

Dress as above for Heritage Days.

Please join us to show our support for our veterans.

#### **Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Meeting**

Men's Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Meeting**

Post and Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - Feather Party**

Meat Raffles in the Lounge Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.

#### **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Birthday/Anniversary Bash**

Starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

Sign up at the bar & bring a dish to pass.

#### **Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Meeting**

Men's Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting**

Savanna Post 2223

Starts at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Meeting**

Post and Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Support the Troops Party**

Time to be Announced

#### **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Feather Party**

Meat Raffles in the Lounge Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Benefits going to the Scholarship Fund.

#### **August 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - VFW National Convention**

Kansas City, MO

#### **Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Club Picnic**

Lunch starts at noon. Meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be games and raffles. Come down and join us for the afternoon.



#### **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Birthday/Anniversary Bash**

Starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

Sign up at the bar & bring a dish to pass.



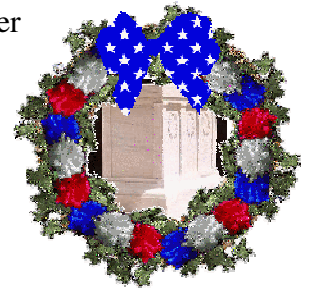
If you know anyone in the hospital, let us know.

VFW Hospital Chairman - Gordon Hammond at 547-6501

Ladies' Hospital Chairman - Betty Lundvall at 399-3030

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family and friends of the following deceased Comrades and Sisters:

- Comrade Norman Schroeder
- Comrade Russell Diehl
- Comrade Raymond Slade
- Comrade Robert Moore
- Comrade Lester Stensven
- Sister Esther Downs
- Sister Isabelle Moore
- Sister Jean Stensven
- Sister Genevieve Wood



#### **Thursday Night Suppers**

There will be no regular Thursday Night Suppers during July and August.



### Just a few Reminders:

Post and Auxiliary dues are due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Post - \$25.00

Men's Auxiliary - \$25

Ladies' Auxiliary - \$17.00 (Continuous Member)



Auxiliary Questions?

Men's Auxiliary,

Contact Martin Johnson at 815-547-4752 or 815-543-3060.

Ladies' Auxiliary,

Contact Evie Rickelman at 815-547-5989.



Bingo Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who have volunteered, donated to funeral lunches, or anything else you have done to support VFW Post 1461 and Auxiliaries.

### Reminder of Check Cashing Policy:

- No checks will be cashed from non-members
- No check will be accepted for over \$100
- No post-dated checks will be cashed. Checks will be deposited on the next banking day. *Please do not ask us to hold checks.*
- Check-It (Rockford Mercantile) will be collecting all NSF & closed account checks returned to the club, and they will be charging a minimum of \$25 per check for their services to the check writer.

### Campbell's Labels for Education

Please note that there is a new box at the Club for all your Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, V8, Prego, and Swanson Broth/Canned Chicken product labels.

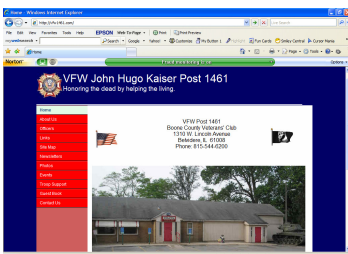
These labels are being collected for equipment for the VFW National Children's Home.

A special "Thank You" to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the new chandelier over the basement stairs, which is lighting our way to many events in the basement.

*What a Club this would be if every member would try to do only half of what they expect other members to do.*

*Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless; it is because they are priceless.*

Thank you to all who have donated items for our overseas troops. We have sent many boxes and received several "thank-you's" from some grateful marines. Keep the soldiers in mind every time you shop and pick up a little something to drop off at the club for mailing to these brave young men and women. We are also looking for addresses of local servicemen and women who are away from home and would like to receive a package once in a while. You can send an e-mail to [gkelm@vfw1461.com](mailto:gkelm@vfw1461.com), mail it to the club, or call Greg at 815-544-6200.



We now have a web site up and running. It is a work-in-progress. So please feel free to e-mail us with any suggestions or requests. You can check out links to various VA & VFW sites, read current & past newsletters, sign the guest book, e-mail us, see pictures of current Post 1461 happenings, and other general information. Check us out: <http://www.vfw1461.com>.

### 75-1 Steak Dinner

Don't forget to sign up and pay for a great dinner. The earlier you sign up, the more Friday night drawings you can be in to recover some of your \$30. Dinner is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commander – Greg Kelm  
Ladies' Auxiliary President – Mary Taylor  
Men's Auxiliary President – Martin Johnson  
Bar Manager – Dolly Hamill

Commander's Message:

I am proud of the gains, with your efforts, that the club has made on a whole during the last year. There are still lots of things to do, and I truly appreciate your giving me the opportunity to continue on as commander for another year. I want to thank our guests and everyone who participated in the Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

“Support the Troops” will be an on-going project until we have no more items donated, or no more money to send packages to the men and women serving our country in a foreign hostile land; and I know you are not going to let that happen. On July 21<sup>st</sup> we are going to have our first “Support-the-Troops” party at the post in an effort to raise money for postage and to buy items for the men and women overseas. Please stop in the club or check our website for more details, the “Support the Troops” is in the planning stage so help us out with ideas.

Again, if you know someone from our area serving overseas in hostile conditions, please mail us their complete address, so we can mail them a package from all of us at the post and from all the people supporting this effort. Please take the time to visit our website at [www.vfw1461.com](http://www.vfw1461.com) for more information. Also, please send your suggestions on how to improve our website.

The club has replaced some of the old bar stools with new ones, so we now have a few of the older ones for sale. If you would like to buy one or two for \$25 each, you can have a piece of club history for your garage, den etc. Money from the chairs will go back in to the general account as did the sale of the old tables.

We have had requests for Meat Raffles (feather parties) to help rebuild our scholarship fund during the summer. Please mark your calendars for July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>, both Friday nights, starting at 5:00 pm. Please come out and help support our scholarship fund.

I will be posting on our website different projects that we will be working on at the club, things you may want to volunteer for, or maybe you know where we can obtain discounted materials. For those who do not have computer access, I will post all this on the bulletin board by the telephone if you are interested.

*Greg*

# July

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<b>1</b> Bingo 1:00 p.m. Heritage Days Parade 3:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Veteran Employment Rep here 2:30-4:30	<b>4</b> Kirkland Parade Line Up 10:30, Step Off 11:00 am	<b>5</b> Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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# August

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