



Bliss Bugle



WORDS FROM THE COMMANDER

It has been a busy summer at the Post. We have made great strides on packing and clearing out our soon to be old location on Minnesota Ave. A big thanks Rich Swanke and his group of volunteers for making this happen.

I have signed the Letter of Agreement with The Alliance and soon as I sign the lease agreement (we will discuss at the 8/5/20 meeting) we will begin our transition move to our new location, "The Armory" (1700 W Russell) directly west of The Alliance building.

Our 7 pm 8/5/20 members meeting will be held at our future home (1700 W Russell). The entrance is at the back of the building. There will be Zoom Link posted on our member only section of our website. (vfw628.org)

We hit over 100% membership last year, we need to keep that going for this year. If your ANNUAL membership is up for renewal please do so either by renewing Online or stopping in at the Post.

For all you ANNUAL members, I would like for you to consider upgrading your membership to a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Not only is it a great commitment to the VFW, it is also huge cost saving.

For those of you who are LIFE membership I ask you to consider becoming a LEGACY LIFEMEMBER. Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

If you are interested or want any info on becoming a LIFE or LEGACY LIFEMEMBER please contact the office.

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Auxiliary President

Summer.... It's almost over... where has the time gone?? Hope this finds you all healthy. Our next meeting will be Aug 5 at 7 pm at the Alliance. REMEMBER – we will be meeting in the 1700 W Russell Building, not the building with the gun range and restaurant. As usual, we will be collecting school supplies for local schools. Please bring those with you to the meeting.

The Past Presidents will not be meeting this month. Everything is on hold. Past Presidents do a lot for our Veterans in the Hospital, but due to COVID, they are not accepting donations and visitations are limited.

Mark your calendar for the Poppy Painting fundraiser. Cheryl Jensen will be heading up a painting party for the Auxiliary. You can register at jensenartstudio.com under Fundraiser link. There will be a 15 person limit, we will make it a Wine and Canvas night. We will be taking donations to reimburse Cheryl for paint and canvases that we use. All paintings will be judged with the winning painting going to the Fall Council meeting for the Auction fundraiser representing JMB Post 628 Auxiliary. If interested, you can also type VIDEO ONLY on your registration and you will get an email to complete your painting at home.

Anyone interested in painting rocks to be used for Suicide Awareness month in September, please let me know. I have rocks... they just need to be washed and painted. I also have a number of Suicide keychains that need to be packaged and teardrops that need to be placed on cards for suicide awareness. If you would like to do this in your own free time, please let me know. I will get you some supplies.

COOKBOOKS - - - we still have cookbooks for sale!! Christmas is right around the corner... these make amazing gifts!! Thank you to Dave Van Dine for selling for us at the DAV.

Please make sure you record all your volunteer hours for the past month. We do so much, but do not record everything. We need to do better with this as we are an active committed auxiliary, we just don't take enough credit for what we do.

We still have vacancies for Chair people positions for the committees. What can YOU do to step up and help?? Do you have someone you would be a Co-Chair with?? Now is great time to step up and set the bar for our committees. We need to be the leaders in the state. REMEMBER "FISH". Fresh Ideas Start Here!!!

How many of you went "FISHING" for new members to join the Auxiliary this past month? Remember.... If everyone signs up just ONE PERSON, we will grow and be able to do so much more. Please let us know if you need membership information to give someone new.



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Post Officers/Appointees 2020/21

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REMINDER!! If you are moving, please call our office at 338-0869 and let us know your new address! Thanks!!

PATRIOT GRILL



Daily Lunch Specials
\$6⁰⁰ every day

SUN.	- Taverns/Sloppy Joes
MON.	- Meat Loaf
TUES.	- Fish/Chicken Tacos
WED.	- Hot Beef
THURS.	- Pork Loin
FRI.	- Chicken Fried Steak
SAT.	- Cheese Burger w/Fries

OR...

BOWL OF SOUP w/CHEF'S CHOICE
OF SANDWICH

the ALLIANCE
South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.

Available at the Post
 Urns and flag cases made
 by Post 628 members are
 available at the Post.
 Please contact the office at
 605-338-0869

Meeting Dates

8/5 7pm Post Meeting (1700 Russell Building)
 8/5 7pm Auxillary Meeting (1700 Russell Building)
 8/8 10:30am Cooties/Cooties Auxillary (at the Alliance)
 8/8 5pm Tri-State Navy Chiefs (at the Alliance)
 8/11 7pm Marine Corps Officer's (at the Alliance)
 8/15 3:30pm Vietnam Vet/Legacy Vets MCG (at the Alliance)
 8/18 7pm Vietnam Vets Meeting (at the Alliance)
 8/20 7pm Sioux Falls Vets Council (at the Alliance)
 8/22 10am Rolling Thunder (at the Alliance)
 8/27 7pm Marine Corps League (at the Alliance)

COOTIES Auxiliary will meet at the Alliance Saturday morning August 8 at 10:30. Discussion will be held in regard to scheduling of future meetings.

How many of you know WHAT a COOTIE is and does??? The Military Order of Cooties was founded in 1920 and is based on the principals of good humor and fun. The Cooties provide social and entertainment