



John M. Bliss Post 628

Your insight to VFW Post 628 Monthly Events

July, 2020

Bliss Bugle



South Dakota Army National Guard Unit comes home.

69 soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion a Pierre-based unit has returned home after serving on an 11-month deployment in the Middle East where they provided multifunctional logistics and support operations for U.S. and coalition forces in the region.

The 152nd CSSB arrived in the United States June 6 and have been completing demobilization requirements at Fort Hood, Texas, before returning to South Dakota.

The deployment marks the end of the second mobilization for the 152nd CSSB since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The unit first deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2013.

photo/source <https://www.facebook.com/SouthDakotaNationalGuard>



Words from the Commander

I am humbled that I was nominated and voted in as your 2020/2021 Commander. J.M. Bliss VFW Post 628 has long and storied history and I am excited to keep pushing forward with the new direction of the Post as we prepare to move to our new location and our new collaboration and partnership with the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc (the Alliance)

I want to say thank you to our past Commander of 2 years Nathan Beiningen. His leadership and dedication to our Post and the veteran community is second to none. It was an honor serving as his Quartermaster.

July will be a busy one for the Post. We are beginning our moving process to the Alliance along with the prepping of a Post rummage sale. These will involve volunteers. If you are willing to help please call the office (605-338-0869) or email Rich Schwanke - office@vfw628.org

Our July 1st meeting be at the Minnesota Ave location since our new meeting room at the Armory is not quite ready. There will be a Zoom option for the meeting also.

Our new website www.vfw628.org has a members only section. This section will allow us to post our meeting minutes and other members only information. The Zoom information will be posted in that section. If you want access to the members only section please email me at cmd@vfw628.org

Congratulations to all 2020/2021 Post and Auxiliary officers.

Stay safe and have a fun 4th of July

Hosea Bennett

Honor Guard

We are currently without a Post 628 Honor Guard. A few members of our past Honor Guard have be serving with American Legion Post 15's Honor Guard.

If you wish to help, contact Bill Peters
605-360-6547 email bpeters@jmcaseworks.com



The VA Is Now Offering Remote Hearing Aid Adjustments

Military.com | By Jim Absher

The Department of Veterans Affairs has developed a smartphone application that allows veterans to receive remote hearing aid orientation and adjustments from the privacy and safety of their homes.

The Enterprise Remote Tuning of Hearing Instruments (ERTHI) program allows veterans with VA-issued hearing aids to utilize a specialized application that lets them connect their hearing aids to their phone via Bluetooth technology. This enables virtual interaction with an audiologist to ensure the hearing aids have the appropriate settings to support full functionality. The audiologist can see how the hearing aid is working and help the veteran make necessary adjustments.

Check with your local VA audiology office for more information.

Auxiliary President



Whoa July is already here?? Where was Spring??? With July, we also get the start of the New Year for the Auxiliary. There are a lot on new fun and innovative things coming on the horizon. It's going to be a great year!

I fibbed to you last meeting - - we will be meeting at the Post on Minnesota Ave. for the July meeting. Meeting will be at 7 pm on Wednesday July 1. Our meetings will be at the same location where the Post is meeting, since many spouses belong to both.

Installation of officers was conducted at the last meeting. We have all elected positions filled. We do need a number of people to step up to be chair people for the different programs the Auxiliary supports. Thank you to all that have committed so much time over the past few years. We look forward to you educating those that are stepping up.

I will be sending out an email with information about each of the chair positions we need, so please make sure I have your email address. We have an Auxiliary Facebook page and there is a State Auxiliary page. Make sure you like them, as a lot of information will be shared there.

Last weekend, I was able to take part in the State Meeting/Installation of State officers via GO TO. Donita Mullinex from Beresford will be the new State Auxiliary President. She has a lot of great ideas.

This is the year we "GO FISHING" for new members to join the Auxiliary. Please let us know if you need membership information to give someone new.

Kim Vennard



The Forgotten War

The Korean war began on June 25, 1950, when some 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army poured across the 38th parallel, the boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south.

This invasion was the first military action of the Cold War. By July, American troops had entered the war on South Korea's behalf. As far as American officials were concerned, it was a war against the forces of international communism itself. After some early back-and-forth across the 38th parallel, the fighting stalled and casualties mounted with nothing to show for them. Meanwhile, American officials worked anxiously to fashion some sort of armistice with the North Koreans.

The alternative, they feared, would be a wider war with Russia and China—or even, as some warned, World War III. Finally, in July 1953, the Korean War came to an end. In all, some 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives in what many in the U.S. refer to as “the Forgotten War” for the lack of attention it received compared to more well-known conflicts like World War I and II and the Vietnam War. The Korean peninsula is still divided today.

Did you know? Unlike World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War did not get much media attention in the United States. The most famous representation of the war in popular culture is the television series “M*A*S*H,” which was set in a field hospital in South Korea. The series ran from 1972 until 1983, and its final episode was the most-watched in television history.

The Korean War was relatively short but exceptionally bloody. Nearly 5 million people died. More than half of these—about 10 percent of Korea's prewar population—were civilians. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II's and the Vietnam War's.) Almost 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea, and more than 100,000 were wounded. Today, they are remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial near the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., a series of 19 steel statues of servicemen.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/korea/korean-war>

Post Officers/Appointees 2020/21

Commander _____ Hosea Bennett
 Senior Vice Commander _____ Randy Kirkvold
 Junior Vice Commander _____ Richard Selter
 Quartermaster _____ Tom Anez
 Judge Advocate _____ Harry Engberg
 Surgeon _____ Available
 Trustee _____ Joseph Worley
 Trustee _____ Bill Peters
 Trustee _____ Harry Engberg
 Adjutant _____ Doug Starr
 Service Officer _____ Available
 Chaplain _____ Doug Callahan



Auxiliary Officers 2020/21

President _____ Kim Vennard
 Sr. Vice President _____ Mary Kirvold
 Jr. Vice President _____ Connie Christensen
 Secretary _____ Malinda Word
 Treasurer _____ Shari Sorenson
 Chaplain _____ Diana Wells
 Conductress _____ Bernie McMahon
 Guard _____ June Caron

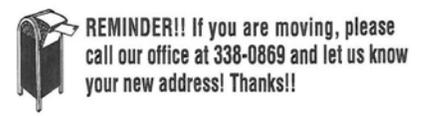
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 by Post 628 members are
 available at the Post.
 Please contact the office at
 605-338-0869

Meeting Dates

7/1 7pm Post Meeting (at the Minn Ave location)
 7/1 7pm Auxillary Meeting (at the Minn Ave location)
 7/1 12pm Tri-State Navy Chiefs (at the Alliance)
 7/14 7pm Marine Corps Officer's (at the Alliance)
 7/16 7pm Sioux Falls Vets Council (at the Alliance)
 7/21 7pm Vietnam Vets (at the Alliance)
 7/23 7pm Marine Corps League (at the Alliance)

the ALLIANCE

South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
www.southdakotaalliance.org

The Patriot Grill -New Menu 7/1

 Monday-Sat - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Club Lobo - New Hours

 M-Thu 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
 F-Sat 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
 Sun 11:00 am - 6:00 pm