



Bliss Bugle



June 2020

WORDS FROM THE COMMANDER

This being my last newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity of being Commander of Post 628 for the last two years. That being said, I am able to announce that we have been chosen for All State Post 2019-20. We are also in the running for All American. I would like to say Thank You to Rich Swanke. If it wasn't for all his hard work and knowledge this wouldn't be possible.

We will be having a meeting at the Post on Wednesday June 3. We will also be conducting elections and swearing in of the newly elected leadership. We are hoping to have a Zoom Conference available for the meeting. We will send out info via email if we are able to set it up.

At the meeting we will be practicing social distancing. Wearing of masks are encouraged but not mandatory. We will have masks, gloves and hand sanitizer available, however, if you have your own please bring them.

We are sending email newsletters to our members that have emails on file. Please check your spam/junk mail folders for emails from newsletter@vfw628.org. The digital newsletter is on our website www.vfw628.org.

If you have any questions let us know. Stay safe out there.



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Happy June!! Hard to believe summer is here... did we get a spring??

Hoping to see anyone that is able to get out to Post on Wednesday June 6 at 7.00PM. The Auxiliary Meeting will be SOCIALLY distanced at the Post on Minnesota Ave. This will be the last meeting to be held at the post - - I will be working with the Alliance to set up scheduling for future meetings at the new facility on Russell Ave.

The State Dept of VFW Auxiliary has delivered cookbooks to me for sale. I will have them at the meeting or Rich has graciously agreed to have them available at the post if you would like one. Cost for the Cookbooks is \$10. There are a LOT of great recipes in there. Don't let this one pass you by!!

New offices have been elected and will be installed at the June meeting. All officers are requested to be in attendance.

It is with great sadness that I let you know that Judy Evink passed away. Judy was a life long supporter, member, officer of the Auxiliary, Post and Cooties. She will be greatly missed. Judy currently held the position of Guard for the Auxiliary. I have one person that would be willing to step up and take that position. We would like to have an assistant guard to help for coverage if you are interested, please let me know.

Part of the Auxiliary closet has been cleaned out, we will have some decorations/dishes/ etc at the meeting that we anticipate we will not be using at the new facility. If you would like to have some of these items, they will be available at the meeting. It would be appreciated that you make a small donation for anything that you would like. All items not taken Wed night or being transferred to the new facility will be sold or donated.

I just received an award in the mail from the National Office for Scholarship Awards and promoting Patriotic Art contest. If you are willing... we need someone to step up this year and take that over.

See you all on Wednesday... Hopefully!!



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Memorial Day 2020



Some of the members of JM Bliss VFW Post 628 and volunteers were at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend 2020 and placed approximately 800 flags to honor our fallen. 181 of those flags placed were of the Civil War era.