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Your insight to VFW Post 628 Monthly Events

August 2024



Bliss Bugle



Words from the Commander



Army veteran and VFW member for 20 years. Married to Jennifer with four children. Looking forward to bringing more OIF veterans to Post 628.

We plan to hire a secretary for our post office to do our day to day business. The executive committee will hire this person. The selected individual will also need to be a member of our VFW family.

I strongly recommend if you have free time, please join our Post Honor guard team. We need to pass these honors onto those so deserving and that we expect to receive one day.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Don Kranz

VFW Auxiliary President

Hello, my name is Amy Bolduc and I am the new Auxiliary President. I have been a member of the Auxiliary for 3 and 1/2 years and have held the office of Junior Vice President for the past two years. I am looking forward to a great year and have some exciting events planned for the next year. If you need to contact me I can be reached at 904-613-5212 or dabolduc1975@gmail.com.

Amy Bolduc
Auxiliary President

**Lets keep this moving
to wish all our troops
A Safe & Happy
4th of July**



Humboldt Sharpshooters assisted serving pancake breakfast in partnership with the VFW at the Alliance in Sioux Falls on 16 June. Assisting us celebrating Father's Day, and Supporting Veterans and youth shooting sports.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. And starting **March 5, 2024**, we're expanding VA health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411) (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds 20+ more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

If you're a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits.



I am so excited to post this. The Department of South Dakota Get Excited for the Red White and Blue winner placed 3rd at the National level on her performance. Way to go Edna Barkmeier. So proud of you and keep singing you have a beautiful voice and you are going to go far.

Memorial Day Program

Fabulous music by Sioux Falls Municipal Band Quintet and Singing Legionnaires.

Keynote Speaker -

Dr Ron Place

Flanders Field Oration - Douglas Starr

Presentation of Memorial Wreath -

Michael Fitzmaurice

Emcee - Hosea Bennett,

Commander John M Bliss VFW Post 628

Special Thanks to The

Alliance for hosting this special event. We look forward to many events to come.



JMB Treasurer Deb Felton and Kim Vennard stopped by the VOC today and donated winter hats, personal hygiene products, sleeping mats, silverware and dishes today.



The sleeping mats were donated by Sis-seton Auxiliary and silverware by Beresford!

Attached is the Winter Needs list which they are willing to accept now..

(As a note.... While we sometimes complain about what we do or don't have... one of the guests at the VOC saw what we were bringing in... and he said to me "Those dishes are a blessing!! Thank You!" He went to his car to drop off the items he had picked up and came back in and calmly waited for the donation to be processed so he and his wife could have dishes.while it may have been insignificant to us... it was the world to him!)

Good Of The Order

Membership Pins

The VFW issues membership pins at 5-year increments. Bring your card to the office to show the date you joined the VFW and you will be issued one or one will be ordered for you.

Inputs for the September newsletter are to be sent to office@vfw628.org or b.haugen1959@gmail.com. All inputs must be submitted prior to the 20th of each month so the news letter can get out to members on time. Thank you.

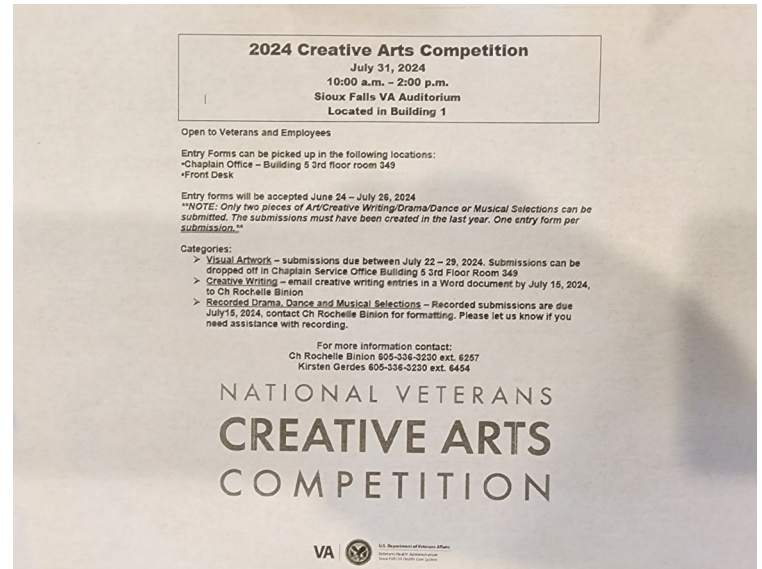
Honor Guard News

The VFW Honor Guard provided military honors for our departed comrades. We must always be ready and willing to honor any veteran with final military rites. For information on joining the Honor Guard, call the office at 338-0869.

Resent funerals:

Welcome to New Post 628 Members

Kal Kemp, Life
Jerry Thompson, Navy, Life
Ryan Bechtold, Air Force, Life
Terry Embertson, Air Force, Life
Roger Lutt, Army, Life
Christian Jensen, Army, Annual
Dave Lyng, Navy, Annual
Patrick Morgan, Army, Life
Daniel Hotzler, Navy, Annual



Taps

Douglas Kuhlman, Army
Jerold Schmidt, Army
Glenn Lueth, Army
Gordon Lovell, Army
Craig Anderberg, Army

Neil Bishop, Army
George Vanderloo, Army
Gordon Lovell, Army
Fredrick Gloe, USMC
Myron Rosheim, USMC
Lyndell Ruby, USMC

Walter Blackford, Navy
William Pruden Jr., Navy
Roger McCollar, Navy
Michael Karolewicz, Navy

Rest in Peace Warriors

Upcoming Dates to Remember

July

July 4: Independence Day
July 4: Sioux Falls Municipal Band, the Pavilion, 11AM
July 4: Kory and the Fireflies, The Levit, 7PM
July 18: Sioux Falls Veterans Council Meeting 7PM
July 24: Little Texas, The Alliance, 6:30PM doors Open
Tickets at: southdakotaalliance.org

August

August 7: Post meeting 7PM
August 15: Sioux Falls Veterans Council Meeting 7pm
August 28-Sep 2: South Dakota State Fair

September

September 4: Post Meeting, 7PM
September 11-18: Sanford Invitational Golf Tournament

Post Officers 2024-2025

Commander: Don Kranz

Sr Vice Commander: Mark Winter

Jr Vice Commander: Tad Goering

Adj/Qm: Jim McQuisten

Judge Advocate: Harry Engburg

Chaplin: Patrick Morgan

Auxiliary Officers 2024-2025

President: Amy Bolduc

Sr Vice: Kasey Jacobson

Jr Vice: Anne McGoffin

Treasurer: Deb Felton

Secretary: Beth Honerman

Chaplin: Diana Wells

Conductor: Viki Williams

Guard: Nancy Renner

John M. Bliss VFW Post 628



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

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Commander: cmd@vfw628.org

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Facebook: VFW JM Bliss Post 628

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1948 US Begins Berlin Airlift

On June 26, 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin [delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin](#) after the city is isolated by a [Soviet Union](#) blockade.

When [World War II](#) ended in 1945, defeated [Germany was divid-](#)
[ed](#) into Soviet, American, British and French zones of occupation. The city of Berlin, though located within the Soviet zone of occupation, was also split into four sectors, with the Allies taking the western part of the city and the Soviets

the eastern. In June 1948, Josef Stalin's government attempted to consolidate control of the city by cutting off all land and sea routes to West Berlin in order to pressure the Allies to evacuate. As a result, beginning on June 24 the western section of Berlin and its 2 million people were deprived of food, heating fuel and other crucial supplies

For more information, go to :

[U.S. begins Berlin Airlift | June 26, 1948 | HISTORY](#)

Cooties Chislic

Open to the Public

1600 W Russell St

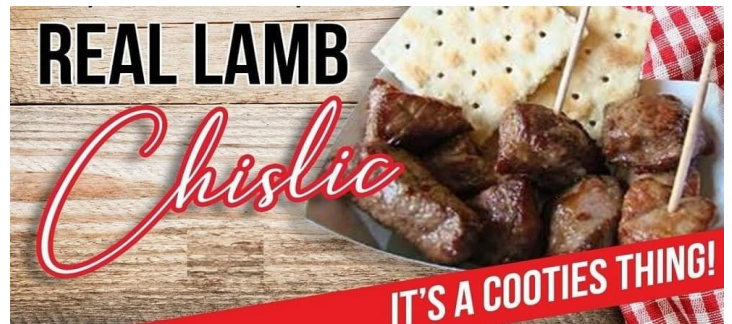
3pm-6pm

Chislic-\$8

Chislic and Fries-\$9

Join us for fun, laughter and some great chislic. Bring your friends.

Future Chislic nights: July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, and Dec 15. This will close out our calendar year. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.



Pancake Breakfast

8:30 am-12pm

1600 W Russell Street

Adults \$8, Children under 10, \$2

Cakes, Sausages, Eggs, Coffee, and Juice

All proceeds go to Veteran and Community Causes

Future Pancake Feeds

July 21, 2024, August 18, 2024, September 15, 2024

