

The De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary September 2022 newsletter

Post and Auxiliary meeting times and dates

We've moved back to our Spring – Summer – Fall meeting times so here is the meeting information. Please join us when you can:

- <u>Location</u>: De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St., De Pere enter the Community Center's top floor by the flag poles. Our meeting rooms are at the end of the hall on the right side.
- <u>Times</u>: **3:00 pm** (2022 = October 6th, November 3rd, December 1^{st)},) and

(2023 = January 5th, February 2nd and March 2nd)

<u>6:00 pm</u> (2023 = April 6th, May 4th, June1st, July 6th, August 3rd and September 7th)

• <u>Dates</u>: Always the 1st Thursday of the month.

Post Honor Guard

We've had another very productive year performing for the public at local High School Varsity Football games and conducting Military Funeral Honors (playing taps, firing rifle salutes and then presenting the fired rifle shells to the family) for veterans who have departed.

This past year we conducted over to 75 military funeral honors for our deceased local veterans.

August 18th marked the return to "Friday Night Lights" High School varsity football season. Here is the schedule:

- East De Pere "Redbirds": August 18th; August 25th; September 2nd; September 16th; and October 7th.
- West De Pere "Phantoms": August 19th; September 9th; September 23rd; October 7th.

If you can help with any of the above Post Honor Guard commitments, please call Pat Moran.



Post and Auxiliary Membership

Post and Auxiliary membership is critical to the success we have supporting our fellow veterans in need, our own members and our community as a whole. Therefore, it is very important that if you know a veteran who qualifies for VFW membership or the family members of those veterans for membership in our Post Auxiliary that you pass their contact information on to either Pat Moran (for membership in our VFW Post 2113) or Linda Moran (for membership in our Post Auxiliary). Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to either Pat or Linda, as appropriate.

VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

Annual Post membership fee is only \$35.00.

Life Post membership fee is based on your age – see the attached application for these costs. The Post does have a Life membership rebate program to help cover a portion of you becoming a Life VFW member

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Auxiliary VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

Annual Auxiliary membership fee is only \$25.00 for the first year, then \$20.00 every year after.

Life Auxiliary membership fee is based on your age – see the attached application for these costs.

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VFW Department of Wisconsin Student Veterans of Foreign Wars (SVFW)

Our Veterans-helping-Veterans role today extends far beyond just helping only Veterans. We know a military Veteran has learned the value of service and has a true spirit of service, but we also know that value of service extends to their family members as well. Our Post accomplishes our service to our fellow local Veterans and their family members through our endowed *VFW Post 2113 Scholarship* that was established at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) two (2) years ago. Designed to fill a critical shortcoming in Veteran educational opportunities at the local community technical college by help Veterans and their family members with their continuing education, while at the same time helping our community address the critical shortage of nurses, skilled construction and factory workers and other skilled workforce positions by providing scholarship assistance at NWTC to those among us who are in financial need of scholarship monetary assistance.

With that in mind, we are proud to announce the recipients of the Fall 2022 NWTC VFW Post 2113 Scholarships:

Julimar Garcia	Jocelyn Garcia-Ziemer	Neleh Randolph

If you'd like to help support our endowed *VFW Post 2113 Scholarship*, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution by one of these three ways:

1st – Go to this NWTC Foundation web page and make a credit or debit card contribution - <u>https://www.nwtc.edu/about-nwtc/nwtc-foundation-makes-college-possible/give-now</u>

- In the designation drop down box select "Other"
- In the share comment box write "donation to the VFW Post 2113 Scholarship"
- Fill out the rest of the form with your information.

2nd – Go to this NWTC Foundation web page and print the form to make a donation by check – <u>https://www.nwtc.edu/getmedia/f88dc795-c1ed-41cf-9ec4-aab1a4abfa36/NWTC-Foundation-Donation-Form.pdf</u>

- In the gift designation section select "NWTC Fund"
- In the space next to "NWTC Fund" write "donation to the VFW Post 2113 Scholarship"
- Complete the form then mail it along with your check to the NWTC Foundation address on the form.

3rd – If you'd like to support the **VFW Post 2113 Scholarship** through your estate planning, please contact Crystal Harrison, NWTC Foundation Director at 920-498-5541 or <u>crystal.harrison@nwtc.edu</u> for assistance in completing this estate planning action.

Donations/gifts to the **VFW Post 2113 Scholarship** and the NWTC Educational Foundation allow the Foundation to meet immediate Veteran student and program needs. Contributions fund initiatives that directly support Veteran success – our top priority. Your donation/gift is vital to ensuring veteran students and their families are provided access to higher education opportunities that lead to higher wages in high demand jobs, plus reducing the Veteran student's overall debt coming out of school.





Veteran and Auxiliary Fellowship and Service

As we start a new VFW and Auxiliary year we'd love to have you join us for any of the many activities, meetings, and other events that are available – going to these events is a GREAT way to meet and talk with other Veterans and their family members. If your schedule allows, please contact either Pat (for VFW functions) or Linda (for Auxiliary functions) letting them know you plan on joining them at the function(s). Here are some of the planned events this 2022-2023 year:

- Post Honor Guard events De Pere High School football games to present to colors at the start of these home games, plus the Military Funeral Honors for our deceased Veterans.
- Any of the Post and Auxiliary monthly meetings
- Green Bay Country Club Veterans Golf Outing Post Honor Guard 8:30 am show (coffee & donuts); 10 am start time (2400 Klondike Rd, Green Bay) October 3, 2022 **call their pro shop if you want to golf in this event
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary National Home Fall Festival (Eaton, MI) October 21 23, 2022
- Patriot's Pen essay submission due to Auxiliary VFW Post 2113 no later than October 31, 2022 mail completed applications and essay to Linda Moran
- Voice of Democracy essay submission due to Auxiliary VFW Post 2113 no later than October 31, 2022 mail completed applications and essay to Linda Moran
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary Fall Council of Administration ("C of A") (Wisconsin Rapids, WI) November 4 – 5, 2022
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference (Oshkosh, WI) February 3 & 4, 2023
- De Pere Police, Fire and EMS annual award ceremony (Swan Club, De Pere) exact February 2023 date to be determined. VFW Post 2113 and our Auxiliary are proud sponsors of this first responder awards program.
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary Bowling and Cornhole Tournament (Marshfield, WI) April 15 16 and April 22 23, 2023
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary Loyalty Day Parade (Merrill, WI) April 29, 2023
- Post and Auxiliary Joint VFW Buddy Poppy Fundraising Drive (Festival Foods, De Pere) May 26 28, 2023
- Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary State Convention (Rothschild, WI) June 6 10, 2023

It's that time of the Year – Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy student essays

Patriot's Pen – Open to students (including Home Schooled students) in grades 6, 7 and 8. This year's essay theme is "<u>My Pledge to our Veterans</u>". If you know any students who would like to tackle this challenge, please have them go to - <u>https://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=6768</u>. The completed application and essay must be received by Linda Moran by Monday, October 31, 2022.

Voice of Democracy – Open to High School students (including Home Schooled students). This year's essay theme is "<u>Why is the Veteran Important</u>". If you know any students who would like to tackle this challenge, please have them go to - <u>https://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=6765</u>. The completed application and essay must be received by Linda Moran by Monday, October 31, 2022.



VFW Park Veteran's Monument Dedication Ceremony – June 30, 2022

The new monument was dedicated under a beautiful sky – perfect weather for the 100+ people who attended. We'll let the following pictures tell the story of the dedication ceremony. Again, this is the 1st monument in the US that is dedicated to our combat services plus our very critical combat support services of the USPHS, USMM and NOAA.



Back side plus copy of the

original VFW Park dedication

Uncovering the new monument for the 1st time by the Sponsors -VFW Post 2113, City of De Pere, ISC Insurance & Ryan Funeral Home



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Designers of the new monument – Randy Hansen (VFW Post 2113) and Marty Kosobucki (City of De Pere)



1st Keynote Speaker – Mayor James Boyd, City of De Pere



3rd Keynote Speaker – Michele Rathke, Commander, VFW Department of Wisconsin



Joint 8th VFW District Honor Guard – lead by VFW Post 2113 members Max Smits, Bill Kayser and Pat Moran



Dedication ceremony Master of Ceremonies (MC) – John Maino



2nd Keynote Speaker – Andre Jacque, WI State Senator (De Pere)



4th Keynote Speaker – Major General Dan Ammerman (MG, USA, Ret.), member VFW Post 2113



Joint Active Duty Honor Guard – comprised of US Army, US Air Force and US Marine Corps servicemembers



VFW Scout of the Year Program

At the May 5th Post and Auxiliary meeting Post Senior Vice Commander Joe Roffers presented Eagle Scout candidate Jayden Vercauteren to us. Jayden then proceeded to brief us on his proposed Eagle Scout project – the beautification of the front of the Wayside Volunteer Fire Department, where he also volunteers as a Cadet Firefighter. Based on that briefing we became a sponsor of his project. While Jayden is not yet been selected as the Post's Scout of the Year he is a strong candidate. Jayden completed his project the weekend of August 19 – 22. Jayden invites all to see his completed project at the Wayside Volunteer Fire Departments annual Firefest event – food, exhibits, and events for all ages – September 10, 2022, starts at 2 pm – 8123 Dickinson Road in Wayside.



L to R – Jayden receives his Post sponsorship from Pat Moran, Henry McKenna (VFW of WI Scout Program Coordinator), Jayden, and Joe Roffers





Jayden showing off his completed Eagle Scout Project

VFW Post 2113 Conducts VFW Membership Recruiting Drive at the Brown County Fair, August 21, 2022

Post Commander Pat Moran, 2-year Trustee Max Smits and Post member Henry Rueden lead this VFW membership recruiting effort at our local County Fair.





Henry, Patrica Cook (Veteran & driver of this Schneider Truck), Max and Pat



VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary Joint NEWSLETTER



Dear fellow Veterans (comrades) and Auxiliary members of VFW Post 2113.

One of the highlights of visiting the national war memorials in Washington DC is seeing this great quote from President Truman clearly stating the undying gratitude that our nation has for the sacrifices of the women and men who have served, are serving or will be serving in our armed forces.

We as a Post and Auxiliary also share our undying gratitude for the Gold Star Families left behind as a result of these men and women giving the ultimate sacrifice.



It is that gratitude that drives us to provide support for Veterans and their families in need – whether it be through our Post Buddy Poppy Drives, our endowed VFW Post 2113 Scholarship, conducting bingo games at local nursing home facilities, our Honor Guard activities, leading the De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day parade, coordinating the Veteran's Salute program on Memorial day during the Celebrate De Pere event, creating a new Veterans Monument for the De Pere VFW Park, sponsoring the annual City of De Pere Police, Fire & EMT Hero's award, or any of the other many activities the Post and Auxiliary host as a means to support our local Veterans and their families.

All that said, we encourage you to call either Pat or Linda to take part in giving back to our Veterans and their families. Get involved today and show our fellow Veterans and their families that we truly care about their wellbeing.

Finally, we must express a <u>HUGE THANK YOU</u> to Scott Baeten, Owner of Ryan Funeral Home, Jessica Dellemann and Carrie Baten, Co-Owners of Insurance Service Center (ISC) of De Pere and the City of De Pere for agreeing to partner with the Post in sponsoring the brand new monument in VFW Park (see story on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter). Their support and commitment to Veterans and their families is second to none. We also need to thank our Post Quartermaster Randy Hansen for developing, organizing and coordinating the dedication ceremony – it was the perfect ceremony.

Thanks for listening and we hope to see you at a future event.

Pat Moran, Commander, VFW Post 2113

Linda Moran, President, Auxiliary VFW Post 2113





To <u>all</u> VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Members

And <u>all</u> our fellow Veteran's

We want to wish you

the very best on

Veterans Day

In

November 2022

Pat Moran Commander Linda Moran President