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★ Club Management Committee (CMC) meeting is the 2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Post & Auxiliary membership meeting is the 3rd Tuesday, Post: 7pm, Auxiliary: 6:30pm

from the COMMANDER



Seasons greeting!

Another December is upon us and we are about to close out the year. We have had a successful year at the post and look forward to building on the momentum. The renovations are really adding to freshening up the place!

The Vietnam Veteran's Pork Chop Dinner was a huge success, selling out in just over an hour. Thank you to a generous donor who wished to remain anonymous. Their contribution covered the cost of the dinner for all Veterans. Very timely right before Veterans Day.

This has been my first full month as commander and it has been gratifying to realize how much this post does for fellow Veterans and the community. I have had the opportunity to meet many of the community interests that we support and see the gratitude.

As the year winds down, it is also time to look forward to next year. The Post is able to help our Veterans and community, because we are here and we are strong. We need to maintain that strength through our membership. The Quartermaster and the Trustees are making an extra effort to reach out on membership renewals.

We need to meet our membership goals. Not only through renewals, but by reaching out to new members. If you know of anyone who would qualify, please refer them to the post. Our strength to advocate for veterans comes through our membership.

Remember the Post is closing early on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. Have a safe and wonderful holiday with your family. They are the reason we do . . . are able to do what we do.

Jim Doten, Commander

from the QUARTERMASTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter in PDF format, please contact me at the post or via Email at: **quartermaster494@comcast.net** and furnish me an E-mail address. You will receive the newsletter in color, get it more quickly and save the cost to print and mail hard copy.

Go to crystalvfw.com and check out the **Post webpage** and also our **Facebook page**: Charles Knaeble VFW 494 Crystal.

We are striving to bring you a newsletter you will enjoy and to provide information for everyone. Please notify us ASAP of any change (temporary or permanent) in your address because there is a charge to the Post for mail that is undeliverable.

Jim Richter, Post 494 Quartermaster



Upcoming Events

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| ★ Pearl Harbor Day | Sat., Dec 7 |
| ★ Winterfest: Crystal Comm. Center: Post/Aux participation | Sat, Dec 7 |
| ★ District Meeting
Palmer Lake VFW | Sat., Dec 7 |
| ★ Auxiliary Bake Sale | Wed., Dec 11 |
| ★ Wreaths Across America | Sat, Dec 14 |
| ★ Post / Aux Meeting
and pot luck | Tues, Dec 17 |
| ★ Christmas Eve close @ 5 | Tues, Dec 24 |
| ★ Christmas (CLOSED) | Weds, Dec 25 |
| ★ New Years Eve Party
Dinner downstairs, live music | Tues, Dec 31 |

from the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Happy Holiday's everyone! I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the day with family and friends. For those of you brave enough, maybe you even participated in some Black Friday Shopping!

With the Holidays fast approaching, let's remember our Veterans, their Families, and our Troops this holiday season.

Let's not lose sight that membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Each one of us has the privilege of being a part of this organization. This is due to a tie that binds us to a Veteran who has served his country. It is our duty in turn, to continue the support of this organization by recruiting and retaining members, and continuing our support of Veteran's and Veteran's programs. If you haven't paid your dues for this year, you can still do that by the end of the year and retain your membership in good standing.

Upcoming Events:

Pearl Harbor Day: Saturday December 7th will mark the 78th anniversary of a "date which will live in infamy." On the morning of 12-7-1941 the Japanese bombers staged a surprise attack on US Military forces in Hawaii. Today the USS Arizona Memorial on the island of Oahu honors the lives lost the day of the attack. Please take a minute on Dec 7th to remember those lost that day.

2019 City of Crystal Winterfest: Event will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 10 am -12 pm at the Crystal Community Center. Enjoy free entertainment, horse drawn hayrides, petting zoo, treats for the kids, photo booth and more. Santa will also be on hand. Members of the Post and Auxiliary will be assisting with this event.

District Meeting: Saturday, December 7th, Palmer Lake VFW beginning at 10:00 AM. There will be a bake sale at the district meeting, as well as the Christmas Potluck after.

Auxiliary Bake Sale: Wednesday, December 11th, Auxiliary Bake Sale during Lions Steak Fry.

Wreaths across America: Saturday, December 14th, 11 AM, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery – This is an annual event which includes a special program and the placing of wreaths in a section of the cemetery.

Annual Holiday Potluck & Meeting- Tuesday, Dec. 17th, starting at 5:15 PM. Auxiliary and Post members are welcome to enjoy some holiday cheer before the monthly meeting. Please bring a dish to share we will eat at 5:30. Auxiliary members if you wish to participate in our annual gift exchange, you are welcome to bring a small gift to the meeting. As usual we will have a little fun after the meeting.

Saturday, December 22nd – Happy Hanukkah

Mon/Tues: December 24th & 25th – Merry Christmas

Wednesday, January 1st 2020 – Happy New Year

Mid-Winter Conference: Fri-Sun, January 17th – January 19th 2020 Marriott City Center Minneapolis.

Where has the year gone? 2020 will be here soon. May you all have a Joyous Holiday Season, and my wishes for a Happy New Year for you and your families. Let there be peace on earth for all!

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes to all who have been ill and sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

Yours in Patriotism,

Marge Rubenstein, Auxiliary President



Bake Sale, Wed, DEC. 11, 4:30-7

Auxiliary Bake sales are held on the **second Wednesday** of each month: October through May: 4:30-7 pm. All profits go to Veteran's Programs. Anything left that does not sell is taken to the Homeless Vets. They really appreciate everything we do for them.

ROOM RENTALS: For Conference Media Room Rental, Hall Rentals, Banquets, Weddings, Anniversaries and other functions, call the Post and ask for the Manager: 763-537-9914 Extension 23

What's going on at the Post?



Don Halvorsen, WWII Vet from the Crystal VFW Post 494, stood tall with the National Honor Guard at the Vikings / Bronco game on Nov. 17 at US Bank Stadium. Each branch is represented.



Jim Doten, Commander, spoke at the Veteran's day presentation in Milaca, MN on Monday, Nov 11.



Taps & Sick Call

TAPS



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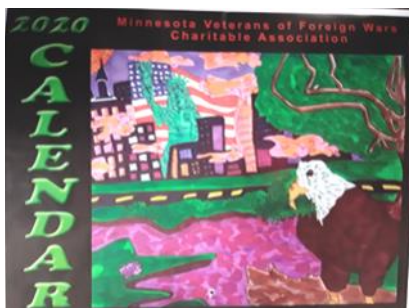


Fred Crimmins, Past Commander, is pictured with MN Blue Ox, junior A team hockey team from Coon Rapids who were guests at the Lion's Steak Fry in November.

ON SALE NOW!! \$20 donation, to win a prize daily

2020 Calendar Raffle from the Department of MN Veterans of Foreign Wars Charitable Association uses art from students on each page and for the cover art, which was done by Ysabelle Ribron, Elk River High School sponsored by Coon Rapids Auxiliary 9625.

Proceeds support disabled or needy veterans and their families, education of the public regarding sacrifices made by America's veterans, and fosters patriotism.



Chaplin's Corner



Natalie Stuhr

To all brave American military Veterans:

During this season of our Lord's birth, I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for you . . . a genuine American hero.

May God grant you protection, hope, strength, and peace this Christmas and throughout the year.

Merry Christmas

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2:11)

Natalie Stuhr,

Auxiliary Chaplain of VFW Post 494

Bookshelf will be back after remodeling is finished.

Please continue to drop off your books

GIVE a book / TAKE a book

Do you have books gathering dust or just taking up space? Bring them to the VFW for our borrowing bookshelf located in the entryway of the Post. Another book lover will get to enjoy them as you did.



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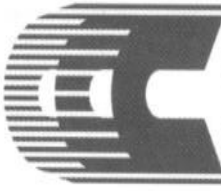
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DECEMBER Bands: Friday Night 7:30

Dec 6	Brothers Mayer
Dec 13	Miller Brothers
Dec 20	Tailspin
Dec 27	Goodfoot Express
Tues, Dec 31 New Years Eve	Miller Brothers



from the Kitchen and Bar

Entertainment

Bar BINGO: 6PM start

Mondays and

Thursdays: 2 programs

Different program

each night! **Monday: pays 80% all games including both coveralls.**

Thursday: \$750-1,000 Coverall and \$1199 Coverall final game! Plus an exciting progressive Hot Ball jackpot on Thursdays!



Bar RINGO: Free to play Saturday, 5 pm

What's happening in December

- ★ Join us for the last two NOON Sunday Funday
- 🏈 Vikings Divisional Football Games on Dec. 8 against the Lions and Dec. 29 against the Bears. There will be drink specials, complimentary half-time food and raffle prizes
- ★ Live Music Sunday, Dec 15 before the Vikings play at 7:15pm 🏈
- ★ Cornhole Tournament: Sun., Dec. 22 Sign up @ 1:00, start 1:30
- ★ BINGO canceled on Monday, 12/23, so come to the Post and watch your Vikings take on the Green Bay Packers at 7:15 PM and enjoy drink specials and number boards. 🏈
- ★ Christmas EVE: Tues. Dec 24. Closing at 5:00 pm
CLOSED Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- ★ New Year's Eve Party: Tuesday, Dec 31 we are having dinner downstairs and the Miller Brothers band upstairs. Please call for reservations.

Check ✓ it out: Weekly!

- ☐ **Happy Hour:** Monday—Friday 3—6
- ☐ **\$5 Lunch Specials:** Monday—Friday; see calendar/website
- ☐ **Bingo:** Monday and Thursday
- ☐ **Trivia:** Tuesday
- ☐ **Benefit Dinner Specials:** Wednesday (no regular PM menu)
- ☐ **Karaoke:** Wednesday / Saturday
- ☐ **Live Music:** Friday night
- ☐ **Meat Raffle:** Friday night / Saturday afternoon
- ☐ **Texas Hold Em:** Saturday night
- ☐ **FOOTBALL Sunday noon games:** Happy hour, football numbers board, food specials, Loyalty Card
- ☐ **Sunday Funday music late afternoon**
- ☐ **Sunday Funday, Happy Hour All Day!**

December 2019



**Note: Calendar info is subject to last minute change.*

Check the signage in the club / bar for the most recent news and updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 8:00 Happy Hour Noon-close Live music 3:30	2 \$5 Lunch Special Grilled cheese w/ cup of homemade tomato soup Bar Bingo 6-9  Vikes/Seahawks 7:15	3 \$5 Lunch Special Beef chow mein hotdish w/roll \$4.94 ½# Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	4 \$5 Lunch Special Italian sausage sandwich w/chips Vietnam Vets Pork chop Dinner 5:00-7 pm Acoustic Music 5-7 Karaoke 8 PM	5 \$5 Lunch Special Country fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll Bar Bingo 6-9	6 \$5 Lunch Special Sloppy Joe w/chips Meat Raffle 4pm Band: Brothers Mayer 7:30	7 Breakfast 8:00 Meat raffle 2pm RINGO 5pm Texas Hold Em 7 pm Karaoke 8-12
8 Breakfast 8:00 Happy Hour Noon-close  Vikes/Lions Noon Half-time complimentary food Live music after football	9 \$5 Lunch Special Egg salad on a croissant w/chips Gambling Mtg 4 pm CMC MTG 5:30 Bar Bingo 6-9	10 \$5 Lunch Special Chix enchilada hot dish \$4.94 ½# Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	11 \$5 Lunch Special Lasagna w/garlic toast Aux Bake sale: 4-7 Lion's Steak Fry 5-7 pm Acoustic Music 5-7 Karaoke 8 PM	12 \$5 Lunch Special Baked Chicken breast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll and butter Bar Bingo 6-9	13 \$5 Lunch Special BBQ meatball sandwich w/chips Meat Raffle 4pm Band: Miller Brothers 7:30	14 Breakfast 8:00 Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5 pm Texas Hold Em 7 pm Karaoke 8-12
15 Breakfast 8:00 Happy Hour Noon-close Live music before football  Vikes/Chargers 7:20 PM	16 \$5 Lunch Special Pulled pork on a bun w/chips Bar Bingo 6-9	17 \$5 Lunch Special Chix noodle hot dish w/roll Aux. Mtg 6:30 Post Mtg. 7:00 \$4.94 ½# Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	18 \$5 Lunch Special Italian beef sandwich w/chips VFW Post #494 Dinner Special 5-9 pm Acoustic Music 5-7 Karaoke 8 PM	19 \$5 Lunch Special Roast pork loin w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, roll Bar Bingo 6-9	20 \$5 Lunch Special Shrimp basket with fries and cole slaw Meat Raffle 4pm Band: Tailspin 7:30	21 Breakfast 8:00 Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5 pm Texas Hold Em 7 pm Karaoke 8-12
22 Breakfast 8:00 Happy Hour Noon-close Cornhole Tourney Signup @ 1, play at 1:30	23 \$5 Lunch Special Cuban sand w/chips NO BINGO TONITE Vikes/Packers 7:15pm Drink Specials Number Board	24 \$5 Lunch Special Egg bake w/ hollandaise sauce and toast OPEN UNTIL 5PM Christmas Eve	 Christmas Closed all Day	26 \$5 Lunch Special Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy and roll Bar Bingo 6-9	27 \$5 Lunch Special Shredded BBQ chix sandwich w/cole slaw and chips Meat Raffle 4pm Band: Goodfoot Express 7:30	28 Breakfast 8:00 Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5 pm Texas Hold Em 7 pm Karaoke 8-12
29 Breakfast 8:00 Happy Hour Noon-close Vikes/Bears noon Half-time complimentary food 	30 \$5 Lunch Special Crispy buffalo chix sand w/chips Bar Bingo 6-9	31 \$5 Lunch Special Beef taco hot dish w/ tortilla chips New Year's Eve Party NYE Dinner downstairs Miller Brothers Band upstairs				