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★ **Club Management Committee (CMC) meeting is the 2nd Monday, 1:30 p.m.**

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

from the COMMANDER



Greeting Comrades,

Spring is upon us with the leaves coming out and the grass turning green. Another fresh start is upon us. This comparison to our lives is more apparent this year than before. We are turning the corner on this pandemic. Stay strong, stay safe. I have received my shots; I hope you have too.

Speaking of new starts, we have had our elections this past week. I am very pleased and humbled to stay on as your Commander for another year. I look forward to continuing to build on the strengths and achievements of those who have come before and those who are yet still rising to the challenge of improving our Post and serving our veterans and the community.

Enough talk of the future. We also must remember our past. Our Post recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary. Our Post strength is built on that long history, and we remain a vibrant, healthy Post continuing to grow and evolve to meet a changing world. Here is to the next 90 years, may they be even better!

It is also the Minnesota VFW's 100th Anniversary. And this year the annual Department convention will be held close to us. This year the convention is in Brooklyn Park at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest from Wednesday, June 9th through Saturday, June 12th. I hope to see you there!

With Spring comes poppy time. Jim Hagenbrock is our Poppy Committee chair. Poppy donations help support our club to help others. There is still time to volunteer for a spot. You will see me at Almsted's Fresh Market grocery. It is a great opportunity to remind folks that we are part of the community. I hope you have the chance to come on down and support us.



As always, our meetings are at 7:00 PM every third Tuesday in the basement of the Post. If you know of a veteran, please let them know about our Post. Membership is all of our responsibility. I hope to see you down at the "V".

Respectfully,

Commander Jim Doten

from the QUARTERMASTER

If you prefer to receive the Post 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. And, you will have the calendar handy to check out our monthly events.

- ★ For up-to-date information on activities, go to:
Post webpage crystalvfw.com and
Facebook page: Charles Knaeble VFW 494 Crystal.

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

Jim Richter, Post 494 Quartermaster



Westphal American Legion

On behalf of Westphal American legion Post 251, I would like to thank the members of VFW Post 494 for welcoming our members to your club building.

Our club has agreed to take over the monthly dinner on the 3rd Wednesday of the month supplying our support to the group. In April we had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed our Spaghetti dinner. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

I hope you have been as happy with our joint venture as we have been. I trust we can count on members of Westphal to help work and support this and all other functions at our new home.

Tom Juergens, Commander

from the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Members,

Our election of Auxiliary officers was held at our April meeting. I am truly honored to have the privilege to continue to serve as your Auxiliary President. Congratulations, and Thank You all for stepping up to fill the other officer positions. I'm hoping this

year we can continue supporting all of our Auxiliary programs for our Veterans and their Families. Congratulations to our Commander and his Officers for the coming year.

Auxiliary Officers for 2021\2022 are as follows:

President: Marge Rubenstein

Sr. Vice President: Ginny Villagomez

Jr. Vice President: Lisa Sundberg

Secretary: Debbie Larson

Treasurer: Lori Aydt

Chaplain: Natalie Stuhr

Conductress: Mary Touve-Kackman

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The 7th District Meeting was held April 10 at Palmer Lake VFW, our Auxiliary did very well again this year and won several awards.

Loyalty Day is May 1. It is the day that was set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

****We will be having our Auxiliary Installation on Monday May 17 beginning at 5:30 with monthly meeting after.**

May is Buddy Poppy month. We are able to distribute Poppy's on the weekend of May 20 & 21 at various locations.



Upcoming Events:

- ★ May is National Military Appreciation as well as Military Caregiver Month
- ★ Loyalty Day – May 1
- ★ VE Day – May 8 – Marked the end of WWII
- ★ Mother's Day – May 9
- ★ Auxiliary Bake Sale – May 12
- ★ Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- ★ Armed Forces Day- May honoring Americans currently serving in the five branches of the US military as well as the National Guard & Reserve units,
- ★ Auxiliary Meeting – May 17 No Meeting on Tuesday May 18
- ★ Buddy Poppy Distribution Day - May 21 & 22
- ★ Memorial Day – May 31
- ★ Department Convention and ATS – Marriot Northwest June 10th – 13th

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

Loyally,

Marge Rubenstein, Auxiliary President



VFW Post 494 Veteran and Community Support

Please come and support the VFW494 Auxiliary Fundraiser Bake Sale



**Wednesday, May 12
5-7PM @Lion's Steak Fry**



**Thank you in advance for
your support of Veteran's
Programs!**



Gene Burdick presents a check to Coach Shallenberger to support Patrick Henry High School Baseball.



The VFW roadside cleanup crew: Mary, Russ, Carol, Art, Gene, Jim, Jay



Taps & Sick Call

TAPS

Elsie Horner

SICK

Gregg Hassler

Past Commander; John Rooney,
Auxiliary Chaplain; Natalie Stuhr,
Vi Munsinger @ Villa in Osseo



GOOD OF THE ORDER

Good of the Order May 2021

The 100th Anniversary of the Minnesota VFW will be celebrated at a special dinner during the State Convention on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Mpls. Marriott Northwest. Social hour 6:00 pm. Dinner 7:00 pm. Followed by entertainment. Semi-Formal Attire. Your Post has ordered tickets for two tables. Please contact QM Richter, Gambling Mgr. Burdick, or Judge Advocate Don Fernstrom for reservations. Tickets are \$34 for guests.

The WW1 Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on April 16, 2021. 102 years after the U.S. declared war on Germany. The dedication ceremony can be viewed at <https://www.upi.com/Defense-News/2021/04/16/ww1-memorial-dc-dedication/6811618590687/>.

The First Cavalry Division also celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.



Don't forget Poppy Season. Members of the Post and Auxiliary will be distributing poppies on Friday May 21 and Saturday May 22. Look for your comrades at neighborhood stores or you can obtain a Poppy Card for display at the Post. \$3 or two for \$5.

Do you know what OASDI stands for? The Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Act, otherwise known as the Social Security Act, was signed into law in 1935. The author of the act was Francis Perkins, the first female cabinet member and Secretary of Labor under FDR. 69 million Americans receive some benefits under the Act today. If you are one of them, you have Francis Perkins to thank.

Chaplain's Corner



Rev. Steve Jones



Joy Comes With the Morning!

I suppose it may not sound too rough-and-tumble, but this vet loves daffodils. Yep, those gorgeous yellow bits of sunshine which brighten our damp and cold Spring days here in Minnesota. Oh, I know, daffodils are not the first upstarts from the snowy wastes of gardens, but to me they signify the end of the dark, cold winter. And, they signify something else.

My mother-in-law loved daffodils. In fact, when we lived in Texas, she would dig hers up every year, make room in her freezer, and keep them there until the spring. Man, that was a lot of work for a flower which only lasts a week or two at best! I also love the Psalms from the Bible:

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but **joy comes with the morning.***
(Psalms 30:4-5 ESV)

"Joy comes with the Morning!"

Nighttime is frightening. Maybe not in a literal sense to you (though ask me about my daughters who are both totally night-blind), but the night is a time of isolation and brooding. We try and hide our cares, pain, and despair with artificial anesthetics and shallow company, perhaps, but inevitably, night comes upon us. Many a woman and man have decided in the night that the pain is just too much – the guilt just too much. What a horror the night can be.

But joy comes with the morning! Daffodils remind me of the Spring and coming summer; but also remind me of some beautiful people whom I was blessed to love. This month is our Poppy drive. We use poppies to help us remember those who gave so much for our nation and their comrades. Who is on your mind this year?

Okay, maybe you're not one who enjoys flowers. Still, the beauties of our world burst in many different ways. Enjoy the in-breaking of God's love: for you. Enjoy the healthy relationships: for you. Share, and be carried: for you. And in this time of Spring, remember the Joy that comes with the morning: for you.

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Friday Night Live Music 7:30-11pm

May 7	Wayne & the Boys
May 14	Wayne & the Boys
May 21	Scott Fraser
May 28	Bob Holden

from the Kitchen and Bar

Happy May!

Join us for a limited 3 course menu

on Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day Breakfast.

\$9.95 with coffee

\$10.95 with Mimosa or

Glass of Wine



Check out our FaceBook page for daily lunch specials.

Emily Wilkinson, General Manager

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Bar RINGO: Free to play Saturday, 5 pm

R I N G O

2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

Seven prize games plus \$500 Coverall. RINGO starts soon after the MEAT RAFFLE, so come on down for the raffle and STAY and PLAY.



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Wash or sanitize
your hands often



Stay 6 feet
from others

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May 2021

**Note: Calendar information 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
	WEEKLY LUNCH SPECIALS \$5.95 MON—FRI		No full dinner menu Wednesday Sponsored BENEFIT DINNERS 1. Vietnam Vets 2. Crystal Lions 3. Westphal Legion #251 4. Crystal VFW			1 Breakfast 8:00 Egg sandwich w/ cheese, choice of meat on a toasted croissant, 2 hashed brown patties Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00
2 Breakfast 8:00 Egg sandwich w/ cheese, choice of meat on a toasted croissant, 2 hashed brown patties Marcus & Friends Music after 3	3 Lunch Special Bratwurst patty sandwich w/ sauerkraut and chips Bar Bingo 6-9	4 Lunch Special Hamburger chow mein w/hard noodles and roll \$4.94 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	5 Lunch Special Italian beef sandwich w/provolone on toasted ciabatta and chips Vietnam Vets Pork Chip Dinner 5-8 pm KARAOKE 7:00	6 Lunch Special Roast pork loin w/ mashed, gravy and roll Bar Bingo 6-9	7 Lunch Special Crispy BBQ chicken sandwich on a toasted ciabatta w/ cheddar cheese and chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 pm Wayne & the Boys	8 Breakfast 8:00 Hamburger SOS w/2 eggs Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00
9 Breakfast 8:00 Mother's Day Breakfast Specials Limited Menu Marcus & Friends Music after 3	10 Lunch Special Cuban sandwich w/ chips Gambling Mtg 1 pm CMC MTG 1:30 Bar Bingo 6-9	11 Lunch Special Spanish rice and chicken hotdish w/ roll \$4.94 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	12 Lunch Special Spaghetti, 2 meatballs and garlic toast Crystal Lions Steak Fry 5-8 pm KARAOKE 7:00	13 Lunch Special Swedish meatballs over mashed w/ gravy Bar Bingo 6-9	14 Lunch Special Open faced tuna melt w/chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 pm Wayne & the Boys	15 Breakfast 8:00 Corned beef hash w/2 eggs and toast Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00
16 Breakfast 8:00 Corned beef hash w/2 eggs and toast Marcus & Friends Music after 3	17 Lunch Special Egg salad on toast w/lettuce and chips Bar Bingo 6-9	18 Lunch Special Chicken enchilada hotdish w/tortilla chips \$4.94 Burger Basket 5:30-9 Aux. Mtg 6:30 Post Mtg. 7:00 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	19 Lunch Special Goulash w/garlic toast Westphal Legion #251 Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 pm KARAOKE 7:00	20 Lunch Special Liver and onions w/ bacon, mashed/ gravy and roll Bar Bingo 6-9	21 Lunch Special Sloppy Joes on a bun with chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 pm Scott Fraser	22 Breakfast 8:00 Blueberry pancakes or blueberry waffle w/choice of meat Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00
23 Breakfast 8:00 Blueberry pancakes or blueberry waffle w/choice of meat The Stacker: 2 eggs w/cheese, meat choice on bed of hashed browns with hollandaise 30	24 Lunch Special Grilled cheese and homemade tomato soup Pulled pork on a bun with slaw and chips Bar Bingo 6-9 MEMORIAL DAY 31	25 Lunch Special Scalloped potatoes w/diced ham and a roll \$4.94 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	26 Lunch Special Penne Pasta w/ Italian sausage bake Crystal VFW Rib Dinner 5-8 pm KARAOKE 7:00	27 Lunch Special Meatloaf with mashed and gravy w/roll Bar Bingo 6-9	28 Lunch Special Grilled cheese w/ swiss and American and homemade cream of tomato soup Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 pm Bob Holden	29 Breakfast 8:00 The Stacker: 2 eggs w/cheese, meat choice on bed of hashed browns with hollandaise Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00