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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



Greetings Comrades,

The weather has turned cold, the trees are looking bare. Another harvest is upon us. We had an Oktoberfest celebration at the club last week with the band Doctor Kielbasa playing.

Comrade Don Halverson, a 98-year-old

World War II vet was dancing up a storm to a Polka. It was a great sight. The previous weekend Don and his son Tom were at a VFW function with past Commander Larry Bengtson and his daughter Ashley. Don won \$1,000. Congrats Don! But as a statement to his character Don approached me after, with a donation of part of his winnings that we will be forwarding to the resort, Vets on the Lake. A very honorable and selfless action. Thank you, Don.

We also had our District 7 meeting in Bloomington. Our District Commander reminded that Buddy Poppy time will be soon upon us. The donations for the poppies help us serve local veterans in need. Let's support Poppy Chairman, Jim Hagenbrock to make it the best season ever.

Blood chair and past Commander Jay Leamons had a great blood draw with 43 pints. There is another draw coming up soon. Look for the flyers at the Post on how to sign up for donating. Pre-registration is required.

The annual Post audit will be upon us soon. We are already prepping for the event. I attended the Inspector training at the Department Fall Conference in Wilmar. It provided great insight on how to ensure our Post is healthy and aces the audit.

Membership is an issue across the country. We appreciate your continued support. There are still many members who on annual renewal. Please consider becoming a Life Member. To help, the Post will contribute \$100 to the cost of becoming a Life Member. And as always. If you meet a vet, ask them if they have joined the VFW. Our mission of helping veterans depends on our membership.

We continue to make investments in our club. It is a great meeting place and provides us with the resources to help local veterans and the community. It is your Post. Please come down and join us. There are great programs to help veterans and our community. We would be happy to see you.

(continued)

We are doing a lot in the performance of our Mission. We could always use your help. Our meetings are at 7pm every third Tuesday in the basement. I will see you at the "V".

Respectfully,

Jim Doten, Commander

from the QUARTERMASTER

We strive to bring you a newsletter you will enjoy and to provide relevant information. Please notify us ASAP of any change (temporary or permanent) in your mailing address, as there is a charge to the Post for mail that is undeliverable. If you prefer to receive the Post newsletter in PDF format, please contact me via Email at: quartermaster494@comcast.net. You will receive the newsletter in color, get it more quickly, and save the cost to print and mail hard copy.

Jim Richter, Post 494 Quartermaster



Don Fernstrom and Harlan Anderson present a check to Debbie Breth at the St. Cloud VA recreation department.

Westphal American Legion

Westphal Legion Members:

Hope this note finds everyone feeling OK and I hope COVID-19 has bypassed all of you and your families. Remember to get your membership in. We would like to get as close to 100% as we can.

We are going to be going through the storage trailer in the next two months. Hope to get rid of some of the old stuff and donate the rest to other clubs. Have a great holiday and stay healthy.

Tom Juergens, Commander

from the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Members,

Fall is definitely in the air; the leaves are now turning and beautiful colors can be seen all over the state. Which means we all know what is right around the corner, so let's enjoy it while we can. I hope this finds you and your families safe and looking forward to enjoying the holidays this year.

Veterans Day is Thursday November 11. This year we celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of WWI Armistice Day, which ended the war on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. In May 1954, President Eisenhower renamed the day "Veterans Day" for all Veterans. What a wonderful day to honor and thank our Veteran heroes for all they have done for us.

In honor of Veterans Day, The VA Medical Center in Minneapolis & the MN Veterans Home are planning a joint Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day at 11AM. All are welcome to show their appreciation for Veterans Past and Present. Bring out decorating supplies to decorate your vehicle and join the parade – starting point is Parking Lot 11 at VA Hospital.

Currently our auxiliary membership stands at 95.39%. Thank you to everyone for keeping our Auxiliary strong. If you haven't yet paid get your dues, get them in before December 15th so that you can remain in good standing. If you are having difficulty let us know.

At our October Auxiliary meeting, Past Dept President-Current SR Vice Doris Anderson attended our meeting and brought greetings from the District President Char Guse and officers. Doris was able to inspect our Auxiliary and we passed with flying colors – which means we are a

healthy Auxiliary working together to support our Veterans.



Left to Right:

Secretary, Debbie Larson;
Treasurer, Lori Aydt; SR
District Vice President,
Doris Anderson.
Front: Auxiliary
President, Marge
Rubenstein

Upcoming Events:

Election Day: November 3rd

Daylight Savings time ends: November 7th

National Veterans and Military Family Month

National Family Care Giver Month

Marines Birthday: November 10th

Veteran's Day: November 11th

Auxiliary Meeting: November 16th 6:30

Thanksgiving: November 25th

Thank you all 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



"Trick or Trot" through Crystal Community. Our VFW Post/Aux participated in the event attended by more than 200 children. Lisa (not pictured) and Tina Marie Sundberg received the "best table display."

Auxiliary Bake Sale is BACK!

The 2nd Wednesday
each month during
Lion's Steak Fry

Bakers: Please have
your goodies here
by 4PM!

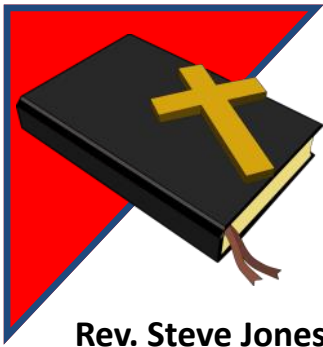
Weds., November 10
@ 5-7PM

#494 VFW/Auxiliary
Children's Holiday Fest

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Movies, Face painting, craft fun,
Hot dog, chips, cookies, beverage,
mini doughnuts (by Lions)
Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus!
(Candy canes, gift bags)
When: December 5th 2021
Time: 12:00 – 2:00p
At VFW lower level
See you there!



Rev. Steve Jones

Chaplain's Corner



Taps & Sick Call

TAPS

Tom Moore, Vietnam Vet

Joseph Herrera, Korean War

SICK

Past Commander; John Rooney



The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day . . .

Two months ago, I wrote of the Christian Bible proscription, *"Let us not neglect to meet together, as some do . . ."* This month we see our annual Veterans Day come again. A day to remember the horror and calamity of organized violence. We who served in many and various posts under all flags of our military services do well to remember our comrades living and dead who were brothers and sisters in arms.

In the Hebrew Old Testament of the Christian Bible there is a word: "Zacchar" Which means "Remember!" Not just remember to pick up potatoes at the store, or remember to take out the trash. But ... Remember! The things which are important. God, family, honor, comrades.

Join with your VFW sisters and brothers in the many ceremonies of this day and remember. Remember those with whom you served. Those who suffered. Those whom you met in service. Those whom you fought.

St. Paul wrote, *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* (Romans 12:21). I pray the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ, Great Physician and Healer of Souls, bless you and keep you and ... remember you as you ... remember ...



Supporting our Veterans: Wendy Sleyphen receives a check from Post 494 presented by Chaplain Rev. Steve Jones, after the death of her husband.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The term **Good of the Order** refers to that part of the agenda or meeting during which members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the organization, without having any particular item of business before the meeting.

Legacy Life Membership

You may have attended the unveiling of our Legacy Life Membership Wall next to the display cabinet on Sunday, September 19, 2021, but you may not understand the true significance of the honor. Any current or past Life Member of the VFW can become a Legacy Life Member and be added to the wall. (see photo, right)

It requires a one-time contribution to the National Veterans of Foreign Wars in one of three categories \$400 for a Bronze Membership, \$800 for a Silver Membership or \$1,200 for a Gold Membership. When accepted your application will entitle you to a Legacy Life Plaque on our wall and many other benefits.

Most important it will help strengthen the mission of the VFW where **no one does more for veterans** in perpetuity. Your Legacy Life Membership will provide an annual endowment to the Post in the name of the member thus strengthening the resources of the Post to provide aid and assistance to veterans and continue to provide services to the community in which we reside.

Memorial Legacy Life Membership

You can also create a Memorial Life Legacy Membership to honor the service of a deceased life member. Never forget their service and sacrifice! I, for one, look forward to the growth of our Legacy Life Membership Wall supporting programs that benefit members and the community for years to come.

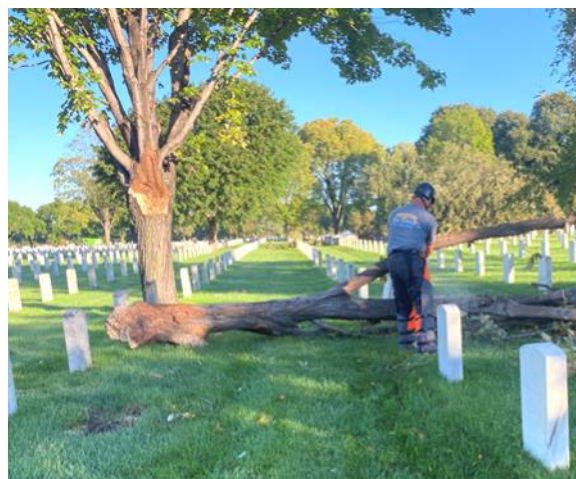
Membership in the VFW

Membership in the VFW is the lifeblood of our organization. If you know of anyone who is eligible to be a member of the VFW, please encourage them to contact any officer for a membership application. They are available at the office of the Quartermaster. We encourage everyone to reach out to our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. Many of them may be looking for a way to continue their service after separation from the military. Our Vietnam veterans feel their pain and are in a unique position to help them during the transition.

VFW Post 494 Veteran and Community Support



VFW Legacy Life Membership Wall: see article @ left.



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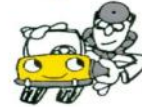
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Friday Night Live Music 6:30-11pm

Nov 7	Deb Barrett
Nov 14	Wayne & the Boys
Nov 21	Wayne & the Boys
Nov 28	City Lights

from the Kitchen and Bar

Happy November, please join us for **Sunday Football!** (see calendar)



- ★ Drink specials start @ NOON!
- ★ Breakfast ends at 12:30 pm on Sat/Sun
- ★ Weekend FOOD specials start @ 1PM

Vikes / Packers: 11-21 Home @ NOON

Weds., Nov. 24 on Thanksgiving EVE, join us for MEAT RAFFLE at 4 pm and stay for LIVE MUSIC with the Bad Habits Brass band, an 8 piece cover band

Happy Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov 25

We are CLOSED.

Craft Sale 8 am—6 pm
Sunday, Nov. 28:
lower level



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

Emily Wilkinson, General Manager

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For your safety: Please bring your own dauber or you may purchase one at the VFW.

Bar RINGO: Free to play Saturday, 5 pm

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



Road cleanup crew: Saturday, October 23 VFW members and supporters picked up trash along Bass Lake Road to support the City of Crystal. **BACK ROW:** Jim Richter, Mike Swioklo, Jay Leamons, Larry Bengtson. **FRONT ROW:** Debbie Krych, Rick Brodala, Bob Vorderbruggen, Rick Godfrey.

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November 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
	1 Lunch Special Chicken salad on a toasted croissant w/chips Bar Bingo 6-9	2 Lunch Special Tuna noodle hotdish with chips, roll and butter \$5 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	3 Lunch Special Spaghetti and meatball w/garlic toast Vietnam Vets Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm KARAOKE 7:00	4 Lunch Special Beef stroganoff over noodles, roll/butter Bar Bingo 6-9	5 Lunch Special Shredded BBQ chix sandwich on a ciabatta w/ coleslaw and chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 Deb Barrett	6 Breakfast 8:00 Apple fritter French toast w/choice of meat Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00 Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
7 Breakfast 8:00 Apple fritter French toast w/choice of meat VIKES @ Ravens NOON Marcus & Friends Music after 3	8 Lunch Special Chicken cordon bleu sandwich w/ chips Gambling Mtg 1 pm CMC MTG 2:00 Bar Bingo 6-9	9 Lunch Special Shepherds pie (hamb and veges in gravy topped w/mashed potatoes), roll and butter \$5 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	10 Lunch Special Lasagna rollups w/ meat sauce and garlic toast Crystal Lions Steak Fry 5-7 pm KARAOKE 7:00	11 Lunch Special Roast pork loin w/ mashed, gravy, roll and butter Veteran's Day Complimentary SOS to all Veterans 11am until gone Bar Bingo 6-9	12 Lunch Special Sloppy Joe w/ chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 Wayne & the Boys	13 Breakfast 8:00 Breakfast burrito w/ scrambled eggs, cheese, meat choice Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00 Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
14 Breakfast 8:00 Breakfast burrito w/ scrambled eggs, cheese, meat choice VIKES @ Chargers 3:05PM	15 Lunch Special Cuban sandwich w/chips Bar Bingo 6-9	16 Lunch Special Chicken enchilada hot dish w/tortilla chips \$5 Burger Basket 5:30-9 Aux. Mtg 6:30 Post Mtg. 7:00 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	17 Lunch Special Italian beef sandwich w/ mozzarella and chips Westphal Legion 251 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm KARAOKE 7:00	18 Lunch Special Meatloaf with mashed, gravy, roll & butter Bar Bingo 6-9	19 Lunch Special Shrimp basket w/ slaw and fries Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 Wayne & the Boys	20 Breakfast 8:00 Hamburger SOS w/2 eggs Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00 Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
21 Breakfast 8:00 Hamburger SOS w/2 eggs Vikes vs. Green Bay 12:00 Marcus & Friends Music after 3	22 Lunch Special Grilled cheese w/ cup of homemade cream of tomato soup Bar Bingo 6-9	23 Lunch Special Tatertot hotdish with roll and butter \$5 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	24 Lunch Special Crispy chicken parmesan on a bun with chips Meat Raffle 4pm Crystal VFW Rib Dinner 5-8 pm BAD HABIT BRASS BAND 7-11	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY CLOSED	26 Lunch Special BBQ pulled pork sandwich w/slau and chips Meat Raffle 4pm Live music 6:30 City Lights	27 Breakfast 8:00 Waffle topped w/ mixed berry compote, whipped cream, meat choice Meat raffle 2 pm RINGO 5:00 PM KARAOKE 7:00 Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
28 Breakfast 8:00 Waffle topped w/ mixed berry compote, whipped cream, meat choice VIKES @ 49ers NOON Marcus & Friends Music after 3	29 Lunch Special Crispy BBQ Chicken sandwich with chips Bar Bingo 6-9	30 Lunch Special Diced ham in scalloped potatoes, roll and butter \$5 Burger Basket 5:30-9 DJ Trivia 6:30pm	<div> <p>Weds Thanksgiving EVE: 4 pm Meat Raffle & Live Music after with BAD HABITS BRASS</p> </div>			