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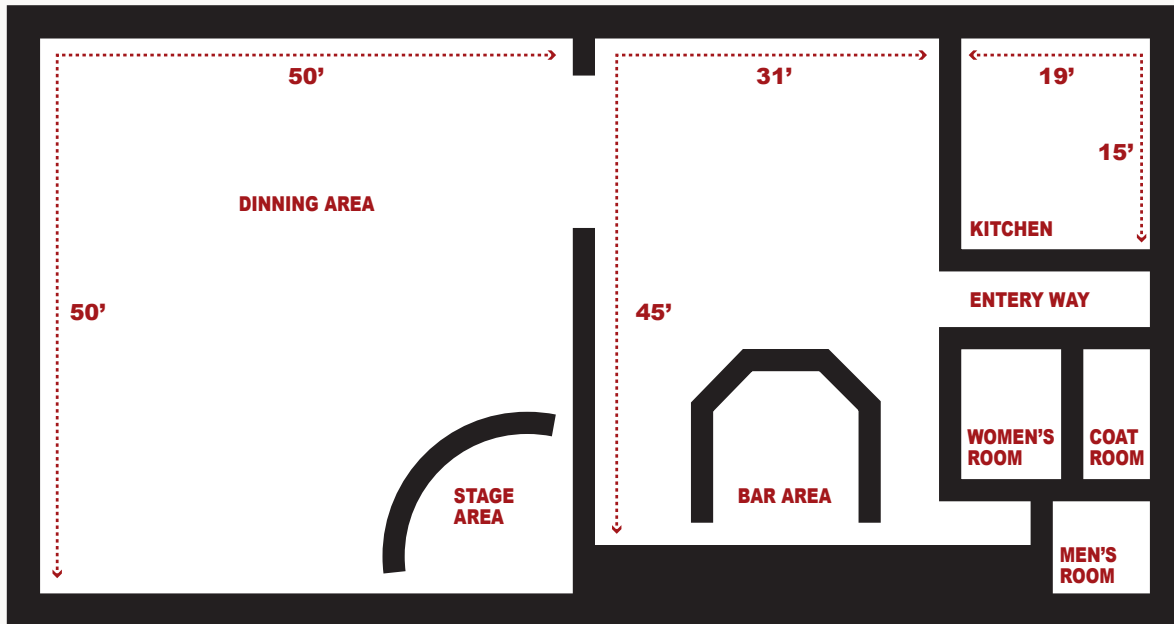
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Comrades & Sisters

2023, was a very, very active year and brought with it new members, capital improvements and challenges for the future. The post is solvent and stable and preparing for the future due solely to the commitment of our membership, past and present.

More than just the numbers, our goal is involvement, please continue influence the membership to attend meetings and post functions either virtually or in person. Our ability to sustain the post into the next generation absolutely relies on active membership, please continue to invite members to participate.

In 2023, the revenues from our charcoal chicken, gun raffle, Ham and Turkey Raffle and 4th of July Beer tent were on par with the previous years. The loyalty of the community and their continued support in 2023 cannot be overlooked. Please continue to thank them! The Ham and Turkey was a complete success! I would like to continue to thank Stan

Swenson, Gary Krause, and Jim and Kim Goss for perfecting and streamlining the organization of the raffle over the years. For the Quartermaster position, it has made the job of managing that event super-efficient.

31 Guns in 31 Days... Has been a fantastic source of income for the club over the last two years. The local proprietors allowing us to sell our tickets in their businesses and our club sellers have ensured our success. The 2024 drawing is this week... We will be contacting the winners throughout the month of March. Best of luck to all!

The roof! The club, as you are all aware has undergone a face lift over the last few years and the last project (I thought) was the roof. In 2023 we had the roof replaced, and it looks fantastic. We needed to protect our investment for the next 30 years! In February we had the club public address system updated and it sounds fantastic. Finally, and most importantly, our

community programs... Along with providing comradery and support to our fellow veterans and their families, one of our key charter missions is to support our community at large. The post donated a total \$6,916.00 to community programs. These programs included our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners, our College/Tech School Scholarships, the Teacher of the Year Program, the Buffalo County Veterans Memorial Project, the Boy Scouts of America, the Sheriffs Dept. National Night Out, the Community Action Committee [4th of July program] and the VFW Post 10406 Auxiliary.

That is all from the Quartermaster Desk. Thank you all for what you done in 2023 for the club, our fellow veterans, their families and the community at large.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steve Schiffli
Post Quartermaster



SR. VICE COMMANDER: COMMENTS: KRIST BESELER \ VFW Post 10406

Current & Upcoming News

Hello Comrades a short column to welcome you to the new year and let you know of our future events.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we will be having our Veterans Appreciation Dinner February 24, 2024. I hope to see you all there.

Of course, our Chicken Qs are listed on our VFW website calendar. This is the best chicken and brats around and we sure could use your support both in volunteering or purchasing this great meal.

We will be hosting the district 9 meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2024. As always, we will be having a training session in the morning, catered lunch, and then the meeting in the afternoon. North End Bar and Grill will be catering our lunch meal that day. It would be nice to see all those that attended our post meetings present and our District 9 meeting if you are able.

Further out our summer Department of Wisconsin convention will be June 12-16, 2024 in Green Bay Wisconsin. The Wisconsin VFW newspaper will have the details in the next addition which is sent to your house or can be looked up online on the Wisconsin VFW website. The hotel and convention center where the meeting will be held this year is the Tundra Lodge Resort Waterpark & Conference Center 865 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay, WI 54304 United States, Telephone: (920) 405-8700.

Make your reservations now for any part of the convention you wish to attend. Once the announcement comes out in the newspaper rooms will go fast. I like driving over and attending the Friday evening dinner and then the Saturday morning/afternoon meeting and departing Saturday afternoon for home. We will talk about this again at our March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Krist Beseler
Sr. Vice Commander



Annual VFW Post 10406 \ Cochrane-Buffalo City APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER

Invitation From The Senior Vice Commander

VFW Post 10406, Auxiliary Members, Veterans and Guests:

Comrades, it is my pleasure to invite you and your guest to this years Veterans Appreciation Dinner. This year's event will be held on Saturday February 24, 2024. We will have a social hour at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm and a program that will start shortly after. We should be complete with our program around 8:00pm or shortly after when we will retire. We have again retained Roger's Country Catering to provide us a homestyle meal with a menu to be determined. We have much to celebrate in the past year as we have maintained our All-State Team status and even made All-American Team a second time as a post and more. Our program this year will look back at some of our accomplishments as well as forward with some program award announcements.

Commander Dehnke will be hosting this year's program along with myself and others. I hope to see and talk to you all at our dinner this year. As always, the meal and event are completely paid for and provided by VFW Post 10406 as a thank you to everyone who attends. If you or any of your guest plan to attend, please call Club Manager, Kimberly Beseler at (608) 799-6548 or email at kabeseler19@gmail.com, with your name and how many will be attending. Let us all enjoy a night together where we can all celebrate, enjoy our comradeship and see each other in person. -- Krist Beseler \ Senior Vice Commander

- ✘ 5:00pm Social Hour
 - ✘ 6:00pm Dinner
 - ✘ Opening Prayer (Chaplain)
 - ✘ Serving Line Opens After Prayer
 - ✘ Program 6:45pm-8:30pm
 - ✘ Program Begins with Dessert
 - ✘ Opening Remarks by Commander
 - ✘ Introduction of Head Table
 - ✘ Introduction of Guests
 - ✘ Recognition of Friends and Benefactors
 - ✘ Patriot Pen wards
 - ✘ VOD Awards
 - ✘ Closing Remarks
 - ✘ Closing Prayer
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Appreciation & Recognition Highlights


Saturday, February 24, 2024

3rd Annual VFW Post 10406 \ March Fundraising Raffle

PATRIOT RAFFLE 31 GUNS IN 31 DAYS

Raffle Tickets @ \$25 Each | Contact Doug Ratz

We are selling 2,000 Patriot Raffle tickets at \$25 each. Participants will receive a chance to win one gun each day in the month of March 2024. Winners will be announced each day in the month of March. This is the second year doing this raffle. Year one we were able to bring in over \$32,000.00. -- Doug Ratz \ VFW Post 10406

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VFW Post 14406 Cochrane, Wisconsin U.S.A.

**VFW Post 10406
Patriot Raffle**

100 Michaels Street, Cochrane, WI 54622

\$25 PER TICKET

Maximum Tickets Sold: 2,000. Need not be present to win

31 Chances to win during the month of March 2023

Winner of a gun or choice of cash everyday!


Winners will be re-entered

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Henry Golden Boy .22LR or \$400	2 Taurus 856 .38 SPC or \$225	3 Tikka T3X 6.5MM Creedmoor or \$500	4 Zigana 9MM or \$250
5 Ruger Wrangler .22LR or \$125	6 Beretta A300 Ultima 12 GA or \$500	7 Henry Survival .22 LR or \$250	8 Winchester SX4 12 GA or \$600	9 Springfield Hellcat Pro 9MM or \$400	10 Century Arm BFT 47 7.62x39MM or \$500	11 Dickenson Ranger BP12 12 GA or \$300
12 Glock 19x FDE 9MM or \$400	13 Savage 220 20 GA or \$400	14 Henry Big Boy 44 MAG or \$500	15 Taurus TX22 .22LR or \$350	16 Messberg Silver Reserve .410 O/U or \$450	17 Savage 33R17 SS .17HMR or \$225	18 Taurus Judge 410/.45LC or \$350
19 Bergara B14 .270 WIN or \$550	20 Rugar 10/22 Walnut Stock .22LR or \$250	21 Springfield Hellcat Micro 9MM or \$350	22 Ruger AR 5.56 Nato or \$600	23 Rock Island V980 12GA or \$400	24 Ruger LCP 380 AUTO or \$250	25 Smith & Wesson 637.38 SPC or \$325
26 Gamo Whisper .177 Cal or \$100	27 Winchester XPR .270 WSM or \$375	28 Springfield XD 9MM or \$250	29 Winchester SXP 20GA or \$250	30 Ruger PC Carbine 9MM or \$400	31 Howa 6.5CM Legacy RWB or \$800	

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**VFW Post 10406
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March 2023

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Contact Doug Ratz (507) 313-3972

Winner Announced Everyday In March

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Goss \ VFW Post 10406

Message From The President

It has been a great honor thus far serving as your president, we have welcomed several new members and have had some great losses as well in losing those sisters who we have held in highest regards.

It has been a busy eight months with some changes but also some additions making our Auxiliary even stronger. We as part of District 9 hold first place in the race with 102.33% in memberships, that is something to be very proud of, congratulations!

We stayed busy assisting our VFW in the monthly chicken and brat events, 4th of July in the park, Veterans Day and Memorial Day services while also achieving new goals set by us. Our newly formed Committees have been a great asset to the president and group, it's been wonderful to see so many members getting excited to be involved.

We visited with C-FC students K-6 discussing patriotism and flag etiquette, all the students received a mini flag for waving at parades, a patriotic pencil, and a flag sticker. In turn we were invited to have lunch with the students after the veteran's day program where they displayed their artwork and waved their flags.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring WAA (Wreaths Across America) of Buffalo City, wreaths were layed on local veteran's grave in the Buffalo City Cemetery including our Gold Star Family. For more information on WAA and how you can purchase a wreath and be a part of laying these beautiful wreaths, please see the information listed on the webpage or by contacting Deb Kujak.

Our Halloween Committee dressed the part at the Trunk or Treat in the park handing out candy to all the ghosts and goblins and some big one's too, they had a great time, and we look forward to next year.

We had our first joint Christmas party with the VFW in December, our Christmas Committee did an awesome job putting this together it was enjoyed by all, mark your calendars for December 9, 2024, for the next joint Christmas party.

We filled out and hand delivered Christmas Cards to the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home, we recently signed Valentine's Day cards and delivered them as well. Putting a smile on a face or touching the heart with a simple greeting is something these Veterans deserve.

You can view photos of these events and updates on our Facebook page. If you are not on the personal Facebook page, please reach out and we will assist you. You can also view our public VFW and Auxiliary page at <https://vfwpost10406.org/auxiliary/index.html>

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Goss \ VFW Post 10406

Message From The President

We went outside the box in 2023-2024 and did a handgun raffle and we exceeded our expectations, great job Auxiliary, the drawing for the raffle will be on March 16th during the VFW Chicken and Brat event.

We have been working on reaching out to our members correcting contact information, it has been great to personally speak to you and having updated our records. If you have a name, address, email, and phone number change please let us know so we can make those changes and you are receiving all the information firsthand.

As we move into the second month of 2024 and upcoming events, the Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be on February 24th honoring our Viet Nam Era Veterans. A dinner and program will be held including our VOD (Voice of Democracy) and PP (Patriots Pen) winners' recognition. The Auxiliary reached out to the Choir Students from CFC for singers, we have 4 volunteers to sing our National Anthem this year along with inviting back to assist in the Missing Man Table is past Voice of Democracy Winner Hale Madsen, will be lighting the candle. We are looking forward to this event, all VFW and Auxiliary members and families were welcomed and invited.

We will be having our nominations of Officers for the 2024-2025 year at our March 14th meeting, any member in good standing may nominate themselves or someone else, except for At Large Members. No member shall be elected to the office unless the member is in attendance at the election, or unless they submit in writing their willingness to be elected and hold office. All Officer positions are open for nominations, the secretary position is a appointed position by the president. Remember these are nominations only, our Elective Officers shall be nominated and elected at the regular business meeting in April.

I have agreed to remain as President fulfilling my two-year commitment through 2026, I'm truly enjoying this experience and everything I have learned and still learning while representing our Auxiliary and working together with you all.

Please remember that as an elected Officer you are not required to keep moving up the ladder, you can do one year, two years or how many you want depending on the interest of that position, so please consider an Officer position.

While attending District, State and National events are very informative they are not required at this level by any individual, but they are fun.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Goss \ VFW Post 10406

Message From The President

This year's State Convention will be held June 12 -15th in Green Bay, you can always learn something new along with new people, you can attend all or one of the events, I'm personally excited for the Formal Military Ball that will be the closing this year. Every VFW and Auxiliary member may attend all, one or just the evenings meal and ball.

New Officers equals new ideas and opportunity for growth inside our Auxiliary not to mention we have fun and its very rewarding.

We hold our meetings the second Thursday of the month at the VFW in Cochrane at 7:00pm.

No One Does More For Veterans.

Kimberly Goss
Auxiliary President \ VFW Post 10406
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New Auxiliary Caps Available

VFW Auxiliary officer caps now available. Section 1001 of the 2019 Auxiliary National Bylaws has been amended to include an optional and acceptable cap of overseas type or ladies modified style for either male or female officers. Only 1 title is permitted per cap.



Starting at \$43.00/ea

Includes Right Side:

- ✘ VFW Auxiliary Cross of Malta
- ✘ VFW AUX (In 2 Lines) in Gold At Front

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Are You Eligible To Join?

You must be related to a veteran who has served in overseas combat, earning the campaign medals eligible. That veteran can be a living or deceased spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent or grandchild. Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran. See website below or contact Kimberly Beseler today...

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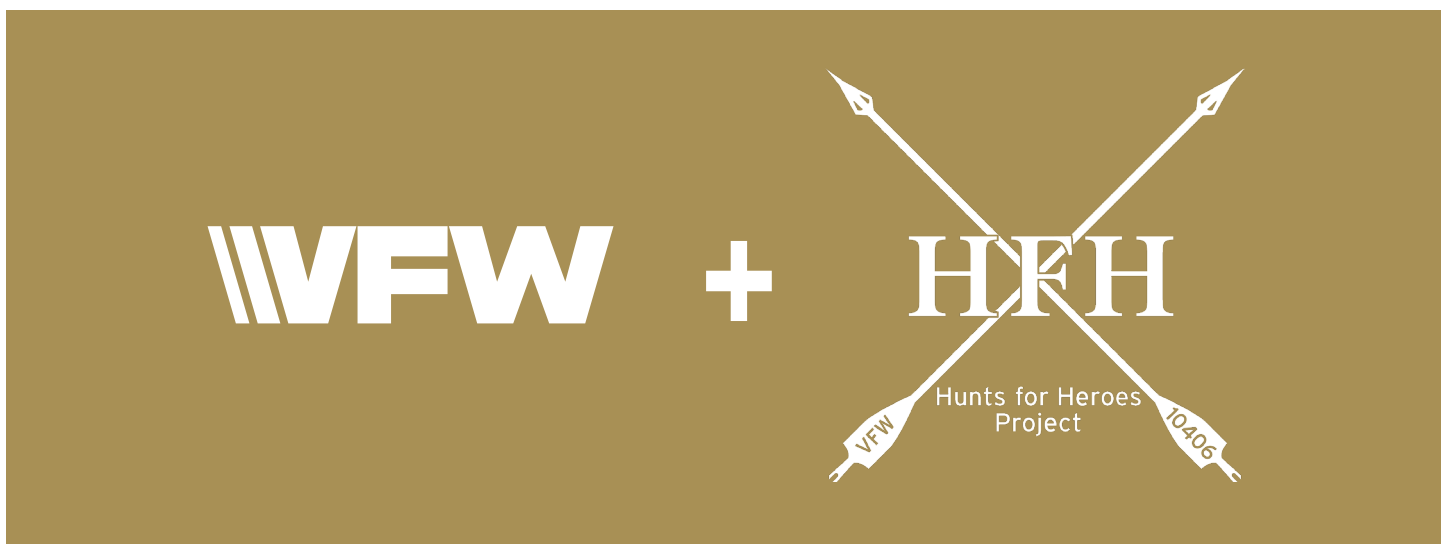
HUNTS FOR HEROES: Doug Ratz \ VFW Post 10406

Hunts For Heroes Project

The Hunts For Heroes Project is entering its 16th year. This past year the project was able to take 29 Veterans on five hunting or fishing Trips. These trips cover anything the Veterans may need in order to participate, to include hunting or fishing equipment, special equipment for disabled Vets, lodging, food, and guide services.

Over the past four years VFW Post 10406 in conjunction with The Brothel Tavern has hosted a Hunts For Heroes Fundraiser in September of each year. This event has raised over \$80,000.00 since hosting the first event in the Fall of 2019. This year the event will be in September. Please look for more details in next quarter's newsletter.

To find out more information or apply for a hunt log onto vfwpost10406.org/huntsforheroes and click about. To see pictures from past hunts, log onto Facebook and search HUNTS for Heroes.



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CLUB MANAGER: Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2024

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
January 9th Belvidere Town Mtg	February 8 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	March 10 Cub Scout Meeting	April 2 Belvidere Elections
January 11th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	February 17 Cub Scout Meeting	March 14 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	April 11 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
January 13th VFW Chicken Fry	February 24 VFW Appreciation Dinner	March 16 VFW Charcoal Chicken	April 13 VFW Charcoal Chicken



POST 10406 -- WANTS YOU!

"Members, you are our back bone and without you our effort would certainly fail. Your VFW is here for you whenever you choose and in whatever capacity you choose, as a active member, semi active or inactive. You greatest contribution alone is your continued membership at Post 10406"

John Dehnke - Commander

Keeping The NON-TECH Community Connected

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VFW Events are in the Newspaper!

Good communication with our members and the public is essential in all we do. In addition to our newsletters being posted on our website -- we also mail a hard copy to every VFW/AUX member that does NOT use electronic means. We also promote news and events throughout the year in our local newspaper.

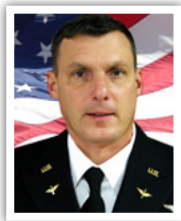


COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

2024 Post Officers



John Dehnke
Commander



Krist Beseler
Sr Vice Commander



Douglas J Ratz
Jr Vice / Adjutant



Steve Schiffli
Quartermaster



Open Position
Chaplain



Richard Treu
1st Year Trustee



Gary Krause
2nd Year Trustee



Kimberly Beseler
Club Manager



Jim Goss
Service Officer



Jim Goss
Judge Advocate



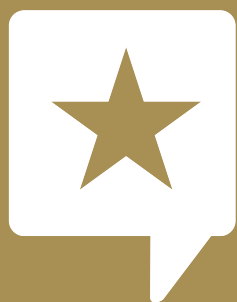
Steve Zastrow
Surgeon



Al Farner
Officer of the Day

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