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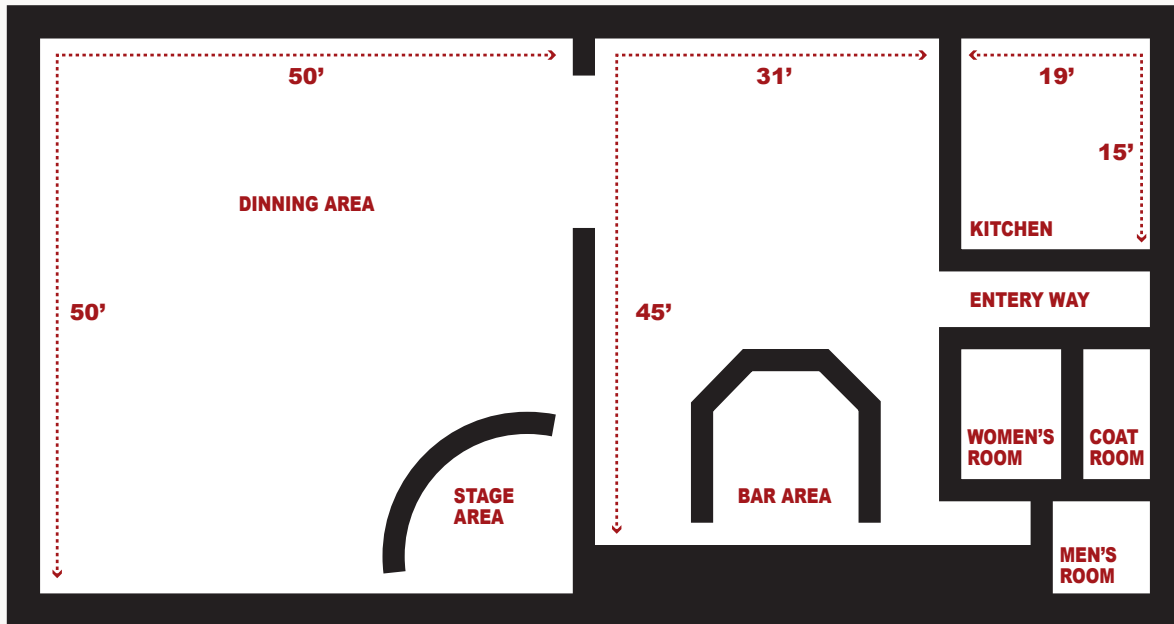
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**COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406**

# Comrades & Sisters

I just wanted to say hello and fill you all in on what has been happening with the club. We have been extremely busy with our club rentals this summer. Les and Sharon Kamrowski have done a tremendous job of cleaning and taking care of the club. Sadly, Les has stepped down as club manager effective August 1st. I would like to thank Les for his dedication and commitment as club manager, He will be missed.

The 2023 charcoal chicken Q's thus far have been a successful with most being sell outs. As the commander, I am so privileged to have such a hardworking and dedicated team. The Chicken Q's are successful thanks to the hard work of both the Auxiliary & our Chicken cookers. Much fun and comradery also happens at these events. If you didn't get a chance to make it over to Buffalo City

for the 4th of July Independence Day celebration, it was an absolute success. Our amazing parade team of Doug Ratz and Cory Semling, brought order to chaos by establishing a fantastic line up of parade participants. We were so pleased to see River Road and 10th Street completely lined with people. Our beer tent personal did a fantastic job as well, I am extremely proud of you. Thank You.

Patriot Raffle tickets are out! Our March 2024 gun raffle has been a huge fund raiser for us; however, we cannot be successful without your support. Please reach out and sell tickets, every little bit helps. We have been able to make significant changes to the club over the past few years due to this raffle. Our post objective is a new roof, the last in a series of capital club improvements. This will set the next generation

of club members up for continued success.

Please always remember to talk to Veterans to see if they are members of the VFW and check in with them to them to see if they are in need of anything. That is what we are here for is to take care of our brothers & sisters. See you at our meetings or Chicken Q's,

I just want you all to realize just how awesome we have it in Post 10406!

No One Does More For Veterans.

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**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Kimberly Goss \ VFW Post 10406

# Message From The President

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary was founded in 1914 to help Veterans and their families. At the dawn of this new Millennium, that is still the primary goal of the organization. The organization has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the Veterans who belong to the VFW.

The Department of WI Auxiliary was found on July 30, 1925. On July 20, 2015, delegates to the VFW's 102nd National Convention in Pittsburgh voted to amend the dated by-law to extend the same membership opportunity to eligible males. The gender-specific eligibility requirement only allowing eligible female spouses and family members of any Veteran of a foreign war had been in place for more than 100 years. Like the VFV, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. It is solidly behind America today as

it was when it was founded. The Auxiliary is an integral part of the VFW and supports a host of programs which pursue issues of national importance to Veterans. These programs are designed to preserve Veterans rights, advocate a strong national defense, promote patriotism, and offer community service.

Our Auxiliary works side by side with the VFvV on several levels and events, we assist with chicken BBQ's, funerals, 4th of July parade, community events like trunk or treat and partake in Veterans and Memorial Day services. We attend district and stale functions, while honoring our veterans both past and present.

This year the Auxiliary has been asked to sponsor wreaths across America for the Buffalo City cemetery, we are very honored and excited to work hand in hand with them and place these beautiful wreaths on the graves of our veterans.

My goal as the newly elected president is to keep growing

our Auxiliary by numbers and strength while adding new committees and fundraisers so we can better serve and assist the VFW our veterans and community.

The auxiliary has had the honor and privilege of having a dedicated leader and president for the past 4 years. Kimberly Beseler took over at a time when there was no one else to step up into the President's position, today we are stronger with an increase of members as there is strength in numbers, she alone has recruited 5 new members.

Thank you to all our VFW Auxiliary members and officers for everything you do in making our Auxiliary a strong and healthy one.

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Kimberly Goss  
VFW Post 10406 \ Auxiliary  
President  
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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.



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- ✘ 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...

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/join-us/eligibility-information/>

Kimberly Goss  
VFW Post 10406 \ Auxiliary President  
(608) 248-2733

**CLUB MANAGER:** Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

# Post Activities 2022

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
July 4th VFW/AUX Parade 1:00pm	August 8th Belvidere Town Mtg	September 9th VFW Charcoal Chicken	October 10th Belvidere Meeting
July 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	August 10th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	September 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	October 12th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
	August 12th VFW Charcoal Chicken	September 15th-17th Quilts of Valor	October 14th 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**

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Keeping The NON-TECH Community Connected

# NO SMARTPHONE NO PROBLEM

## 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.

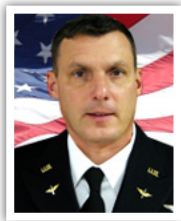


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# 2023 Post Officers



**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



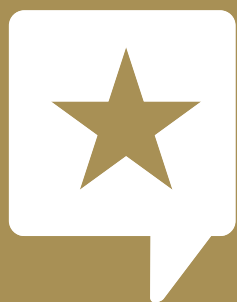
**Steve Zastrow**  
Surgeon



**Al Farner**  
Officer of the Day

All officers and their positions are on the VFW Post 10406 website

[www.vfwpost10406.org/staff.html](http://www.vfwpost10406.org/staff.html)



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