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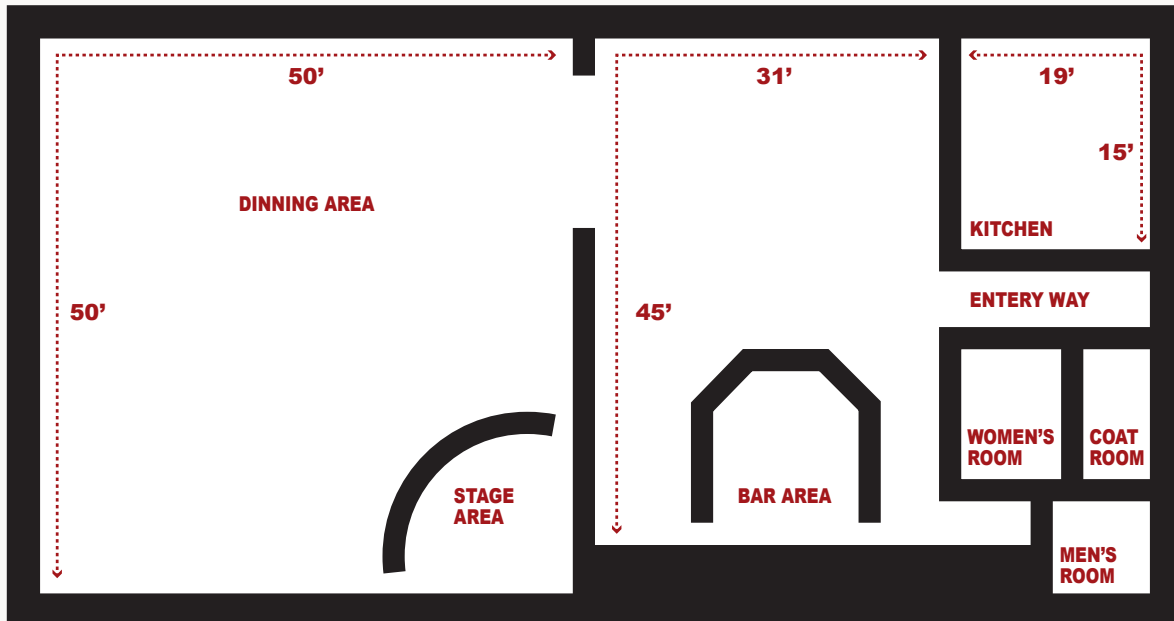
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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

# Comrades & Sisters

We have had many things going on at the VFW. We had the 9th District Conference/Meeting with elections & our very own Krist Beseler is the new 9th District Commander! We had a fantastic turn out as well as the Auxiliary, we had a fabulous meal catered by the North End Bar!! To cap off the event we dedicated the dining hall to the "Allen Kochenderfer Memorial Hall & Military Museum" with a beautiful sign made by one of our Life Members!

April also was our Post Elections & installations of Officers & I would like to congratulate William Green as our new Commander he will be taking the reins July 1st!

May is our Memorial Day events starting Sunday evening with our Cemetery visits & Monday our Memorial Day service starting in Buffalo City & ending at the Ft City public cemetery! Our MC for this will be Casey Pronschinski & our guest Speaker National Guard SGT Tyler Schmidtneck!

June is going to be our VFW's 50th Anniversary & Will will be having a Celebration on June 22nd! We will be having a Pulled Pork lunch with potato salad, Coleslaw, baked beans, smoked Mac n cheese for the cost of a donation if you want! We will not be having a Chicken Q this month or July! However July 4th we will have the Parade & 4th

celebration so if you would like to sign up to march in the Parade or work the VFW beer tent please do so! We are & will be looking forward to seeing you there! There are probably things I may have missed or will be coming up please check our Website & Facebook a lot of info goes there!

It is a privilege to be the Commander of this amazing Post!

No One Does More For Veterans.

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

# Message From The President

A great year 2023-2024 was for us, with several new members joining us, lots of activities and serving the community in a variety of ways. How quickly that first year passed, we are almost into the 5th month of 2024-2025. Our new officers have been elected and installed over the last couple of months. We were blessed to have Past Department President Inez Singson join us for our Instillation in May, so much to learn from those before us. You can view those officers in the STAFF SECTION. I'd like to personally thank each of the officers for volunteering to take on these positions as they all play an important role in the success of the Auxiliary.

I'd also like to give a warm welcome to our incoming Commander Bill Green; we look forward to working together with you and the VFW for the 2024-2025 year. To our outgoing Commander John Danke, it has been a real honor to serve with you as your Auxiliary President, all the best to you in your future endeavors we will miss you.

We are preparing for the summer and those events that we love sharing with the community, serving at the VFW chicken q's, new this year will be a bake sale at music in the park Buffalo City, Wreath's Across America, engaging with the students at CFC and so much more.

I was nominated as Sr Vice to District 9 along with Sharon Karkowski as Jr Vice and Kim Beseler as the Hospital Chairman, congratulation to the ladies for accepting the nominations, we are excited for this new adventure to grow and learn within this wonderful VFW Auxiliary Organization.

BIG TEN, we are excited to be just a few members from reaching 100% for the state of WI in Big Ten, we are currently at 19 members away from reaching our goal as of May 25, 2024.

Department Convention is just around the corner in June at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay, these conventions are very rewarding and knowledgeable, as a VFW or Auxiliary member I encourage you to attend at least one, the floor rituals alone are so embracing. This year's banquet will be the "Military Ball" so dust off those military uniforms and those ball dresses and practice the waltz.

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

# Message From The President

We are very proud and honored to have awarded Scholarships to the 2024 Seniors of CFC, each candidate was required to write an essay on what Patriotism means to them, we had 5 entries in all making it very difficult to choose the top three, congratulations to all the Seniors of CFC we wish them all the best in their future.

With so many events in the future for our POST 10406 please follow us on this page, Facebook and Twitter.

If you'd like to join this wonderful VFW and or Auxiliary organization, please leave a message or contact Commander Green on the VFW page or myself. Remember, men are now welcome to join the Auxiliary, currently we have 5 male members, welcome gentlemen.

Thank you for being an important part of our success in what we do for our Veterans, Families and Community.

No One Does More For Veterans.

Kimberly Goss  
VFW Post 10406 \ Auxiliary President  
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**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

# 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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**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...

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

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**HUNTS FOR HEROES:** Doug Ratz \ VFW Post 10406

# Hunts For Heroes Benefit

The 6th Annual Hunts For Heroes Benefit will be on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Brothel Tavern on S3165 County Road M, Fountain City, Wisconsin

## Doors Open At Noon

### Brothel Tavern:

- ✕ Games, Raffles, Bake Sale, Chicken Bingo, Silent Auction
- ✕ 100% Of The Proceeds Benefit The HFH Project

[vfwpost10406.org/huntsforheroes](http://vfwpost10406.org/huntsforheroes)

Raffle Tickets On Sale soon

Contact Doug Ratz For Tickets

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## LEARN MORE HOW TO APPLY

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

# Post Activities 2024

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
April 2 Belvidere Elections	May 9 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	June 11 Belvidere Meeting	July 4 Parade
April 11 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	May 11 VFW Charcoal Chicken	June 13 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	July 11 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
April 13 VFW Charcoal Chicken	May 14 Belvidere Meeting	June 22 VFW Post 50th Anniversary Noon	



## 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

# 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.

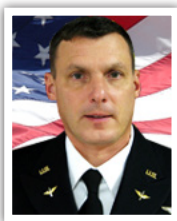


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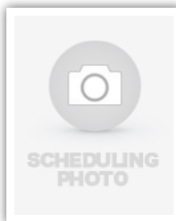
# 2024 Post Officers



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Commander



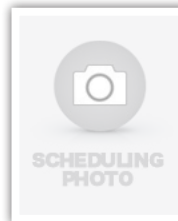
**Krist Beseler**  
Sr Vice Commander



**Cory Semiling**  
Jr Vice / Adjutant



**Steve Schiffli**  
Quartermaster



**Lance Averbeck**  
Chaplain



**Gary Krause**  
1st Year Trustee



**Les Lowenhagen**  
2nd Year Trustee



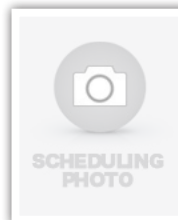
**Kimberly Beseler**  
Club Manager



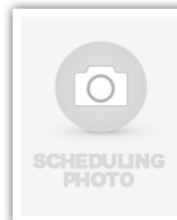
**Jim Goss**  
Service Officer



**Jim Goss**  
Judge Advocate



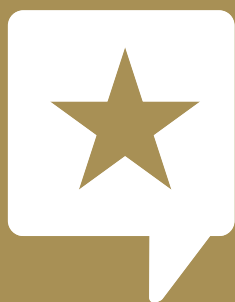
**Steve Zastrow**  
Surgeon



**Open Position**  
Officer of the Day

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

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