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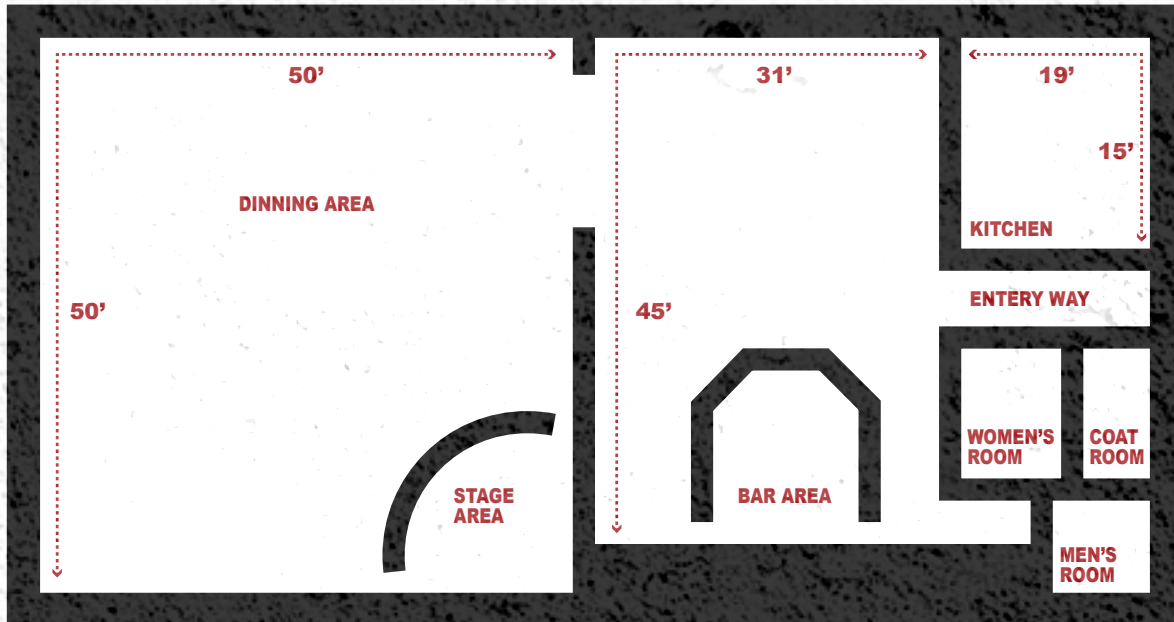
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Comrades & Sisters

VFW Post 10406 will be having their Appreciation Dinner for all members and Ladies Auxiliary members on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Social hour, with cash bar, will begin at 5:00pm. A complimentary dinner will be served at 6:00pm; we will be having roast beef and meat balls with all the trimmings. On this evening we will be honoring our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners from C-FC Schools. We will also have a program with dinner to end the night. If you plan to attend, please call Gary Krause at 608-248-2017 with your name and how many will be attending. If no answer, please leave your name and the number of attendees on his voice mail. Please confirm your reservation prior to February 19, 2016 as I will need to let the caterer know how many to prepare for.

I would like to thank all our members and ladies auxiliary members for the past year, for

all of your hard work at all of our chicken fry's, ham and turkey raffle, and all of our other projects as they were all very successful. You may think many of your efforts go unrecognized but I assure you those efforts are noticed!

We have had a successful year again with many updates and changes. Some of the highlights include, Officer Elections, 12 monthly meetings, District meetings, the state mid-winter and summer meeting. We have had 7 Chicken Q's, a golf tournament, and a turkey and gun raffle. We have made improvements to our buildings back door with a handicapped entrance, improved our parking lot and added parking on the side of the building next to the handicapped door entrance, and we have started upgrades to our kitchen with a new commercial 10 burner and 2 oven stove. We have more to do and we are working hard at it. One of our first next projects is

posting this letter on our website as it is published quarterly. Some of you may have already seen our digital versions online the past few months. Look for the newsletter to become a permanent part of our website.

With that in mind, please take the time to check out our website as it is always growing, www.vfwpost10406.org. Also you may wish to follow on Facebook by joining our Group Page: "V.F.W Post 10406". Summer will be here before you know it and with that brings our annual golf tournament in June. Our doors are open and we look forward to seeing you!

Happy New Year, I wish you health and prosperity.

Krist D. Beseler
VFW Post 10406
Commander
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**Appreciation Dinner for all Members and the Auxiliary to the VFW
Saturday, February 27, 2016**

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Krist Beseler - VFW Post 10406

What's New?



Back Door
New Handicap Access Entrance
For The Back Door



Parking Lot
Improved Parking Lot
With Extra Side Parking



Kitchen: Stove/Oven
New Commercial 10 Burner
Stove With Double Oven

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CLUB MANAGER: Gary Krause - VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2016

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
January 5th Scout Meeting	February 2nd Scout Meeting	March 1st Scout Meeting	April 2nd Hofer Racing Chicken Fry
January 12th Belvidere Town Mtg	February 9th Belvidere Town Mtg	March 6th Legion Baseball Chicken Fry	April 5th Belvidere Elections
February 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	February 11th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	March 8th Belvidere Town Mtg	April 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
January 16th VFW Chicken Fry	February 15th Alliance Bank	March 10th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	April 16th VFW Chicken Fry
January 23rd Hope Church Pizza	February 16th Belvidere Elections	March 12th VFW Chicken Fry	April 19th Belvidere Town Mtg
January 24th Hope Church Pizza Pickup	February 27th Post Appreciation/ Recognition Dinner 5:00pm Social 6:00pm Dinner	March 20th Fireman's Dinner	April 26th CCT Annual Meeting
January 30th Belvidere Town Taxes	February 28th Scout Meeting		

All calendar events are also online on the VFW Post 10406 website
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EDITORS COMMENTS: Al Kochenderfer - VFW Post 10406

Other Post News

1. Our 2015 Ham And Turkey Raffle AND the Gun Raffle broke all previous records and we have been at it for 35 years!!!!!! This is an example of the community coming out and supporting our VFW Post and our countries Veterans while enjoying some good old fashioned fun and experiencing better odds at winning then any casino ever offers. I won't go into financial detail but it was VERY good.

2. The above along with the very successful Golf Tournament and of course our famous Post 10406 Chicken Frys and all the other fund raisers we do have put the Post in the best financial position it has ever been. This will allow us to accomplish many of the things Commander Krist mentioned in his "Commanders Comments".

3. All of the above has been possible only because of dedicated members generously volunteering their time and talents to make this the best little VFW Post around! In a past life as your VFW State Commander in 2003-2004 I visited every one of our States then 337 Posts. Big or small I found none better!! We do need to keep focused on our primary mission of assisting fellow veterans and their families. This fundamental reason for being must be balanced with funding improvements for our post home. A bigger, fancier and better Post home does not necessarily enhance our basic mission as stated above!

4. MEMBERSHIP: None of the above is possible without a strong membership. Yes, we presently have workers to do the many things the Post does but we lose members each year. Last year we ended the year with 5 less then we started. We must reverse those losses or we will soon be in trouble. We are the kind of Post/organization that eligible veterans will want to join if we tell them about ourselves AND ask them to join. Our ever improving Web Site does a great job getting the word out but the most effective recruitment method is still using the personal touch of the good old smile and eye ball to eyeball contact with a sincere invitation. RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY—NOT JUST THE Commanders.

5. HUNTS FOR HEROES: Hard to know where to start on this subject because it's such a heart moving thing one veteran, many supporting people, businesses and our VFW Post has been a part of.

Post member Kyle Bushman has "coordinated" all, heck, he has simply done it! During hunting season 2015 Kyle and associates gathered 7 disabled veterans from Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin for pheasant, duck and deer hunting. Their disabilities ranged from double leg amputees to lesser but disabling combat injuries sustained in several different wars. I cannot put into words the experience these wounded vets had once again pursuing hunting activities, something they never dreamed they would do again. That is until Kyle Bushman, a partner in a very large agriculture operation, a SGT in an Army Reserve unit at Fort McCoy, a fellow combat veteran and a good VFW member started the "HUNTS FOR HEROES" program 5 years ago. Just the logistics of gathering vets from all around the country, arranging licenses, transportation, lodging, meals and the zillion other things that need to be done to make it all happen is mind boggling!

Numerous local people provided hunting land/facilities, meat processing, taxidermy services and monetary contributions. Our Post participated financially and with meals. THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAT CAN AND MUST BE DONE!!!! This is one of those things that are just so RIGHT that you must support it whole heartedly; it's an opportunity to put our money where our mouth is.

One essential need is obtain the usage of a specialized electric powered all terrain, track equipped chair for the double amputee vets to get to hunting places they can only look at without such a device. Perhaps the most important part of this program is the healing that takes place when vets who have given so much can get together 24/7 for a week or so and hunt together, live together and share that special camaraderie that only they who have experienced what they have can ever do. This is special opportunity for our Post to live up to Tag Line of:

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QUARTERMASTERS COLUMN: Jim Goss - VFW Post 10406

VFW Post Canteen

Comrades: you can order all your VFW related items at the on-line VFW Store at this email address.
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All you have to do is establish a username and password and place your order and have it delivered right to your doorstep. That username and password also lets you get on the VFW National website and use all the tools and latest information they have available for comrades. We are in the electronic age now and it's a great tool at your fingertips that's available for you.

We had a very successful year last year and I'm looking forward to another highly successful year this year. If you know of any prospective candidates for VFW Membership encourage them to come to one of our events or meetings and enjoy the camaraderie that can only be found with fellow veterans.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUXILIARY TO POST 10406:

Join Our Auxiliary

Our VFW Auxiliary Post 10406 is a small group, but we work hard to support the many veterans in the Buffalo County area who gave so much for our country. We are proud to serve our Veterans in any way that they need. They gave so much for us and it is an honor to serve them and make sure that the fallen and disabled veterans are never forgotten.

Our Auxiliary works with the VFW Post in the many projects that they have. We help with the VFW Chicken & Brat Fry, Annual Meat Raffle, Heroes Hunt, community funerals and Fireman's Dinner

The VFW Auxiliary is proud to march with the VFW in the annual parade that is held on the Fourth of July each year. We stand beside our VFW members on Memorial Day to honor the many fallen comrades and on Veterans Days in the area schools. We also sponsor scholarships to students at the CFC School each year. These students are our future and it is an honor to help them with their education.

Our officers for our Auxiliary are Mary Lou Stewart, President; Judy Krause, Sr. Vice President; Ruth Boettcher, Jr. Vice President; Debra Kujak, Treasurer; Judy Krause, Secretary; Diane Bossert, Chaplin.

We welcome and encourage all women and men to join our Auxiliary. Without our auxiliary's help, the support for our veterans cannot be done. We are the land of the free because of the brave. Our monthly meetings are held at the Cochrane-Buffalo City VFW on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm and we encourage all to join us.

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Krist Beseler - VFW Post 10406

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Krist Beseler - Commander



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2016 Post Officers

I would like to welcome each of you to Post 10406, member, guest, patrons, businesses and organizations, we are here to serve you all! As a volunteer service organization we are unique in that 100% of our efforts are done through volunteer-ism, to better ourselves and our mission. While our club room and facility remain part time and run by our volunteers, our service we provide to the community is full time. As Commander I have been elected and entrusted by our members to represent our organization in a positive light while pursuing our mission goals. 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. Your greatest contribution alone is your continued membership at Post 10406. I look forward to meeting and serving with you all.



Krist Beseler
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