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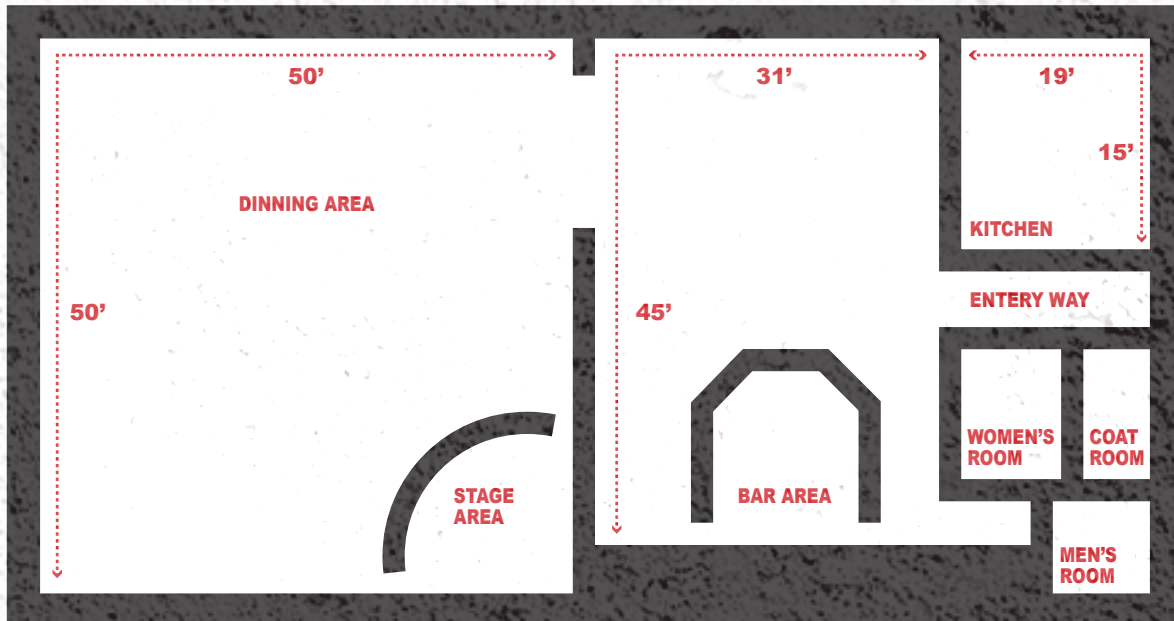
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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton \ VFW Post 10406

# Comrades & Sisters

At the end of this VFW year, June 30th, 2019, Club Manager Gary Krause will be stepping down from his position after many years. Gary, thank you for your dedication and countless hours spent at the club. We will need someone that would like to takeover Gary's position at the end of June. Gary is willing to help train whoever is willing to fill this vacant spot.

The Post is also well on our way for another All State Recognition. Krist Beseler, Jim Goss, Al Kochenderfer and I have started putting the All State packet together and crossing items off the list as we go through this VFW year. One of the activities we plan on doing as a post again is participating in the State Loyalty Day which will be held in Freedom, WI on April 27th, 2019. Please mark this on calendars so we get a good turnout.

We will be starting 2019 off busy. In January we had our first Chicken Q of the new year

with the Appreciation Dinner right around the corner on February 23rd, 2019.

The Appreciation Dinner will be a little more festive this year. We will have our regular recognition of local volunteers, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen etc. We will also have a 50-year Commemoration for the local Vietnam Veterans. It is looking to be a packed house for a special event.

Lastly, I would like to mention membership. We are currently around 100% for the post. We have a few new members that should be signing up shortly. Continue to be on the lookout for other eligible members and tell them about some of the activities that our big little post does and has accomplished over the last few years.

Let them know about Kyle Bushman's Hunts for Heroes and the Quilts of Valor chapter we help sponsor. We really have a

successful club with members that are willing to donate hours of their time. Be proud of that. Share it.

Drive safe on the wintery roads and designate your drivers. Continue to check Facebook or [www.vfwpost10406.org](http://www.vfwpost10406.org) for any news and updates. Also, check out the news channel 8 website for those that may have missed their story on Hunts for Heroes. Very awesome to see it being publicized.

Mike Stanton  
VFW Post 10406  
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## 41st Annual VFW Post 10406 \ Cochrane-Buffalo City

# APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER

## Thank You For Your Support!

On Saturday, February, 23rd our local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Cochrane-Buffalo City VFW Post 10406 held their 41st annual "Appreciation and Recognition" dinner at their post home in Cochrane. Over 100 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious sit down dinner and an excellent program.

Each year all members of the Post and its Auxiliary are invited to a sit-down dinner to simply say, your membership and participation in Americas oldest and largest combat only veterans organization is appreciated! We also recognize people and organizations in our area that have participated or contributed to the furtherance of the basic VFW core values. These include an unwavering support for ALL American veterans and their families, honoring all military service, ensuring proper medical/health care is provided for all our veterans, promote patriotic public education, especially among our youth, and service to our community.

- ✕ 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 and VOD Awards
- ✕ Vietnam Era Veterans Program
- ✕ Closing Remarks
- ✕ Closing Prayer

## Appreciation & Recognition Highlights

**Vietnam War 50th Awards  
Voice of Democracy (VOD)  
Patriot's Pen (PP)  
Teacher of the Year**



## APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER: VFW Post 10406

# Vietnam War 50th Awards

We added a very special event during the 2018-2019 VFW Appreciation & Recognition Dinner - The public recognition of this areas Vietnam Veterans as part of this Nations Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Event. Each attendee will be presented a very special lapel pin from a grateful nation. Attendance at this commemorative event is the only way to receive this lapel pin. All known Vietnam Veterans in this area are being invited to include 55 from our post.



**Larry Comero**



**Bruce Arnoldy**



**Gordy Stanton**



**Don Brandes**



**Chuck Bertrand**



**Lenny Litscher**



**Richard Mueller**



**Jack Grossell**



**Al Schmitt**



## APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER: VFW Post 10406

# Vietnam War 50th



**Fred Nietzel**



**Tom Risley**



**Gary Krause**



**Lonnie Rohrer**



**Glen Foegen**



**Richard Treu**



**Al Kockenderfer**



**Dale Peterson**



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## VFW IN THE CLASSROOM: VFW Post 10406

# Voice of Democracy (VOD)

Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.



**Jordan Anderson**

Oral Essay Program - Awarded \$300.00  
Local Area Winner



**Abigail Lindsay**

Oral Essay Program - Awarded \$200.00  
Local Area Winner



**Alexandryia Ryan**

Oral Essay Program - Awarded \$100.00  
Local Area Winner

# Patriot's Pen (PP)

Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$54,500, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.



**Reid Wiersgala**

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$100.00  
Local Area Winner



**Jacob Isakson**

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$75.00  
Local Area Winner



**Alivia Schwab**

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$50.00  
Local Area Winner



## VFW IN THE CLASSROOM: VFW Post 10406

# Classroom Certificates

The VFW strives to thank our nation's educators year-round by arming them with helpful resources and visits to local classrooms. Loving America and all it stands for is what we do best. Let us help you educate our future leaders. Veterans and their experiences play an important role in educating our nation's youth about the founding principles upon which this country was founded.



**Steve Stoppelmoor**  
C-FC Principal  
Certificate Winner



**Steve Nehring**  
VOD Teacher  
Certificate Winner



**Brian Holt**  
PP Teacher  
Certificate Winner

# Teacher of the Year

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a classroom elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics — for at least half of the school day in a classroom environment.



**Brian Janezich**  
Teach of the Year  
Local Area Winner





## QUARTERMASTERS COLUMN: Jim Goss \ VFW Post 10406

# Quartermasters Report

I would like to make a very short report. Our largest single fundraiser, the first Saturday in November "Ham and Turkey Raffle" combined with our Gun/Cash drawing held that night and the inhouse activities netted almost \$7,000.00 in the four hours of the event. This is an incredible accomplishment in a Village of 420 residents -- because of great promotion and 35 years of attendee loyalty! This event along with the 8 monthly charcoaled chicken dinners have placed our club in an extremely good financial position. We do not sit on any of these profits. Along with maintaining a fine post home/club facility we spend all our profits supporting local community needs as well as Veterans causes locally, at District level, State and National level.

Jim Goss  
VFW Post 10406, Quartermaster

## CLUB MANAGER: Gary Krause \ VFW Post 10406

# Post Activities 2019

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
January 8th Belvidere Town Mtg	February 5th Scout Meeting	March 9th UCC Church Pizza	April 2nd Belvidere Elections
January 10th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	February 13th Belvidere Town Mtg	March 12th Belvidere Town Mtg	April 11th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
January 15th Scout Meeting	February 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	March 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	April 14th Firemen's Dinner
January 13th VFW Chicken Fry	February 23rd Post Appreciation/ Recognition Dinner	March 16th VFW Chicken Fry	April 20th VFW Chicken Fry
January 27th Belvidere Taxes	5:00pm Social 6:00pm Dinner	March 24th Scouts Banquet	April 27th Ducks Unlimited

**All calendar events are also online on the VFW Post 10406 website**

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



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

# Message From The Auxiliary President

As we wrap up the 2018 and begin our 2019 year, I would like to reflect on a few of the accomplishments of our dedicated Auxiliary.



**Election Of New Officers**  
**Maintaining Over 100% Auxiliary Membership For Our Post**  
**Sponsoring/Participating In Many Community Events Such As:**

- ✘ Quilts of Valor Displays
- ✘ Hunts for Heroes
- ✘ Fourth of July Parade
- ✘ Veterans Day Celebration at CFC with Poppy Handouts
- ✘ Several Funerals
- ✘ Post Chicken Q's
- ✘ Turkey/Gun Raffle
- ✘ Attendance at District Meeting

This list goes on and on and shows the impact of our team and the dedication to our Veterans and Post 10406. Without the efforts of all and the dedication for volunteerism we could not accomplish all these things. Exciting things await in 2019 and my hope is that we can continue with our patriotic teamwork and joy for the cause. In January we unveiled our new Auxiliary flag at the post. This is an exciting time in the VFW Auxiliary as we welcome all comers that are eligible.

2019 will be filled with continued dedication, opportunities, and efficiency in our communication. If we all strive in maintaining our Auxiliary, we are also committing to the support of our Veterans.

"Some succeed because they are destined to; most succeed because they are determined to." -- Unknown.  
Let our Auxiliary succeed because we are determined to maintain and sustain.

Kimberly Hable  
VFW Post 10406, Auxiliary President

**Come join our next VFW Auxiliary Meeting:**

**Cochrane VFW on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month at 7:00pm.**



**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Kimberly Hable \ 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.



**Starting at \$35.50/ea**

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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. For more information, see website below or contact Kimberly Hable today...

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

Kimberly Hable  
VFW Post 10406, Auxiliary President



# Editor's Comments

I need to expand on some of the accomplishments of our post during 2018.

1. The post exceeded 100% in membership, i.e. we more than replaced members who moved/ transferred and our deceased members—no easy task! This means we grew in our ability to continue to do all the things we do for Veterans and our community.
2. We excelled in supporting the VFW youth programs. We conducted the patriotic writing/oral essay program, Voice of Democracy (VOD) for Senior High students at C-FC as well as the patriotic essay writing program, Patriots Pen for Junior High students at C-FC. VERY SIZABLE financial awards were given to the top 3 winners in each program.
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4. We give two VERY SIZABLE scholarships to C-FC graduating seniors. One for a 2-year institution and one for a 4-year collage.
5. The annual 4th of July Parade is 100% sponsored by the Post. We attracted approximately 4000 people this year to our little community before the rains came. This is done in support of the C-BC Lions Club 4th of July celebration. The profits the Lions Club makes from feeding, refreshing and entertaining this huge crowd is largely returned to our communities via their projects.
6. Each year our local C-FC School holds a "Military Night" which recognizes an honorary football team starting lineup of 11 veterans. Our post completely coordinates and "makes happen" everything on the veteran's side of the presentation.
7. We were the first charter financial supporter for our Buffalo County Quilts of Valor chapter. They have hand made with love, 77 quilts that have been presented to deserving area veterans with more to come! We continue to make cash donations to make this incredible activity possible.
8. We participate in our areas Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs. EVERY cemetery in the entire County where a veteran, some dating back to the Civil War, is buried has Memorial Day services conducted!

Al Kochenderfer  
VFW Post 10406, Newsletter Editor



# 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: Mike Stanton \ VFW Post 10406

# 2019 Post Officers

Comrades, I would first like to thank Krist Beseler on the job he's done over the past years as our Post Commander. There have been many changes in the club during his tenure as Post Commander and he leaves some big shoes to fill. With that being said, my intentions for the Post are not to remain stagnant and continue to bring in new ideas.

I look forward to this new experience as Post Commander. I have high expectations of myself not only because of the job that Krist had done, but for what this Post meant to my Grandfather. Thank You all for your dedication.



**Mike Stanton**  
Commander



**Krist Beseler**  
Sr Vice Commander



**John Dehnke**  
Jr Vice Commander



**Jim Goss**  
Quartermaster



**Douglas J Ratz**  
Adjutant



**Burt Schafner**  
Surgeon



**Edward Robelski**  
Chaplin



**Jim Goss**  
Judge Advocate



**Richard True**  
1st Year Trustee



**Al Kochenderfer**  
2nd Year Trustee



**Jeremy Rothering**  
3rd Year Trustee



**Gary Krause**  
Club Manager

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