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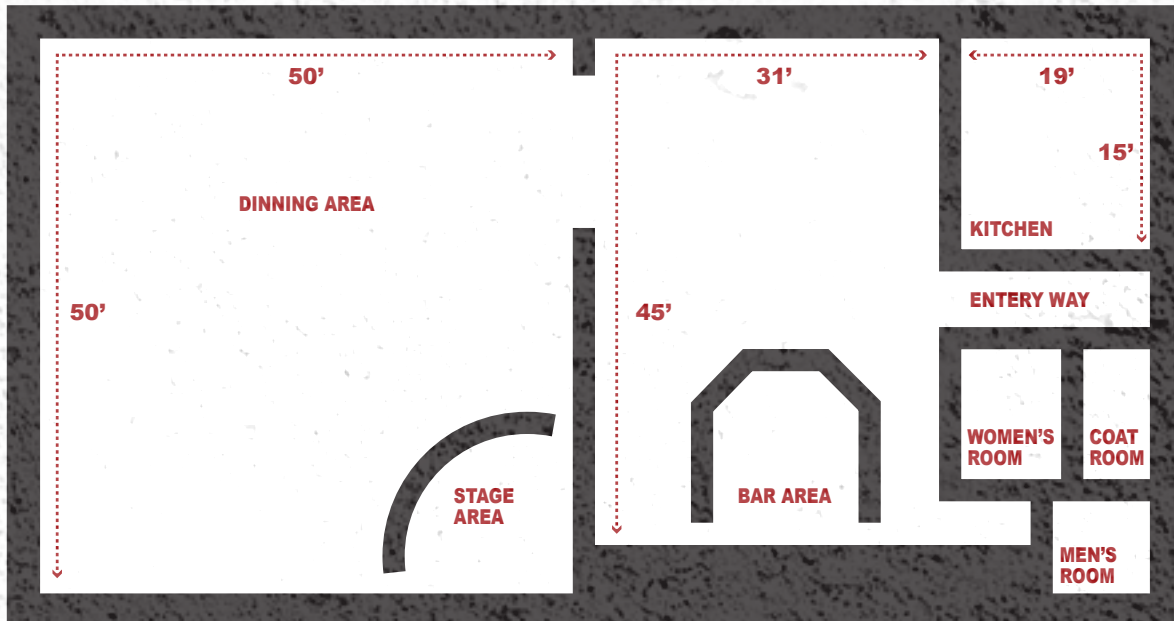
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Krist Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

Comrades & Sisters

Happy mid-winter! I am excited to say we are on our way to spring and half way through our VFW Program Year. We have been busy with local programs and our state and national programs. As you know we have been All State award winners the last few years and it looks as if we will be eligible again this year. We have formed an All State committee that is working to ensure we make our benchmarks on time. The All State committee has already meet once in December and will meet again a few more times before our application will be sent in April. Along with that we made the State Commanders benchmarks for membership before December 31st and thus have been named a Red-Carpet post for the state mid-winter conference. Although I will not be able to attend this year's mid-winter conference, I am sending Quartermaster Jim Goss and Junior Vice Commander John Dehnke along with their wives to represent us at this year's conference. Dick Treu and

Allen Kockenderfer will also be attending the mid-winter conference so we will have a great representation. I am excited to say I have already made my hotel reservation for our state summer conference in June.

Looking forward to this years Veterans Appreciation Dinner on February 22nd at 1700, we have a great program and dinner lined up. We will have our usual social hour at 1700 and serving our usual dinner catered by Roger's Country Catering at 1800 hours. Our usual program along with awards for Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners will be from 1900-2030. We also will have the honor of our current State Commander Donald Lynch, who will be attending. I have asked him to have a short speech as our guest speaker.

If you or any of your guest plan to attend, please call Les Kamrowski at (608) 687-9808 or email at bmcles@aol.com, with

your name and how many will be attending.

As I write this, I am getting ready to go to our Post Christmas Party that we now do in January, in hopes of getting more folks who are able to attend. We picked a football playoff game weekend and are looking forward to today's game. Check our online calendar for more local events and our famous Chicken-Q's and I hope to see you all very soon at any of our events or meetings.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or just want to talk. I always am available to hear from you.

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APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER

Invitation From The Commander

VFW Post 10406, Auxiliary Members, Veterans and Guests:

I would like to extend an invitation to you, your representatives and your guests to attend the V.F.W. Post 10406 Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Social hour, with a cash bar, will begin at 5:00 pm. A complimentary dinner will be served at 6:00 pm; we will be having catered roast pork and meat balls with all the trimmings. On this evening after dinner we will be having a short program outlining our past years accomplishments, mission of the VFW and most importantly we will be honoring our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship winners from C-FC Schools. We will also be recognizing our benefactors and recognizing individual efforts. This year our current State Commander Donald Lynch will be joining us and will also be our guest speaker. I would be most grateful if you would support my effort and we would be honored to have you and your guests attended. If you or any of your guest plan to attend, please call Les Kamrowski at (608) 687-9808 or email at bmcles@aol.com, with your name and how many will be attending. If no answer, please leave your name and the number of attendees on the voice mail. Please confirm your reservation prior to February 19th, 2020 as we will need to let the caterer know how many to prepare for. I hope you will consider coming to our appreciation dinner if you are available. This is a no dress code local event and you will see everything from jeans to suits and dresses, dress comfortably. -- Krist D. Beseler \ 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

Appreciation & Recognition Highlights

Voice of Democracy (VOD) -- Patriot's Pen (PP) -- Teacher of the Year

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.



Alex K Rothering

Oral Essay Program - Awarded \$300.00
Local Area Winner



Leigh M Spitzer

Oral Essay Program - Awarded \$200.00
Local Area Winner



Paige M Drazkowski

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.



Joshua J Ehlenfeldt

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$100.00
Local Area Winner



Mya J Stanton

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$75.00
Local Area Winner



Porter M Ehrat

Essay Writing Contest - Awarded \$50.00
Local Area Winner

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Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Presentation

For this special program a Vietnam Veteran is defined as any veteran who served on active duty during the "Vietnam War Period" anywhere in the world. The dates included are November 1, 1955 thru May, 15 1975. If you are eligible and want to be recognized by a grateful nation, please contact the VFW Post 10406! VFW Post 10406 is a proud partner of our Nation's 50th Vietnam War commemoration activities.



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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

Message From The Auxiliary President

As I sit here and put my thoughts to paper, I am always overcome with pride and gratitude for the members of our VFW Auxiliary. The level of dedication that the Auxiliary have, in support for the VFW and the Veterans, can be a thankless job. As our logo indicates the unwavering support is the motivation and passion that drives the volunteerism of the Auxiliary. 2020 has arrived and with a new year comes the increased activities at our post. We will be busy with our upcoming Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Firemen's Fundraiser, many Chicken Q's, and assisting families who are grieving with the after-funeral luncheons. Every one of these events brings a different level of support, but all of them bring a satisfaction of volunteerism.

Our Auxiliary is thriving, but we are always looking for more members. Adding new members allows our roster to maintain, adds new ideas and energy, and provides more depth. Being part of our team brings laughter, camaraderie, and friendship building.

Ways to learn more about our Auxiliary can be found on Facebook, Website, and on Twitter. Check us out and learn about eligibility requirements. We are always excited to hear from you and hope to welcome new faces as members of our team.

Let's welcome 2020 in with positive attitude and the pride of providing unwavering support for our Veterans.

Kimberly Beseler
VFW Post 10406
Auxiliary President
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Come join our next VFW Auxiliary Meeting:
Cochrane VFW on the 2nd Thursday
of each month at 7:00pm.

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.



Starting at \$35.50/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...

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

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EDITORS COMMENTS: Al Kochenderfer \ VFW Post 10406

Editor's Comments

Several years ago, someone dropped an unidentified veteran's casket/burial flag in an attractive wooden flag case off at our post home. It just showed up one day. Out of respect for our flag and the unknown veteran we are temporarily keeping it in our memorabilia display cases. Several points need to be addressed about this. First, the American flag that drapes a veteran casket is presented to the legal next of kin when one exists with the following words said:

On behalf of the President of the United States, the U S (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard) and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as symbol of our appreciation for your loved ones honorable and faithful service.

The intent is that this next of kin keeps the flag and passes it on appropriately within their family in perpetuity. It is not appropriate to give it away, especially unidentified, to anyone else.

Hence, VFW Post 10406 does not accept ownership of these very special casket/burial flags. The Cliff Burmeister family has temporarily loaned Cliff's flag as part of his memorabilia display. It remains a cherished possession of Cliff's family. If anyone knows where this flag/case came from please let us know so it can be returned to the family of the veteran whose service it represents.

NOTE: Our post makes available to the legal next of kin a casket/burial flag case or bible at the time of death of our members.

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QUARTERMASTERS COLUMN: Jim Goss \ VFW Post 10406

Quartermasters Report

Winter greetings! The post had their first Charcoal Chicken event on Saturday, January 11th with a great turnout and near sellout. Our Charcoal Chicken events are the main source of revenue to help support all our Post Service Projects and Post operation expenses. I would like to thank all of you for your continuing support of our Charcoal Chicken events and the VFW Aux for their partnership to put out an excellent meal to make the events very successful. The Post's Ham, Turkey and Gun Raffle was a huge success this year with a very good turnout for the event. Thank you to a very hardworking crew that made the event run so efficiently, you are the reason it was so successful. Please keep an eye out for any new members and encourage them to join a great group of community minded comrades. We have a very active Post and have a lot of fun being together working Post events.

CLUB MANAGER: Gary Krause \ VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2020

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
January 7th Scout Meeting	February 4th Scout Meeting	March 3rd Scout Meeting	April 5th Firemen's Dinner
January 8th Belvidere Town Mtg	February 11th Belvidere Town Mtg	March 10th Belvidere Town Mtg	April 7th Belvidere Elections
January 9th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	February 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	March 12th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	April 9th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
January 11th VFW Chicken Fry	February 22nd Post Appreciation/ Recognition Dinner 5:00pm Social 6:00pm Dinner	March 14th VFW Chicken Fry	April 11th VFW Chicken Fry
January 19th VFW Christmas Party		March 24th Belvidere Town Mtg	April 25th Ducks Unlimited

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

www.vfwpost10406.org/calendar.html

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.



COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Krist Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

2020 Post Officers

Welcome to the 2019/2020 post year. VFW Post 10406 has had an exciting past few years being a 2 time All State Post. Commander Mike Stanton and Quartermaster Jim Goss have much to be proud of. I and the post thank both of them for their hard work in ensuring our post met All State standards and taking our post to the next level.

This year we continue to work towards meeting those same standards, expanding a few of our programs and adding a few special projects. I also hope to take my previously earned knowledge of this organization and our goals and expand that to benefit our organization. I am extremely appreciative in all your help and efforts that ensure we succeed through the year. Having a current and in good standing membership and our combined numbers are the backbone of our organization and the most important single thing you can do for your fellow veterans. Without your membership we fail in our efforts. Locally we have built a long history and have had many achievements to be proud of. Many of our local veterans worked very hard to ensure our future and what we have today. I look forward to preserving and expanding on those efforts this year with your help



Krist Beseler
Commander



Mike Stanton
Sr Vice Commander



John Dehnke
Jr Vice Commander



Jim Goss
Quartermaster



Les Kamrowski
Chaplain



Jeremy Rothering
1st Year Trustee



Al Kochenderfer
2nd Year Trustee



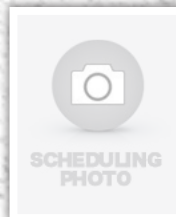
Gary Krause
3rd Year Trustee



Douglas J Ratz
Adjutant



Jim Goss
Service Officer



Burt Schafner
Surgeon



Les Kamrowski
Club Manager

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