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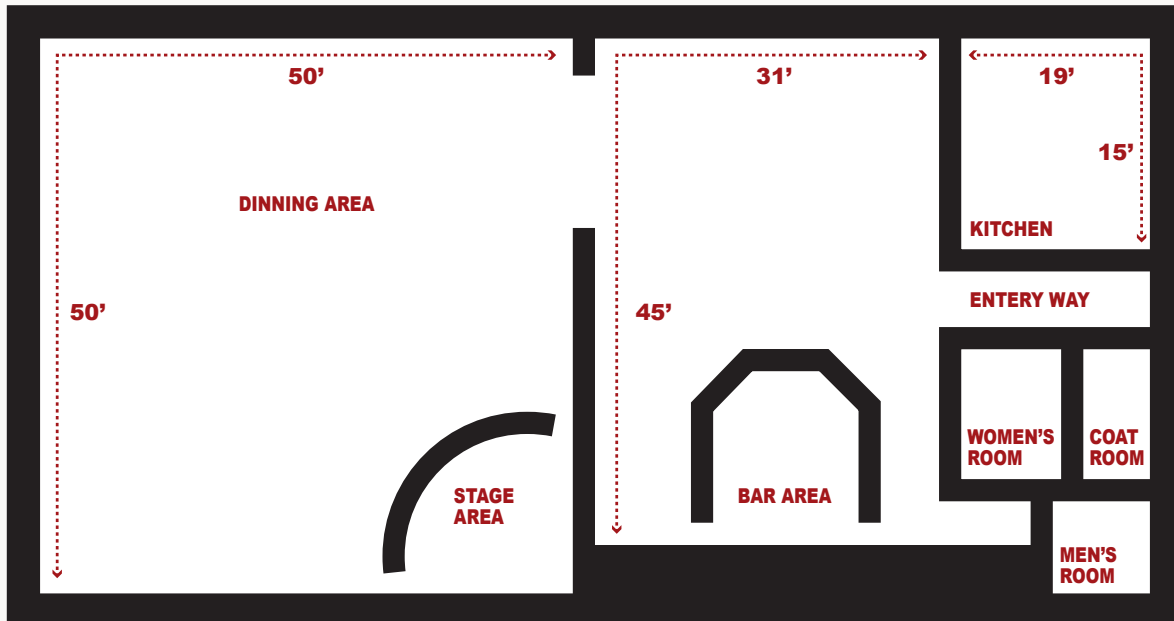
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

Comrades & Sisters

I just wanted to touch base with you all & bring you up to date on the VFW. First, I just want you all to know how excited I am to be the Commander of this most amazing VFW Post & I am going to try to live up to the high standards that our previous commander set!

Krist Beseler made us an All-American Post & that is an accomplishment that we have never met before and also All State every year during his tenor, so I just wanted to congratulate him again!

With being said if you have not been to the club in a while be prepared to be shocked as there have been many changes in our facility. When you walk in you

will see new flooring that we had installed by Hoffman & Goree flooring out of Rolling Stone & it looks absolutely amazing!! While that was going on the Auxiliary along with a few members painted the walls in the bar room & that too looks fabulous!

Les & Sharon Kamrowski along with our newest member Mike Schierer and his lovely bride Misty refurbished the bar & Beer fridge which totally gives the Bar a really cool look. There has been so many things going on at the club this past year that I am just in awe of the commitment of its members!

We had our last Chicken Q for 2021 on Saturday, October 16, 2021 & our famous Ham & Turkey

Raffle on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Again, it was a resounding financial success that adds hugely to the posts ability to donate to many veteran and community causes.

Our first Chicken Q of 2022 will be on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

I am looking forward to this year & privileged to be your Post 10406 Commander!

No One Does More For Veterans.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

Happy New Year

First, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year. With a new year comes a fresh sense of renewal and energy. Already during this Auxiliary year, we have had some exciting additions to our team.

This year in addition to our leadership team we added an extra layer of communication that will aid not only our Auxiliary but bring our initiatives to the public.

We added Ruth Hogan as a communications representative to make sure that everyone in our Auxiliary has updates on events, needs for volunteers. This role helps to keep our team all engaged and organized. Kimberly Goss (Senior Vice)

volunteered to become our public relations team member. Having someone that can capture pictures, place articles in the local newspaper or the VFW Auxiliary publications is an important need that this role fulfills.

Our Auxiliary has been partnering with the VFW to provide help with club updates including painting, organizing, and improvements that continue to keep us moving forward. Being able to enhance the place that we are all so proud of is a great way to be part of a family. We look forward to showcasing our club during many events in 2022.

As we begin a new season

of Chicken Q's, Veterans Appreciation Dinner, and possibly a couple of new fundraising opportunities, I would be remiss if I did not once again thank all the wonderful Auxiliary members that I have the privilege of representing as the President. The level of engagement and support that they all bring to the VFW is beyond amazing.

I wish everyone health and happiness as we all tackle the challenges of a new year.

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Kimberly Beseler
VFW Post 10406
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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.



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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VFW Post 10406 \ Auxiliary President
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CLUB MANAGER: Les Kamrowski \ VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2021

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
January 11 Boy Scout Meeting	February 7 Cub Scout Meeting	March 7 Cub Scout Meeting	April 4 Belvidere Elections
January 11 Cub Scout Meeting	February 10 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	March 10 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	April 9 VFW Charcoal Chicken
January 13 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	February 19 VFW Appreciation Dinner	March 12 VFW Charcoal Chicken	April 14 VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
January 15 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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Beseler \ VFW Post 10406

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Comrades, it is my pleasure to invite you and your guest to this year's Veterans Appreciation Dinner. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022. We will have a social hour at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm and a program that will start shortly after. We should be complete with our program around 8:00pm or shortly after when we will retire. We have not had a dinner since February 2020 as we were forced to cancel last year due the pandemic. We have again retained Roger's Country Catering to provide us a Homestyle meal with a menu to be determined. We have much to celebrate in the past 2 years as we have maintained our All-State Team status and even made All-American Team as a post and more.

Our program this year will look back at some of our accomplishments as well as forward with some program award announcements. Commander Dehnke will be hosting this year's program along with myself and others. I hope to see and talk to you all at our dinner this year. As always, the meal and event are completely paid for and provided by VFW Post 10406 as a thank you to everyone who attends.

If you or any of your guest plan to attend, please call Club Manager, Les Kamrowski at (608) 687-9808 or email at bmcles@aol.com, with your name and how many will be attending. Let us all enjoy a night together where we can all celebrate, enjoy our comradeship, and see each other in person.

Krist Beseler
Senior Vice Commander

EDITORS COMMENTS: Al Kochenderfer \ VFW Post 10406

Vietnam 50th Recognition



As a "Commemorative Partner" we will continue to recognize, honor, and commemorate all Vietnam veterans we can identify. This is a U S Congress initiative managed by the Department of Defense and executed by Commemorative Partners like our VFW Post. For this program a Vietnam Veteran is any person who has served in the U S military from Nov 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of duty. We will be presenting the authorized lapel pin and the appropriate certificate. If you are or if you know anyone who is eligible come to our "Appreciation Dinner", details in this letter, and be recognized by a grateful nation.

Annual VFW Post 10406 \ Cochrane-Buffalo City **APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER**

Invitation From The Commander

VFW Post 10406, Auxiliary Members, Veterans and Guests:

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| ✕ 5:00pm Social Hour | ✕ Introduction of Head Table |
| ✕ 6:00pm Dinner | ✕ Introduction of Guests |
| ✕ Opening Prayer (Chaplain) | ✕ Recognition of Friends and Benefactors |
| ✕ Serving Line Opens After Prayer | ✕ Patriot Pen wards |
| ✕ Program 6:45pm-8:30pm | ✕ VOD Awards |
| ✕ Program Begins with Dessert | ✕ Closing Remarks |
| ✕ Opening Remarks by Commander | ✕ Closing Prayer |
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Appreciation & Recognition Highlights

Saturday, February 19, 2022

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Legislative Alert

From time-to-time legislative matters/bills occur that absolutely require citizens to include veterans and their spouses and other family members input/action. Such a time is occurring right now in Wisconsin's Legislature. A bill is presently being considered in our Wisconsin Senate (SB243) and the equivalent bill is in our State Assembly (AB245). These bills would give greatly reduced property tax to veterans AND their surviving spouses, if they have a VA rated disability of 70 percent or greater. Presently the law is for 100 percent disability only. This change would directly affect MANY OF THE members of this post and thousands of Wisconsin's veterans.

PLEASE CONTACT SENATOR SMITH & STATE ASSEMBLYMAN PRONSCHINSKE NOW & TELL HIM TO SUPPORT/VOTE FOR THESE BILLS – DO THIS ASAP!

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CONTACT INFO:

Treig Pronschinske
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Once again most of us live in State Assembly District 92—our Assemblyman is Treig Pronschinske. Contact him reference AB245. If you live in a different congressional district just go to the WI State web site WI.Gov to find your State Senator and State Assemblyman.

PLEASE, LETS ALL, VFW AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS DO THIS ONE!

Al Kochenderfer
Editor, VFW Post 10406 Newsletter

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.



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Newsletters

We believe that a good quality periodical Post Newsletter, either in hard copy and or in electronic (email) is absolutely necessary to keep our members informed of what is happening at their Post and Auxiliary. This is most important for those members that may not live in the C-BC area or may not be active in the post. ALL of you are equally important and valued. As the long-time editor of your post newsletter, I would like to thank all the Post and Auxiliary officers who have submitted high quality articles over the many years for inclusion and Corey Scholl, our webmaster who has enhanced the basic good quality newsletter with attractive graphics and puts it on our website. He does all this because he is Lavern Eikamp's (Eikey) grandson and wishes to honor and recognize him. Eikey is one of the 2 known WWII vets living in this area. He is 97 years old and presently lives at St. Michael's Assisted Living in Fountain City. Eikey is a combat veteran of the brutal Philippine liberation campaign in 1944-1945. Thanks to Al Farner for spending hours and hours stuffing envelopes. These efforts have earned us many 1st places in the newsletter judging in the Department of Wisconsin for posts of our size - approximately 135 members AND many 2nd or 3rd place awards in the VFW National judging for posts our size. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU and thanks to my assistant, my wife Kathy.

Al Kochenderfer
Editor, VFW Post 10406 Newsletter



2019 & 2017 National Awards Small Frequency

<https://vfwpost10406.org/award.html>

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

2022 Post Officers



John Dehnke
Commander



Krist Beseler
Sr Vice Commander



Douglas J Ratz
Jr Vice / Adjutant



Steve Schiffli
Quartermaster



Les Kamrowski
Chaplain / Club Manager



Gary Krause
1st Year Trustee



Richard Treu
2nd Year Trustee



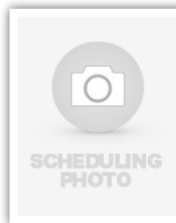
Mike Stanton
3rd Year Trustee



Jim Goss
Service Officer



Jim Goss
Judge Advocate



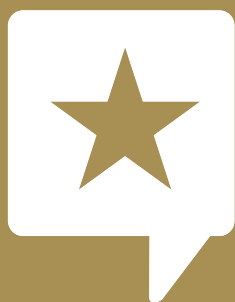
Steve Zastrow
Surgeon



Al Farner
Officer of the Day

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

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