

VFW POST 10406 AND AUXILIARY

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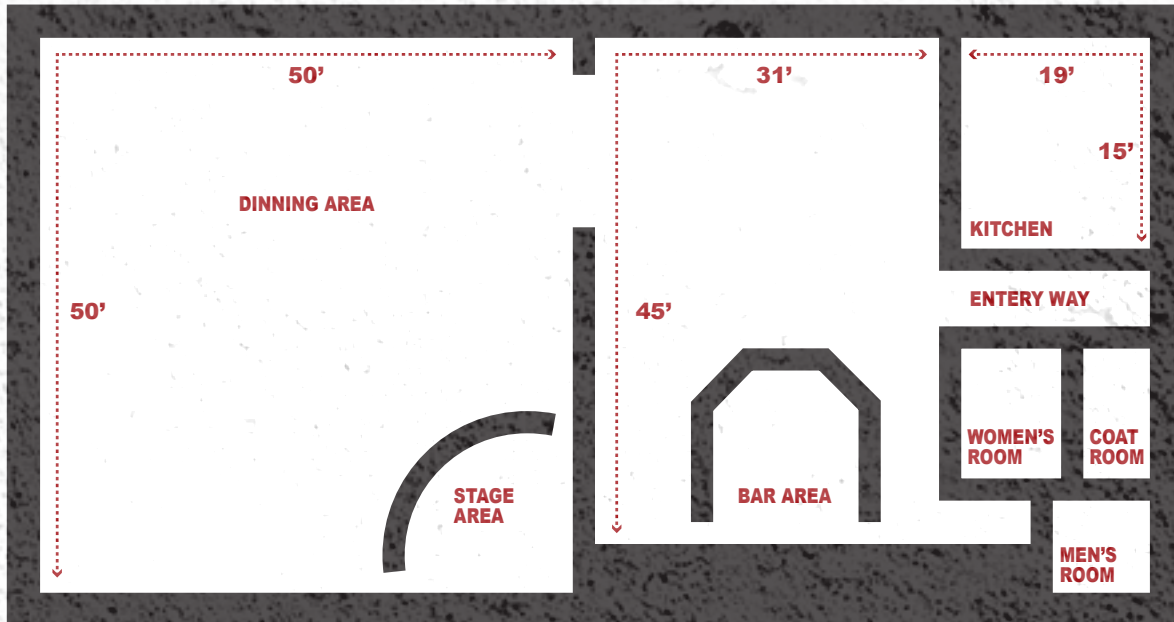
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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton - VFW Post 10406

# Comrades & Sisters

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.

If you visit our post you may notice a couple new things. The Auxiliary has purchased a barn quilt that has been mounted on the outside of the club. While we're on the quilt subject, you will also notice a large quilt hanging in the bar room. It is a patriotic quilt with a large Wounded Warrior logo on it. This labor of love was made AND donated by master quilt maker Cheryl Benusa from Buffalo City. This quilt will be displayed until the Ham and Turkey Raffle in November when it will be raffled off. During the time, in between you can purchase tickets from the bar to try and be the lucky winner. Half of the earnings will

go to us while the other half goes to the Wounded Warrior Project. All the VFW proceeds will go directly to support Americas heroes that were wounded in combat and their families.

September is arriving rather quickly. This means the continuance of Chicken Q's. Thank you to all that have put in the hours in the kitchen, chicken pit, selling tickets, running the bar and everything in between in the past. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and without your dedication we wouldn't be able to have the success that we have had. I would also like to thank the members that have taken the time to run bar during VFW and non-VFW events. If anyone is interested in becoming eligible to run bar please contact myself, or throw a line on our Facebook page.

Summertime also brings the time of year for club maintenance. We covered this in the meeting but couldn't come up with a date that would

work for everyone. One idea was to not have a single day set aside, but to do different tasks periodically throughout the remainder of the summer.

In closing the first of hopefully many newsletters, I would again like to say Thank You. We may live in a small community, but the effort put forth by our members has made us a successful Post that I would put second to none. We strive to serve our community and have become an organization they can lean on when needed.

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.

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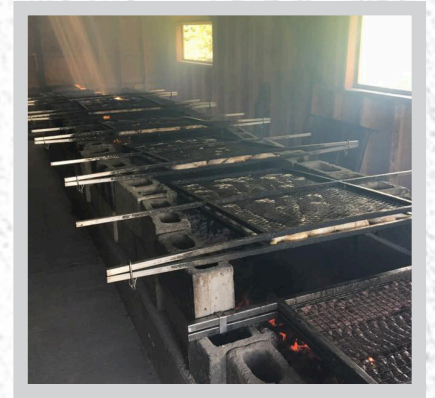
# What's New?



**New Furnace**  
Monthly Electric Bill Has Been  
Reduced Tremendously



**Patriotic Quilt**  
Donated By Master Quilt  
Maker Cheryl Benusa



**Chicken Q Volunteers**  
Your Hard Work Is Greatly  
Appreciated - Thank You!

The bar room furnace has been replaced with an energy efficient model as further repairs to the old furnace along with nonexistent parts make that furnace obsolete. We continue to invest in our veterans and community. Check out our website as it is always growing at [www.vfwpost10406.org](http://www.vfwpost10406.org).



### Digital Official Newsletters New Online Newsletter Archives

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.

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## CLUB MANAGER COMMENTS: Jim Gary Krause - VFW Post 10406

# 2017 Raffle Tickets & Volunteers

On Saturday, November 4th at 5:00pm Post 10406 will be conducting their 37th Ham & Turkey Raffle at the Post Clubroom. This is our single biggest fund raiser of the year. Along with our monthly chicken Qs it makes the maintenance of a nice club possible AND more so the support of veterans causes at all levels. This is a great opportunity for all of our 125 VFW and all Auxiliary members to participate in some way!

Of course, a good crew of workers are needed to conduct this huge event---just contact club manager Gary Krause at 248-2017 to get on the "work" list. The other way to support your Post is to buy or sell the enclosed Gun Raffle tickets. We have a nice selection of 2 rifles and one handgun this year OR you can select cash in lieu of the guns.

Just mail the stubs and the money to VFW Post 10406, PO Box 84, Cochrane WI 54622 or BETTER YET bring them to the raffle on 4 Nov and enjoy some good old fashion fun for all!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!

Jim Goss  
VFW Post 10406 Quartermaster



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**CLUB MANAGER:** Gary Krause - VFW Post 10406

## Post Activities 2017

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
July 4th VFW 4th of July Parade at Buffalo City	August 8th Belvidere Town Mtg	September 5th Scout Meeting	October 3rd Scout Meeting
July 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	August 10th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	September 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	October 4th Alliance Bank
	August 12th VFW Chicken Fry	September 16th VFW Chicken Fry	October 12th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
	August 13th Scout Meeting	September 30th UCC Pizza Making	October 14th VFW Chicken Fry

**All calendar events are also online on the VFW Post 10406 website**  
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## 2017 Other Post News

Post 10406 is a very good VFW Post that does many things in/for our local community as well as supporting countless veteran related programs, both locally and through the national level. The Post has long conducted the 4th of July parade, at a very significant advertising cost, in support of the C-BC Lions Club 4th of July celebration. It is easy to see that it brings thousands of people to town that makes the whole event successful for the Lions Club. The Lions club profits go back into community programs.

The Post has provided financial support for a newly formed chapter of "Quilts of Valor" (QOV) in Alma WI. Their mission is to provide beautiful handmade quilts to this areas veterans as a token of an appreciative nation/ people. They will soon be presenting them to local veterans, beginning with the oldest first. QOV has another quilt sub-program for Purple Heart recipients, those wounded in battle. These special quilts will also be presented soon. The Post has adapted a criteria of the first to receive either quilt will be based on the oldest date they attained eligibility i.e., WWII, Korea, etc. The necessary record checking is being conducted. We will be including eligible veterans who are not members of the VFW as we obtain appropriate information.



# 37th Annual VFW POST 10406 - Cochrane-Buffalo City 2017 HAM & TURKEY RAFFLE

Saturday, November 4, 2017  
5:00 to 9:00pm



**1st Prize:** Radical Firearms  
AR15, 5.56mm  
or \$600.00 Cash



**2nd Prize:** Savage11 Trophy Hunter,  
6.5 Creedm00r w/Scope  
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**3rd Prize:** Smith & Wesson  
Shield 9mm Pistol  
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The more we sell the more we are able to assist our veterans.



## QUARTERMASTERS COLUMN: Jim Goss - VFW Post 10406

# Fundraising 2017

The furnace was replaced in the bar-room last fall because there no longer were repair parts available. No new future projects are planned for the club as of this time. The Chicken Q's have had a great turnout again this year and we have two more scheduled: 16 September and 14 October. Come early because we sell out quickly. A great meal at a great price!

The 37th Annual Ham & Turkey Raffle will be Saturday the 4th of November this year. Please help support our Gun Raffle by selling as many tickets as you can. Extra tickets are available at the Post 10406 Club. This is our post projects fund raiser for the year and the more we make the more we can give back!

Visit the VFW online Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org> for all your VFW and VFW Auxiliary clothing and emblem needs. Log on and browse the extensive high quality product line; there may be a special item that you have been looking for or that you wish to honor your service with.

Please keep looking for new members and VFW members that wish to transfer to Post 10406 and bring those referrals to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month. I encourage you to come to the Post 10406 meetings to be with those that have served our great country and enjoy their comradery.

Jim Goss  
VFW Post 10406 Quartermaster

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## 2017 Editor's Comments

Post Commander Mike Stanton is the Grandson of past Post Commander Claire Stanton. Claire, a Korean War veteran was a go-getter Commander that guided and nurtured our fledging post in the 1980s-90s. It was he who "perfected" our famous/delicious charcoaled chicken recipe, instituted the Ham and Turkey Raffle as well as the Gun Raffle. Mike comes from very good stock! We know he will do a great job!



### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Our membership and officer year runs from 30 June this year to 1 July next year. The Post ended our 2016-2017 (ended 1 July 2017) at 125 members. That is down 2 members from the year before. We all know there are MANY local residents eligible for the VFW AND Auxiliary – we just need to ask them to join! Membership is our lifeblood! They can be recruited as "working members" or just as members of the oldest and largest COMBAT ONLY veteran's organization in the world. REMEMBER, IT'S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY TO BE A MEMBER---IT'S THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BECOME ELIGIBLE!

Al Kochenderfer  
Editor, VFW Post 10406 Newsletter



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# 2017 Post Officers

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Post Officer



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