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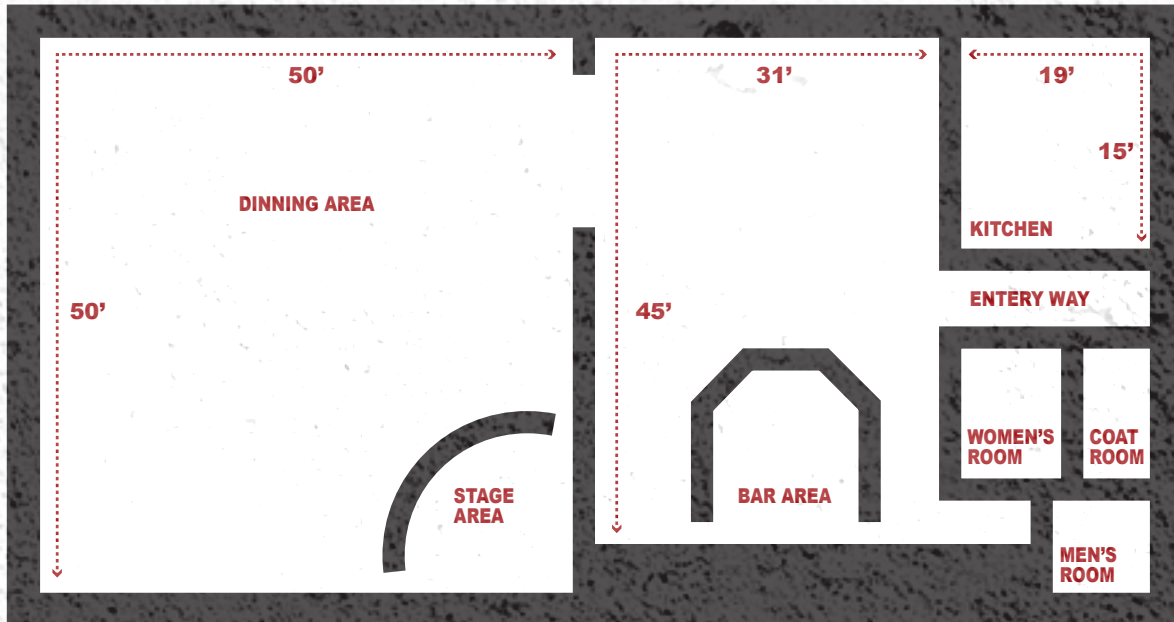
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton - VFW Post 10406

Comrades & Sisters

Comrades, I hope this letter finds you well as we are winding down to the end of 2017. We've had another successful year with chicken Q's and the Ham and Turkey Raffle. Thank you to everyone for your donated time working and volunteering for a Color Guard, tending bar etc. The Ham and Turkey Raffle went off without a hitch again. We were able to add a few more rounds and still manage to end a little bit early. There were a lot of compliments with how things were done, and positive feedback on the Quilts for Valor.

The Veterans Day Ceremony at the Cochrane Fountain City High School was a new experience. Quilts of Valor presented to five of our local Veterans. Each Veteran had a synopsis read about their time in service as they were being presented their quilt. It was done rather well and put a special touch on the program.

Some of the latest information

I would like to pass on has been brought up at the last few meetings. The first, if you have a commemorative brick at the Buffalo County Courthouse that has seen better days, you can pay a fee to have that fixed. The fee is \$15 to replace an existing brick. I'm told the new bricks are a lot stronger and will last longer. If you have any questions you can contact Jim Goss - Buffalo County VSO @ 608-685-6219 for more info. If you would like to purchase a brick, the cost is \$50.

Second, we will have our V.F.W Christmas Party December 16th at the club. Bring a dish to pass.

Lastly, the Post voted for us to present a Color Guard at the High Ground on August 18, 2018. The event will be at Neillsville, WI and is a Ride to Remember Motorcycle Rally.

We have time to put together a group to represent our Post on a little bit larger of a stage. Please pencil it in your calendars.

I'm excited to see what the 2018 year brings. There has been a lot of participation at the last few meetings, and we've had a handful of new members as well (yes we are at 100%).

When it comes to that second Thursday each month and you're looking for something to do, stop on by and attend a meeting with your fellow Veterans and share some comradeship. Remember, this is your club.

Where do we want to go in 2018? I feel very humble being in this position and enjoy all the feedback from the Posts members. I'll be looking forward to seeing you. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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

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5:00 to 9:00pm



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2017 Editor's Comments - Programs

I must say Commander Stanton, Quartermaster Goss and Auxiliary Treasurer Deb Kujak have been way to modest in their accounts of Post activities!!!! Post 10406 has done a fantastic job this past year in supporting countless activities that support veterans AND OUR COMMUNITY—this is precisely what a post should do!

Another core value of the VFW organization is supporting youth activities and specifically to promote patriotism with them. Two national programs, Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriots Pen (PP) are essay writing/speaking programs for senior high and junior high students respectively. Post 10406 puts a lot of effort and money into conducting these programs at C-FC.

2017 WINNERS VOICE OF DEMOCRACY (VOD)

1st **Isabelle Ostrem**
2nd **Austin Klein**
3rd **Andrew Mehus**

2017 WINNERS PATRIOTS PEN (PP)

1st **Zoey Slaby**
2nd **Mikayla Stiehl**
3rd **Tristau Ostrem**

Our post participated in another VFW national program this year, Teacher of the Year. This program recognizes a teacher at the elementary, the junior high, and at the senior high level for their efforts to incorporate/teach patriotism as part of their teaching activities. This year the Post selected a senior high teacher, Mr. Steve Lyga from C-FC for his long-time efforts at C-FC—Steve is the teacher who has masterminded the “Veterans Night” these past years at a home football game that recognizes local veterans and their service. THANKS STEVE.

2017 WINNERS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Steve Lyga
Cochrane - Fountian City

These winners and their immediate families will be recognized/awarded at our annual appreciation dinner in Feb 2018.

EDITORS COMMENTS: Al Kochenderfer - VFW Post 10406

2017 Editor's Comments - QOV

As I write this one of our post members, Kyle Bushman is out deer hunting with a group of disabled American Veterans. Through the "Hunts for Hero's" program, an opportunity to do what they never dreamt possible becomes reality. Our post supports this program financially and logistically. THANK YOU, Kyle (will be doing a longer article on this in a later Newsletter).

An update on the Quilts of Valor (QOV) program we spoke of in the last (September) Newsletter. The local QOV Chapter, Burlington QOV, Alma WI made available 7 quilts that were presented as the centerpiece of the annual Veterans Day Program at C-FC.

2017 WINNERS QUILTS OF VALOR (QOV)

LaVern Eikamp

Stan Swenson

Louis Duellman

Roger Burmeister

Ed Sing-Tom Ross (Purple Heart Recipient)

Francis Zepp

The QOV ladies have been presenting quilts at various locations/settings in recent weeks and will continue to do so. They are on a mission!!! THANK YOU, ladies.



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CLUB MANAGER: Gary Krause - VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2017

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
September 5th Scout Meeting	October 3rd Scout Meeting	November 4th VFW Raffle	December 5th Scout Meeting
September 12th Belvidere Town Mtg	October 5th Alliance Bank	November 7th Belvidere Elections	December 12th Belvidere Town Mtg
September 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	October 12th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	November 9th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	December 14th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
September 16th VFW Chicken Fry	October 14th VFW Chicken Fry	November 12th Scout Meeting	December 16th VFW/AUX Christmas Party
September 30th UCC Pizza Making	October 19th Scout Meeting	November 14th Belvidere Town Mtg	December 17th Quilts of Valor
	October 26th Scout Meeting	November 15th Community Safety Night	

All calendar events are also online on the VFW Post 10406 website
www.vfwpost10406.org/calendar.html

VFW Post 10406 & Auxiliary Christmas Party **Saturday, December 16, 2017 @ 5:00pm**

At 100 Michaels St, Cochrane Wi. Bring your spouse and share some friendship and christmas spirit. Bring a dish to pass or just something to eat and share. May God continue to bless and keep safe the United States of America, her soldiers and you. Merry Christmas to all.

VFW AUXILIARY 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 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.

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; Debra

Kujak, Treasurer; Judy Krause, Secretary; Diane Bossert, Chaplin.

We welcome and encourage all women and men to join our Auxiliary. The VFW Auxiliary is proud to say that we now accept all men who had a spouse, parent, sibling, grandparent or child on foreign soil at time of war. Without our auxiliary's help, the support for our veterans cannot be done.

We are the land of the free because of the brave. Remember that all gave some, but some gave all. This is our way of showing our support for these heroes.

Thank you!

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QUARTERMASTERS COLUMN: Jim Goss - VFW Post 10406

Fundraising 2017

This year, all our Charcoal Chicken events were very successful, and I want to thank all those for your help and support; your efforts make it a huge success. Your support of our Charcoal Chicken is what pays all of VFW Post 10406's improvements, club maintenance and the utility bills.

Our Ham, Turkey and Gun Raffle was another huge success and again I want to thank all those that helped make it a success and to all of you that helped sell raffle tickets. This is our big event of the year and its proceeds fund all our scholarships, Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy winners, youth programs and Veterans Programs that VFW Post 10406 supports throughout the year.

We can always use a helping hand at our fundraising events, so call or stop in to get in on all the fun and great comradery we have with your fellow post and axillary members.

**VFW Post 10406 could not be successful and thrive without
all our Post and Auxiliary members continued support and dedication.**

Jim Goss
VFW Post 10406 Quartermaster

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton - VFW Post 10406

Congratulations Post 10406

WINNERS OF PUBLICATIONS CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Two years ago, the contest underwent significant changes to encourage continued participation.

May 02, 2017

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — VFW has announced the winners of the 2017 National Publications Contest. Two years ago, the publications contest underwent significant changes to encourage continued participation. The contest's reorganization created two new categories: Magazine and Best Feature Article. This year's competition retained those changes.

Two non-VFW-affiliated journalism professionals judged the competition. This is designed to guarantee impartiality & objectivity in the judging. To reiterate, VFW staffers play no part in judging the entries.

Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)

Grand Award:

VFW Post 4709
W.L. "Strick" Strickland
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Silver Award:

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Ski Iworsky
Department of Massachusetts

Bronze Award:

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2017 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
Post Officer



Krist Beseler
Post Officer



John Dehnke
Post Officer



Jim Goss
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Edward Robelski
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