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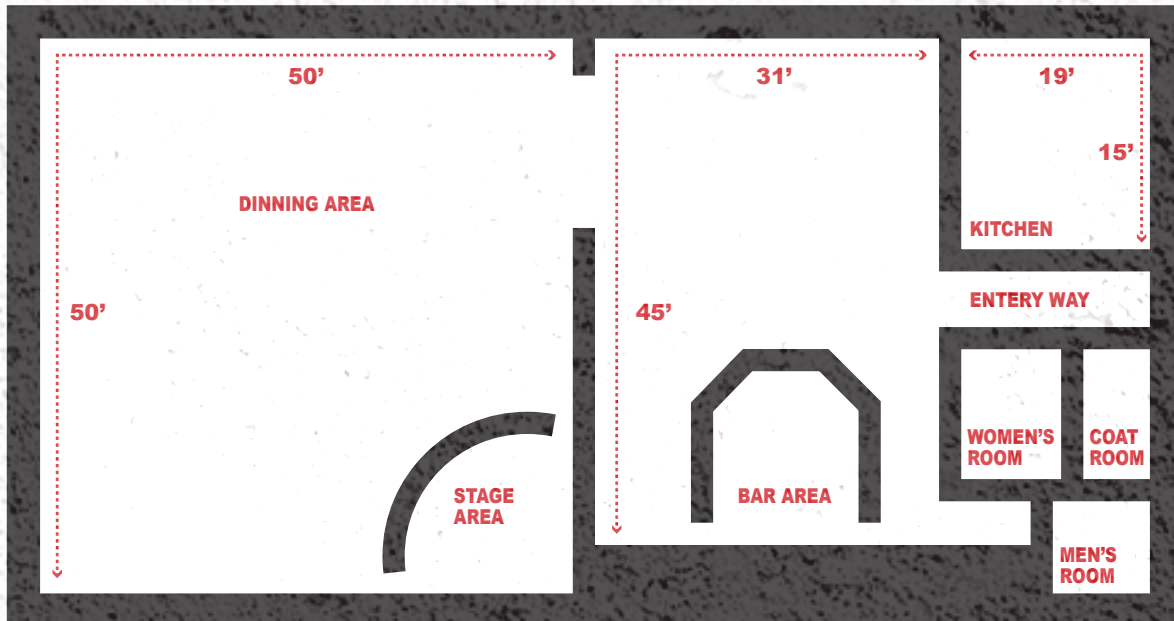
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton \ VFW Post 10406

Comrades & Sisters

Comrades we are on the cusp of yet another calendar year down, and half of another membership/officer VFW year completed (July 1st--June 30th). With that being said I would like to jump right into business. At the end of this VFW year (June 30th) 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 the VFW year in June. Gary is willing to help train whomever is willing to fill the 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 to put together the All State packet 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 April 27th

in Freedom, WI. Please mark this on your calendars as to hopefully get a nice turnout.

We will be starting 2019 off busy. January we will again have our first Chicken Q of the new year, with the Appreciation Dinner right around the corner from that in February. 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.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Drive safe on the wintery roads and designate your drivers. Continue to check Facebook or our website 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
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38th Annual VFW Post 10406 \ Cochrane-Buffalo City **HAM & TURKEY RAFFLE**

Thank You For Your Support!

VFW Post 10406 would like to thank everyone who attended the annual VFW Ham & Turkey Raffle this year. Fun was had by all! This year we raffled off 3 guns, cash prizes, whole hams, half hams, whole turkeys, turkey breasts, ducks, pork loins, beef loins, ribeyes, and much more.

1st Prize:

2018 VFW Ham & Turkey Raffle



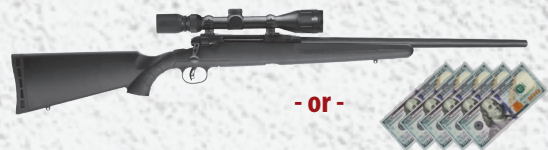
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Core 15 M4 Scout or \$600 Cash

Winner: Jeff Hansen

2nd Prize:

2018 VFW Ham & Turkey Raffle



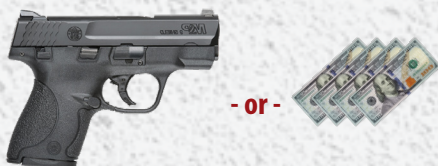
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Savage Axis w/ Scope or \$500 Cash

Winner: Al Farner

3rd Prize:

2018 VFW Ham & Turkey Raffle



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S&W M&P9 Shield or \$400 Cash

Winner: Todd Looney

4th Prize:

2018 VFW Ham & Turkey Raffle

\$75.00 Cash

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\$75.00 Cash

Winner: Bert Schaffner

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 & National level.

Jim Goss
VFW Post 10406, Quartermaster

CLUB MANAGER: Gary Krause \ VFW Post 10406

Post Activities 2018

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
September 8th Quilts of Valor	October 2nd Scout Meeting	November 3th VFW Raffle	December 6th Scout Meeting
September 9th Scout Meeting	September 9th Belvidere Town Mtg	November 6th Belvidere Elections	December 11th Belvidere Town Mtg
September 11th Belvidere Town Mtg	October 11th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	November 8th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	December 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
September 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	October 13th VFW Chicken Fry	November 13th Belvidere Town Mtg	December 29th Belvidere Tax Collection
September 15th VFW Chicken Fry	October 23rd Alliance Bank	November 29th Hunt for Heroes	

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

www.vfwpost10406.org/calendar.html

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kimberly Hable \ VFW Post 10406

Message From The Auxiliary President

As we wrap up the 2018 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 will be unveiling 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

<http://www.vfwstore.org/>

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

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton \ VFW Post 10406

Congratulations Post 10406

VFW STATE CONVENTION: ALL-STATE TEAM AWARD

Friday, June 15th, 2018 -- We were presented with this white hat at the VFW State Convention for our post. In the state of Wisconsin there were only ten of these EARNED out of 270 posts in the entire state! I again want to thank everyone for all that you do.

This award is made possible because of the work YOU put in. Thank you for your dedication during this last year, let's earn another one.





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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.
3. We selected a "Teacher of the Year" at C-FC and forwarded his nomination thru the Wisconsin VFW system. Mr. Janezich was this year's winner. This program/award recognizes a teacher that promotes patriotism in the classroom, school and community.
4. We give two VERY SIZABLE scholarships to C-FC graduating seniors. One for a 2-year institution and one for a 4-year college.
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!
9. We provide Military Funeral Honors to ANY deceased veteran whose family requests such. We have no requirements of membership in the VFW. (Continued)

EDITORS COMMENTS: Al Kochenderfer \ VFW Post 10406

Editor's Comments

10. We maintain and make available a first-class club facility for use by local residents and organizations. This facility is essential to many activities in our little communities.
11. We conduct 8 charcoal chicken/brat events each year. We know our Post/Auxiliary put out the best chicken/brat dinner in the area!!!
12. In support of our basic core reason for being we provide unlimited support for veterans locally through the national level. All of the above activities require money--Lots of money! The Quartermaster gave a brief accounting of our income and donations. Our post donated over \$6,900.00 to just the above causes. There were MANY other donations also made!

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 mail a hard copy to every VFW/AUX member that does not use electronic means and sponsor articles in our local newspaper many times throughout the year.

Al Kochenderfer
VFW Post 10406, Newsletter Editor

VFW Post 10406 Special Event Saturday, February 23, 2019

That is the date of our Posts Annual Members Appreciation Dinner for all VFW and Auxiliary Members, recognition for our Patriots Pen, VOD, and Teacher of the year winners as well as selected citizens from our community. This year we will be honoring all area Vietnam Veterans as part of our "50th Commemorative Post Activities". More info to follow in the first 2019 Newsletter.

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EDITORS STORY: Al Kochenderfer \ VFW Post 10406

Editor's Story

COCHRANE RECORDER NEWSPAPER

Thursday, December 6, 2018 -- Al Kochenderfer, Editor

Buffalo County Quilts of Valor Presented Quilts To Local Veterans

During this years annual Veterans Day program at the C-FC School on November 9, the Buffalo County Quilts of Valor (QOV) organization presented 10 beautiful handmade quilts to local veterans in a very moving ceremony.

The mission of the national QOV organization "is to cover service members and

veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor". In addition, these dedicated quilters represent the appreciation of a grateful nation to her veterans. This thank you and expression of appreciation is something long overdue to veterans of the Vietnam War.

The ladies of our local QOV chapter shared the honor of

making the presentations with several C-FC students, all members of The National Honor Society. Quilts were presented to the following veterans. Most are from this local area and served combat tours in the Vietnam War during the 1970s.

THANK YOU...
FROM A GRATEFULL NATION



Mike Thompson graduated from C-FC in 1964, joined the U S Marines and served a combat tour in Vietnam. Mike has retired from employment with the Buffalo County highway department. He and his wife reside in rural Fountain City.



Al Schmitt also graduated from C-FC in 1963. After graduation he joined the U S Army from 1963-1966 to include a one year combat tour as a helicopter door gunner and crew chief on the UH-1 (Huey) in Vietnam during 1965-1966. Al and his wife Sandra live in Fountain City.



Don Blank graduated from C-FC in 1963. He served in the US Navy during 1966-1968 to include a one-year combat tour in Vietnam. He owned and operated Blank Builders until retirement. He and his wife Lorelie live in Buffalo City.

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Thursday, December 6, 2018 -- Al Kochenderfer, Editor

Buffalo County Quilts of Valor Presented Quilts To Local Veterans



Dennis Hoskins served in the U S Army during 1966-1968 to include a one-year combat tour in Vietnam as a logistical specialist. He has retired from a long career at Ashley Furniture in Arcadia. Dennis and his wife Trudy live in rural Fountain City.



Dave Florin graduated from C-FC in 1964. He served in the U S Air Force in 1968-1969 to include one year in Vietnam as a maintenance technician. He worked at Rohrer's Chevrolet Buick in Cochrane until retirement. His wife Sue was math teacher at C-FC. They live in Buffalo City.



Charles (Chuck) Bertrand: Chuck served in the U S Navy from 1963-1967 including a combat tour in Vietnam during 1965-1966. Chuck was a life long operator at the Dairyland Power generating station in Alma WI. Chuck lives in Buffalo City.



Richard (Dick) Brommerich originally from Winona MN served in the U S Marines 1957-1967 and in the U S Army 1974-1995. Dick is a Vietnam War Veteran. This 30-year career soldier retired at the rank of E-9, Command Sergeant Major-the highest enlisted rank in the US military. Dick and his wife reside in Buffalo City WI.



Leonard (Lenny) Litscher: Lenny is a 1961 C-FC graduate. He served in the U S Army during 1967-1968 including one year in Vietnam as a UH-1 (Huey) helicopter door gunner and crew chief. After leaving the military he operated the Litscher family farm. He has long served as the Chairman of the Town of Cross Board. Lenny and his wife live on the family farm in Bohris Valley, rural Fountain City.



Gene Brownell graduated from Pepin School in 1961, He served in the U S Army in 1968-1969 to include a one-year combat tour in Vietnam as a transportation specialist. He and his wife Judy owned and operated Judy and Gene's in Cochrane for many years. He has been a Buffalo City resident for nearly 50 years.

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Mike Stanton \ VFW Post 10406

2018 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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