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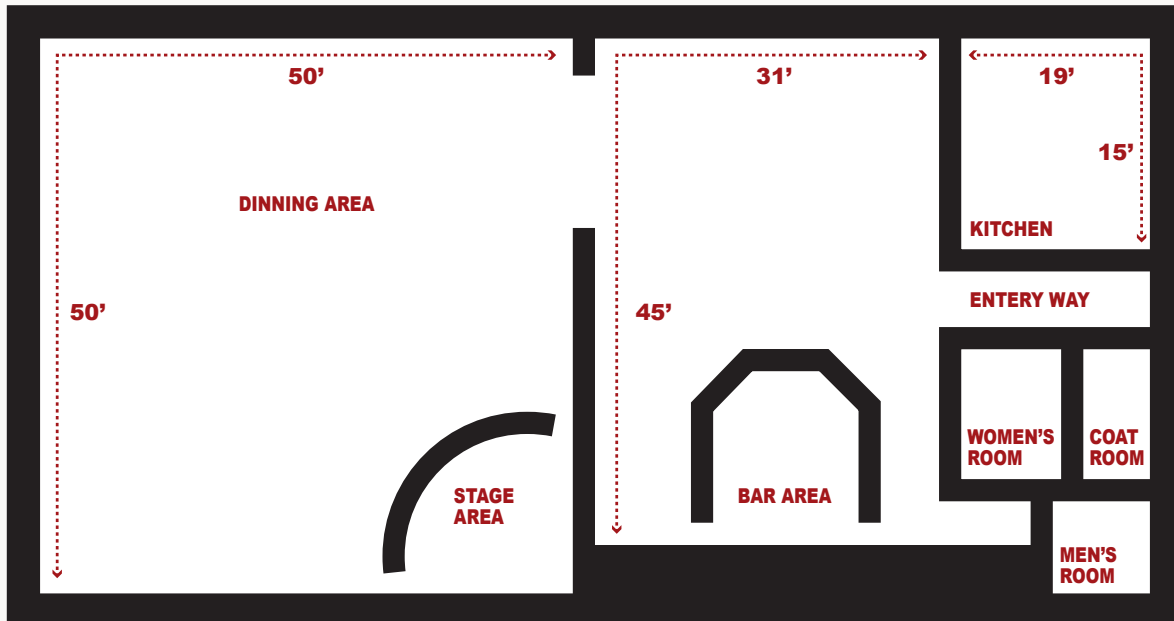
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VFW Post 10406 Cochrane, Wisconsin U.S.A.

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We offer a reasonably priced rental hall great for weddings, receptions, sweet sixteens, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, fundraisers, auctions, arts & craft shows, funeral memorials, company/employee events, and other special occasions.



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**VFW Post 10406 Hall: (608) 248-2733**

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\$75 Refundable Cleaning Deposit | Bartender - \$100 For Both Rates  
Cash Bar Pricing - \$2 beer, \$1 pop & water, 1/2 barrel - \$200, 1/4 barrel - \$125, Bartender - \$100

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS: John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

# Comrades & Sisters

This is just a little letter from the desk of the commander. First of all, I wanted to thank everyone for their support & hard work over the last year.

This amazing VFW Post 10406 was again an All State Post and even more impressive our small Club became an All-American Post again. I believe this is only the 2nd time since the Post was founded. This is an incredible feat as there are over 6000 VFW Posts that are eligible. We placed 5th out of a few hundred in our District according to the size of our Post. So we did very well. THANK YOU ALL.

Our Chicken Q's were a sell out again this year and a big Thank You to all of our volunteers that work in the Chicken Pit,

Bartending and especially THANK YOU to the Auxiliary for their hard work in making the tremendous sides, serving, taking care of the food and keeping the VFW a success with their unending support..

We have had a very successful Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Program thanks to Al Kochenderfer & Krist Beseler.

Our December meeting is also our Christmas Party after the meeting. The VFW Appreciation Dinner will be in February around the 18th watch for exact date. We will be giving out our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Awards and much more. Please come to this event as it is a very good time with great food.

With that being said I am looking forward to being the commander again this year and working hard for our Post & Community.

If you have any questions about anything you can always find info on the Website, Facebook page, or by coming to a meeting.

Thank you all. God Bless.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

No One Does More For Veterans.

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## 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 25,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

**Hale E. Madsen**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$500.00  
Local Area Winner

**Breilynn Mary Halverson**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$400.00  
Local Area Winner

**Addyson R. Lacey**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$300.00  
Local Area Winner

**Reese A. Bossert**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$200.00  
Local Area Winner

**Geneva J. Breza**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$100.00  
Local Area Winner

**Kaili R Hager**

Oral Essay Program  
Awarded \$50.00  
Local Area Winner

# Patriot's Pen (PP)

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000! The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences.

**Jack A. Wilson**

Essay Writing Contest  
Awarded \$300.00  
Local Area Winner

**Avery Bambenek**

Essay Writing Contest  
Awarded \$200.00  
Local Area Winner

**Ava E. Goetting**

Essay Writing Contest  
Awarded \$50.00  
Local Area Winner

**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/>

Kimberly Beseler  
VFW Post 10406 \ Auxiliary President  
(608) 799-6548

**CLUB MANAGER:** Les Kamrowski \ VFW Post 10406

# Post Activities 2022

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
October 11th Belvidere Meeting	November 5th VFW Raffle	December 6th Red Cross Blood Drive	January Belvidere Town Mtg
October 13th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	October 10th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	December 8th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm	January 12th VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00pm
October 15th VFW Charcoal Chicken	November 11th Veterans Day Program	December 13th Town of Belvidere	January VFW Chicken Fry



## 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**



# 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.

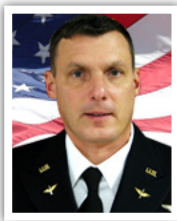


**COMMANDERS COMMENTS:** John Dehnke \ VFW Post 10406

## 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



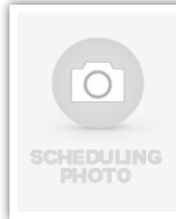
**Mike Stanton**  
3rd Year Trustee



**Jim Goss**  
Service Officer



**Jim Goss**  
Judge Advocate



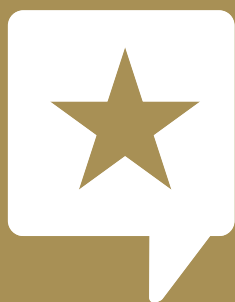
**Steve Zastrow**  
Surgeon



**Al Farner**  
Officer of the Day

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

[www.vfwpost10406.org/currentofficers.html](http://www.vfwpost10406.org/currentofficers.html)



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| ✦ History and Core Values | ✦ How to Donate         | ✦ Interactive Calendar  |
| ✦ Membership Information  | ✦ Local News            | ✦ Hall Rental Sign-Up   |
| ✦ Membership Benefits     | ✦ Checkpoint Brochure   | ✦ Staff                 |
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