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DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

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General Meeting:

August 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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House Committee Meeting:

September 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Time for a Change

A Time for Change – Moving Our Post Forward

In life, there are times when change is necessary, and I believe this is one of those times for our VFW Post. Together, we have an opportunity to make changes that will move our Post into the future and allow us to do even more for our veterans, customers, families, friends, and neighbors.

We are already working on several new projects, upgrades, and events that will help us accomplish these goals. Here are a few of the things we are working on:

Veteran Benefits Event – November

Dan is working on setting up a **Veteran Benefits Event** at the Post in November. The goal is to bring veteran support organizations into our community so veterans and their families can learn about and access the benefits and services available to them.

We are looking at having representatives from the **VHA, VBA, and several other veteran organizations** attend. This event will also serve as a prelude to a larger veteran-focused event we are planning for May.

Making Our Meetings More Family-Friendly

I am looking at changing up the way we conduct our official Post meetings by incorporating more **videos, pictures, and visual information** into the meeting program. My goal is to make our meetings more interesting, informative, and engaging.

I would also like to invite members to **bring their spouses to the meeting dinner**. While the meeting is taking place, spouses could spend time together at the bar, socialize, and enjoy the evening.

Our VFW is more than just an organization—it is a family. Getting our spouses and families more involved will help strengthen our Post and ensure that they understand and feel connected to what we do.

Fundraising for Upper Hall Improvements

We are also looking at fundraising opportunities to help pay for **upgrades to the upper hall**. If you have ideas for fundraising events or would like to volunteer to help organize them, please let me know.

Our goal is to dedicate these funds specifically toward the improvements. Investing in our Post today will help ensure that it remains strong and continues to serve our brothers and sisters in the military and veteran community for many years to come.

Creating a VFW Lounge in the Lower Hall

Another project I would like to see happen is transforming part of the lower hall into a more comfortable **VFW/Veterans Lounge** for our members and the other veteran organizations that use our Post.

Currently, we have the **American Legion** and **VFW Post Brookfield** meeting here, and the **Marine Corps League Detachment #355** is also looking at relocating to our Post. Creating a shared space would give all of these organizations a place to meet, relax, socialize, and build stronger relationships.

I am looking into obtaining donations for items such as:

- A poker table
- A pool table
- Display cases for military and veteran memorabilia
- Comfortable chairs and couches
- Tables and other furniture
- Other items that would make the area a welcoming place for veterans

We would utilize approximately **one-quarter or more of the lower hall** for the lounge, while leaving the remaining space available for meetings and activities by other organizations.

I have invited VFW Brookfield Post to be part of our Honor Guard. If they have any members that would like to assist us we will provide the uniforms for them, and they can help with funerals, events, parades, and other functions. We will be working together for the same cause. Teamwork between the Posts.

Moving Forward Together

These are just a few of the ideas and projects we are working on. None of them can happen without the support and involvement of our members. I encourage everyone to bring forward your ideas, volunteer your time, or simply let us know how you would like to see our Post grow.

This is our Post, and its future depends on all of us. Together, we can build a stronger, more active Post that serves our veterans, supports our community, and remains a place where veterans and their families feel welcome for generations to come.

Let's move forward—together.

Rich Goodman
Post Commander

Post Website

Our post website is available online; take a minute and check it out. Spread the word and let others know. You can access many things, such as our post history, upcoming events, and hall rental information, including the hall rental request form. There is membership, Scuttlebutts information, photos, and other information.

Link: VFWPost5716.com

Upcoming Events

There's always something happening at the Post! Mark your calendars and join us for great fellowship, fun, and support for our post.

- Monday Nights – Music Bingo: Come test your music knowledge, enjoy some laughs, and socialize.
- Thursday Nights – Line Dancing Lessons: Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, everyone is welcome to join in the fun.
- Throttle Thursday – Enjoy an evening of motorcycles and live music.
- September 11 – 25th Anniversary event at the New Berlin Fire Department at 0900 – need members
- September 19 – Walk 4 Warrior (W4W) – A walk for veteran suicide prevention in Madison at Post 1318.

We encourage all members, families, and friends to come out, participate, and help make these events a success. Your support keeps our Post active, strong, and connected.

September Armed Forces Observances

September gives us several important opportunities to remember and honor those who served our nation and the families who supported them.

- September 2 – V-J Day: Marks the formal end of World War II in 1945.
- September 11 – Patriot Day: Honors the victims and first responders of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
- September 18 – U.S. Air Force Birthday: Celebrates the founding of the United States Air Force in 1947. Happy Birthday, Air Force!
- Third Friday of September – POW/MIA Recognition Day: Honors our prisoners of war and remembers those who remain missing in action. You Are Not Forgotten.
- September 29 – VFW Day – 127 years and still serving strong.
- Last Sunday of September – Gold Star Mothers and Families Day: Recognizes and honors the families who have lost a loved one in military service to our nation.

Let us take time this month to remember our nation's history, honor those who served, and never forget the sacrifices made by our veterans, service members, and their families.



Buddy Check

September is Suicide Prevention Month—a time to remind our fellow veterans, their families, and our community that **no one has to face their struggles alone**.

As veterans, we understand the importance of looking out for our comrades. Sometimes a simple phone call, a visit at the Post, or asking someone, “**How are you really doing?**” can make a difference. The VA encourages everyone to **Be There** for veterans who may be going through a difficult time.

If you or a fellow veteran is struggling, don't wait until things become overwhelming. The **Veterans Crisis Line** is available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**, and you do **not** have to be enrolled in VA health care to use it.

Veterans Crisis Line

Call: 988, then Press 1

Text: 838255

Online chat: VeteransCrisisLine.net

The service is free and confidential, and responders are available to listen and help.

For additional mental health support, veterans can also contact their local VA medical center or Vet Center. VA resources are available for veterans and their families—not just during a crisis, but whenever support is needed.



This September, let's make a commitment to check on our fellow veterans. Reach out. Listen. Be there. You never know when a simple conversation could save a life. You are not alone. Your VFW family is here for you.

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Respectfully,
Rich Goodman Commander