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General Meeting:

February 24, 2026 at 7:00PM

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House Committee Meeting:

March 10, 2026 at 7:00PM

### Valentines Day Dinner and Dance Fundraiser



Let's celebrate Valentines Day, February 14th at the post for spaghetti dinner provided by Rebekah and her team of Karen Barker and Sally Chappell followed by the return engagement of Our House Band. We are asking for a \$5.00 Cover Charge and \$10.00 for dinner with all proceeds going to the Post Upgrade Fund. Hope to see you there.

### Post Upgrade Update

With the major electrical and plumbing projects completed, we will now focus on upgrading the Upper Hall to make more inviting for events, parties, and celebrations. Discreet projects have been identified and tentatively prioritized. Projects include updating or replacing floor and ceiling tiles, replacing windows, removing the wainscoted paneling, and sound system improvements. As mentioned before, improvements will be phased in as funding becomes available. Thanks again to the team, Dennis McDonald, Bill Ray, Dave Barczak, and Rich Goodman.

### Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser



The first fundraiser on February 9<sup>th</sup> with another scheduled on March 9<sup>th</sup> (3:00 to 8:00 PM) The Roadhouse will donate 10% of total food purchases to our post with the presentation of this flyer. Print it from the Newsletter or pick one up at the bar. My wife and I are planning to go; anybody care to join us?

### Welcome Post 8320

We are pleased to welcome Commander Bob Weidel and VFW Post 8320 from Brookfield who will calling our facility home on the first Monday of each month.

## Harriet Sharping Remembered



It is with great sadness that I must pass along the news that Harriet Sharping, Kenny's wife of 72 years, passed away early February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Harriet supported our post and veterans as a member and president of the Post 5716 Auxiliary. The Celebration of Life is scheduled for February 27 at Reformation Lutheran Church in Brookfield (915 Adelman Avenue). Visitation is from 11:00 to 12:00 followed by a service at noon. Lunch will be served after the service.

Although we will not offer a VFW ceremony, we will pay our respects as a unit. Please join us in polo shirts and cover to support Kenny and the Sharping family.

## Membership

Membership is the lifeblood of our post and the State and National VFW. The future of our post depends on new members and retaining our current members. We provide comradery for veterans, and we are a community presence in New Berlin. For the VFW in its veteran advocacy role, there is strength in numbers. The success in legislative support for veterans depends on our strength in numbers.

We currently have 95 members on our rolls which is three less than last year. To drive membership growth, I am challenging all of you to help achieve 100 members by May 1<sup>st</sup>. So, invite a friend to a meeting or engage a veteran to stop by the post.

For those members who have not been around for a while, come back and join us as we have a lot of exciting things happening at our post. If you are not a Life Member, please renew your membership to maintain our "strength in numbers"



## Lion's Club Gift



Our post was again honored at the annual New Berlin Lion's Club Parade of Checks. We were presented with a very generous gift of \$2000 which will be used to help fund our Post Upgrade projects. New Berlin can be proud of our Lion's Club for the great work they do and the organizations they support, and I am pleased that they call our post their home. If you are at the State Fair this year, be sure to stop and enjoy some great corn on the cob.

Respectfully,  
Dave Chappell  
Commander