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General Meeting:

April 28, 2026, at 7:00PM

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House Committee Meeting:

May 12, 2026, at 7:00PM

Comrades,

Post Officer Elections and Appointments

The first round of officer nominations took place at the March General meeting. We have candidates for Commander (Rich Goodman) Senior Voice Commander (David Misko), Junior Vice Commander (Dennis McDonald), Quartermaster (Bob June), Three-Year Trustee (Chuck Blair), and Two-Year Trustee (Dave Barczak). Additional nominations may be brought forward at the April General Meeting on April 28th, and the election will follow once nominations are closed. All members are eligible for office requiring only a DD214 on file with the post Quartermaster.



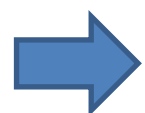
The Commander will appoint or re-appoint an Adjutant, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and Chaplain. If you are interested in serving or interested in learning more about these roles, please see me or any of the current officers. Before nominating someone, please make sure they are willing to serve.

Operations Post Upgrade All Hands-on Deck



Plans are nearly complete for upgrading the Upper Hall to make it more functional and attractive for community celebrations, community events and meetings, and our own VFW need. The scope of the project includes new flooring, ceiling tiles, windows, and drywall. Materials are expected to cost around \$25,000 which can be covered with post funds; however, contracted labor can double or even triple that amount. I believe there is sufficient talent among our members that much, if not all, of the work can be internally accomplished. We plan to close or limit access to the Upper Hall July 27th – August 3rd for this project.

The members approved proceeding with the purchase of the materials at our last meeting but also will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the next meeting. All skill levels are welcome and appreciated. Let's make this happen. Thanks to Dave Barczak for his leadership on this important initiative.



District Meeting April 25th.

Our post has the honor of hosting the next Quarterly District Meeting for both the VFW and the Auxiliary. The meeting will start at 9:00 and lunch will be offered for \$15 at the meeting's conclusion. Officer elections will be the primary agenda item. All members are invited to attend but help to set up before and after will be much appreciated. See Rich if you can help.

May Events



May is Military Appreciation Month, a special time for those in and out of the military. It is a time designated to honor and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and service of the members of the armed forces, past and present.

Lives of Service Mass at Catholic Memorial High School; May 1st at 10:00. Each year Catholic Memorial High School honor service members from CMHS who were killed in action serving their country. Our post is proud to present and post the colors. We will be leaving the post at 9:30. See the Commander if you would like to join us.

Poppy Drive May 10th. As most of you know, all donations from poppy donations go to serve veterans and veteran organizations – a significant part of our VFW mission. Our fourth annual Poppy Day Drive is scheduled for **9:00 AM to noon on May 2nd**. Afterwards, we will meet at the post for complimentary lunch and drinks. See Rick Taczala for more information.



Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on May 16th this year, and volunteers are needed to present the colors at Mission BBQ, of Brookfield at noon for the National Anthem. After the anthem, please stay for free sandwiches in celebration of your service. See Rich Goodman if you can make it.

Memorial Day Observance New Berlin's annual Memorial Day observance at Highland Memorial Park located at 14875 West Greenfield Avenue is scheduled for **May 26th at 11:00 AM**. This event will include our Honor Guard, Mayor Ament, and local government officials, as well as the New Berlin Community Band. The Honor Guard is requested to arrive by 10:30 in dress uniform, but all members are encouraged to attend. Those that can help transport chairs, podium and flags are asked to meet at the post at 9:30.



Flag Etiquette and Veterans Benefits Fair May 30th. For this years' service project, we are inviting local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for a Flag Etiquette and Flag Retirement Ceremony. We also plan to have benefit resources available to help awareness of available veteran benefits and to navigate the application process. A meal will be provided by Mission BBQ. Details are still being worked but see Dan Driscoll if you would like to participate.

Respectfully,
Dave Chappell
Commander