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General Meeting:

June 30, 2026 at 7:00PM

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House Committee Meeting:

July 14, 2026 at 7:00PM

From the Commander

Fellow Comrades,

I am honored and humbled to have been elected as your VFW Post Commander. I want to thank each of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead our Post during the coming year.

As veterans, we share a unique bond forged through service, sacrifice, and commitment to our nation. Our Post exists not only to support one another but also to serve our community, assist fellow veterans and their families, and preserve the values for which we proudly served.

As Commander, my goal is to build upon the strong foundation established by those who have served before me. I look forward to working alongside our officers, members, and volunteers to strengthen participation, increase outreach, and ensure that our Post remains a welcoming and active organization for veterans of all generations.

I encourage every member to become involved, share ideas, and participate in our programs and events. Together, we can continue making a positive difference in the lives of veterans and within our community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you as we move forward together.

I want to welcome and thank the following comrades for accepting the following positions. David Misko (Senior-Vice Commander), Dennis McDonald (Junior-Vice Commander). Bob June (Quartermaster).

I would also like to thank our comrades that have accepted roles in appointed positions: Brian Barker (Adjutant), Dave Chappell (Judge Advocate), Dan Driscoll (Service Officer), Del Canon (Chaplain), Bill Ray (Surgeon), and Rich Nuccio (Membership Officer).

Rich Goodman

4th of July Events

Coming up shortly are the events at the New Berlin 4th of July Festival.

- Pie Bake-Off will be held on July 2nd at 1730 where I will be judging the "other" category for pies. Come on out and support me in my first time judging pie, This is one thing Dave is going to miss participating in.

- Main Parade - I would like to invite everyone to come out and participate in the post in the march in the parade. This year we have the Jeep and Rebekah will have her Jeep with us for the walk. The main parade starts at 1300 with the route starting at 159th Street, traveling west on National Ave, and then to Rose Court.
- Further details will be provided at the monthly meeting.



Coffee with Miss Wisconsin Teen Contestants



Our post had the privilege of having coffee with Miss Wisconsin Teen Contestants on June 16th at 1848 Coffee.

We were able to learn about the current Miss Wisconsin Teen, Natalie Popp's community service project: Never Forgotten: Remembering our Heros. Thank you for the invitation and great time!

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Our Post and the Scouts conducted a flag retirement ceremony event, and I wanted to thank Dan, the Scouts, David, Rebekah, and Dennis for a wonderful event. It was well put together and executed. Thank you Kenny and others for coming out to show your support.

Keep an eye out for our next one.





PTSD Awareness Month: Supporting Our Veterans and One Another

June is PTSD Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing understanding of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and encouraging those affected to seek support and treatment.

For many veterans, the experiences of military service can leave lasting emotional and psychological impacts. PTSD is not a sign of weakness, nor is it something that a person can simply "get over." It is a legitimate and treatable condition that can affect anyone who has experienced or witnessed traumatic events. Symptoms may include anxiety, depression, nightmares, difficulty sleeping, hypervigilance, flashbacks, irritability, or feelings of isolation. While these challenges can be difficult, it is important to remember that help is available and recovery is possible.

As members of the VFW, we are uniquely positioned to support one another. Sometimes the most meaningful assistance comes from simply listening, checking in on a fellow veteran, or encouraging someone to seek professional help when needed. No veteran should feel they must face these struggles alone.

This month, let us reaffirm our commitment to looking out for our comrades and their families. If you or someone you know is struggling, reach out to a trusted friend, healthcare provider, Veterans Service Officer, or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Taking that first step can make all the difference.

Together, we can help reduce the stigma surrounding PTSD and ensure that every veteran knows they are supported, valued, and never alone.

"The strongest warriors are those who have the courage to ask for help when they need it."

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Respectfully,
Rich Goodman
Commander