



Bliss Bugle



Words from the Commander



Greetings! My name is Nathan Beiningen and I will be serving as the post commander for the 2018-2019 year. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to serve. I will be posting monthly updates in the newsletter, so if you have anything you would like me to share, please contact the main office or e-mail me at

commander@vfw628.com.

We hosted the South Dakota Department convention on June 14-16 with a hospitality night at the post home on Friday, June 15. A taco bar was provided for our guests and all that attended had a great time! Thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, set-up, and execution of this event.

June 21 marks the first day of summer and the post has some exciting things planned for the month of July!

The Monthly Stag meeting will be on July 2. Tony's will be serving steak. Please RSVP to Joyce Pope, Office Manager at 605-338-0869 by no later than June 26.

The Color Guard will be marching in the Sioux Falls Independence Day Parade on July 4. The parade begins at 10 am and will run North bound along Phillips Avenue beginning at 13th Street. Hope to see you all there!

The post will be setting up a booth at the annual Jazz Fest concert at Yankton Trail Park on July 20-21. We are seeking volunteers to assist with recruitment efforts, distributing information, and collecting donations for Buddy Poppies. Please contact the office to get your name added to the list of volunteers for this first time event.

Nathan Beiningen

VFW Auxiliary President



Greetings to all Auxiliary and Post Members,

I would like to congratulate everyone for hosting an exceptional State Convention this past weekend. I know I personally learned a lot. It was humbling to be present at the Memorial Service at Veterans Memorial Park – HOT, but very impressive. I would also like to congratulate Mary Kirkvold on her new position as South Dakota Department President. Mary brings a lot of experience to the position and we wish her well.

As a reminder, due to the July 4th holiday, there will be NO July Auxiliary meeting. The next meeting will be Wed August 1st. Stag will take place on Monday July 2. Steak and baked potato will be served at a cost of \$12, but there will not be Bingo that evening. Please continue to support the Stag event in July,

I will be meeting with the Auxiliary officers to set a calendar for the next year. Please update me on any events you would like placed on the calendar. There are still chairperson positions that need to be filled. If you are interested, please make sure you let us know. We will be working with the current chairs to mentor the incoming chairs.

In an effort to create a better communication process, we have created a new email for the Auxiliary. Please use vfw628aux@gmail.com if you have any ideas or are interested in volunteering. Someone will be checking that account regularly. We now have a Facebook account – please like us at VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628 on Facebook. We will be posting there regularly also.

I would like to take this time to thank the Auxiliary members for trusting me to be their President this upcoming year. It will hopefully be an eventful and successful year. And know – that I value ALL your opinions and expertise.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!!

Kim Vennard

NEW CANTEEN HOURS

MON-THUR

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday

3:00 PM - CLOSE

Saturday

9:00 AM - CLOSE

CASINO HOURS

OPEN 9:00 AM

Mon-Saturday

The Bliss Family

One hundred years ago, John and Carrie Bliss of 1115 North Phillips Avenue in Sioux Falls had seven sons serving in the US Army. Everett (23), Dewey (20), Percy (26), and Ernest (28) enlisted in 1917, followed by Newton (18) in February 1918. When John (30) and Allen (24) passed their physicals in February and were waiting to be called, the *Sioux Falls Daily Argus Leader* asked Mrs. Bliss if this would be the end of her record. "That's all I can spare now," she responded.

In July 1918, George (33) enlisted in the veterinary services. The others were by then all over seas. Mr. Bliss told the *Argus Leader*, "If necessary to beat the Kaiser, we have three more sons left. And I guess they can go, too, if the country needs them." The Blisses had eleven sons and two daughters. The youngest boy was eight.

Private John Martin Bliss served with Company B, 355th Infantry Regiment, 89th Infantry Division, in France. He died of pneumonia on September 19, 1918, following days on the battlefield. He is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Thiaucourt, Lorraine, France. His mother was able, at some point, to visit his grave. When Sioux Falls established a VFW post in 1921, it was named in honor of John M. Bliss.

The two youngest sons, Charley and Peter, both served in World War II. Percy served in both wars.

Thanks to Jim Carlson for the newspaper articles about the Bliss family.

— Diane Diekman

Good Of The Order

Honor Guard

Between May 16th and June 15th, the VFW Honor Guard provided military honors for 3 veterans, James Dedrickson, Dale Carlson, and James Westby. All were non-members of our VFW Post

We continue to seek Post members to join our Honor Guard family. Even if you can only participate on weekends or holidays, you are needed.

If you are willing to assist us by joining our Honor Guard team, please contact our VFW post office or our VFW Honor Guard Commander at **605-338-0869**

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

"Keep 'em smiling in Beds of White"

Judy Evink, President

Taps

Post:

Auxiliary: WANDA MITCHELL--5-16, MARY FARMER--5-21, LUELLE CHASE--5-28, IOLA NELSON--6-13

Monetary donations came from the families of:

Jim Dedrickson, Dale Carlson, Ron Foss

Welcome to New Post 628 Members

Smokey Struss, Ronald Ross,
Charles Garcia, William Van Horsen

VFW Post 628 — July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 POST CLOSED	2 Member Stag 6:30 Auxiliary Dinner General Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	4 POST CLOSED Sioux Falls Independence Day Parade 10am downtown. We have a float and you are invited to join us.	5 Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	6 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR with Free Chips & Salsa	7 Minatra Shama Wedding Simmons Lounge Open 9 am -Close
8 Pancake breakfast 8:30am-12:30	9 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR— 1/2 OFF Domestic Tap Beer	10 Christian Women's Brunch 9:30 am Marine Officers 7 pm Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	11 Cooties/ MOCA Meetings 7 pm ROWDY WEDNESDAY: Lamb Chislic 5-7 pm Shot & Beer Specials	12 Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	13 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR with Free Chips & Salsa	14 Warner Wedding Simmons Lounge Open 9 am -Close
15 POST CLOSED	16 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR— 1/2 OFF Domestic Tap Beer	17 Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	18 ROWDY WEDNESDAY: Beach Party Specials on Coronas, Margarita's and Rum drinks.	19 Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	20 JAZZ FEST —Come visit our booth! 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR with Free Chips & Salsa	21 JAZZ FEST —Come visit our booth!
22 POST CLOSED	23 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR— 1/2 OFF Domestic Tap Beer	24 MOAA - 12pm Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	25 ROWDY WEDNESDAY: 5:00pm Spaghetti / Pasta Buffet & Wine Specials	26 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.	27 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR with Free Chips & Salsa	28 Stay Tuned for Band Info.
29 POST CLOSED	30 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR— 1/2 OFF Domestic Tap Beer	31 WoVets 5:30 pm Marine Corps League 7 pm Burgers+BINGO+ Brews 3- 6pm HAPPY HOUR BINGO-6pm Early Bird, 7pm Regular.				

Tuesday & Thursday
BURGERS + BINGO + BREWS
 HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS 3-6 PM
 EARLY BIRD BINGO 6 PM
 REGULAR BINGO 7PM
 KITCHEN OPEN 4 PM — 8PM
\$10 Bottomless Local Craft Beer of the Month

NEW HOURS & SPECIALS
Casino Open Daily 9 am—Close
Simmon's Lounge Open
 3 pm—10 pm Monday—Thursday
 3 pm — close Friday
 9 am — Close Saturday

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
SIOUX FALLS, SD
PERMIT NO 345

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105



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call our office at 338-0869 and let us know
your new address! Thanks!!

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Trustee————Randy Kirkvold
Trustee————Harry Engberg
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Service Officer————David Parr
Chaplain————Scott Bakin

Office Manager—Joyce Pope
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Auxiliary Officers 2018-2019

President————Kim Vennard
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Military Order of the Cootie

Winter is finally gone and we can enjoy a well deserved summer season.

Last month we had our Grand Scratch in Yankton and it was very productive and fun. We enjoyed the visit from “Butch”, who represented Supreme, he is from Arnold, Missouri. It was his hope that as many Cooties as possible from South Dakota would be attendance at the 5 State PowWow in Arnold.

The 5 State PowWow was held June 21– 23 we did have a delegation that attended. I am certain they had a lousy time.

Our Cootie Car has been requested at a number of events this summer, but we won’t be able to attend as we are in the process of getting a patriotic vinyl wrap done. I am trying to get it done for a reasonable cost. Hopefully it will be ready for next summer.

Our fellow Cootie and good friend, Glen Walters continues to recover after surgery. Let’s remember Glen in our prayers.

Vern Anderson

Seam Squirrel, Pup Tent #1

Grand Surgeon, State of SD