



Bliss Bugle



Words from the Commander



With this *Bugle* brings the official start of autumn. It also a time for some of you to go out into the field and chase our state bird. Have fun and safe hunting season.

We hosted the annual Veterans Stand Down on Friday Sept 21. I would like to thank all the volunteers that put in the hard work that make this great event possible.

I would like to inform everyone that Rodney Polhamus has resigned as Quartermaster. I would like to thank Rodney for his service to Post 628. I have appointed Hosea Bennett as temporary Quartermaster.

We now have 3 positions open: Quartermaster, the remainder of a 3 year Executive Committee position, and 1 year Executive Committee position. We will open nominations at the next scheduled meeting.

Just a reminder if we want to continue our members stag you have to call the Office: 605-338-0869 Lounge: 605-338-9421. We need a minimum of 30 reservations.

If you have not read the Sept.. General Orders I suggest that you read the article "Why the VFW Is Worth Saving" published by Dept. Judge Advocate Barbara K. McKean. The link to the article is located at.

<http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-general-orders>

VFW Auxiliary President



Veterans Stand Down took place at the VFW on Friday Sept 21. The Auxiliary donated 20 vanity bags filled with personal hygiene items to the Women's table. It was such a great feeling to see those that gave their time get something back in return. Everyone was so thankful and appreciative. We had many volunteers from the Post and the Auxiliary.

But, without Rich Swanke, Cindy Cox, Cathy Jo Tooley, Diana Wells and a US Bank volunteer manning the kitchen and preparing food, it would not have been the success it was. LeRoy, Marla Edmund, Betty Hahn, Mary Kirkvold and any other auxiliary members I may have missed, bless your little pea picking hearts for giving up your time and talents for our Veterans.

Ladies Stag will be on **WED OCT 17**. You MUST call your reservation by Friday Oct 12 to 338-0869 and leave a message OR email the Auxiliary email address, vfw628aux@gmail.com Last month, we had a great turnout. HUGE SHOUT OUT to Diana Wells and Cindy Cox for all the hard work getting the meal together. There were a lot of compliments on the way it was done. So we will keep at this, still looking for a larger crowd so we can secure a caterer at a cost everyone can afford. Until then, we will stay with the \$10 price.

The Auxiliary had a bake sale/flea market in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Sept 9. There was a great turnout and we look forward to doing this in the future.

District 1 meeting was held in Alcester on Sunday, Sept 23. Information will be discussed at the regular monthly meeting in Sioux Falls.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Wednesday Oct 3 at 7pm. Please come and sign up for the door prize. We are still in need of chair people for some of the committees. We will be discussing upcoming events, Veterans Day and possibly another Lefse sale. There was such an amazing response to it last year.

BOO!!!! Time for all the little ghosts and goblins to come haunting at your house. Make sure the path to the candy is clear and your lights are on!! These little stinkers are the future – we need to make sure they are safe.

If you have any questions on anything or any suggestions, please feel free to call me at 370-8409.

VFW Urges MIA Families to Provide DNA Samples

Return of American MIAs from North Korea begins

Jul 27, 2018 WASHINGTON (July 27, 2018) — Now that North Korea has unilaterally turned over 55 boxes of remains believed to contain missing American servicemen from the Korean War, the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is urging the families of Korean and Cold War missing to ensure the Defense Department has a DNA reference sample on file to help speed the identification process. “Some 5,300 of 7,699 American unaccounted-for war dead are believed to be in North Korea, and 111 of our 126 Cold War missing are in the vicinity of the Korean peninsula, yet family reference samples on file only account for 91 percent of Korean War missing and 85 percent of Cold War losses,” said new VFW National Commander Vincent “B.J.” Lawrence. “We have to do better than that, and that’s why I’m calling on more than 1.6 million VFW and VFW Auxiliary members to canvas their neighborhoods and urge every MIA family — even distant relatives — to provide a family reference sample in the hope that the next identification announcement is their long-lost soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or contract civilian.” According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, all immediate family members, as well as maternal and paternal relatives, are eligible to donate a family reference sample, which is essentially a cotton cheek swab. Relatives should contact a military service casualty officer for information on how to

Good Of The Order

Honor Guard

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 by joining our Honor Guard team, please contact our office or VFW Honor Guard commander at 605-338-0869.

David Parr
Honor Guard Commander

Taps

Post:

Auxiliary:

Monetary donations came from the family of:

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

The Bake Sales was a success. We will be having another Bakes Sale at the Pancake Breakfast on Oct 14th, 2018. We had a good assortment, hope you all will participate like usual. Wishing you all a safe and healthy Halloween.

“Keep `em smiling in Beds of White”

Judy Evink, President

VFW Post 628 — Oct. 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Member Stag 6pm General Meeting/ Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4 VFW Bingo 7pm	5	6 Simmons Lounge Open 9am– Close
7 POST CLOSED	8 CANTEEN CLOSED	9 VFW Bingo 7pm Burger Night 5-8 pm Marine Officers 7 pm	10 Chislic Night 5-7 pm Cooties/ MOCA Meetings 7 pm	11 VFW Bingo 7pm	12	13 Simmons Lounge Open 9am– Close Dance– Night Raiders 8pm
14 Pancake breakfast 8:30am-12:30 POST CLOSED	15 CANTEEN CLOSED	16 VFW Bingo 7pm Burger Night 5-8 pm	17 Auxiliary dinner — \$10 6:15 pm	18 VFW Bingo 7pm Veterans' Council 7pm	19	20 Simmons Lounge Open 9am– Close
21 POST CLOSED	22 CANTEEN CLOSED	23 VFW Bingo 7pm Burger Night 5-8 pm WoVets 5:30 pm Marine Corps League 7pm	24 Spaghetti dinner — 5:30 pm	25 VFW Bingo 7pm	26	27 Simmons Lounge Open 9am– Close Dance– Doc Holliday Band 8pm
28 POST CLOSED	29 CANTEEN CLOSED	30 VFW Bingo 7pm Burger Night 5-8 pm	31			

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

Simmon's Lounge Open

Tuesday—Thursday 3 pm—10 pm

Friday 3 pm — close

Saturday 9 am — Close

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Senior Vice Commander——Ryan Killion
Junior Vice Commander——Dan Ridgeway
Quartermaster—————
Judge Advocate————Harry Engberg
Surgeon—————Vern Anderson
Trustee—————David Parr
Trustee—————Randy Kirkvold
Trustee—————Harry Engberg
Adjutant—————Doug Starr
Service Officer————David Parr
Chaplain—————Scott Bakken

Auxiliary Officers 2018-2019

President—————Kim Vennard
Sr. Vice President——Marla Edman
Jr. Vice President——Lauretta Petersen
Secretary—————Cathy Jo Toolry
Treasurer—————Cathy Jo Tooley
Chaplain—————Diana Wells
Conductress—————Betty Hodge
Assistant Conductress——Connie Foss
Guard—————Judy Evink

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Military Order of the Cootie

Scratch will be held on October 10 at 7:30

Keep 'em smiling in Beds of White"

Vern Anderson
Seam Squirrel, Pup Tent #1
Grand Surgeon, State of SD

Welcome to New Post 628 Members:

Members Stag

October 3th 6pm

Be sure to call for reservations

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