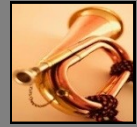




# Bliss Bugle



## Words from the Commander



With this newsletter brings the end of summer and the start of children going back to school.

Despite any rumors you may have heard, I want to assure you that the Post is not closed. We have made some changes to the Canteen hours and made some personnel changes as well. The Post is still focused on the mission of the VFW.

Member's Stag is scheduled for **Wed. Sept. 5 at 6pm.** Please call in to RSVP. Tony's needs a minimum of 25. If we don't have enough member's interested we will have to cancel. The post meeting will follow stag at **7pm.**

This past weekend my wife and I traveled to Luverne, MN and went to visit the Herreid Military Museum. They have memorabilia and stories of the men and women of Rock County that covers all wars, with an emphasis on WWII. It is a very well done exhibit. I encourage anyone to visit.

I also visited Big Paws Canine to present them with a check with the money we raised at Department Convention from our annual newspaper auction. I can't express all the great things they do to help veterans. They were very appreciative.

September is Suicide Prevention month. This month serves to remind us of the difficulties that many veterans face. The loss of one veteran to suicide is one loss too many. The VA has a 24-hour Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255. Veterans should press "1" when prompted. Additional counseling services are also available.

Nathan Beiningen

## VFW Auxiliary President



Greetings to all Auxiliary and Post Members,

Where has the summer gone?? September has crept up on us already!! That means State Fair time - District 1 will be working the booth at the State Fair on Monday Sept 3. If you are going to the fair and would like to volunteer, please contact me or email Cindy Williamson at [williamson2663@gmail.com](mailto:williamson2663@gmail.com).

Ladies Stag will be on **WED SEPT 19**. Yes – That is correct, Ladies Stag will now be on Wednesdays again. Supper will begin at 6:15. You **MUST** call your reservation by Friday Sept 14 to 338-0869 and leave a message OR email the Auxiliary email address, [vfw628aux@gmail.com](mailto:vfw628aux@gmail.com) Please see the Ladies Stag article in the newsletter for additional information.

The Post has requested assistance in working the Burger and Bingo nights. The Auxiliary will be volunteering on the second Tuesday of each month. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer on Sept 11. You can call me at 370-8409 or email [vfw628aux@gmail.com](mailto:vfw628aux@gmail.com).

Get your baking skills in action!! The Auxiliary will be have a bake sale in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Sept 9.

School Days are just around the corner – many families have a hard time making ends meet. The beginning of school can be difficult. We will still accept any school supplies to be distributed to local schools. Also, keep your eyes and ears open for the little ones as they are walking to and from school. They can dart in and out of cars very quickly.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Wednesday Sept 5 at 7pm. Please come and sign up for the door prize. We are still in need of chair people for some of the committees.

For our tomorrow, they gave their today!! Thank You Veterans!!!

Kim Vennard

### Visit From National Auxiliary President

August 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>, Sandi Kriebel, National Auxiliary President, made her stop in Sioux Falls for her National Tour. Although local turnout was low, there were a number of representatives from throughout South Dakota. The energy level that Sandi brings to the office is electric – look for exciting things in the future.



National Aux Pres Sandi Kriebel, SD State Aux President Mary Kirkvold and Post 628 Aux President Kim Vennard

## Members Stag

September 5th 6pm

Be sure to call for reservations

## New in September

The last Wednesday of each month we will have a spaghetti dinner.

Dinner Begins at 5:30 PM

## Good Of The Order

### Honor Guard

July, the VFW Honor Guard provided military honors for three veterans—one Army, one Air Force, and one Marine. All were non-members.

July 7, 2018 Provided Flag detail and firing squad for the Annual USS South Dakota Battleship reunion.

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.

### Taps

**Post:**

**Auxiliary:** Mary Koering 7/31/18

**Monetary donations came from the family of:**

### Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

**"Keep `em smiling in Beds of White"**

Judy Evink, President

# VFW Post 628 — Sept. 2018

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

## 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

Monday—Thursday 3 pm—10 pm

Friday 3 pm — close

Saturday 9 am — Close

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**John M. Bliss**  
**VFW Post 628**



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 Senior Vice Commander——Ryan Killion  
 Junior Vice Commander——Dan Ridgeway  
 Quartermaster————Rodney Polhamus  
 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**

**“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:**

Anthony Hoffman,  
 Robert Thomas,  
 Clayton Mennis,  
 Thomas Olsen,  
 Brian Harwell