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THE FRIENDLY POST

Quincy Home Armed Forces Day



ARMED FORCES DAY

What a wonderful time we had at the Quincy Home. We loaded up the trucks with Hamburgers, Brats, and other goodies. This was the first opportunity for the residents to have a get together since Covid started.

The smiles on their faces were worth the trip. The smiles could have lite up Sangamon County. I don't know if you have ever made it there, but you should visit when you can. We will be going back next year. Check the online calendar for updates. [#StillSevering](#)

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

WE HEAR THIS ALL THE TIME, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN? IN 2015 THERE WERE 56,335 VFE MEMBERS IN ILLINOIS. IN 2022 THAT NUMBER DROPPED TO 39,790. THE NATIONAL NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED ABOUT THE SAME PRECENTAGES. WHEN OUR ELECTED VFW OFFICIALS TRAVEL TO OUR NATIONS CAPITAL TO LOBBY FOR PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT OUR COMRADS, OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TAKE NOTE OF THESE NUMBERS. SO, WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR DUES OR SIGN NEW MEMBERS, YOU HELP TO PASS NEW LEGISLATION TO HELP ALL VETERANS. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAYED YOUR DUES, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO,

IF YOU NEED HEPL CATCHING UP ON DUES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE POST
THANKS **COMMANDER CARTER**



Frank Tyree SVO Post 10302

Frank is a dedicated veteran and is there for so many people. He is also an AMVets member and was awarded the AMVet of the year! Frank also received an 8-year appreciation award last month from our post. Great work Frank we are all very proud to have you serving at Post 10302.



#STILL SERVING

We had to have a special election for Jr. Vice Commander due to a officer leaving, Kenneth Ash was elected. We wish him well in his new position.



We are
**#STILL SERVING
HERE AT VFW.
NO ONE DOES
MORE FOR
VETERANS**

WEBSITE HEADED OUR WAY

As life becomes more online here at Post 10302, we want to be able to supply every member with as much information as we can. Our new website should be active by September 15th, I think. What will it do to help us out? This web service is supplied by Nationals, and it is very interactive with nationals and state. We will have a calendar anyone can see. We will have updates to you faster, and you will be able to interact with the Command staff here at the V. Photo gallery, social media interactive, and more.

“Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving.”
Albert Einstein

We have somethings happening to the front of the post. We add the services flags to fly during our holidays. The Commander and Frank the SVO put new ropes up, and we need to thank **Cody Smith with Knotty Pine** he came to the rescue with his bucket truck and feed a rope down that we lost while they worked on it. Now they are all ready for at least a year or two.

Unfortunately, we have several members that are passing away at a very fast pace. The way we remember our fallen Comrades is to have their name engraved on our Memorial Wall out front of the post. With sadness we have 43 more names to add to the wall. That is all the room we have.

At the last members meeting we voted to have two more memorial walls built to be able to continue to honor our fallen.

"They say a person dies twice. Once when they leave us, and when their name is said for the last time. Our Comrades name will never go unsaid."



What is the VFW doing for us?

Story by Dale Abbott

VFW is a veteran's biggest advocate for Veterans in Washington D.C. Among the VFW's most recent and important legislative victories was expanding college education benefits for military service members with the signing of the Forever GI Bill and ensuring America's service members and veterans receive the care they deserve - whenever and wherever they need it - by passing the VA MISSION Act.

The VFW has been working hard for us, look at just some of the bills they are working on getting passed.

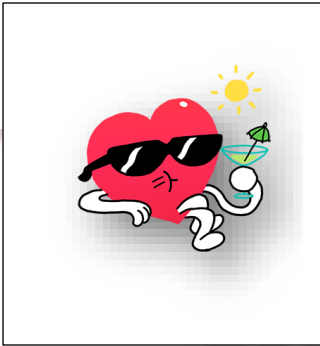
- S. 3372, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, and for other purposes.
- S. 3548, Veterans Hearing Benefits Act of 2022
- S. 3606, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent, and for other purposes.
- S. 3994, Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act of 2022
- S. 4141, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, and for other purposes.
- S. 4208, Improving Access to the VA Home Loan Act of 2022
- S. 4223, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022
- S. 4308, Veterans Marriage Recognition Act of 2022
- S. 4319, Informing VETS Act of 2022
- S. 4458, Ensuring the Best Schools for Veterans Act of 2022

One of the best ways you can help the VFW fight for our rights, is to join the [Action Corps](https://votervoicenet.com/vfw/register). This is so easy to be part of this. Go to the link <https://votervoicenet.com/vfw/register> Register and the VFW Action Corps. They will send you an email when they need our help. Don't worry it is not something you get every day or every week. They send the notice, you click on take action, then a box will appear with "Take Action." When you do this, they have a prewritten letter to your legislator in your area. It is truly that easy and takes less than 5 minutes to help the VFW fight for our rights. Sign up to be part of ensuring your rights. (Ref. articles www.vfw.org)



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Queen of Hearts

Thursday @ 7:00 P.M

You can buy tickets at any time in the canteen

WE NEED YOU

I would like to tell you what the Illinois State Commander told me the first time I meet him. Probably the most important words I have heard since being here at the VFW. **“The VFW is not a Bar! We are a Fraternal Organization that helps Veterans and the community.”** There are many VFWs that do not even have a canteen. Our canteen is open to the public as well, as long as respect is shown. We use the funds from the canteen to serve this community.

I must tell you it was a changing point in my thoughts about the VFW. I had no idea of all the things we do for Veterans, and for the community around us.

Here is the thing, I wish I would have been at least coming to the meetings. I was the same as some of you, working 12 hrs. a day (for 30 years), with family, ballgames, and just life keeping us busy. I retired last year, and with encouragement from my wife to **“get out “**of the house, I decided to get more involved in the VFW. In doing so I learned what the VFW is all about. Don't wait like I did, come on in on the second Tuesday of each month and be part of shaping the future at our post.

Since I got out of the service, I have missed the camaraderie of my fellow soldiers. I now have that here at Post 10302.

Call me anytime with questions Post 217-789-4725 cell 217-341-3591

From Dale Adjutant **NEXT MEETING AUGUST 9th** It was great to see new faces last

Reminder to Comrades dues currently due for

Jacob Achas, Donna Acres, Micheal Acres

The following Comrades will be due 8/31/22

Andrew Adamczyk, Glen Adams, James Aebel, David Agams, Karrissa Alexander, Ernest Allan

Please call or stop in. also renew VFW.org

July 2022 Newsletter

Greetings fellow auxiliary members!

We had a busy month preparing for, and participating in the various Post and Auxiliary functions. Here is a

summary of recently completed and upcoming events:

1. Post fundraiser (poker run). Although there were fewer entries this year, it was an overall success. Auxiliary members served the food, worked the doors and silent auction, and performed clean up. Gladys K. helped with securing items for the silent auction. Thanks to all who contributed to the successful event. It truly was a team effort.
2. July 4th Picnic, we had a nice turnout. The Post supplied fried chicken and the auxiliary members brought in a nice variety of sides and desserts. Cmdr. Carter's wife commented that the food was so good that the auxiliary should consider putting together another edition of the previous cookbook as a fundraiser.
3. Raffles: At this month's Officer's Meeting it was decided unanimously by all who attended that no one under 21 years old will be allowed to sell raffle tickets when the prizes include alcohol. NO EXCEPTIONS. Other raffles will have no stipulations.
4. August auxiliary meeting moved to August 10th, due to the fair traffic.
5. CPR class: the CPR class from 7/26 will be rescheduled and announced when date is determined.
6. Membership dues: Please renew your membership dues as soon as possible.
7. Upcoming dances in the hall 8/5/22 – We still need volunteers to work the door and sell 50/50 tickets.

The auxiliary keeps that money when we sell the tickets.

THE 8/19/22 DANCE IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE FAIR TRAFFIC.

8. State Fair:

- a. Beer tents – Still need volunteers to help at the beer tents during the day and evening. Any time you can volunteer is appreciated as the Post receives money for each hour worked. Sign-up in the canteen OR see Cmdr. Carter. You will receive admission and parking passes for those dates you volunteer.
- b. Veteran's Day – (Sunday, Aug 14th) The VFW will have a tent at the fair on Veteran's Day and welcome anyone who wants to 'man the tent'. Let Cmdr. Carter know and he will make sure you get admission and parking passes.

9. Commander Edwards' Homecoming (August 27th) will be held in the Northenders Post 10302 hall.

- a. \$35 per ticket
- b. Prime Rib OR Chicken Dinner
- c. Cmdr. Edwards requested and received approval that the post membership pay for any post member and their spouse who wishes to attend AND any auxiliary member and their spouse who want to attend. Seating is limited. Contact Cmdr. Carter for details.

Please consider attending your monthly auxiliary meetings. It is a way to share ideas and successes and to

become a part of a team committed to assisting our veteran community.

Respectfully,

Cindy Daugherty





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