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One of Post 2113 and Auxiliary community partners – the Associated Bank (east) De Pere branch manager, Ryan Mangin, presenting (2/28/2025) a donation check to support our Veterans Against Hunger Food Drive – see calendar of events for dates

Post and Auxiliary meeting times and dates

Starting April 3rd we're moving back to our Spring and Summer meeting times. Please join us when you can:

- **Location:** De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St., De Pere – enter the Community Center's top floor by the flag poles. Our meeting rooms are at the end of the hall on the right side.
 - **Times:** **6:00 pm** (2025 = April 3rd; May 1st; June 5th; July 3rd; August 7th; and September 4th.
(**Then starting in October 2025 we once again go back to our 3:00 pm meeting times for these months: October 2nd; November 6th; December 4th; 2026 = January 1st; February 5th; and March 5th)
- **Dates:** Always the 1st Thursday of the month.
- If you can't make a meeting but would like to be included, please call Commander Pat Moran (cell number listed above) at the meeting start time to be included (conference call).

----- POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBER ALERT -----

The VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Post 2113 web page and Facebook page are a year-old today



www.vfwpost2113.org



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558223282770>

SAVE THE DATES – CAENDAR OF EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

We encourage ALL Post and Auxiliary members to either volunteer to help at the following events or to just stop by and meet and greet other members.

****Monthly Post and Auxiliary meetings** – see page 1 of this newsletter for details.

****Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – Veterans Day at the Capital.** All VFW and Auxiliary members are invited to spend the day at the state capital in Madison to hear about veteran issues in Wisconsin, lunch, then a opportunity to meet your state legislators and the Governor. Contact Pat or Linda Moran if you're interested in going.

****Thursday, May 1, 2025 VFW Post 2113 and De Pere Police and Fire Department "Fill the Squad Car" food drive.** Being held at the east side De Pere Kwik Trip store (#594, 1328 O'Keefe Rd) from 9 am to 6 pm. This is in support of the *Veterans Against Hunger* food drive on Saturday – refer to the May 3rd entry below.

****Friday, May 2, 2025 – VFW Post 2113 and Wrightstown Police and Fire Department "Fill the Squad Car" food drive.** Being held at Dick's Family Foods (grocery store) in Wrightstown (400 High St.) from 9 am to 6 pm. This is in support of the *Veterans Against Hunger* food drive on Saturday – refer to the May 3rd entry below.

****Friday, May 2, 2025 – VFW Post 2113 awards the NE Wisconsin ROTC detachment with the ROTC candidate of the year award. Time and place TBD.**

****Saturday, May 3, 2025 – 8th VFW District of Wisconsin quarterly meeting,** held at the Cotter Family Gathering Center (518 Meadow Lane, Wrightstown). Registration begins at 9 am, Light lunch at 11 am, followed by the meeting starting at noon. Your VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary are sponsoring this meeting along with our community partner Cotter Funeral Home. Come out to support your Post and explore this brand-new facility in Wrightstown.

****Saturday, May 3, 2025 – VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary "Veterans Against Hunger" food drive,** benefiting the Wrightstown Area Food Pantries. This Post 2113 and Auxiliary community service activity will happen at the Cotter Family Gathering Center – same address as above, from 8 am until 10 am. Please consider donating non-perishable people or pet food products or cash (so that we can purchase the food items). See attached flyer for details.

****Monday, May 12, 2025 through Friday, May 16, 2025 – Beautification of the central veterans grave sites** at the 5 cemeteries we, as a Post and Auxiliary support – South Lawrence; Lawrence "KD"; Greenwood; Mt. Olivet; and Mt. Calvary – plus the 2 Veterans monuments in VFW and Legion Parks. Contact Debbie Knackers (920-362-8184) if you'd like to help plant flowers. US stick Flags are also placed at each individual veterans graves this week – contact Pat and Linda Moran if you'd like to help place these flags next to our fellow veterans final resting places.

****Friday, May 16, 2025 through Sunday, May 18, 2025 – This will be our annual VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Drive** that we hold at the De Pere Festival Foods (1001 Main St, De Pere). Please contact Pat or Linda Moran to help – we'd love to see you here. This is our primary fundraising event that we hold each year where the dollars raised go directly to supporting veteran causes.

****Monday, May 26, 2025 – This is Memorial Day – please consider coming out and:**

- Walking or riding with the Post and Auxiliary as we once again lead the De Pere Memorial Day parade. You'll need to be at the front of the parade by 9:30 am.
- Participating with the Post and Auxiliary as we join all other area Veteran groups honoring all deceased veterans in Voyaguer Park. This event starts at 12:30. If you'd like to participate or watch please be there by 12 noon and find Pat (he'll be by the stage).
- Please call Pat or Linda Moran for more information on these two events.

****Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – The 1st ever (joint) VFW Post 2113 and the De Pere Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Outing** – Being Held at the Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere (5911 County Road PP). Call Pat or Linda for details.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD ! (or at least De Pere and Wisconsin...)

This past December 13, 2024 through January 2, 2025, your VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary participated in the annual City of De Pere “Voyageur Park Holiday Light Event.” This is where different organizations from throughout De Pere showcase their Christmas Tree decorating skills – and then on December 19th the City held a special walking event where the public can judge AND vote for the best decorated tree. The majority of the 300 people who walked through the displays that night chose OUR TREE as the very best of them all – so **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF DE PERE** !!. What do you think?



We'd like to offer our very special thank you to Debbie Nackers for leading this effort – well done Debbie !! I think she's still trying to live up to the standards she set for herself last year when she was named “2024 VFW Auxiliary of Wisconsin Member of the Year”. When we do this again next year, you all have to come out to see her decorating the tree, as that's the only way we'll be able to get Debbie, Linda, Pat, and Joe Roffers to sing us a Christmas song...



Note: a record number of cars (3,625) drove through Voyageur Park looking at all 28 trees that were on display.

VFW Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary names the
Auxiliary of De Pere VFW Post 2113 its
CHAMPIONS OF WISCONSIN
at the February 14 to 15, 2025 VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Oshkosh.
The Auxiliaries Buddy Poppy display was named the winner of the Buddy Poppy display out of all Auxiliaries in the state of Wisconsin.



Display designed
by Suzanne Uher

Post and Auxiliary Membership

Post and Auxiliary membership is critical to the success we have in supporting our fellow veterans in need, our own members and our community as a whole. YOUR VOICE DOES MATTER!! JOIN TODAY!

VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

If you know a Veteran who qualifies to join the VFW please call Pat Moran and he'll call that Veteran to get the membership application processed

Annual Post membership fee is only \$35.00.

**The Post has a very special program whereas if you purchase a 1-year membership, then a 2nd year membership is paid by the Post. Simply mail your 1-year membership application and payment check to Pat Moran to the Post's post office box listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Life Post membership fee is based on your age – see the attached application for these costs.

**The Post has a special Life membership rebate program of \$150.00 to help cover a portion of you becoming a Life VFW member. To take advantage of this special offer, simply mail your Life membership application and payment check to Pat Moran to the Post's post office box listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Download the membership application from our Post web site and mail it along with your check to Pat <https://www.vfwpost2113.org/vfwpost2113membership.html>



Auxiliary VFW Post 2113 Membership Information

If you know a Veterans family members who qualifies and would like to join our Auxiliary please call Linda Moran and she'll get the membership application processed

Annual Auxiliary membership fee is only \$35.00 for the first year, then \$30.00 every year after.

New Member Application – The completed application with payment check (made out to "Auxiliary VFW Post 2113") should be mailed directly to Linda Moran at the address listed on the front of this newsletter.

Renew existing membership dues – Simply mail Linda Moran your annual or Life membership renewal dues payment check and on the memo line write either "annual dues payment" or "life membership upgrade."



Download the membership application from our Post web site.
<https://www.vfwpost2113.org/auxiliarypost2113application.html>

Completed applications along with your membership option check should be mailed or emailed to Linda.

Message from the President of the Auxiliary, VFW Post 2113

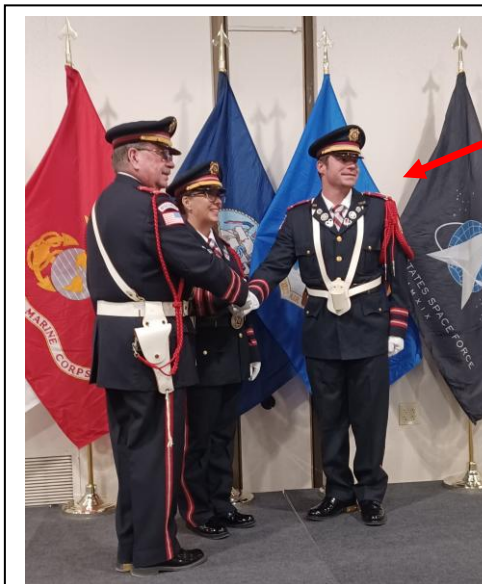
We need to take a moment and look back at the HUGE accomplishment of being designated CHAMPIONS OF DE PERE AND WISCONSIN. What that really means is that together we can accomplish great and wonderful things – and be recognized for it. Now I'd like to take a very special moment to recognize a 38-year Auxiliary member, Suzanne Uher, who died on November 2, 2024. She was the key designer and creator of several Buddy Poppy displays. It was just so fitting that the last display she designed and created just won the 2025 Mid-Winter VFW Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Buddy Poppy award.

Thank you all for your support! Linda Moran, President, VFW Post 2113 Auxiliary

Special Joint Message from Pat and Linda Moran

The Post and the Auxiliary have achieved some very remarkable things these past 2 years. To name a few:

- In December 2024 Post 2113 submitted two Wrightstown Police Officers for the VFW Department of Wisconsin 2024-2025 Public Servant Police Officers of the Year award for their successful effort in discovering, and later convicting an international mailbox scam organization. On March 24th we were informed that they won this award – out of 245 individual VFW Posts in Wisconsin, with the majority of them submitting applications for this award, their efforts in supporting the victim and solving the crime stood head and shoulders above all the other applications. A huge CONGRATS to Officers Heather Martin and Gary De Winter.
- Post 2113 and Auxiliary will be coordinating and hosting the 1st ever 8th District Veterans Against Hunger Food Drive, May 1, 2, and 3. This huge event will allow every single VFW Post and Auxiliary in the 8th District (26 Posts in total) to achieve their 2025 VFW Day of Service qualification for their VFW All-American award – the 1st time ever for this achievement at the Post level, the 8th District level and the VFW Department of Wisconsin level – that is truly a WOZER moment.
- Lastly, another 1st time ever achievement for Post 2113 occurred at the 2025 VFW Department of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Conference – Post 2113 member **DARYL BOOTH** has been accepted as a highly honored member of the VFW Department of Wisconsin HONOR GUARD. Way to go Daryl – you're one of the BEST !!!



Presenting your 2024-2025 VFW Department of Wisconsin Public Servant Police Officers of the Year - Wrightstown Police Officers Heather Martin and Gary De Winter. Informing them of this huge award are Post 2113 Service Officer Michelle Leick-Leurquin and Quartermaster Randy Hansen.

Message from the Commander, VFW Post 2113

This newsletter Post Commander Pat Moran is having a guest writer for his portion of the newsletter – you all know that guy - it's your very own Post Quartermaster, Randy Hansen. Here is his message:

My name is Randy Hansen, I spend 25 years on active duty in the US Army flying helicopters and airplanes all around the world in good, bad, and just plain shitty weather. Retiring - if you can believe it – 29 years ago as one of the very 1st Chief Warrant Officer Five's (CW05) in the Army (officially the 98th CW05 in the Army). I followed by wife Deborah, an east side De Pere native, back to De Pere after retirement – and you guessed it, we still live on the east side of the Fox River. I've since retired from EAA in Oshkosh where I was the Government Relations Director, and currently work at Ryan Funeral Home.

I'd like to quote one of the Army's current leaders - *"Our Soldiers come from all walks of life, from all across America. They represent many different races, ethnicities and religious groups. Our diversity is our greatest strength, and knowing how to communicate with people from all ethnicities, cultures and backgrounds is critical to our success"*
13th Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) Kenneth Preston (quote from AUSA e-newsletter, February 5, 2025)

While these remarks are geared toward his fellow U.S. Army soldiers, they apply equally to all branches of military combat and service support agencies, i.e., USA, USAF, USN. USMC, USCG, USSF, NOAA, USPHS, and USMM. Expanding that statement, it also applies to our very own VFW and VFW Auxiliary organizations. The members of both our organizations come from all walks of life, all service branches, and all life experiences. By bringing all these experiences and personalities together under either the VFW or the VFW Auxiliary umbrella, or both, we can bring out our very best in the service to our fellow veterans, their family members and our communities.

Let's all come together and support our latest community service project – Veterans Against Hunger – see flyer.

As the Post 2113 Quartermaster (i.e. treasurer), I am responsible for managing the Post financial assets and processing all membership actions – new members, renewal of memberships, and upgrading existing memberships to a higher level (i.e., Life member to Legacy Life member, etc.).

I am also the conduit to critical programs and services in the community, including leading fundraising activities for key community projects (i.e., VFW Park and Fire Rescue Department monuments, plus the upcoming Veterans Against Hunger Food Drives).

As the Post 2113 Adjutant, I am keeper of the minutes for all Post meeting PLUS the editor of the national and Wisconsin award-winning Post 2113 newsletter. In this role, I'm also the "official" creator of all Post-level communications, letters, and reports – which is why, from time-to-time, you'll receive letters from Commander Pat, but signed by me on his behalf.

Thank you Randy – GREAT article – Pat Moran, Commander, De Pere VFW Post 2113

De Pere VFW Post 2113 Scholarship

The De Pere VFW Post 2113 scholarship is an endowed scholarship established at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) on April 1, 2021. Unlike 99% of other scholarships that only target 4-year and higher levels of college education, our De Pere VFW Post 2113 scholarship is designed and targeted toward advancing and/or improving the many different types of craftsmen and women who serve our communities. The scholarship grants 2 individual scholarships, on average, per Fall semester.



It is designed to assist former and current servicemembers of ALL 6 combat and the 3 combat support branches of service and their family members who live and work here in the City of De Pere and Brown County. Plus, we support our adopted U.S. Army Reserve unit, the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion, which is based in Green Bay.

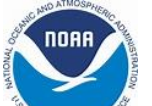
If you qualify for the De Pere VFW Post 2113 scholarship based on the below criteria, please contact the NWTC Education Foundation to apply – call 920-498-5541

1. Be awarded to a servicemember, a veteran, or a family member who live in the 54115 zip code area.
 - i. This criteria includes members of De Pere VFW Post 2113, Post 2113 Auxiliary members, and their family members, including those who do not live in the 54115 zip code area but apply to attend NWTC, or
2. To a currently serving or former soldier of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (CAB) (a Green Bay based US Army Reserve unit) or one of their family members;
3. If no scholarship applications are received from the 1st and 2nd consideration groups, then the scholarship may be awarded to any student (High School, Home Schooled, or current NWTC student) who is in financial need and lives in the 54115 zip code area
4. If no scholarship applications are received from the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd criteria, then the scholarship may be awarded to a currently serving servicemember, any veteran or their immediate family member who are in financial need and lives in Brown County, WI.

Fall 2024 Recipient - Anna Kaster; Graduated December 2024 from the Nursing program

Excerpt from scholarship essay: *I am in the associate degree- Nursing program. My decision to choose Nursing was not an easy one. When I was in High School I always thought of being a Nurse because of my love for the human body and biology. I first started off taking courses at NWTC to become a phlebotomist and during my clinical for phlebotomy, I made my final decision to go for Nursing in the Fall of 2020. Fast forward to April 2024, I believe I am one of the best LPNs in my clinic, I've been nominated for 2 daisy awards, and I help patients on a daily basis with their needs. I never in a million years thought I would be the nurse I am today. I'd like to thank De Pere VFW Post 2113 for allowing me the opportunity, through their scholarship, to continue my education and advancement in my Nursing career.*

These are the 3 Combat Support Branches of Service



VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary
Joint
MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

The VFW Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The VFW Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

De Pere VFW Post 2113: We are especially proud to have partnered with our adopted US Army Reserve unit – the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion – by supporting their deployed soldiers with care packages and their families back home with the support they need. Plus, in partnership with the De Pere Fire Rescue Department and several local small businesses, we completed a special monument project that can be viewed at both the East and West side De Pere Fire Stations. See inside this newsletter for more details on both actions