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VFW Department of Wisconsin visit to the VFW National Home 2024 – Wizard of Oz theme –
 Linda (center) is Auntie Emm and Pat (2nd from right) is one of the farmhands who build the Scarecrow

This year (2025) we celebrate the 250th Anniversaries of our three oldest military branches. As we celebrate their long and proud histories, we must all acknowledge that we will never know how much it cost each generation to preserve our nation’s freedoms. It’s through the sacrifices of these men and women that allowed us to create, then preserve and enhance America as we know it today. Every single individual, group, and total force effort and sacrifice in preserving Democracy are truly historic and will live forever in annuals of America’s history of great achievements. Editor’s note: the US Army, US Navy and the US Marine Corps have granted permission to reprint their special 250th Birthday logo’s in this newsletter.

**“WE FIGHT, GET BEAT,
 rise, and fight again.**

The whole country is one continuous scene of blood and slaughter.”

MAJ. GEN. NATHANAEL GREENE, 1781





VFW Post 2113 monthly meetings

1st Thursday of each month

6:00 pm – April thru September

3:00 pm – October thru March

Location

De Pere Community Center

600 Grant St, De Pere

Questions? Call/text 920-639-0922

VFW Post 2113 Officers

Commander	Pat Moran
Sr. Vice Commander	Joe Roffers
Jr. Vice Commander	Bill Kayser
Quartermaster	Randy Hansen
Adjutant	Elizabeth Morse
Chaplain	Dan Ammerman
1 st year Trustee	Roger Ness
2 nd year Trustee	Max Smits
3 rd Year Trustee	Jim Vogels
Service Officer	Elizabeth Morse
Judge Advocate	Daryl Booth
Surgeon	Michelle Leick Leurquin

Committee Chairman

Buddy Poppy	Pat Moran
Brat Fry	Pat Moran
Unmet Needs Golf	Dan Ammerman
Food Drive	Randy & Michelle
Newsletter	Elizabeth Morse
VOD/PP	Pat and Linda
Facebook	Jenny Thetreau
Website	Randy Hansen
Honor Guard	Pat & Max Smits
De Pere Community Signs	Pat Moran
Memorial Day	Pat & Linda
Veterans Day	Pat & Linda
Membership	Pat Moran + all members
ROTC	Dan Ammerman

This VFW and Auxiliary Post 2113 newsletter is the official publication of our Post and Auxiliary and is published twice a year – March and September.

The Post Adjutant (Randy Hansen and Elizabeth Morse) and the Auxiliary Secretary (Debbie Nackers) are the joint editors of this newsletter

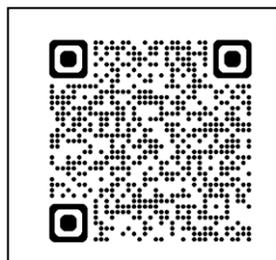
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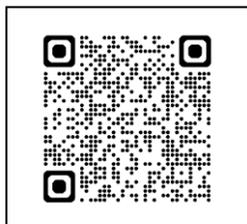
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Need help with your VA Claims

Brown County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)
 920-448-4450

<https://www.browncountywi.gov/departments/veterans-services/general-information/>



VFW Wisconsin VA Assistance Office

414-902-5748

<https://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=132776>



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Sr. Vice President	Donna Leiterman
Jr. Vice President	Deborah Hansen
Secretary	Debbie Nackers
Treasurer	Debbie Nackers
Conductor	Ron Wichman
Chaplain	Connie Borseth
1 st year Trustee	Judy Sargent
2 nd year Trustee	Donna Leiterman
3 rd Year Trustee	Ron Wichman
Guard	Judy Sargent

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Unmet Needs	Connie Borseth
Newsletter	Debbie Nackers
VOD/PP	Pat & Linda
Teacher of the Year	Pat & Linda
Honor Guard	Debbie Nackers
Memorial Day	Pat & Linda
Veterans Day	Pat & Linda
Membership	Carli Green + all members
Americanism	Deborah Hansen
Community Outreach	Deborah Hansen
Legislative	Ron Wichman
Hospital	Debbie Nackers

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this newsletter or would like to see other items covered, please contact the Post Commander Pat Moran (920-639-0922) or the Auxiliary President Linda Moran (920-639-9987)

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA – AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS 250TH “SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL” BIRTHDAY



Historical picture of Post 2113’s Honor Guard leading the De Pere Memorial Day Parade – honoring those veterans who sacrificed everything to ensure our nation’s freedom over the past 250 years.

We encourage you to join this 2026 year-long celebration with your family, friends, and fellow community members

The biggest celebration will occur across the nation on July 4, 2026

Calendar of nation-wide events can be found at –

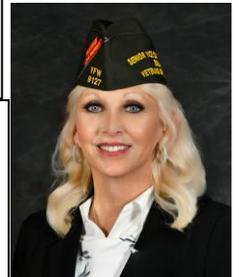
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Here is a very special message to all De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary members from *Carol Whitmore, Commander-in-Chief, VFW National*

“America’s 250th isn’t just a celebration of years — it’s a call to remember the service and sacrifice that built our great nation. As we honor the past, we must also stand ready to support all those who will serve and sacrifice just as bravely tomorrow to ensure our next 250 years.”



Let’s now review our six (6) combat forces to see where we came from and where we are today – 250 years later

U.S. Army – June 14, 1775 thru today



George Washington takes command of the Continental Army – July 3, 1775



Today’s U.S. Army soldiers stand ready to defend our great nation.

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*Serving Veterans, their families, and our community since
our founding on December 7, 1935*

U.S. Navy – October 13, 1775 thru today

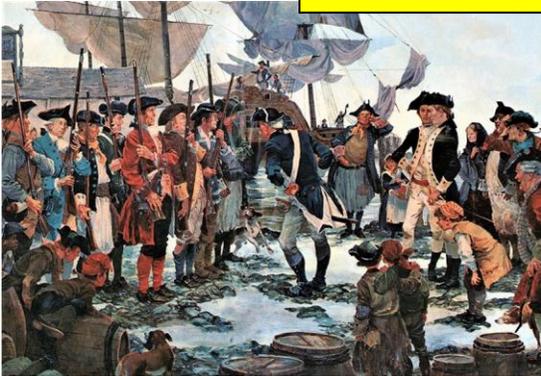


Continental Navy proudly flying the Continental Union Flag, 1775



Today's U.S. Navy is THE force multiplier across the world

U.S. Marine Corps – November 10, 1775 thru today



Continental Marines attending their first "Boot Camp" - 1775



Today's U.S. Marines win the battlefield through innovation and tradition

U.S. Coast Guard – August 4, 1790 thru today



The Continental Revenue Marine forces was formed to fight smugglers and pirates on August 4, 1790. On January 28, 1915 they became the USCG



Today's USCG have the same 1790 mission but are also the world's premier water rescue force



U.S. Air Force – September 18, 1947 thru today



U.S. Air Force unloading during the Berlin Airlift
= the world famous “Candy Bombers” - 1948



Today's U.S. Air Force showing their world-wide
force project thru a traditional “Elephant Walk”

U.S. Space Force – December 20, 2019 thru today



“Always Above” – America’s Invisible Frontline –
America’s newest combat force



“Always Above” – America’s Invisible Frontline –
USSF launching a GPS III satellite



When preparing this America’s 250th Birthday celebration story, the editors asked our Post Senior Vice Commander Joe Roffers for his thoughts on this subject. He replied “What I feel deep down in my heart can best stated through my friend Lee Greenwood’s greatest song and the greatest American song ever written – by Woody Guthrie” (Please skip the ads that may proceed these songs)

Lee Greenwood - God Bless The U.S.A. -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoXt9pZLGM&list=RD-KoXt9pZLGM&start_radio=1

Woody Guthrie – This Land is Your Land -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxiMrvDbq3s&list=RDwxiMrvDbq3s&start_radio=1



While the preceding six (6) combat branches of service represent America's "tip of the spear", we must not forget the spear shaft – the three (3) combat support branches that are the keystone to everything the "tip of the spear" warriors accomplish.



**U.S. Merchant
 Marines (USMM) -
 June 12, 1775 thru
 today**



**U.S. Public Health
 Services (USPHS) –
 July 16, 1798 thru
 today**



**U.S. National Oceanic and Administrative
 Administration (NOAA) – February 10, 1807 thru today**



Here is a very special message to all De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary members from Kim McWilliams, President, Auxiliary, VFW Department of Wisconsin

“As we approach the celebration of America's 250th anniversary on July 4th, 2026, it is essential to reflect on the reasons behind our current independence. This moment invites us to honor the sacrifices made by those who came before us, as well as to acknowledge the contributions that will shape our future. This celebration of our great nation is dedicated to you, the veterans and families who embody the spirit of freedom and resilience.”



Here is a very special message to all De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary members from Ty Letto, Commander-in-Chief, VFW Department of Wisconsin (CW4, USA, Ret.)

“Celebrating America’s 250th birthday is more than a commemoration of our nation's founding, it's a tribute to the enduring spirit of freedom that generations of soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and guardians have fought to defend since 1776. From the Revolutionary War to today’s complex global missions, their courage, resilience, and sacrifice have forged the legacy we now celebrate. This historic milestone reminds me of the brotherhood we share, the sacrifices we’ve made and witnessed, and the unwavering commitment that defines both our military service and our VFW mission. It’s an incredible privilege to have worn the uniform and to continue serving our veterans every day. Let’s **“Make It Count”**, because every act of service matters, and together, we can shape the next 250 years of American greatness.”

**2025 VFW Department of Wisconsin State Convention
 VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Highlights and Successes**



Wrightstown Police Officer Gary De Winter and Captain Heather Martin are presented with the 2025 VFW (national) and VFW Department of Wisconsin Public Servant Police Officers of the Year award. Pictured l to r – Jason Janecek (VFW WI), Brian Walker (VFW national HQ's), Ron Ramos (Commander VFW WI), Officer Gary De Winter, Police Chief Patrick Pajot (accepting on behalf of Heather), Cheryl Woodards (President, Auxiliary, VFW WI), Kim Harney (VFW Auxiliary national HQ's), and escort Randy Hansen (De Pere VFW Post 2113).



De Pere VFW Post 2113 members offering a big CONGRATS to Officer Gary and Chief Patrick after the awards ceremony. L to r = Debbie Nackers (Auxiliary 2113), Linda Moran (Auxiliary 2113), Randy Hansen (Post 2113), and Daryl Booth (Post 2113)



This picture is from March 2025 when Post 2113 members Michelle Leick-Leurquin (on left) and Randy Hansen (on right) notified Captain Martin and Officer De Winter of the Police Officer of the Year Award.



Randy Hansen accepting the 1st place certificate for being named the top 2025 Small Post Newsletter editor in WI for our joint Post and Auxiliary semi-annual newsletter. Brian Walker (VFW national, 2nd from left) also informed Randy that the Post newsletter won 2nd place (Silver award) as the 2nd best small Post newsletter in the entire VFW Organization.



On behalf of Post Commander Pat Moran, Randy Hansen accepted the coveted 2024-2025 VFW Post level VFW All-State white cap from Ron Ramos (L) and Brian Walker (R). Only 15 VFW Posts in WI achieved this honor = we're in the top 3.3% of all VFW Posts in WI (454 total Posts). On top of that, we were also named as one of the three All-State Captain VFW Posts. That additional All-State honor moves us up to being in the top 0.07% of VFW Posts in WI. As an added note: VFW National Representative Brian Walker also announced that our Post 2113 was selected as a 2025 All-American VFW Post by VFW National Headquarters. Editor's note – the 2024-2025 All-State award cap is pictured above right (top), the 2023-2024 All-American award cap is pictured above right (bottom) – the 2024-2025 All-American cap was not available by printing time



Remember this flag pin? Post 2113 designed it in 2025 as a thank you to our Post Auxiliary members for their help in Post 2113 achieving, for our 1st time EVER, All-American Post award last year (2024-2025).

The HOT NEWS is that VFW national liked it so much that starting on September 1, 2025 it will be included in the VFW national supply catalog for sale throughout the entire VFW organization (as stock #1763), \$5.00 per pin.

To read "the rest of the HOT NEWS story" go to page 19 of the July/August 2025 edition of the VFW WI News newspaper - <https://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=6226>



Future Post and Auxiliary 2025 – 2026 events

- Friday, September 12th – Post & Auxiliary Brat Fry at Festival Foods (De Pere), 9 am until 6 pm
 - Friday, September 12th – Team One Mile celebration at Howard Commons (Green Bay), 5 pm – 7 pm.
 - Saturday, September 20th – 8th District meeting (Coppertown Bar & Grill, Oconto), 10 am until 3 pm
 - Wednesday, November 12th – De Pere Veterans Day Lunch (Community Center) 11:30 show – RSVP 920-336-6054
 - Saturday, November 15th - VFW WI Council of Administration (C of A) (Beaver Dam) – details at www.vfwwi.org
 - Thursday, December 4th – Post (90th) and Auxiliary (79th) Birthday Celebration (*see last page of this newsletter*)
- EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE - BY ABSENTEE OR IN-PERSON VOTING – AT YOUR LOCAL WI POLLING LOCATION**
 Tuesday, February 17, 2026 (Spring Primary) and Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (Spring Election)

Post 2113 and Auxiliary Activities and Successes



Veterans Against Hunger Food Drive (May 1, 2, and 3, 2025) – a HUGE Success
 Many 1st were achieved = *1st time Kwik Trip (east De Pere), Dick's Family Market (Wrightstown), and Cotter Funeral Home EVER held in store food drives; 1st time all 6 rural small farming community food pantries were targeted for a community-wide food drive; 1st time we raised over \$11,000 in cash donations and non-perishable food items that equaled over 10,000 well-balanced meals for those in need; 1st time for a huge volunteer base comprised of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (our adopted US Army unit) (Green Bay), Boy Scout Troop 1039 (De Pere), Cub Scout Pack 4146 (Wrightstown), Rockland 4-H Club (Rockland), Members of De Pere VFW Post 2113 and the 8th VFW District of Wisconsin, and the owner of a restored WWII jeep (Karen Cashman); and the biggest 1st – First time in the history of the VFW Department of Wisconsin that a VFW District ever collectively held a VFW Day of Service event. Thank you Michelle Leick-Leurquin and Randy Hansen for being the primary coordinators.



6th Annual VFW WI Unmet Needs Golf Outing (June 10, 2025) at Hilly Haven Golf Course = raised over \$7,000 for VFW Unmet Needs, the DAV & De Pere Youth education.

Golfing Success
 Thank you Dan Ammerman (2nd from right in left photo) for being the primary coordinator of these two outstanding Veteran support golfing events.
 Next golfing events:
Friday, June 19, 2026
Monday, July 27, 2026



12th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (July 28, 2025) at Oneida Golf and Country Club = raised over \$80,000 that was divided between 12 local Veterans support organizations.

VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary Special Recognition Programs

<p>Voice of Democracy Essay program for kids grades 9-12</p>	<p>Teacher of the Year</p>	<p>Patriot's Pen Essay program for kids grades 6-8</p>
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme – “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?” • QR code is the application form • Submission deadline – October 31, 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QR code is the application form • Submission deadline – October 31, 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme – “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?” • QR code is the application form • Submission deadline – October 31, 2025

The October 31, 2025 submission deadline is the mandatory deadline that Pat and Linda (Committee Co-Chairpersons) must receive the completed applications. Any person(s) submitting the application are encouraged to contact Pat or Linda (see page 1 for their contact information) prior to submitting their application.

De Pere Redbirds Varsity Football Home Games:

August 21st at 7 pm
 September 11th at 7 pm
 September 19th at 7 pm
 September 26th at 7 pm

West De Pere Phantoms Varsity Football Home Games:

August 29th at 7 pm
 September 5th at 7 pm
 September 19th at 7 pm
 October 10th at 7 pm
 October 17th at 7 pm

2025-2026 High School Football Season – It is Flag Presentation time again



Calling ALL Post AND Auxiliary members – if you can help on any of these dates, please call Post Commander Pat (920-639-0922).

NOTE: On September 19th and September 26th TWO separate flag presentation squads are needed.

Honor Guard Special Event

Flag Presentation to start the *Green Bay Country Club's Veteran's Golf Outing* on Monday, October 6, 2025.
 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast
 10:00 am – Opening Ceremonies with our Honor Guard
 Call Pat Moran to help

Are you a Veteran and a golfer – call the pro shop (920-339-4222) to register your foursome for this very special Veterans golf outing

Post and Auxiliary Membership

Post and Auxiliary membership is the critical component 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!

If you know a Veteran who qualifies to join the VFW please call Pat Moran.

If you know a family member (or relative) of a Veteran who qualifies to join the VFW Auxiliary please call Linda

De Pere VFW Post 2113 membership

**Annual dues is \$45.00 – Post pays for 2nd year (2 for 1 offer)
**Life member dues is based on your age – Post pays \$150 of that amount.
Application -
<https://www.vfwpost2113.org/vfwpos2113membership.html>



This QR code will take you to the Post and Auxiliary membership applications on the VFW Post 2113 web page

Auxiliary De Pere VFW Post 2113 membership

**Annual dues is \$35.00 for 1st year, then \$30 every year after.
Application -
<https://www.vfwpost2113.org/auxiliarypost2113application.html>

Post and Auxiliary membership dues payment option - use the Post PayPal account



JOIN US FOR OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Your De Pere VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary invite all Post and Auxiliary members to join us at the Cedar Creek of De Pere Event Center (1018 Cedar St, De Pere – 2 doors north of Ryan Funeral Home) on Thursday, December 4, 2025 as we celebrate the Posts 90th Anniversary and the Auxiliaries 79th Anniversary.

Here are the details:

3:00 pm until 4:15 pm – Post and Auxiliary monthly meeting = Post meets downstairs - Auxiliary meets upstairs.

4:00 pm until 4:30 pm – Biebel's delivers and sets up the evening meal.

4:30 pm until 6:30 pm – Free dinner provided by Biebel's Catering ***NOTE – this free dinner is provided to each Post and Auxiliary member plus one guest each. **RSVP IS REQUIRED** so that we know how much food to order from Biebel's catering. Call your RSVP to either Pat Moran (920-639-0922) or Linda Moran (920-639-9987 or 920-337-9922) **RSVP is due NO LATER THAN Monday, NOVEMBER 17th**

6:15 pm until 7:00 pm – Birthday celebration. This will include handing out Post and Auxiliary member annual VFW membership award pins and cutting the birthday cake.

Remember the date – Thursday, December 4, 2026. We would love to see all our members for this huge VFW Post and Auxiliary founding milestone birthday celebration.

REMEMBER – YOU ARE ALL INVITED BUT RSVP IS REQUIRED

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*Serving Veterans, their families, and our community since
our founding on December 7, 1935*

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*

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