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**#1 newsletter in the State of MN for large VFW Posts—2020, 2021, 2022, 2023!**



*2nd Place State of Minnesota  
contest for large posts in 2024!*

**Post #494 Officers / Trustees**

2024-2025

Commander .....Rick Godfrey  
Sr. Vice Commander .....Sandra Lindley  
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Adjutant .....Sandra Lindley  
Chaplain .....Steve Jones  
Judge Advocate .....Don Fernstrom  
Surgeon ..... Steve Hawk  
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2 Yr Trustee..... Fred Crimmins  
3 Yr Trustee..... Dave Soukup



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**Post #494 CMC Members**

2025

1 Yr CMC Member .....Bill Blair  
1 Yr CMC Member ..... Jim Hagenbrock  
2 Yr CMC Member ..... Ken Olson  
2 Yr CMC Member ..... Steve Jones  
3 Yr CMC Member ..... Gene Burdick  
3 Yr CMC Member .....Mike Johnson  
3 Yr CMC Member .....Steve Hawk

**Auxiliary #494 Officers / Trustees**

2024-2025

President ..... Marge Rubenstein  
Sr. Vice President ..Mary Touve-Kackman  
Jr. Vice President .....Lisa Sundberg  
Secretary ..... Debbie Larson  
Treasurer ..... Pam Aritt  
Chaplain .....Helen Hauser  
Conductress .....Lori Martens  
Guard ..... Theo Page  
Patriotic Instructor ..... Virginia Sroka  
1st Yr. Trustee ..... Darlene Hauschildt  
2nd Yr. Trustee .....Marlene Lietzow  
3rd Yr. Trustee ..... Theo Page

★ **Club Management Committee (CMC) meeting is the 2nd Monday, 12:30 p.m.**

**Post & Auxiliary membership meeting is the 3rd Tuesday, Post: 7pm, Auxiliary: 6:30pm**

## from the COMMANDER



Greetings, Comrades, I hope all of you are doing well. Let's look forward to warmer weather, sunnier skies, and an excellent future for VFW Post 494.

We hosted the District 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and installed new officers. Congratulations to Dennis Maddox, the 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commander.

The results from the April elections are.

- ★ Commander- Rick Godfrey
- ★ Sr Vice Commander- John Faulk
- ★ Jr Vice Commander – Mike Johnson
- ★ Quartermaster- Jim Richter
- ★ 3<sup>rd</sup>-year Trustee- Jay Lemmons

It is with great pleasure that I am your Commander again. It is an honor to represent our post. Congratulations to John Faulk, Mike Johnson, Jim Richter, and Jay Lennons.

I would like to thank Sandra Lindley for her support as Jr and Sr vice commander over the last two years. I am happy to say Sandra is staying on as Adjutant.

National Military Appreciation Month is observed throughout May and includes various events and observances to honor the U.S. Armed Forces

I would like to thank Bob Parlow and Mark for spending time with veterans at Suit Living & Good Samaritan Ambassador in New Hope. More volunteers are needed, and many veterans could use visitors. If you give the time you have, it could only be a few hours a month. One day, you could be one of those veterans. The reward is priceless.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the VFW day of service. We will be doing a street clean-up from Twin Lake West apartments to Saint Raphael Catholic Church. We start around 9 am until noon.

It is your Post; we need you to improve it. You have plenty of opportunities to participate. Please come to our post meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00. The VFW does more to help veterans, but we can't do it without you.

See you at the "V".

Respectfully,

Commander Rick Godfrey

## from the QUARTERMASTER

### Newsletter Communications

We are eventually moving toward **ALL electronic distribution** of the newsletter to save on postage and undeliverable mail costs.

⇒ Please contact me via Email at:

**quartermaster494@comcast.net** with your email address and full name. Please put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line. You will receive your electronic newsletter in color, more quickly, and help the Post by saving us the high cost to print and mail.

Visit our FaceBook page: **VFW Post 494**

Visit our website: **crystalvfw.com**

Thank you for supporting our Post, Jim Richter, Quartermaster

**Poppy Distribution Days: Fri./Sat. May 16-17**  
**Poppy Card days are April 19-27**  
**Cards are displayed at the Post**



## Good of the Order

The VFW legislative agenda for the Department of Minnesota has a number of key elements including the following:

- ★ Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs omnibus budget bill
- ★ Property tax exemption for property owned by a Veterans Service organization
- ★ An increase in veterans with a disability homestead exclusion provision
- ★ Veterans Service organizations to use gross profits from lawful gambling for repair, maintenance or improvement of real property
- ★ Veterans and surviving spouses taxable Social Security benefits full subtraction provision
- ★ Veterans exempted from motor vehicle registration taxes and fees including license plates, title, and driver's license and identification card fees and motor vehicle sales taxes
- ★ Federal accreditation requirement for benefit service providers



## VFW Post 494 Golf League 2024

Greetings VFW golfers! We are nearing the start date of our golf league which begins on Apr. 16, weather permitting. We have some exciting changes to the league this year which I am hoping will provide more interest and fun, and maybe even a little trash-talking and bragging rights!



### Highlights of the season:

We play Tuesdays at Eagle Lake Golf Course, Plymouth, with five tee times starting at 10:36. Steve Jones 314-537-3088 is league captain.

### Costs:

No League fees! Best value is probably to purchase the "Tour Card" for \$30 which will then allow you seniors to pay \$15 for 9 holes. Senior carts are \$8 per rider, not selling punch cards this year but will honor them if you have one left from last year.

The season pass is \$449 and is for unlimited golf at several Three Rivers courses. Season runs Apr. 16 thru Oct. 29, weather permitting.

Four Fun tournaments are back on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays beginning in May.

### We will be tracking scores and awarding league standing points based on Net handicapped scores.

This is a feature of the Golf League Tracker application we use. We will divide the season into 3 segments of 6 Tuesdays each. Points will be awarded for the four best NET scores each week, plus 1 point for showing up and playing. As the six week season progresses, you will be able to see the 'standings' against the other league players.

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### Good of the Order from P. 1

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I know this may look like a lot of gibberish to you but, I can guarantee that these provisions, if passed, will have a meaningful impact on each and every one of the members of this Post and Auxiliary.

If you have questions about any of these bills, you can easily find your state representative or senator at [www.gis.lcc.mn.gov](http://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov).

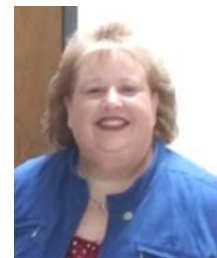
While you're at it, ask them to support this legislation, if not for you, for your veteran brothers and sisters.

Let our voices be heard!!!

Don Fernstrom, Judge Advocate / Service Officer and past Commander

## from the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of our Auxiliary year and it's time look back at all the accomplishments during the 2024/25 year. Our merger with Golden Valley was a great success from the beginning we created a bond and worked well together on every aspect of the merge.



We were able to help our Veterans, and the community by supporting various needs. Our membership numbers have increased, and we have learned from each other different areas we can support. Thank you all for a great year!

At our recent meeting in April we held election of officers and the following were elected:

President - Marge Rubenstein  
Sr Vice - Lisa Sundberg  
Jr Vice - Theo Page  
Treasurer - Pam Arrit  
Chaplain - Helen Hauser  
Chaplain Assistant- Kathy Lund  
Guard - Marlene Lietzow  
Secretary - Debbie Larson  
Assistant Secretary - Geri Westley  
Conductor - Dianne Johnson  
3rd Year Trustee - Darlene Hauschildt  
2nd Year Trustee - Theo Page  
1st Year Trustee - Marlene Lietzow

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

May is the month of military care giver  
National Military Appreciation month  
Silver Star Service Banner Day  
VE Day - May 8  
Children of fallen - May 13  
Armed Forces week May 20th  
Military Spouse Day- Friday before Mothers Day May 9  
Armed Forces Day - May 20th  
Memorial Day- Last Monday in May, May 26



Thank you members for your continued support in all you do. Best wishes to all who have been ill and sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

Loyally,

Marge Rubenstein, Auxiliary President



## Chaplain's Corner



Rev. Steve Jones

## Taps & Sick Call

### TAPS

Mike Fredrickson

### SICK CALL

Craig Dahlin

Jay Leamons



## Memorial Day

*It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*  
~ Abraham Lincoln

For many years, I hid from my military service. Convinced that I had done nothing deserving recognition, I tipped my hat to those who had really served.

The Greatest generation.

The Forgotten War heroes.

The Disrespected Respectable of SE Asia.

Memorial Day was a nice 3-day weekend for BBQ or camping with the kids. And do you know? The 'honored dead' would be okay with that. But I

have my remembered ones. Names which still come to my mind when I remember the ones who gave all.

Yet, as the saying goes, "All gave some." Glad I am, I did not have to make that sacrifice. Ready I was to make it if needed. You were too. Draftee or volunteer, you were under orders to fight and die. And you know those who did give all.

Memorial Day. Your post will mark this Day, and your ritual squad will fire volleys at several places this Day. Join with us in remembering the 'honored dead' and give thanks to the Lord God Almighty, ruler of nations, that this nation continues under His protection and that these "have not died in vain."

***"Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*** Ezekiel 37:9-10

## Charles Knaeble VFW Post 494 Gambling Monthly Donations April 2025

CHARITY	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Near	Food Shelf	\$1000.00
Crescent Cove	Hospice care	\$1000.00
Every Third Saturday	Veterans care	\$1000.00
North Hennepin Community College	Food cupboard	\$1000.00
Veterans Campground	Big Marine Lake	\$1,000.00
City of Crystal	Airport Open House	\$5,000.00
Fishing For Life	Youth, family, & Veterans	\$1,000.00
Support the Troops MN	Financial Aid to Vets	\$1,000.00
New Hope Park & Rec	Bike Rodeo – Helmets	\$500.00
Steve Young	Bike Rodeo – Food	\$500.00



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Veterans On The Hill event: April 9






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Friday	Live Music 7:00
May 2	Percolators
May 9	Undercover
May 16	Bird Dogs
May 23	Wayne and the Boys
May 30	Backyard Band

**GOLF LEAGUE:** continued from page 3



This a NET score system, meaning that the program calculates your handicap and uses that to 'place' all the players. This means players of ALL abilities can score well and finish in the top four each week.

We also have the capability to track "Skins" games each week.

This is voluntary – no one has to participate.

Each week, players can put in \$5 to one or both of two games: gross skins or net skins.

Steve Jones, League Captain, will take the money and use the program to determine the winners. Money will be awarded next week.

A player wins a 'skin' by having the lowest gross or lowest net score on a hole. The total collected is divided by the number of skins won.

So if 4 guys put in \$5, \$20 total, and two skins are won, each of those skins is worth \$10.

All this is to help make the league more fun and to increase participation.

This year, we also want to encourage players to **go to the post after the golf rounds** for a beverage and or a meal. We want to support our post. Plus, I will be entering scores, and should be able to quickly update the league standings. It will be fun!

Steve Jones **314-537-3088**, league captain.

## Weekly Entertainment

**Bar BINGO: 6 PM start Mon. & Thurs.**

**\$500-\$1,000 progressive Coverall and \$1199 Coverall final**

**game!** Plus we have an exciting progressive **Hot Ball jackpot** if you get a BINGO on the hot ball!



**Bar RINGO: FREE to play.** Eight prize games plus \$500 cash Coverall. RINGO starts after the **SATURDAY MEAT RAFFLE** around 5 PM. Come on down for the raffle and **STAY and PLAY.**



- ★ **eTabs available at pulltab booth daily**
- ★ **Electronic Pulltab Races: Rats, Cash, Horse, Duck, Piggy, Matador on Friday and Saturday meat raffle days**

## MEAT RAFFLES

**Fri. 4pm & Sat. 2pm**

No ticket limits!

Buy as many as you'd like.



\$1 / TICKET for **\$20 meat pkg**

\$2 / TICKET for **\$40 meat pkg**

\$5 / TICKET for **\$110 case of meat**

### ROOM RENTALS

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# May 2025

\* Note: Calendar information is subject to last minute change. Check the signage in the club / bar and our [CURRENT Facebook page VFW Post 494](#) for the most recent news and daily updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lunch Special Salisbury steak and mashed potatoes  Bar Bingo 6-9	2 Lunch Special Italian Sub w/chips Evening: Chicken & Rib dinner <b>Meat Raffle 4pm</b> Live music 7:00 Percolators	3 Breakfast 8:00: Steak w/2 eggs <b>Meat raffle 2 pm</b> <b>RINGO 5:00 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7:30</b> Texas Hold 'me 7:00
4 Breakfast 8:00: Steak w/2 eggs	5 Lunch Special Pork Tenderloin sandwich w/chips  Bar Bingo 6-9	6 Lunch Special <i>Fiesta Tuesday</i> 3 beef tacos  DJ Trivia 6:30 pm	7 Lunch Special VFW Bowl: chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn  Auxiliary Bake Sale 4:45 pm  5-7 Vietnam Vets Pork Chop Dinner  KARAOKE 7:30	8 Lunch Special Tuna Casserole  Bar Bingo 6-9	9 Lunch Special Deluxe Grilled Cheese Evening: Rib Eye steak dinner <b>Meat Raffle 4pm</b>  Live music 7:00 Undercover	10 Breakfast 8:00: Apple Fritter French Toast <b>Meat raffle 2 pm</b> <b>RINGO 5:00 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7:30 PM</b> Texas Hold 'em 7:00
11 Breakfast 8:00: Apple Fritter French Toast  Mother's Day 	12 Lunch Special Nan's Chicken Salad Sandwich with chips  Gambling Mtg 12:00 CMC MTG 12:30  Bar Bingo 6-9	13 Lunch Special <i>Fiesta Tuesday</i> 3 beef tacos  DJ Trivia 6:30 pm	14 Lunch Special Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes  5-7 pm Lion's Steak Fry  KARAOKE 7:30	15 Lunch Special Scalloped Potatoes w/ham  Bar Bingo 6-9	16 Lunch Special Turkey Wrap w/chips Evening: Deep Fried Walleye <b>Meat Raffle 4pm</b>  Live music 7:00 Bird Dogs	17 Breakfast 8:00: Breakfast Burrito <b>Meat raffle 2 pm</b> <b>RINGO 5:00 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7:30 PM</b> Texas Hold 'em 7:00 
18 Breakfast 8:00: Breakfast Burrito	19 Lunch Special Oriental Chicken Salad  Bar Bingo 6-9	20 Lunch Special <i>Fiesta Tuesday</i> 3 beef tacos  Post Meeting 7 pm Auxiliary Meeting 5:30 pm	21 Lunch Special Liver & Onions  5-7 pm Westphal Legion Spaghetti Dinner  KARAOKE 7:30	22 Lunch Special Goulash with garlic toast  Bar Bingo 6-9	23 Lunch Special Baked pork chop with mashed potatoes Evening: Shrimp Dinner <b>Meat Raffle 4pm</b>  Live music 7:00 Wayne and the Boys	24 Breakfast 8:00: Corned Beef Hash with eggs  <b>Meat raffle 2 pm</b> <b>RINGO 5:00 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7:30 PM</b> Texas Hold 'em 7:00
25 Breakfast 8:00: Corned Beef Hash with eggs	26 Lunch Special Picnic Lunch: Brats/ Hotdog, beans, potato salad  Bar Bingo 6-9  MEMORIAL DAY 	27 Lunch Special <i>Fiesta Tuesday</i> 3 beef tacos	28 Lunch Special Shrimp Basket  5-7 pm VFW Rib Dinner  KARAOKE 7:30	29 Lunch Special Chow Mein Hotdish  Bar Bingo 6-9	30 Lunch Special Chicken Parm sandwich w/chips Evening: Full Turkey Dinner <b>Meat Raffle 4pm</b>  Live music 7:00 Backyard Band	31 Breakfast 8:00: Mess Hall Skillet  <b>Meat raffle 2 pm</b> <b>RINGO 5:00 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7:30 PM</b> Texas Hold 'em 7:00