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Scholarship Winners



Pictured (l-r) Jeff Wilson, Olivia Graham, Phyllis Wilson, Diane Jones and Sharon Prose. Olivia is a repeat winner of the essay contest. Thanks to the generosity of the Salvage Dawgs represented by the Wilsons, a second scholarship was awarded to Taylor Postin. (see insert)



\$10,000 RAFFLE WINNER

Pictured is Rick Hobbs presenting George Rice with a check. George won what would have been the "Big One" if not for COVID 19 stifling the ticket sales. George received his check at the Men's Night Out in April. It must have his lucky night. He won the 50/50 raffle that night as well!!!



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The COMMANDER'S CORNER



Hello everyone,

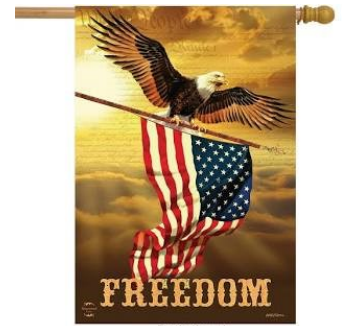
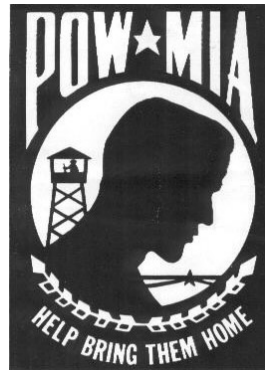
I hope this article reaches you well. This is my last article as the VFW Commander. I want everyone to know it has been an honor and I am extremely humble for getting the chance to represent Post 4495.

As many of you know COVID really changed the way we all had to go about our days. From running a business to simply going to the store for food. We have now moved in the final stage and the state is fully open. We have endured some hard times at the VFW this year, but everyone has pulled together, and we continued to grow. That is one of the great things about Post 4495. No matter what, we stick together, adapt, and overcome any obstacle. That's what we as veterans do. I know with everyone's help Post 4495 will continue to grow and stay strong. Thank you again for giving me the honor to represent you and Post 4495.

DJ DeVore, Outgoing Commander

POST OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

- Commander... **Micha Hankla**
- Sr. Vice Commander... **Scott Campbell**
- Jr. Vice Commander... **Rob Mathews**
- Quartermaster... **Stacy Hankla**
- Chaplain... **Beverly Walker**
- Service Officer... **Glen Goodrich**
- Adjutant... **Bill Coash**
- Trustee 3 years... **DJ DeVore**
- Trustee 2 years... **Chuck Schneider**
- Trustee 1 year... **Russ Weller**
- Officer of the Day... **Fred Campogni**



Chaplain's Corner

QUARTERMASTER REPORT



I hope this finds everyone well with the beginning of a long summer season. Please come join us at the home for many events going on. Remember, all of these event are open to the public and bringing your families are essential.

Membership

Currently, we have 309 members on our roster. That is down from last year. Currently, there are seventeen members who are past due on their membership dues.

Final Thoughts

“Live in the Sunshine. Swim in the Sea. Drink in the wild air.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

*May God continue to bless you!
Post Quartermaster,
Stacy Hankla*

Happy summer to all!!!

I hope this will find everyone doing their best to keep cool. As the days get longer and hotter, and the nights shorter let us all reflect on what we have to look forward to in the coming months with July 4th around the corner, the reflection on Memorial Day and the upcoming thoughts and plans for Veterans Day. We have held strong and stuck together. Let us remember if hat we shouldn't have to have a pandemic or a worldwide tragedy to reach out to each other.



As I sit here thinking over the last two weeks of my life m reminded how short life is as well as how fragile it is and that it can be gone in the blink of an eye. Make sure you visit and tell the ones you love that you love them. Tomorrow is not promised.

I'm the words of Jesus, “love one another as I have loved you”.

Go with Christ

*Beverly Walker,
Post 4495 Chaplain
(217)371-4595*

News from the Auxiliary



Well things are starting to open back up again and it has been good seeing you all come back out to the VFW. We approved a new member in May and would like to welcome **Brenda Mathews** as the newest member of the VFW Auxiliary. We have handed out applications to several new folks and hope we will have more new members in

the coming months.

In May we installed new officers for the coming year. Elected officers for the 2021-2022 year are as follows:

- President*—**Diane Jones**
- Senior Vice*—**Franki Collebrusco**
- Junior Vice*—**Barry Jones**
- Treasurer*—**Sharon Prose**
- Conductress*—**Brenna Mathews**
- Chaplain*—**Tina Coash**
- Guard*—**Dana Welge**
- Trustee #3*—**Amy Graham**



Appointed Positions:

- Secretary*—**Jacinda Prose**
- Patriotic Instructor*—**Barry Jones**
- Trustees (already in place) are:*

- #1*—**Kathy Marron and**
- #2*—**Beth Kuntzman**

We thank **Glenn Goodrich** for attending our May meeting and installing our officers for the next year.

Scholarship winners for this year were announced and the winning essays were read at our May meeting. Congratulations to **Olivia Graham** (*our first repeat winner*) and **Taylor Postin** for their winning essays.

Jeff & Phyllis Wilson from the *Salvage Dogs*

were also present as money they donated to the Auxiliary helped to fund our 2nd scholarship we awarded this year—a big thanks to them for their generosity.

At the May meeting we also had **Libby Conroy** in attendance to present us with information about *Wreaths across America*. This is a national group but Libby is working locally to raise enough money for these live wreaths at **Camp Butler**. The wreaths are put out after Thanksgiving and will be taken down in January after the holidays. Libby has said they need help with fundraising and volunteers to help with placing the wreaths. Donations can be grave specific and you can place the wreath yourself.

We also will have another group including **Steve Craggs** to speak to us prior to the beginning of our July meeting to give us information about the Veterans Memorial being built out at Lake Taylorville. This will be Thursday July 15th 7:00PM and all VFW, Rider and Auxiliary members are invited to attend to ask questions and learn more about the memorial.

Upcoming events.....The 4th of July is just around the corner and the VFW, the Auxiliary and the Riders will be riding a trailer/walking in the parade on July 3rd at 10AM. The VFW is also sponsoring a car show that day at the VFW and we hope that everyone will come out to enjoy this event. The VFW Riders have their annual run on Saturday July 10th and hope all those with motorcycles or other modes of transportation will come out to support the riders in their support of the VFW. There are other events at the VFW also coming up like Steak Nite, GloBingo and the Anniversary Party at the end of September and we hope to see you all at the Hall !!

Have a fun summer

Diane Jones, Auxiliary President

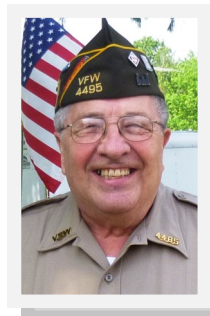
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Greetings!



It was great seeing all the patriotic people in attendance at this year's Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Cemetery. As you may recall, last year was restricted

due to the pandemic sweeping the country.

This year's event did mark the

retirement of two mainstays, band director, **Jim Smith** and master of ceremonies, **Jack Brown**. Doesn't seem that long ago Jack took over from **Vance Kauffold**. These fine people gave of themselves.

Volunteers! That's what it takes to make things a success. Heaven knows we have a lot of willing helpers here in our Post. Sad to say, we've lost several mainstays recently.

Doc Mortland died recently. He helped every year during the Lenten fish fries preparing the fish

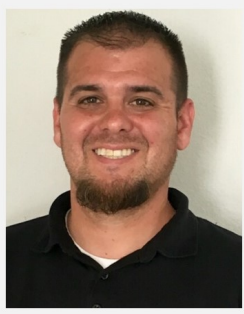
early in the morning.

Most recently **Bill Marshall** died. Bill was our head cook for all events. He grilled the steaks for all the parties. Fried the fish during Lent. Grilled the pancakes for the Auxiliary and Business Women. Marinated and grilled the chicken breasts when people requested a change of menu. He will be missed.

*God Bless You and
Your Family,
Tony Durbin, Editor
(217-827-6376)*



TAYLORVILLE VFW RIDERS



Hello Everyone, I hope this article finds you all in great spirits. Well, it is getting ever so close the VFW Riders 6th annual PTSD Awareness Ride. Every year this event gets bigger and bigger. The hard work everyone puts into this event is amazing. Of course, we want to make this the biggest Benefit

ride we have ever had. I am hoping for 300 motorcycles to participate this year. If this happens, we will have the biggest Benefit Ride in Illinois. Sign-ups are from 10:00 am to 11:55am, cost is \$10 per person, and kickstands up at noon. We will be back to the hall

about 530 that afternoon. There will be food served as well as a great live auction. Our raffle items this year are a golf cart and an AR-15 smith and Wesson 5.66/2.23, two 30 round magazines, and 80 5.56 rounds. After the auction and raffle is done, please stay and enjoy the DJ. It is a great time filled with dancing and many laughs. Remember, this is not just for motorcycles. Anything that has 4 wheels (and legal to drive) is welcome. We hope to see you at this great benefit. If you cannot make it and would still like to donate, you can send donation items monetary items to the VFW.



SEMPER FI!!
DJ DeVore, President
Taylorville Post 4495 Riders

POST 4495 SERVICE OFFICER

Getting closer to Normal many people postponed or canceled their preventive care services appointments. As more individuals receive the COVID-19 VACCINE & restrictions are removed, veterans and their spouses who are overdue for preventive care need to reschedule as soon as possible. Services include pneumonia and shingles vaccines, screenings such as a co-



lonoscopy, mammogram, or pap smear. Heart, physical eye and dental.

Mental health tips that may help you to get back to normal. (1) Find inspiration in fellow veterans, (2) Create something, (3) Try, then try again, (4) Connect with people. (5) Spark your passion. (6) Open up, (7) Talk to a professional. (8) Discover what's available. (9) Get active, (10) Learn to forgive. Keeping these 10 tips will help you this summer and even bet-

ter your life.

VA is reviewing previously denied blue water claims. Veterans who were previously denied service connection for one or more condition related to Agent Orange exposure. These reviews will also apply to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam-era veterans. Questions contract the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Have a great summer. Hope to see most of you out and about.

Glen Goodrich,
Post Service Officer
Phone: (217)820-2038



Raffle items: Golf Cart



AR-15 5.56/2.23 SMITH & WESSON
\$10.00 per ticket while they last.....





TAYLORVILLE VFW RIDERS ANNUAL PTSD AWARENESS RUN

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"As comrade after comrade departs, we march on with the ranks grown thinner. Help us to be faithful unto Thee and to one another... and with Thy own tenderness, console and comfort those bereaved by the hand of death."

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The late Monte Siegrist & wife, Lucy

**ROLL CALL OF FALLEN COMRADES
VFW POST 4495**

*“Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*



*Thanks and praise, for our days
‘Neath the sun, ‘neath the stars, ‘neath the sky,
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.”*



FINAL SALUTE

REST IN PEACE



Harlan Floyd “Beetle” Bailey
Born: 12 September 1954
Died: 12 March 2021
Annual Member
Army—Vietnam



**POST 4495 WELCOMES HOME
LIFE MEMBER JOE KEMP**

Pictured left is **Fred Campogni** along side his old friend and mentor, **Joe Kemp**. Joe, who now lives in Florida, was home for a visit back in mid-May and had stopped in the VFW. Fred and Joe had enjoyed many rounds of golf together on spring trips to links on the Gulf Coast. They also spent a lot of time together bowling.

Mr. Kemp still maintains a house just a stone’s throw from Post 4495. A late bloomer in joining the VFW, Joe signed on May 4, 1964, receiving his fifty year pin in 2014. Mr. Kemp enlisted out of St. Louis on 10/11/1943 and was discharged in St. Louis on 2/14/1946. He served in the Navy in the Pacific from 12/43 to 12/45.

It came as a surprise to find that Mr. Kemp had turned 100 years old on 4 March of this year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME

(Scheduled Events as of 6/30/2021) (All Events Subject to Change)

JULY

- 10 Riders Benefit Run
- 11 Riders Meeting Pending
- 12 VFW Post 4495 Meeting
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting
- 24 “Bags” Pending
- 31 Stegall Reception

AUGUST

- 8 Riders Meeting
- 9 VFW Post 4495 Meeting

- 14 Steak Nite Pending
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting
- 21 Lundsford Reception

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Riders Meeting
- 13 VFW Post 4495 Meeting
- 16 Auxiliary Meeting
- 18 Glo Bingo Pending
- 25 Class Reunion
- 26 VFW Anniversary Party

OCTOBER

- 2 Sphar Party
- 3 VFW Paint Party
- 4 Men’s Nite Out



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Standing (l-r) Glen Goodrich (Installation Officer), Jacinda Prose, Amy Graham, Brenna Mathews, Sharon Prose, Beth Kuntzman, Tina Coash, Dana Welge

