



## OREN DAVIS VFW POST 99 MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings to all,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and in good health. We have now had 2 snow falls in 2022 and some very cold temps, which makes me now ready for spring and some milder weather.

This past month at our members meeting we discussed ways to begin supporting a local military unit which is deployed. Hopefully we will be able to begin doing this once we have determined a unit. This would be a great way for us to let our service members become acquainted with the VFW and possibly bring them to us in the future as members. It is also the right thing to do to for them, as we all know how great it was to receive a care package from home. We will share more information on this once we have determined a unit we can provide for.

Please be sure to let us know of any veteran or family member who maybe in need of assistance. We will do all we can to reach out and help in any way we can.

Please keep in mind we are always collecting personal hygiene items for our Veterans in the Danville VA Hospital. There is a drop box in the front entry door. We appreciate everyone's continued support in this ministry.

Also, check out our activity calendar for events and upcoming meetings that you maybe interested in. I encourage all members to attend membership meetings which are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 18:00 hours.

Joe May

VFW Post 99 Commander



## Auxiliary Happenings

I hope this finds everyone doing well. With our weather always swinging back and forth between seasons, it can be challenging!

In February, we delivered Valentines to 8 Nursing Homes for our not only our Veterans, but for all.

We had a silent auction for 3 Valentine's Day Packages.

We are currently collecting items for Operation Enduring Support for their Easter Packages to our deployed. For more information: 217-428-5936 (Grace United Methodist Church)

District Meeting is Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> in Taylorville. Please be there if possible. Lunch at Noon. Meeting at 1.

Our next meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup> at **Noon. (New Time)**

If you know of any member not receiving their newsletter, please have them reach out to: lisamay1961@gmail.com or 217-855-1733.

**Lisa May**

**VFW Post 99 Auxiliary President**



## Quartermasters Thoughts

As we dream of spring and summer, weather has had the post closed for a few days in February, and we have a few weeks left of old man winter.

As we head toward spring, we are striving to increase our VFW membership. Our struggles in doing this depends on your response to whenever you receive your renewal forms from the VFW National Headquarters. If you know your membership is up or maybe you do not know, we can assist you in either case. So please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions concerning your status with the VFW. We want to make this as easy as possible for all members to continue their annual membership. The best way to not worry about an annual membership and save you money is to become a lifetime member. You can pay all at once or pay on a payment plan monthly. Once again, either way, we can assist you. Call me anytime at 217-972-0398 or drop by the VFW Post for assistance. The annual membership fee is \$45 per year. Lifetime members fee depends on your age, but this is the best way to save your cash. God bless all the veterans and God Bless the USA and our troops in harms way.

**Fred Whobrey**

**Quartermaster**



For information on Cooties speak with

**Bill Peveler Past Commander 92-93**



COOTIES CORNER WE ARE ALWAYS  
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO  
JOIN. PLEASE CONSIDER  
ATTENDING THE NEXT MEETING  
ON MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30 P

YOU CAN FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT

<https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost99>



## IN MEMORY OF COMMARDE

**DICK MORSTATTER**  
**POST 99 LIFE MEMBER**  
Oct. 16th, 1951 - Feb. 15th, 2022



RIP BROTHER



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**TIM MAY – US AIR FORCE – LIFE MEMBER**  
**KENNETH C. McGill – US ARMY – LIFE MEMBER**  
**BRADLEY JAMIE CALL – US AIR FORCE**  
**JULIE ANN LEWIS – US ARMY**



## DID YOU KNOW THE HISTORY?

The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service: Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves!

In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

Since then, the VFW's voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005

became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010.

Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

From providing over \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there.



## DISABLED VETERANS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

To request Summary of Benefits letter  
In Macon county.

1. CALL THE VA 1-800-827-1000

Listen to recording – once allowed say “Request Letter.

1. REQUEST SUMMARY OF BENEFITS LETTER

Tell them you would like letter mailed to you.

2. VA WILL MAIL THE SUMMARY TO YOUR ADDRESS

You can also ask them to fax it to Macon County Veterans Assistance office at Fax (217-718-4760). Then you can pick it up at t here office once you call to confirm it has arrived by Fax. Call 217-424-1376.



## VFW Post 99 Community Outreach to Prevent Veteran Suicides

Decatur IL – VFW Post 99 will be hosting a community outreach on March 19th at 1:00 pm in the VFW post 99 banquet room, located at 3920 N Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Decatur Illinois to provide the community information that could help prevent further suicides within our veteran communities. The Danville Veterans Administration, The Macon County Veterans Assistance Commission, The Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Office, Post 99 VFW Auxiliary and The Water Street Mission will be presenting and answering questions. The Veteran Administration statistics confirm that 22 veterans a day succumb to suicide—8,030 each year, and Post 99 is doing their part to make a difference. The VFW Post 99 will be presenting various information regarding veteran benefits, gun safety, and more. The public is encouraged to participate in this informative event. Kevin Lockhart, VFW member and organizer, explains,

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### VFW MISSION

Whenever you are asked about what the VFW does share the following, Our Core Values are

- Always put the interests of our members first
- Treat donors as partners in our cause
- Promote patriotism
- Honor military service
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- Serve our communities
- Promote a positive image of the VFW
- Respect the diversity of veteran opinions

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The purpose of the VFW is to speed rehabilitation of the nation's disabled and needy veterans, assist veterans' widows and orphans and the dependents of needy or disabled veterans, and promote Americanism by means of education in patriotism and by constructive service to local community.

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REMEMBER

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS EVERYDAY!

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**THANK YOU TO OUR MACON COUNTY HONOR GUARD FOR THEIR NEVER-ENDING SERVICES TO OUR FELLOW VETERANS AND FAMILIES.**



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### POST BUSINESS

We will be nominating officers in March with elections held in April. We will also nominate and elect two members to sit on the House Committee. Please consider running or be sure to nominate a member who would be willing to serve.

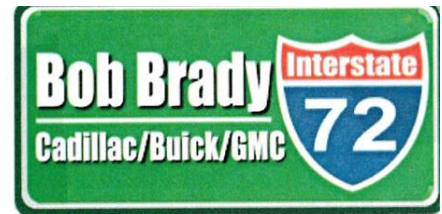
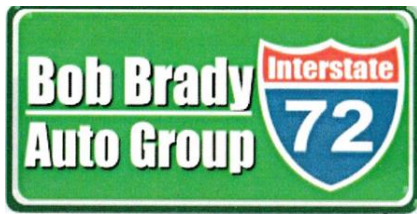
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**We want to thank all our members who are always ready to help when needed.**



IT MAYBE

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE  
CHECK WITH US AT THE OFFICE OR CALL US  
ANYTIME.



March 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5:30 PM KARAOKE 7 PM	3	4 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	5 WEST END BOOGIE 7:30 - 10:30 PM BIG BAND 3 - 5 PM
6 DISTRICT MEETING 1 PM TAYLORVILLE	7 MEMBERS MEETING 6 PM	8	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5:30 PM KARAOKE 7 PM	10	11 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	12 SKEETER CREEK 7:30 - 10:30 PM  COOTIES MTNG 1:30 PM AT POST 99
13	14	15	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5:30 PM KARAOKE 7 PM	17 ST. PATRICKS DAY KARAOKE 7 PM	18 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	19 BAD MEDICINE 7:30 - 10:30 PM
20	21	22	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5:30 PM KARAOKE 7 PM	24	25 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	26 PIZZAZZ 7:30 - 10:30 PM  AUXILIARY MTNG 1:00 PM
27	28	29	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5:30 PM KARAOKE 7 PM	31	Notes:	

Your Monthly events Calendar Brought to you by

**BOB BRADY AUTO GROUP**

District 11 Meeting – March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm in Taylorville

Members Meeting – March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at Post 99

Cooties Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm at Post 99

ST. Patricks Day – March 17<sup>th</sup> Food & Karaoke

House Committee Mtng - TBD

Auxiliary Meeting –March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm Post 99



# ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



**VFW** 2022 PRIORITY GOALS  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**Support Today's Veterans and Military**  
Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit [www.vfw.org/ActionCorps](http://www.vfw.org/ActionCorps).

**Play a Role in the Process**  
Be engaged and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)
- Text "VFW" to 50457
- Scan the QR Code



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

*Delivering the promise to our veterans, service members, and their families.*

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**2022**  
PRIORITY GOALS

**VA Proposes Disability Rating Changes:** VA has proposed changes to its Schedule for Rating Disabilities for auditory, respiratory, and mental health conditions. These changes would incorporate modern medical data and terminology, allowing veterans to receive disability ratings based on the most current information. Ratings of veterans who currently receive VA disability compensation will not be impacted as a result of these changes. The VFW will carefully review the proposed changes and will submit a public comment to the Federal Register.

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**COVID-19 Booster is Critical:** As we approach the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic and with rapidly increasing cases of the Omicron variant, CDC vaccine guidelines include receiving a vaccine booster. Data has shown those who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster shot are less likely to be contagious and require hospitalization. Veterans, caregivers, and spouses may receive the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine booster by checking with their local VA facility for vaccine clinic times. [Learn more.](#)

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**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates and two new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea.



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