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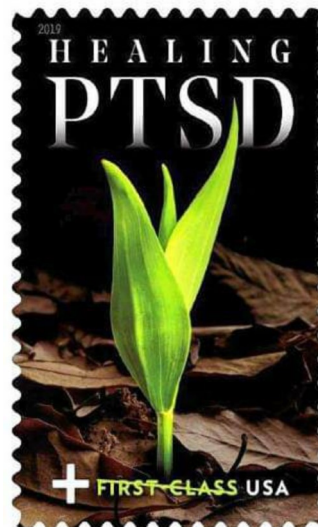
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As I sit down to write this newsletter in mid December, I'm reminded of the fact that several of our Post and Auxiliary members are down south at this time. Those poor souls are missing out on all of the snow shoveling, 40+ mph winds, and well below zero temps. I'll try not to gloat too much.

We've had a very busy Fall at the VFW.

In October, we had a District 10 meeting, Auxiliary tailgating fundraiser, Oktoberfest, Membership dinner, and a very successful R.O.S.S. event. The Halloween Party held at the arena was appreciated by the kids and parents alike.

November was dedicated to National Military Family month. At the Veterans Day Ceremony and Flag raising, the POST presented Mayor Bernie Dardis with our first of ten checks of \$30,000 for the P.O.W. & MIA Plaza. Several members went to elementary schools to talk to the stu-

dents about Veterans Day. During October and November, the POST hosted pancake breakfast for West Fargo & Sheyenne sports teams.

December began with the Lisbon Veterans Home Christmas party. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, along with elves and reindeer put a lot of smiles on the residents and staff faces. As one resident told me, they look forward to West Fargo VFW and Auxiliary coming down for a visit. Santa and Mrs. Claus have been putting smiles on people's faces for 40 years. Thank you for your tireless dedication to the POST and Auxiliary, Grace and John Thoenke! We stuffed, recorded, and mailed the Department raffle tickets to support our Veterans Service Officers. Please see Nick and Russ's business cards in this newsletter.

The highlight of the month, maybe even the year, was on Saturday, November 9th at the Bison football game. In the cold and snow, we distributed some 8000 poppies, reminding the tailgaters about the real meaning of Veterans Day. The climax of the day was when VFW POST 7564 and Auxiliary presented the 30' X 50' USA flag in front of 17,000 plus appreciative fans. Please see photos. A special thank you to our Quartermaster, Chris Rolph, for engineering the event and to Post Commander, Brad Reed, for acquiring the flag from the National Guard. WOW! This was just plain unbelievably awesome activity. It brought a great deal of positive attention to Veterans and the Post. It will stand out in the memories of all who participated in and those that witnessed it.

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February 23 is the Auxiliary Pancake Fundraiser and March brings us St. Patty's Day and Vietnam Veterans Day.

These are just some of the activities and events what we have had or will be having. Please refer to upcoming events calendar at the POST for more details.

If you have any events with catering requirements, we have the staff and equipment to meet all of your needs. If you haven't stopped in lately, check out our new menu and noon lunch specials. Thursday is Prime Rib night at the POST. See website for details.

The US Postal Service has released a new stamp to draw awareness to the PTSD crisis many of our Veterans are struggling with. A portion of the sales goes to the VA for PTSD research.

Have you renewed your membership? POST 7564 is excited to announce a life membership drawing! ALL NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, from Dec 1 2019 to Memorial Day, May 25 2020, will be entered in a drawing to win \$100. Only LIFE MEMBERSHIPS issued during this time period are eligible. So if you are tired of being called, e-mailed, or sent membership renewal letters, now is your time to become a life member of this great organization. Your chances of winning are very good.

Here's wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year to POST 7564 and Auxiliary.

Commander Craig Johnson



Hello everyone, as I write this I guess I am what the commander calls a snow birder... I am currently in Arizona for a few months so I will let my Pro Tem Sheila Reed talk for me.

Hello all,

We certainly have been busy! Like the Commander has said we enjoyed Halloween with about 900 + children in October at the Vets Arena and in our own home for the first annual Halloween party at Post 7564.

The Annual R.O.S.S. event was once more a huge success with all proceeds going to the Family Readiness Groups of the local Guard Units. The Auxiliary is always honored to help serve at this amazing event.

We also had a chance to participate in the Bison Tailgating Party and Flag Ceremony at the game. It was an overwhelming feeling to be part of such a great event. Thousands of Poppy's were handed out to a very appreciative crowd of Bison fans!

Post 7564 Auxiliary was very honored to get the chance to decorate a tree at the Dome this year for a very lucky family to receive. We sure enjoyed doing it and the tree turned out beautifully. A Very special thank you to the Post for purchasing the tree as part of the Frasier Fundraising Event.

What is Christmas without visiting our Veteran's Home in Lisbon, and even better Santa and Mrs. Claus. So many of the Veteran's enjoyed Bingo and desert with us as well as special Christmas Gifts from Post 7564. A 4th Grade Class at Berger Elementary brought tears to the eyes of a few when they sent letters to the residents of the home. Thank you to Jess Nelson for instilling in our youth the great importance of our Veterans! As we close out this fabulous year and look to the new, please remember we need all the help we can get.

Just to piggy back on the Commander:

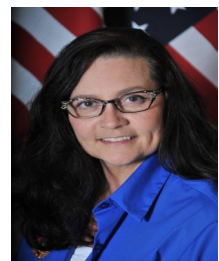
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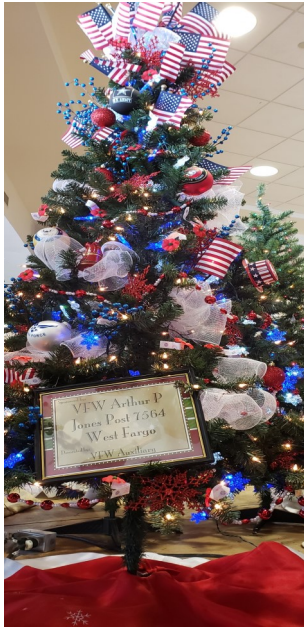
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It is a pleasure to serve,

Sheila Reed President Pro Tem







Brad Reed

Seam Squirrel

Cootie Chatter

*Volunteers don't get paid because
they're worthless, but because they
are priceless*

Hello and Happy Holidays to all you crummy louses!

Hope you got your Cootie Letter, but here's some more important news. The 101st Supreme Scratch is in Reno NV, 24- 28 July 2020. Information for hotels and registration is available on the Cootie Website at <https://www.lotcs.org> Go to EVENTS. Hey, Do you give Blood? It is what we do, so please take credit for it, you can go on the website under REPORTS and submit your own info. Another great project is the Supreme Cdrs Special Project. Seven young adult residents at the VFW National Home for Children are pursuing higher education on the National Home Campus. The Supreme Cdrs Special Project is to support them by funding that education. You can donate online on the Cootie Website, just got to REPORTS – Special Project. Thank you everyone, for another crummy year! Why not start this New Year out by attending our monthly visit and Bingo at the Fargo VA? It is the 4th Tuesday of the month. You can meet at the VFW at 630, or meet us at 7pm on the 2nd floor, CLC at the VA. Watch for our upcoming events in the Cootie letters.

"Keep them Smiling in Beds of White!"