

**OCTOBER through DECEMBER 2019 NEWLETTER**

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and good spirits.

This summer flew by with many events and activities. A big thank to all our Post and Auxiliary members who volunteered to make West Fargo Cruise nights a huge success for our Post. I’d like to thank the Auxiliary for decorating the trailer that the Chamber so generously provided for several members to ride on during the parade at West Fest. Once again, the Post Color Guard led the parade. Our Auxiliary looked impressive, as usual marching with us, and The VFW Riders were an excellent example of how diverse of an origination we truly are and the fact that we offer many opportunities to our membership to participate and make a difference.

Now, with the onset of fall we find ourselves at the start of our busiest time of the year, with several opportunities to volunteer in assisting your Post’s continued success. October events include the start of The Cootie’s famous Spaghetti Suppers every Monday night thru April. A special thanks to those members and Auxiliary that come out very early on those Sunday mornings to assist with the pancake breakfasts that the Post conducts for the West Fargo and Sheyenne School teams. Last year our Post helped raised over $70,000 for those groups. Talk about making an impact on our community!

The House Committee will convene at 5:30 and Post and Auxiliary will conduct their meetings at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month which is October 8th. District 10 will host their Fall Meeting at the Veterans Area on October 12nd. Oktoberfest will be held at the Post later that same day. Hope to see you all there. Come on out for a great time and help support you Post. The 4th Tuesday of the month, October 28th will be our monthly VA Hospital Visit. Spending some time visiting with the patients and playing a few games of bingo makes a big impact on these hospitalized Veterans. They always deeply appreciate our visit. I would invite all our members to come and experience the positive feeling this activity generates for the patients as well as our selves. The 24TH of October is the Post and Auxiliary and Cooties Annual Membership dinner. For those members who haven’t yet paid their annual dues please bring your membership fees. For those Life members and paid up annual members please bring your appetites. Hope to see you there.

Saturday October 26th is the Annual R.O.S.S., Remembering Our Serving Soldiers event. This is an all-day activity with silent auctions, bingo, meat raffles and a lot of fun culminating with a steak dinner. If you haven’t been to this before, you are really missing out. This is a great event and I encourage all the membership to come out and bring a friend and see what a great time this is, as well as making a huge impact on our local service members.

November looks to be a very active month at The Post. Monday November 11th we will once again host the Veterans Day Program. The monthly meetings for The House Committee and the Post and the Auxiliary on the second Tuesday of the month November 12, The VA Hospital Visit will be the fourth Tuesday of the month which is November 26th. Thanksgiving is Thursday November 28th.

December brings not only our regular monthly meetings and hospital visits but the Holidays as well. Our annual Christmas Visit to the Lisbon Veterans Home will be Saturday December 7. The annual Community Breakfast will be Wednesday Jan 1st.

Check out our calendar at the Post and included in this newsletter for all activities and events. You can also find us on the web Vfw7564.org

Our Post and Canteen has seen a lot of changes in the last year and a half. The moving to our new location as well as all the changes to our daily business practices and operations and to our staff have been a challenge and at times painful. I appreciate your feedback as well as your patience during this difficult time. I know that when we stand together, with the best interests of The Post in mind, we will be successful and continue our mission and heritage of serving Veterans and our community.

Although the learning curve has been bumpy, I’m very confident in our future because of our faithful membership, and our loyal and dedicated Auxiliary and our hardworking Cooties and our staff who make our Kitchen and Canteen successful. Together with our supportive community, we have a very bright future indeed. Thank you to Eric Jorgenson for all his efforts in transitioning our Canteen into successful business entity.

I would like to touch upon a few of the latest changes and developments at our Post 7564.

First allow me this opportunity to welcome our new bar manager Joe Ledoux. Joe come to us with a very successful bar and restraint background. Due to some pressing health issues our Chef Chris Carpenter has had to limit his duties but will stay on to help to assist our new chef to develop and promote the catering and kitchen part of the business. Chris has expressed several times that he will do everything he can to ensure the success of our Post. Thank you Carp, for you all your hard work and dedication to our Post. Our new Chef, Alex Rodrigez, will be relocating to the West Fargo area from Kansas City. Our own Chef Carp trained and was instrumental in bring him up here to work for us. Please take a moment to say hi and welcome these two new members of our management team.

We have also added an offsite gaming location. Thanks to all the members that worked tirelessly to move and set the new gaming site at the Wild Rice Bar. It looks great and our hosts are very pleased to have us aboard. Thanks goes to our Gaming Manger Brenda for making this a reality. This will enable us to continue our charitable giving today and into the future.

We have also received a very generous donation of a 2004 VAN/BUS from Sanford Health System in Thief River Falls. Thanks to Brad Reed for running point on this and getting this donation secured for us. Our Quartermaster, Chris Rolph, is already busy getting estimates for branding decals and other cosmetic improvements to this vehicle. Because of the much easier access on and off this bus, as well as the wheelchair lift this bus will be a welcome addition for our Color Guard/ Honor Guard and Post as well as Auxiliary and Cootie transportation needs now and in the future.

SEE YOU at THE POST.

Thanks for all that you do!

Craig Johnson

Post Commander 2019-2020

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October is here, one of our busiest months of the year! Starting with our District 10 meeting at the West Fargo Vets Arena on Saturday October 12th at 5:00pm. That same day is Octoberfest at the Post from 4-6pm.Tuesday the 22nd is our monthly VA hospital visit. We leave the post at 6:30 and return around 8:30, we have been having a real nice turn out with volunteers and Patients. They Love Bingo! Thursday the 24th we will be having our membership dinner at 6:00pm with a social hour before at 5:00pm.

Now for the big Event! ROSS - Remembering Our Serving Soldiers- will be held on Saturday October 26th. We will be needing many volunteers to help on this day. There will be a silent auction, Bingo, Meat Raffle, Steak Fry, and so much more. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting for volunteers, or you can also talk to me and I can get you on the schedule.

Sunday October 27th is our Halloween party. A date to bag candy will be set up at our next meeting. This event is from 2:30pm –4:30pm at the Vets Arena. A great event for the kids. Patti is looking for some help for this event.

November is “Military Family Month”. Our Veterans families are also affected when our soldiers are deployed. It is a time to remember that they must be separated from their loved ones, during difficult times. November 11th is Veterans Day, we will be having our usual program that day.

This year we will be participating in the Festival of Trees at the Fargo Dome. We will be decorating a tree in patriotic colors, on Wednesday November 13th. If you have any Red, White, or Blue decorations you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting on Tuesday night.

I want to thank the Fundraising Committee for all they did for the Tailgating Event, and all the Cruise Nights. We had great turn outs for all the events this year. Great Fun was had by all of us. West Fest was a great success also, the weather was great for the Parade. The music even got stuck on America the Beautiful!

God Bless our Great Country, and all our Volunteers.

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Greetings everyone,

Mark down on your calendars, Monday night I do not have to cook! Come to the Cooties’ Spaghetti feed on Mondays starting at 5 pm. You can eat all the spaghetti you want, and you do not have to do the dishes! Thank you to all the Volunteer Teams that make this feed a great success.

If you have your calendar out, please mark October 12th down. Oktoberfest will be going on at the VFW. Beer, brats, polish sausage and all the fixings! We will start serving at 4 pm until 6pm. Free will donation for this meal. Thank you to Shorty Vetter on being the chairman for this gathering.

The Cooties will be planning at trip on November 8 to go to the Mantador VFW for their annual Turkey and Ham with scalloped potatoes dinner. They will also be doing a meat raffle so grab your allowance money and help support the Mantador VFW. Please call Michelle Morganroth at 701-566-1691 to reserve your spot on the bus. Bus will depart at 530 pm.

Remember VA Hospital visits are the last Tuesday of the Month, so if you want to help the bus leaves the VFW at 630 pm. Thank you to Bob Ruud for being the Hospital chairman.

See you soon and thank you for supporting the Cooties.

Brad Reed

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