



## Veterans in the Classroom

For the fourth year in a row, WFHS provided a history lesson to most of the Junior Class that involved a panel of Veterans from the West Fargo VFW. English teach Beatrice Hill reached out to Tonya Vetter to help arrange the Veterans panel. Vetter, past Post 7564 Auxiliary President, and a current employee at WFHS, spoke with a few of the Post members to see who was interested in being a member of the panel. Some of the members of this year's panel have participated in previous panels; others were new to the panel this year. "I never know what to expect when I ask the Veterans to participate. There are those that always want to speak to our youth; and there are others who have difficulty discussing their deployments. I respect whatever answer they give me", she said. Vetter met with three English teachers to review the expectations of the students and the panel prior to the event. Dr. Jennifer Fremstad, principal at WFHS, has always supported this panel. She allowed a 2-hour block for the event. The roughly 200 students didn't have a shortage of questions for the Veterans. As the time drew to a close, there were still students' hands in the air waiting to ask a question. Many of them stayed after to visit with the panel one on one. The majority walked onto the stage to shake the hands of these Veterans and thank for their service and for sharing their stories.



Panel participants back row (L-R): Joe Best, Scott Kaufman, Eric Jorgenson, Craig Johnson, Greg Peterson, Mark Paler Front row (L-R): Dale Ronning, Joanne Czerwinski, ZachVetter, Bill Tuff, Chris Rolph.



Post and Auxiliary welcome home the Honor Flight.....Mayor Signs Poppy Declaration!



**Craig Johnson, Post Commander**

## I'm baaack!

Please pardon the Jack Nickelson reference, but I am very proud and honored to be the Commander of our VFW Post 7564 for 2019-2020.

Before I begin, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Brad and Sheila for a very successful year for the Post and Auxiliary. It was a difficult period with many changes for our Post, to include moving to our new location, changes to the kitchen and canteen staff, as well as all of the issues with construction, purchasing, finalizing agreements with so many outside entities and vendors.

Change is always difficult and sometimes down-right painful and I want to express our gratitude and respect for meeting all those difficult challenges so diligently and professionally, all while serving in the Army National Guard. Thanks, Brad, for serving our country, our community and our Post. Hoorah! Brad and Sheila.

Next, I would like to thank all our line officers and chairpersons for answering the call to volunteer your time and skills to make this Post successful. Without your efforts, we would surely fail in our primary mission to serve Veterans. Going forward, I am very optimistic about our future because of all the knowledge and experience of our senior members as well as the enthusiasm and fresh ideas from our newer members. As always, our Post will be successful because of the dedication of our Post members, our Auxiliary, our hard-working Cooties and support from our community.

A special thanks to the WF VFW Post 7564 VFW Riders for taking time out of their busy Memorial Day to greet the flag and Ride of Patriots at Harley Davidson of Fargo.

As you read this, we are preparing our Post home to host the convention June 6 & 7. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> clean-up. Hope to see you all at the state convention.

The RRVF booth/hometown Hero's night in July 11<sup>th</sup>!

Cruise Nights are once again upon us. Thanks, Russ Foster, for chairing these events. The first cruise night is June 20<sup>th</sup>. In July, it is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and help serve. It's always fun and you get to check out the cool wheels.

The Community Picnic will be held Sunday, July 28 at the P.O.W. Plaza. This is a change this year. There will be chicken, beer, and games for the kids. This year our Canteen will be open. Come and join the fun.

At the time of this writing, the dates for the Lisbon Veterans Home motorcycle ride in July, the Veterans Home picnic in August and VA Hospital Picnic have not been determined.

Honored to serve, Craig



**Bonnie Kupperion, Auxiliary President**

I attended my first honor flight on Monday night, what an experience. It reminds me of just why we are here and needed by our veterans and their families. They did so much for our country and are so often forgotten. Thank you to all that attended, I will be going to many more in the future.

As I start out this journey as your President, I only hope I can do this job as well as the many who have served before me. In the short five years I have been a member, I have met so many great people, that come together and show real leadership as volunteers.

Last meeting, we swore in our new officers, my Sr. Vice is Myra Taylor, Jr. Vice is Marlys Roney, Chaplin is Connie Marier, Guard is Jess Nelson, 3 Year Trustee Sheila Reed, 2 Year Trustee AJ Markey, and 1 Year Trustee Ted Motschenbacher. We will be appointing chairpersons and Co-chairs for all our committees at our June Meeting.

The Volunteer banquet was a "delicious" event that was a little hampered by the weather, but still a nice turn out. Thank you for all that braved the weather and joined us for a wonderful evening.

We have a lot coming up with Memorial Day on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Our program will start at 10:45am. State Convention will be held at the post June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Cruise night will be coming up on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> and Red Hawks Military appreciation night is on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. July is our Nation Convention in Orlando on the 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.

I hope some warm weather will be here soon so we can enjoy our outdoor patio and green space. Lots of activities to be held outside this summer!

We will be needing lots of volunteers to make all our events a success. We appreciate each one of you.

Bonnie Kupperion

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June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Four as One
2	3 AmVets Meeting  Poker	4 Senior Dance 7-10	5	6 State Convention West Fargo	7 State Convention West Fargo Silverado NO BINGO	8 State Convention West Fargo Silverado NO BINGO
9	10  Poker	11 House Meeting 6pm Post/Aux 7pm	12	13	14 Flag Day Dakota Dirt	15 Dakota Dirt
16	17  Poker	18 RedHawks Military Appreciation Night  Legion 7PM	19	20 Cruise Night 4:30-9 pm	21 Kicking Back	22 Kicking Back
23	24  Poker	25 VA Hospital Visit; Bus leaves at 6:30	26	27	28 Uptown Live	29 Uptown Live Cootie Road Trip
30 VA Community Outreach Event						

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AmVets 7  Poker	2 Senior Dance 7-10	3	4	5 Band TBD	6 Band TBD
7	8  Poker	9 <b>House</b> <b>Meeting 6pm</b> <b>Post/Aux 7pm</b>	10	11 RRV Military Appreciation Day! Hometown Hero!	12	13
14	15  Poker	16  Legion 7pm	17	18  <b>Cruise</b> <b>Night 4:30-</b> <b>9 pm</b>	19	20  <b>National</b> <b>Convention</b> <b>Orlando, FL</b>
21  <b>National</b> <b>Convention</b>	22  <b>National</b> <b>Convention</b>  Poker	23 VA Hospital Visit Buss leaves 6:30 pm <b>National</b> <b>Convention</b>	24  <b>National</b> <b>Convention</b>	25	26 Billy D	27 Billy D
28 Community Picnic	29  Poker	30	31			

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## COOTIE CHATTER



Brad Reed, Seam Squirrel

Hey, you Lousy Cooties!

Your new Seam Squirrel for the year is me. BOO!!!! And a big BOO!!! to Joe Best for the last two years as our Seam Squirrel. Look for your Cootie Letter with specifics about our elections.

Just a heads up, our Post is hosting the State VFW Convention, June 6 – 9th. The Cootie Scratch will be Friday, Jun 7th. Registration will be 1- 2:30, Cootie Grand Trustees Audit at 2:00 and the Cootie Grand Scratch from 2:30 - 4:30pm. Hope you can make it. Bring your foam guns!

Cootie “Summer Sizzler” Raffle: We have a \$5 Raffle for a Weber Spirit II, 3- burner grill, a \$300, \$200 and 5 - \$100 gift cards for Meats by John and Wayne. Drawing will be at 6:30 pm Friday, July 26. Please pick up books to sell or contact me and I will mail some out. THANK YOU!

A Cootie Road Trip is scheduled for June 29. We will be leaving the WF VFW at 11:00. Please let me know by June 17<sup>th</sup> if you will be on the bus. Where we are going is “secret”!

VA Hospital Visit is Tuesday, June 25 and 23. It is always the 4th Tuesday of the Month. The van leaves the WF VFW at 6:30, or meet at the VA Hospital, 2nd floor CLC by 7pm. Please try to make a visit and support our Veterans. Remember our Motto: “Keep them Smiling in Beds of White!”

Please pay your Annual \$15.00 Cooties dues to CCDB Michelle Morgenroth. If you have address, phone or email changes, contact Michelle at 701-566-1691

