

Calendar of Events

March 2025

3rd—7pm Scout Meeting

5th— 7pm Post Meeting

7th—Fish Fry at Post 5-8 PM

8th—Scouting for Food Collection Begins see pg. 14

9th—Girl Scout Meeting

9th—Daylight Saving Time Starts

10th—7:30pm Cooties Meeting

10th—7 Pm Scout Meeting

12th—7PM DAV Meeting

14th—Fish Fry at Post 5-8 PM

15th—Scouting for Food Collection ends see pg. 14

17th—St. Patrick's Day

17th—7pm Scout Meeting

18th —7pm VFW Riders Group

19th—7PM Auxiliary Meeting

21st —Fish Fry at Poat 5-8 PM

23rd—Girl Scouts Meeting

24th—7pm Scout Troop 1865

28th— Fish Fry at Post 5-8 PM

31st—7 pm Scout meeting



Cooties Pup Tent 6

It's that time of year again. The grand convention is in Janesville. Convention is April 11th, 12th and 13th make you hotel reservations before they are sold out. All Information will be included in this newsletter. Deadline to register is March 28th. Get registered soon so we can have a lousy time. The convention registration form is on page 21

Manny Salas
Seam squirrel pup tent 6





BAR Hours

Monday thru Thursday

3PM to 10 PM

Friday & Saturday

Noon to 11 PM

Sunday Noon to 6 PM

Banquet Halls for Rent

Happy Hour

Need a place to hold your,

Wedding, Birthday Party,

Anniversaries, or any Event.

Two Banquet Halls available for rent.

Post Officers & Contact information

Commander Arran Edwards	SR Vice Cmdr., Rob Roberts	JR Vice Nick Leonard
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Service Officer Rob Roberts	Quartermaster Bob Vanbendegom	Chaplain Brandon Jordan
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House Committee Chair Doug Cochran

Cootie Pup Tent 6, Officers

Seam Squirrel Manny Salas	Blanket Bum Ken Powers	High Gimlet John Otahal
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VFW Auxiliary Officers

President Barbara Goode	SR Vice Jim Martin	JR Vice Megan Gundlach
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VFW Riders Group Officers

President Tank Jamroz	Vice President Mr. Bill McFadden	Secretary Lorie Sorenson
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6618 38th Ave
Kenosha WI, 53142
(262) 652-2751

Email: vfwpost1865@yahoo.com

Comrades,

The Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans "Honor Guard" is in need of Vietnam veterans or younger veterans to be a part of it's "Honor Guard". The "KAVV Honor Guard"

Takes part in most veterans funerals as well as civic events

The "Honor Guard" is part of the State of Wisconsin Honors Program.

For information on becoming a member of the

"Kenosha Honor Guard" please contact Rich Bowker at

(262)-694-1129 or (262)-705-4202



You could have your special day, wishes to someone or photo
 In the newsletter submit your special event to:
 VFWPPost1865@yahoo.com



VFW Post1865@yahoo.com
 before the 28th of the month.
 To be include in the next months newsletter

March Birthday's

(information below pulled from the bar B-day book)

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| 1st Barbie M. | 15th Valerie |
| 2nd Sherry Rodgers | 18th Mary W. |
| 5th Steven Chalmers | 20th Jim Eckert |
| 6th Brice & Heide | 23rd Ray Pertippilo |
| 6th Rick Ferguson | 25th Peggy Eis |
| 13th Dutch | 26th Olga Tigerina |
| 13th Kathy Bach | 28th Tammy C. |
| 13th Laurie L. | |



**If you would like your Birth-
 day or Special Event added
 to the Newsletter, stop by the
 Bar and ask your Bartender,
 for the Birthday Book and
 enter it into the book.
 This is where the information
 for the newsletter is pulled
 from.**



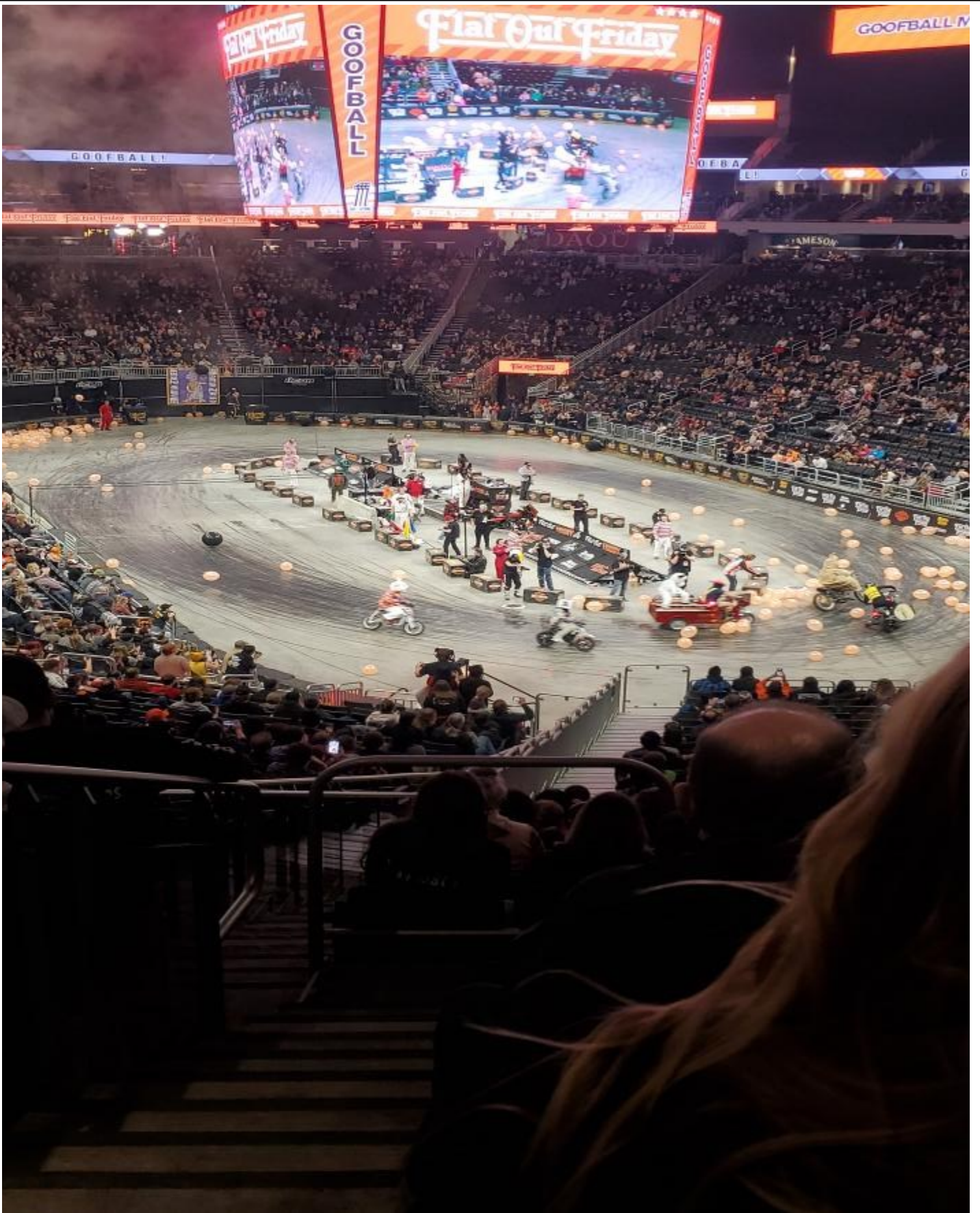
Better weather is coming soon! This months meeting is on Tuesday, March 18th at 7PM

Mr. Bill, Songbird and myself attended the Flat Out Friday flat tracking racing at the Fiserv Forum on Feb. 21st. That is always cool to watch.

The VFW Riders Group fish fry is on Friday, March 21st and we will need volunteers to help out. Please come out and support the fish fries.

Always Forward
Tank







VFW AUXILIARY

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

Donation made to Kenosha Cares for Veterans – collaboration between The Bunker Café and American Legion Post 21. Providing supplies to Veterans in long term facilities.



Sue "Freebird" presenting our Certification of Appreciation to Kroger for their donation to our Veterans Basket. Cert to go with the plaque hanging on the wall from last year.



The year 2024-2025 is coming to an end which means it is time for elections. If you are interested in supporting the Auxiliary for the year 2025-2026, nominations will be made in April and voting will be held in May.

Keep supporting Veterans and their families!



We know February only has 28 days but we made the most of the month and fit in a ton of activities!

First, we opened the month with our 5th Annual Lasagna dinner event and it was a huge success. This year we made 76 lasagna packages and the scouts learned a lot about food prep safety and cross contamination safety awareness. Thank you for your support and orders!

On Thursday Feb 20th we crossed over 12 cubscouts into our troop from Pack 538 and Pack 750. Say hi to all the new scout when you see them!

On Friday Feb 21st, we hosted the second fish fry of the year and had a good turnout. We are looking forward to Lent starting next week and hope to see you all on Friday March 7th and each Friday until April 11th! (See flyer)

About 30 scouts and family members went to Feed My Starving Children and packed food packets to be shipped to those in need around the world. This was a great service project and the groups exceeded the packing goal for the session. We look forward to heading there again soon!

Troop 1865 is proud to announce Kylie Rodhe successfully passed her Eagle Scout Board of Review on February 26, 2025 and became troop 1865 seventh Eagle Scout and Troop 1865's first female Eagle Scout! Kylie spoke to the board about her scouting experiences, her Eagle Scout project, and her future goals and ambitions. Congratulate Kylie when you see her and we look forward to celebrating her accomplishments in the near future at her Eagle Scout Court of Honor.



With a flip of the calendar page we can see the month of March is already jammed packed. Fish Fries, Scouting for Food drive, Kenosha Home and Health Expo, a weekend campout at camp OhDaKoTa and much more!

Spring is right around the corner. Enjoy the weather and activities spring brings. See you at the fish fries!

**Ryan Lawler
Troop 1865 Scoutmaster**

email, troop1865scoutmaster@gmail.com or scoutmastertroop1865g@gmail.com or stop in Monday nights during our normal Troop meeting times between 7:00PM and 8:30PM.

Thank you for all your support of our scouts and the many opportunities they have!













Collection Week
March 8 - 15, 2025
3:00 - 10:00PM
Food Bin in Lobby

Collection Location
VFW Post 1865
6618 39th Ave

VFW Drive-Thru
March 15th
8:00 - 10:00AM

Thank You for Sharing and Caring

All items collected will be delivered to the Shalom Center on March 15th



It's A Friday Fish Fry

Hosted By Scouts BSA Troop 1865

Everyone is Welcome

January 24, 2025

February 21, 2025

March 7, 2025

March 14, 2025

March 21, 2025

March 28, 2025

April 4, 2025

April 11, 2025

Dinner Service

5-8PM or til sold out

Cod Dinner

Baked or Fried

\$15 (Cash Only)

Broasted Chicken Option

Dine-In or Carry-Out

VFW Junker-Ball,

Post 1865

6618 39th Ave

Kenosha, WI



Bring a non-perishable
Food item to help
support local
Veterans in need.

History of Daylight Savings Time

Ancient civilizations adjusted daily schedules to the sun more flexibly than DST does, often dividing daylight into 12 hours regardless of daytime, so that each daylight hour became progressively longer during spring and shorter during autumn.^[17] For example, the [Romans kept time](#) with [water clocks](#) that had different scales for different months of the year; at Rome's latitude, the third hour from sunrise (*hora tertia*) started at 09:02 [solar time](#) and lasted 44 minutes at the winter [solstice](#), but at the summer solstice it started at 06:58 and lasted 75 minutes.^[18] From the 14th century onward, equal-length civil hours supplanted unequal ones, so [civil time](#) no longer varied by season. Unequal hours are still used in a few traditional settings, such as monasteries of [Mount Athos](#)^[19] and in Jewish ceremonies.^[20]

[Benjamin Franklin](#) published the proverb "early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise",^{[21][22]} and published a letter in the *Journal de Paris* during his time as an American [envoy](#) to France (1776–1785) suggesting that Parisians economize on candles by rising earlier to use morning sunlight.^[23] This 1784 satire proposed taxing window shutters, rationing candles, and waking the public by ringing church bells and firing cannons at sunrise.^[24] Despite common misconception, Franklin did not actually propose DST; 18th-century Europe did not even keep precise schedules. However, this changed as rail transport and communication networks required a standardization of time unknown in Franklin's day.^[25]

In 1810, the Spanish National Assembly [Cortes of Cádiz](#) issued a regulation that moved certain meeting times forward by one hour from 1 May to 30 September in recognition of seasonal changes, but it did not change the clocks. It also acknowledged that private businesses were in the practice of changing their opening hours to suit daylight conditions, but they did so of their volition.^{[26][27]}

New Zealand entomologist [George Hudson](#) first proposed modern DST. His shift-work job gave him spare time to collect insects and led him to value after-hours daylight.^[5] In 1895, he presented a paper to the [Wellington Philosophical Society](#) proposing a two-hour daylight-saving shift,^[12] and considerable interest was expressed in [Christchurch](#); he followed up with an 1898 paper.^[28] Many publications credit the DST proposal to prominent English builder and outdoorsman [William Willett](#),^[29] who independently conceived DST in 1907 during a pre-breakfast ride when he observed how many Londoners slept through a large part of a summer day.^[15] Willett also was an avid golfer who disliked cutting short his round at dusk.^[30] His solution was to advance the clock during the summer, and he published the proposal two years later.^[31] Liberal Party member of parliament [Robert Pearce](#) took up the proposal, introducing the first Daylight Saving Bill to the British House of Commons on 12 February 1908.^[32] A select committee was set up to examine the issue, but Pearce's bill did not become law and several other bills failed in the following years.^[6] Willett lobbied for the proposal in the UK until his death in 1915.



[Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada](#), was the first city in the world to enact DST, on 1 July 1908.^{[7][8]} This was followed by [Orillia, Ontario](#), introduced by William Sword Frost while mayor from 1911 to 1912.^[33] The first states to adopt DST ([German: Sommerzeit](#)) nationally were those of the [German Empire](#) and its [World War I](#) ally [Austria-Hungary](#) commencing on 30 April 1916, as a way to conserve coal during wartime. Britain, most of its [allies](#), and many European neutrals soon followed. Russia and a few other countries waited until the next year, and the United States adopted daylight saving in 1918. Most jurisdictions abandoned DST in the years after the war ended in 1918, with exceptions including Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, and the United States.^[34] It became common during [World War II](#) (some countries adopted double summer time), and was standardized in the US by federal law in 1966, and widely adopted in Europe from the 1970s as a result of the [1970s energy crisis](#). Since then, the world has seen many enactments, adjustments, and repeals.^[35]

It is a common myth in the United States that DST was first implemented for the benefit of farmers.^{[36][37][38]} In reality, farmers have been one of the strongest [lobbying](#) groups against DST since it was first implemented.^{[36][37][38]} The factors that influence farming schedules, such as morning [dew](#) and [dairy cattle](#)'s readiness to be milked, are ultimately dictated by the sun, so the time change introduces unnecessary challenges.^{[36][38][39]} DST was first implemented in the US with the [Standard Time Act](#) of 1918, a wartime measure for seven months during World War I in the interest of adding more daylight hours to conserve energy resources.^{[40][39]} Year-round DST, or "[War Time](#)", was implemented again during World War II.^[40] After the war, local jurisdictions were free to choose if and when to observe DST until the [Uniform Time Act](#) which standardized DST in 1966.^{[40][41]} Permanent daylight saving time was enacted for the winter of 1974, but there were complaints of children going to school in the dark and working people commuting and starting their work day in pitch darkness during the winter, and it was repealed a year later.

St. Partick's Day March 17th

Saint Patrick's Day, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** (*Irish*: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, *lit.* 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a religious and cultural **holiday** held on 17 March, the traditional death date of **Saint Patrick** (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost **patron saint** of **Ireland**.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian **feast day** in the early 17th century and is observed by the **Catholic Church**, the **Anglican Communion** (especially the **Church of Ireland**),^[7] the **Eastern Orthodox Church**, and the **Lutheran Church**. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of **Christianity in Ireland**, and, by extension, celebrates the **heritage and culture of the Irish** in general.^{[5][8]} Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, **céilithe**, and the wearing of green attire or **shamrocks**.^[9] Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend **church services**^{[8][10]} and historically the **Lenten** restrictions **on eating** and **drinking alcohol** were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.^{[8][9][11][12]}



Saint Patrick's Day is a **public holiday** in the **Republic of Ireland**,^[13] **Northern Ireland**,^[14] the Canadian province of **Newfoundland and Labrador** (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of **Montserrat**. It is also widely celebrated in the **United Kingdom**,^[15] **Canada**, **Brazil**, **United States**, **Argentina**, **Australia**, **South Africa**,^[16] and **New Zealand**, especially amongst **Irish diaspora**. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other **national festival**.^[17] Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialized and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.^[18]

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in **Roman Britain** in the fourth century, into a wealthy **Romano-British** family. His father was a **deacon** and his grandfather was a **priest** in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to **Gaelic Ireland**.^[19] It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he **found God**. The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.^[20]

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the **pagan** Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands.

Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes", heathen practices, out of Ireland, despite the fact that actual snakes were not known to inhabit the region.^[21]

Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at **Downpatrick**. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.

Resources to Find Help

Veterans Crisis Line
1.800.273.TALK (8255)
www.veteranscrisisline.net

Give an Hour providers
www.giveanhour.org

Click on "Search for a Provider"

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
1.800.622.HELP (4357)
www.samhsa.gov

Patients Like Me online network
www.patientslikeme.com

VA Health Care
1.877.222.VETS (8387)
www.va.gov/health

PTSD Coach Online Apps
www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/apps/ptsdcoachonline

Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury
www.dcoe.mil

VA Vet Center Program
www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Know the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering

Personality Change: Sudden or gradual changes in the way someone typically behaves.

Agitation: When someone seems uncharacteristically angry, anxious, agitated, or moody.

Withdrawal: Withdrawn or isolated from other people; pulling away from family and friends.

Poor Self-Care: Has stopped taking care of themselves and may engage in risky behavior.

Hopelessness: Seems overcome with hopelessness and overwhelmed by their circumstances.

*If you recognize that someone in your life is suffering, **CONNECT, REACH OUT, INSPIRE HOPE, and OFFER HELP!***

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VFW MENTAL WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Awareness, support and intervention for veterans



Our Objective:

The purpose of the project is to educate VFW and VFW Auxiliary members, veterans and communities about the important topic of mental health and wellness, and offer proven tools to intervene on behalf of veterans in crisis.

In order to help bring this complex set of issues to light for our members, veterans, the military and our communities, it is essential that the VFW and VFW Auxiliary work hand-in-hand on every level to bring the needed awareness and education to everyone.

Mental health issues for veterans and the military community are complex, often unseen, and affect more than just the service member or veteran. With 1.6 million members, the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are uniquely positioned to offer the support and educational base camp in more than 6,000 communities nationwide.

Join VFW in opening our hearts, homes and Posts to those who defended our freedoms.

Quick Facts:

Veterans report that their mental health issues are very similar to those in the civilian population, which commonly relate to interpersonal relationships and economic concerns. These issues have shown to increase with deployment.

One of the most common claimed conditions for clients who seek assistance from VFW service officers is a mental health condition.

Veterans who seek care for mental health through VA facilities are more likely to have positive health outcomes.

VA reports that as many as 20 veterans choose to end their lives every day. But contrary to popular belief, most veterans who attempt suicide are older or have not deployed to a combat area.

The VFW's community posture has historically provided a safe space for veterans to offer one another peer-to-peer support. This means that the VFW is uniquely poised to serve this therapeutic need for today's veterans.

Program Goals:

- ✓ Build partnerships to serve the needs of service members, veterans, and families suffering from invisible injuries
- ✓ Provide training and resources to VFW personnel who provide direct services to veterans
- ✓ Create templates for VFW Posts and Departments to raise awareness and host community-based events
- ✓ Offer opportunities for VFW members to share experiences and leverage partner resources
- ✓ Contribute to research efforts that advance the dialogue on brain health and foster the development of new evidence-based treatments
- ✓ Advocate for federal legislation to improve access to mental health care and transitional benefits

Strategic Partners



www.giveanhour.org

MISSION: To develop national networks of volunteers capable of responding to both acute and chronic conditions that arise within our society, beginning with the mental health needs of those who serve and their families.

✓ Confidential and free mental health care for service members, veterans, and their loved ones through a network of nearly 7,000 licensed providers.

✓ Initiative to change the culture of mental health in America, called the Campaign to Change Direction: www.ChangeDirection.org

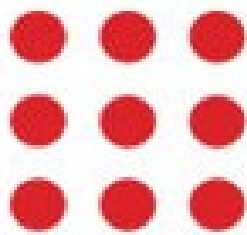


MISSION: To accelerate the development and implementation of improved diagnostics and treatments for post-traumatic stress (PTS) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) -- through creating global public-private partnerships among governmental, corporate, scientific and philanthropic communities -- based on our belief in open science principles.

✓ Research collaborations with academic, medical, and veterans' service communities

✓ Online community tool for service members, veterans, and families coping with invisible wounds via "Patients Like Me"





Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

Economic Opportunity's Role in Preventing Suicide The VFW's Concerns:

As the VFW has advocated for many years, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must immediately incorporate Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) data into its annual suicide prevention report, to include disability compensation, education and employment benefit use, home loan use and foreclosure assistance, and participation in housing and food insecurity programs. Currently, VA tracks only how many veterans who die by suicide had interactions with VA through medical or mental health appointments. Short of this incorporation, economic opportunity benefits cannot be fully leveraged to successfully prevent suicide among veterans.

Education - A 2017 study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found individuals with a college degree were half as likely to die by suicide compared to those with a high school education. A 2020 study of recently transitioned service members found those with fewer years of education had a higher hazard of suicide, with lack of education being a likely factor in difficulty finding post-military employment, potentially leading to financial instability. **Employment** - Unemployment can be detrimental to mental health. It is even associated with increased risk for suicide. However, the relationship between unemployment and suicide is a complex one. Providing benefits while veterans are unemployed and making sure they are swiftly reemployed can moderate mental health issues and potentially mitigate suicidal ideations.

Compensation – Some veterans may feel hopeless, unheard, or retriggered by their trauma during the benefit claims process. They may also be facing financial hardship to pay medical expenses until they can receive care at VA. A 2021 study in Military Behavioral Health showed that veterans with a service-connected disability designation who utilized services were less likely to attempt suicide. **Housing** – Data from a study published in a 2021 issue of the Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health on veterans who self-reported housing instability between 2012 and 2016 indicated over half of these veterans accessed homeless services and associated this use of services to a significant reduction in suicide risk. This is a positive sign for the ability of these programs to perform upstream intervention.

Note: All of these programs are administered by the Veterans Benefits Administration. However, none of them are incorporated into the VA annual suicide prevention report. The VFW urges Congress to:

- Direct VA to incorporate veteran benefit usage into its annual suicide prevention report. This would show the correlation between VA benefits and veterans who die by suicide.
- Analyze which benefits have a greater impact on upstream suicide prevention and focus on expanding those benefits in an effort to reduce the overall number of veteran suicides.



**Military Order of the Cootie & Auxiliary
MOC/MOCA Convention 2025
April 11-13, 2025**



Baymont Hotel

616 Midland Rd, Janesville WI 53546
(608) 758 - 4545

Call hotel directly for reservations – mention Military Order of the Cootie
Rooms: \$89 + tax (2 adults)
Deadline for Room Rate: 28 March 2025

Tentative Agenda

Friday, April 11 3400 N Cty Rd F	1300 hrs/1:00 pm	Bingo at Rock Haven Nursing Home
	1500 hrs/3:00 pm	Hospitality Room opens
	1600 hrs to 2000 pm	Fish Fry 4 to 8 pm
Saturday, April 12	0930 hrs /9:30 am	MOC Scratch (Post) MOCA Meeting (Post)
	1700 hrs / 5:00 pm	Social Hour (Post)
	1800 hrs / 6:00 pm	Banquet (Post)
Sunday, April 13	0930 hrs / 9:30 am	MOC Scratch (Post) MOCA Meeting (Post)

MOC Registration (per person)	_____ @ \$10.00 each	=	_____
Late Registration	_____ @ \$15.00 each	=	_____
MOCA Registration (per person)	_____ @ \$10.00 each	=	_____
Late Registration	_____ @ \$15.00 each	=	_____
Saturday Banquet	_____ @ \$30.00 each	=	_____
	Total	=	_____

Name: _____ Pup Tent #: _____

Name: _____ Aux #: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

MOC Registration & all Banquet Reservations:

Sent to: CMDR Paul Kirsch, 1326 Thurston Ave, Racine WI 53405, 414-803-4633
Payable to: Kenosha Pup Tent 6

MOCA Registration (MOCA Banquet Reservations are sent to Pup Tent 9 – address above)

Registration sent to: Dolores Sorensen, 2113 Rainbow Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313 (920) 434-1523
Payable to: Grand of Wisconsin Auxiliary

SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recognizes individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at vfw.org/FindaPost.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is **March 1**.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by **April 1**. The VFW Department Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by **May 1**.

Questions should be directed to during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

Official Entry Form

SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT
and submitted directly to a VFW post in your community.

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

() Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program

VFW DEPARTMENT SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE:

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW DEPARTMENT SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT VFW SCOUTING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- **Photograph of the Scout** — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- **School Participation Record** — a single page, one-sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- **Scouting Record** — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- **Community Service Record** — a single page, one-sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- **Letters of Recommendation** — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).

• In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- **Completed Entry Form** — submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at vfw.org/FindaPost.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department Commander, they are responsible for promoting scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call email scouting@vfw.org

