2020-2021 POST 4495 OFFICERS
Standing (l-r)
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Scott Campbell, Jr. Vice Commander
Beverley Walker, Chaplain
Bill Coash, Adjutant
Micah Hankla, Quartermaster
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Chuck Schneider, Trustee 3 Year

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Barry Jones, Jr. Vice President & Patriotic Instructor
Phyllis Wilson, Chaplain
Brenna Mathews, Conductress
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Marcy Koches, #1 Trustee
Frankie Collebrusco, Senior Vice President
Seated (l-r)
Dana Welge, Guard
Diane Jones, President
Sharon Prose, Treasurer
Not pictured:
Kathy Marron, #2 Trustee
Beth Kuntzman, #3 Trustee
Hello everyone, I am honored to come to you as the new commander of Taylorville Post 4495. Chuck left some big shoes to fill, but with his guidance and everyone’s help we can keep the VFW moving forward.

We are planning new events at the VFW to show off our hospitality and facility. First, starting October 7, 2020 the VFW will be hosting a Queen of Hearts drawing. This will go on every Wednesday night with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. and drawing the tickets at 8:00 p.m.

We are also selling raffle tickets for $50 a piece and the Grand Prize is $10,000.

On Friday October 2, 2020, the VFW will be having a FISH FRY. COVID ruined our yearly fish fries during the Lenten Season and we know everyone loves our fish. So please come out and get you some of the delicious fish and shrimp. It will start and end at the regular time. (5:30 to 7:00 pm)

Also, if you or your loved one likes to paint, please come on out to the VFW on October 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. for the first annual paint party. This is a chance for you to get together and put your artistic talent to the test. If you do not have a painting bone in your body, that is ok, there are designs that are available for you to pick from. Everything that is raised at these events will be donate back to the VFW/Memorial home.

Last but certainly not least, we are having our anniversary party on September 27, 2020. Please come out and enjoy great food, company, and our ceremony.

Hope to see you all very soon,
DJ DeVore, Commander

Quartermaster Report
Hello everyone! Summer is about over. Seems like it goes by way too fast.

Departed Heroes
We continue to lose our heroes. Since July, we have lost five members: Donald Moutrey, Robert Fleming, Verlin Bundy, Robert Montgomery and Joseph Qualls.

Membership
Currently, we have three hundred twelve members on our roster. This is down from last year when we had 324.

Benefits
The riders hosted a benefit for Tim Coultas raising $29,200 to aid in his medical expenses during his cancer fight.

Donations
The Post received $3,010 in memory of Donald Joseph Moutrey, 50 Year Life Member who passed away 7/11/2020.

Financial
As of 20 August 2017, Post 4495 has $81,279.56 in checking; $4,742.47 in savings and $5,753.54 in one certificate of deposit for total Post Funds of $91,775.57. These funds include the $29,200 for Tim Coultas benefit.

Final Thoughts
Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. – Ambrose Redmoon

May God continue to bless you!
Post Quartermaster, Micah Hankla

Chaplain’s Corner
Hello everyone, Your Chaplain here. As we continue to move through this difficult time with social distancing, social activities canceled, and faces covered, it is hard to reflect on the positive side of our lives and all of the things that we do have. As we watch all of the looting and destruction going on in other locations I wonder if those individuals know that they can ask for for-giveness from out good Lord, and if they are truly asking that He will be merciful.

While innocent people are losing their lives at the hands of violence, our brothers and sisters in arms are losing theirs at the hands of their injuries and time. The good Lord knows who is sorry for the evil things that they have done and who isn’t. He always forgives those who ask for forgiveness.

I will close with words from George Washington from 1790: “May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us in all our several vocations useful here, and in his own time and way everlastingly happy”.

In god I bless you all.
Beverly Walker, Post 4495 Chaplain
(217)371-4595
EDITOR’S COMMENTS

Hello again! It’s been a trying summer. Hopefully, fall will be much better.

We’ve been going over our records and according to what we discovered, the following members are eligible to receive pins at this year’s anniversary party:

50 Year Pin: Robert Eggerman, Larry Orator, David Passoni, Robert Weeden and Ronald Wright.
60 Year Pin: Gene Peters
65 Year Pin: William Altman and Jack Beaman Sr.
70 Year Pin: Eugene Bertucci

If you think you are eligible and your name doesn’t appear in those mentioned above, please contact me and I’ll recheck our records.

This will be our 75th Anniversary and the format will be the same as in the past years. Open House beginning at 3 pm, Flag Retiring Ceremony at 4:30, Dinner at 5 pm for members and guests, Welcoming and Introductions, Presentation of Pins by we will have already had our Poppy Sales for this year. Due to COVID 19 we had to postpone our normal sales over Mother’s Day weekend to the weekend of September 11th and 12th. We hope you were able to see us and get your poppies for this year. Next year we plan to go back to our normal time of Mother’s Day weekend.

We are also in the middle of collecting our annual membership dues for this year. Sharon has sent out notices to everyone so please reply as soon as possible to avoid Sharon having to send out reminder notices. As always, we are trying to obtain 100% membership.

The “Tim Tough” event was held on August 8th and the Auxiliary made a donation to help Tim with some of his expenses. The auxiliary finished our raffle for the Grill and Meat Package that we had started back during the Lenten fish fries. Congratulations to Keith Staples as the winner!!

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have already had our Poppy Sales for this year. Due to COVID 19 we had to postpone our normal sales over Mother’s Day weekend to the weekend of September 11th and 12th. We hope you were able to see us and get your poppies for this year. Next year we plan to go back to our normal time of Mother’s Day weekend. Thanks for any help you were able to give us.

We will be doing blankets for the Quad County Hospice program again this year and would appreciate any monetary donations to help offset the cost of the material.

The last couple of years we have been able to donate 10 to 12 blankets and pillows each year to use in the pinning ceremonies for our veterans. The current plan is to cut and put the blankets together on the Sunday November 8th beginning at noon if you would like to come out to the VFW to help. If the date and time is changed we will post it on the Angels of Veterans Chat.

The new normal Auxiliary Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is currently being planned for November 7th from 7AM to 11AM. We hope everyone will be able to come out to the VFW to support us.

Please mark on your calendar that we have scheduled the Christmas party for Friday December 11th and are not planning to have a regular auxiliary meeting for the month of December.

The VFW Anniversary Party will be held on Sunday September 27th and I hope folks will be able to attend. We have 2 members who will be receiving anniversary pins—40 years Delores Daykin and 50 years Madge Francis. Thank-you to them for all that they have done over the years to support the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary. We will also draw for 1 lifetime membership from all of our auxiliary members who are not yet lifetime members.

If you want more input in the business of the auxiliary, our meetings are held at 7PM on the 3rd Thursday of every month. We enjoy seeing everyone when we can and hope you all stay safe!!

Diane Jones, Auxiliary President
707diane.jones@gmail.com
217-827-1659

Keith Staples Wins Grill & Meat Package

FAMILY STEAK NIGHT
OCTOBER 24, 2020—SERVING 6 TO 7:30 PM
BY RESERVATION ONLY
Confirmation By
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST, 8 PM
MEMBERS & GUESTS ONLY—$15 EACH
8 OZ RIBEYE Cooked to Order
BAKED POTATO & SALAD BAR
50/50 DRAWING
In the year of the Coronavirus, almost everything we do has changed. How we live, work, vacation and how we serve our veterans. Jobs have disappeared with rent and mortgage, lack of food and bills piling up.

U.S. Department of Transportation Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant has been awarded to Lincoln Land Community College. It’s open to veterans, active military and their spouses for free.

In class and behind the wheel training takes four weeks if the classes are taken during day, and six weeks if the classes are taken at night. The program also offers lifetime job placement assistance.

Back in my younger days I went thru this training using the Illinois Veterans Grant. The only expense was a physical and lunch. I went at night and worked during the day. I lost 20 pounds doing the course.

It is well worth the effort. You can go over the road or stay local driving a gain truck in the fall. Salaries range from $35,000 to $75,000 per year. I’ve never driven, but it was a good back up in case I ever lost my job. I kept my CDL for 12 years before my health started to change. So if you need a job or are bored at home call 800-727-4161 Ext 62565; local 217-786-2562; https://www.llcc.edu/

Be careful and take care of yourselves and our comrades

Glen Goodrich, Post Service Officer
Phone: (217)820-2038

Hello everyone! I hope this article finds you all in great spirits. I want to start off by saying thank you to everyone that came out and participated in our Benefit Run for Tim. I also want to thank everyone that put in all the hard work. We had 143 motorcycles register, and over 30 cars. The Salvage Dogs cooked up a great dinner for everyone. The food was so good, that there was none left at the end of the night.

We were able to raise a little shy of $30,000 for Tim and his medical bills. This run was for our family, and we all pulled together and showed everyone how family takes care of each other.

Five of the Riders had the honor of going to This Able Veterans graduation on September 4th. The graduation reminds us all why we put these PTSD benefit runs on. Watching the veteran and his/her service dog get paired and graduate is an emotional event. Even though COVID put a stop to this year’s PTSD Benefit we were still able to raise a little over $12,000.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a rider please reach out to me or any member of the riders.

SEMPER FI!!
DJ DeVore, President
Taylorville Post 4495 Riders

On September 4, some of the Riders had the honor of watching Valor (the service dog we sponsored last year) get paired with his veteran. They both graduated today. This is why we do what we do. To help veterans and see how these dogs change their lives. Pictured (l-r): Ken Koches, Greg Toberman, DJ DeVore, Mike Parker and Tim Coultas. Down front with Valor is the young lady with whom he was paired.
Pictures from the Tim Coultas Benefit

Riders present Tim with a plaque

Auxiliary present Tim with a check

Tim’s Family

The Meal

The Ride
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The late George Upchurch & wife, Natalie Upchurch

The late Loren Arkebauer & wife, Norvell  
The late Joe Rodden & wife, Judy  
The late Herman Altman & wife, Norma

**The late Kenneth Backus & wife,**  
the late Anna Backus

Glen Goodrich & wife, Jeanie  
Chuck Schneider, commander & wife, Suzy  
CONTINUOUS/LIFE MEMBERS  
Ralph Antle & wife, Linda  
Chuck Drake  
“Sonny” Bertucci  
“Slick” Parrish & wife, Lugenia  
David Combs

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The late Monte Siegrist & wife, Lucy

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By Family & Friends

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By a Friend

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By Bob Weeden, Life Member

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By Wife, Family & Friends

“**As comrade after comrade departs,**  
we march on with the ranks grown thinner.  
Help us to be faithful unto Thee and  
to one another... and with Thy own tenderness, console and comfort those bereaved by the hand of death.”

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VFW POST 4495

“Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, for our days
’Neath the sun, ’neath the stars, ’neath the sky,
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.”

FINAL SALUTE

Donald Joseph Moutrey
Born: 6 February 1947
Died: 11 July 2020
Life Member
Army—Vietnam

Robert E. Fleming
Born: 15 May 1932
Died: 3 August 2020
Life Member
Navy—Korea

Dr. Verlin G. Bundy
Born: 17 December 1929
Died: 6 August 2020
Life Member
Army—Korea

Robert Ray Montgomery
Born: 9 September 1933
Died: 10 August 2020
Life Member
Navy—Vietnam

Joseph Louis Qualls
Born: 6 April 1933
Died: 4 September 2020
Continuous Member
Army—Korea

CAALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME
(Scheduled Events as of 9/10/2020) (All Events Subject to Change)

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This year the Auxiliary awarded two scholarships. The winners are Keaton Hohenstein and Olivia Graham. Keaton is the grandson of Steve and Jeanine Biondolino and Olivia is one of our very own Auxiliary members. Keaton will be attending Culver Stockton College and Olivia is currently attending Milliken University.