TAYLORVILLE VFW POST and AUXILIARY OFFICERS for 2020-2021

2020-2021 POST 4495 OFFICERS
Standing (l-r)
Russ Weller, Trustee 1 Year
Scott Campbell, Jr. Vice Commander
Beverley Walker, Chaplain
Bill Coash, Adjutant
Micah Hankla, Quartermaster
Fred Campogni, Officer of the Day
Jim Buesinger, Trustee 2 Year
Sitting (l-r)
Rick Hobbs, Sr. Vice Commander
Glen Goodrich, Service Officer
DJ DeVore, Commander
Chuck Schneider, Trustee 3 Year

2020-2021 AUXILIARY OFFICERS
Standing (l-r)
Barry Jones, Jr. Vice President & Patriotic Instructor
Phyllis Wilson, Chaplain
Brenna Mathews, Conductress
Jacinda Prose, Secretary
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

Veterans Day
November 11
Hello everyone.

Post Quartermaster, Michal Hamilla
May God continue to bless you.

Post Quartermaster Report

Department of the National Commander-in-Chief

September 18

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News from the Auxiliary

Here it is... Time for the Fall Newsletter

We have not had any new members since the last newsletter but we are always looking for new members so if you know of anyone who would be interested there are applications at the bar.

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 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
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217-827-1659

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 Eggeman, 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 the Post and Post Auxiliary, Drawing for Lifetime Membership, Drawing for Prizes and Closing Ceremonies.

With the Coronavirus still lingering in our midst, please practice safety by wearing a mask when need be, social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

I’ve been working diligently on the newsletter mailing list. It’s getting frustrating at times trying to keep current with addresses, especially for snowbirds. If you move, please contact me so that I can keep you on our mailing list.

I’ve been doing our newsletter for 22 years now, and it’s getting time to step down. If you would be willing to help with the publication, please contact me.

God bless you! Stay safe!
Tony Durbin, Editor
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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
POST 4495 SERVICE OFFICER

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

TAYLORVILLE VFW RIDERS

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

Post 4495 Riders Attend Graduation Ceremony

300 mile round trip

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 Coulta's Benefit

Auxiliary present Tim with a check

Riders present Tim with a plaque

Tim's Family

The Meal

The Ride
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COMPLIMENTS OF
PAST COMMANDERS
David Collier & wife, Paula
Dave Brasche & Family
Roy Sherman & wife, Dorothy
Jack Beaman & wife, Earlene
Ed Vogtettzer & wife, Marilyn
The late George Upchurch & wife, the late Natalie Upchurch
The late Loren Arkebauer & wife, Norvilla
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, Eugenia
David Combs

FRIENDS OF THE VFW
The late Monte Siegrist & wife, Lucy

BEN HARRISON
By Richard Harrison, brother

KEITH & CAROLYN DORRIS
By Ed & Marilyn, Friends

JOE KOVACK
By Kathleen Kovack, wife

JOHN E. LASS
By David Lass, son

BERLIN SPARLING
By Larry & Judy Stringer, daughter

JAMES SHAFFER
By wife, Linda Shafer & Friends

HARRY “RED” MCKINNIE & RENO YATTONI
By Doug & Marcia McKinnie, son/dau.

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By Dennis & Linda Rexroad
By Linda Graham

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By Robert Steiner
By Robert Broverman

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By Enes Weddele

LAWRENCE WHEELER
By Al Showalter, friend

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By Family & Friends

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By Patricia Pettus

HENRY STEPHENSON
By Mark & Linda Stephenson

BYRON PETERS
By wife, Nora, Family & Friends

JOSEPH SAVARIS
By the Morning Crew

RICHARD F STOUT
By Family & Friends

JAMES MARKWELL
By Family & Friends

DONALD MOUTREY
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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SEPTEMBER
17 Auxiliary Meeting
27 Anniversary Party

OCTOBER
1 Optimist Breakfast
2 Fish Fry
5 Men’s Nite
10 Ferrell Reception
11 Riders Meeting
12 VFW Post 4495 Meeting
15 Auxiliary Meeting
17 Safe Passage
24 Family Steak Night Dinner

25 Auxiliary Benefit

NOVEMBER
2 Men’s Nite
7 Auxiliary Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
8 Riders Meeting
9 VFW Post 4495 Meeting
12 IF Business Women Banquet
15 ABATE Chili Cook-off
19 Auxiliary Meeting

DECEMBER
4 Taylorville City Banquet

5 CCQM Party
7 Men’s Nite
11 Auxiliary Christmas Party
12 FNB Party
13 Riders Meeting
14 VFW Post 4495 Meeting
17 Auxiliary Meeting

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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.