

1st Quarter 2022 Report
For 4th District

The following is a report of District and Post activities conducted and planned during the 1st quarter. A meeting was held on 01/08/2022 hosted by Post 45. Posts 7, 13, 30 and 45 were represented with 1212 representatives absent.

The need for a review of the District's CBL was noted and discussed. District Judge Advocate Armin Conradt will be preparing a revised draft of the CBL to be presented at the April District meeting for review by Post's prior to submittal of the revised copies for acceptance by the Post's at the July meeting per CBL.

The members present also discussed plans for the District to hold a Hospitality Suite at the Department Convention. Post's and members were asked to help provide items for raffle baskets and for food and beverages for the suite.

Posts present reported on their membership and programs activities conducted or planned for the quarter:

Post 7.

- On February 8th the Post Commander and Adjutant were to meet with the Student Veterans organization at UW-Oshkosh to gain information on motivation of younger veterans for joining AMVETS and other organizations.
- Efforts by the Post's 1st Vice were being made to contact annual members who had not yet renewed their membership for this year.
- 2 Teams from the Post will be participating in the State Dartball Tourney in April.
- Nominations for Post Officers will start in April.

Post 13

- Post continued work on roof repair for Post clubhouse with metal roof being installed.
- Post donated \$250 to Old Glory Honor Flight.
- A son of a Post member sold wreaths and popcorn as a fund raiser and the Post bought popcorn that was distributed to local veterans.
- Established who will attend the many veterans programs on Veterans, Redgranite Elementary School, program with American Legion Post 317 at WW2 Memorial building in Wautoma.
- Post member Gary Hopkins was presented with a "Quilt of Valor" from Pine Tree Needlers.
- A Sunday Church service for veterans was held that included our Honor Guard Rifle Squad firing a salute and a great meal was provided by the church.
- Donations were made by the Post and Ladies Auxiliary for "Wreaths Across America".
- Held Post Christmas Party and meeting with members bring in food items for veterans families in need and for food pantry.
- Post and Auxiliary received a donation of \$250 each from Thrivent
- Many families were assisted at Christmas and the Auxiliary distributed 1174 toys to veteran's children.
- The Post is reviewing its CBL to determine definition of a quorum for meetings.
- Funeral Honors were performed for 2 veterans, David Beranich and Jerry Veriauch.

- The Post set a date for the Annual Memorial Day Fundraiser at Redgranite Park.
- The Post received a donation of \$500 from the Village of Redgranite from the Federal COVID funds given to the Village. These funds will be used solely for veterans.
- The Post participated in the "4 Chaplains, USS Dorchester Service in Neshkoro on February 3rd.
- Continued prayers and support for all our members that are dealing with various health issues. Meeting attendance is down at meetings due to these issues.

Post 30

Nov to Present Past Volunteerism: Post 30 presently continues networking and engaging at Vets and Friends, Heritage Woods, Fox Valley Veterans council, and the quarterly-CVEB Veterans Round Table. Volunteer support given monthly at the Military Veterans Museum. Volunteer support to Beaming Equestrian Programs for Veterans, Troubled Youth, Children with Challenges, and Elderly with Memory issues. Post 30 gave out \$3600 of donations to Veteran and Civic Programs right before the Holidays to include Old Glory Honor Flight, Veterans Emergency Fund, and Military Veterans Museum. Those donations included three Air National Guard Units and the Appleton Army National Guard Armory which was primarily monies(\$764.00) given by various American Legions, VFW's, AMVETS Post 7, and others to support AMVETS Post 30's COVID Team Meal/Morale Events from May 2020 to October 2021. The remaining monies went to the Units of the leadership we worked with for Unit Morale and let our currently serving know veterans have their backs and thank them for serving. This also bridges us for future AMVETS so each event was Membership related as well. We also cooked up 5 meals for a veteran family with a parent with severe medical issues. We attended the Veteran Volunteer Christmas Event hosted by Fox Valley Veterans Council and Jim Hyde which was a thanks to all the Valley Veteran Volunteers. We also attended Tasting for the troops which was a joint fund raiser by Fox Valley Veterans Council and Veterans Village. We supported Blue Star Mothers Troop Package project and our local Scouts.

On February 16th we finally held our Holiday Dinner/Meeting (Jan mtg canceled-Covid) at which time we presented a check for \$15K to Veterans Village Executive Director John Maino which was money we raised the past three years, in stages, but achieved the major portion of the goal in short order holding a Patriotic Raffle on Veterans Day Weekend announcing the winners of our 100 tickets at 100\$. We also received donations from area groups to help us reach our goals. The raffle winners were announced at the Stone Yard in Greenville and they want us to come back in 2022. Fulfillment of our pledge to the Veterans Village is complete and will give us Naming rights to put Myron Palmbach AMVETS Post 30 of Greenville on that village reflecting our support of this great project. We will work to fund raise for the next phase of the Village which includes Senior Living and Honor home residences. Wisvva.org is the Veterans Village website for more information.

Cmdr Rick Vesperman was presented a plaque of appreciation from the American Legion Post 55 in Hortonville for AMVETS Support to them signed by Legion Cmdr Ziegert.

Post 45

Post 45 reported on activities since the October meeting through those planned for Jan, Feb. and March of 2022.

- Oct 24-25 one veteran helped his neighbor rake leaves and mow his lawn.
- Oct 28 13 members attended a veteran's funeral and provided military honors.
- Oct. 29 Provided military honors at veteran funeral with 15 members attending.
- During November and December one member delivered meals on wheels to shut in members in his community. Also 2 members helped fill backpacks with food and deliver them to schools for needy children for the weekends.
- On November 8 and 9 - 14 members attended all 6 elementary schools in New London and explained the meaning of the 13 folds of the flag and flag etiquette.
- On November 11th one member attended a second grade class in Waupaca to talk on Veterans Day. Also on the 11th - 28 veterans attended the Veterans Day program at the middle school in New London.
- On November 14th 2 members picked up a check for \$500 from a local bar that had raised the money by selling paper helmets and paper flags. The money was for the AMVETS King account to be used to help veterans.
- The Post donated \$250 in gas cards to the Jessy Coff Center Service Officers.
- November 18th one member donated 6 turkeys to Tomorrows Children in Waupaca so they could have a good Thanksgiving meal.
- December 20th – 9 veterans Bagged and delivered 53 gift bags to the shut in veterans in New London and the Veterans in nursing homes in New London and veterans at King that belong to one of New London's Veterans organizations.
- December 30 - 12 veterans attended the funeral and provided military honors for Gerald Osmuss.
- During December signed up 1 new Life Member.
- During February 2022 member will be distributing flag coloring contest materials for grades K and 1 and poster contest materials for all grades 2 through 5.
- In March the Post Color Guard and float will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Post 1212 no report.

Pete Gibson, Commander 4th District