



My name is George Stoeber and it is my distinct honor to serve as Commander and represent the fine Men and women of VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post.

As a retired United States Navy Veteran of 24 years, I am proud to continue serving my fellow Veterans in any and all capacities possible. During my 24-year in the United State Navy, I had the extreme pleasure of serving with, and at times, leading, the best people in the United States Military. My Navy career took my family and I from the East coast to West coast and overseas. I enlisted in the US Navy Delayed Entry Program (DEP) in April 1983, and reported to recruit training at Great Lakes, IL on October 17, 1983. Following “boot camp”, I reported to Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL on January 2, 1984.

As part of the United States Navy Medical Department, besides the “normal” blue side duty stations, many of my duty assignments found me stationed with the outstanding members of the United States Marine Corps.

My enlisted duty assignments included: Naval Hospital Beaufort, SC; Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), Bethesda, MD; 2nd Force Service Support Group (FSSG), 2nd Supply BN, 2nd Medical Logistics (MEDLOG) Company.

In October 1992, I was selected for a Direct Commission as a Medical Service Corps (MSC), Healthcare Administration specialty. Following my commissioning as an Ensign, Medical Service Corps on January 11, 1993, I transferred to the Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region 5 (RECOM 5), Warren OH; follow-on tours included 1st FSSG, 1st Medical Battalion; Health Services Detachment, 11th Marine Service Support Group (MSSG), 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), where we were embarked aboard the USS CLEVELAND, LPD 7, as part of the USS ESSEX ARG. We deployed in support of RIMPAC 96 and WESTPAC 96-97.

Additional tours included Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, IL; Headquarters BN, 3rd Marine Division (MARDIV), Okinawa, Japan; Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes; and Naval Recruiting District, Chicago, where I eventually retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

During my Naval Career, I had many memorable experiences which have influenced my life. The experience of reenlisting several Sailors aboard the USS Arizona memorial at Sunset and to have walked in the footsteps of true American Heroes on the island of Iwo Jima. It was a surreal experience to have walked on the Black Sands of Red Beach 1, and to have looked up at Mount Suribachi, knowing that scores of Marines and Sailors gave their lives for every inch of that beach. And to have recruited true patriotic Americans into the world foremost Navy, during a two theater conflict. Following my career with the Navy, I was lucky enough to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs. My career with the Navy and the VA, has propelled me into service with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I have served as the Junior Vice Commander and the Commander of Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post 7308 for the past 3 years. It is because of the men and women of our great nation that I strive to provide them the respect and assistance they desire for what they have done for their country.



The new VFW year 2015 to 2016 started out with a bang, as VFW Post 7308 took part in the Town of Somers Independence Day Parade! There we were met by our very good friend State Representative Samantha Kerkman!



On 13 July 2016, VFW Post 7308 was well represented in the Bristol Progress Days Parade. An alternative date, as most of the other communities in Kenosha County have their parades closer to 04 July!



Our entry into the parade included this truck carrying all the Post colors. This has been a tradition of our Post for nearly 20 years and we are always anxious to take part in the Somers Independence Day Parade



Even our Adopted Unit the U.S. Coast Guard STANT of Kenosha came along to help us through the parade. We have grown very close to our friends and fellow Veterans in the U.S. Coast Guard STANT – Kenosha and are proud to have them as our Adopted Unit!

On 16 July 2015, Commander George Stoeber had the pleasure of thanking and awarding each of our Past Commanders. He awarded each of them a gold Past Commander's pin and membership into the Past Commander's Club.



Pictured above is Past Commander Julius Miannecki and Past Commander Phil Allen.



Another Past Commander and All American Randy Strickland receives his award from Commander George Stoeber.

On Saturday (07/25/2015), VFW Post 7308 held a combination Buddy Poppy Drive and Brat Fry at the Pick-N-Save located at 5710 75th Street in Kenosha, WI. We also used this opportunity to hold a "Boots on the Ground Recruiting Effort". The fund raiser was very successful and the recruiting effort brought us two new members, one transfer and the promise of two more.



On Sunday (08/01/2015), while at Miller Park to hold a Buddy Poppy Drive with all the "Tailgaters" we ran into a very good friend and comrade...Michele Rathke, VFW Dept. of WI District 7 Commander. She was there with many US Air Force Veterans and we gained a lot of support from her and her friends. Also, signed a new member from her group, who lives in Union Grove.



VFW Post 7308 held a combined picnic with our Adopted Unit U.S. Coast Guard – STANT Kenosha.



VFW Post 7308 past Senior Vice Commander Skip Mann checking to make sure we have everything our unit needs, waiting on the main table. VFW Post 7308 member John Maner's wife is in the background serving at the U.S. Coast Guard/VFW Post 7308 PicNic on Saturday (08/08/2015)



This craft is loaded with the newest technology and able to reach speeds above 40 knots and withstand heavy seas. It's maneuverability is such that it can stop within its own length and turn tightly to assist in recovering people from Lake Michigan or assisting crafts in distress. It is a valuable and very expensive piece of equipment entrusted to young Petty Officers of the Coast Guard and it is obviously well maintained.



During the month of August 2015, VFW Post 7308 had the high honor to host the Hero's Cafe at the Festival Foods in Kenosha, WI. This was also the 3rd Anniversary of the Cafe and we would like to thank Mary Domes, Sharon Janus and Angie Roscioli for all they do to recognize our fellow Veterans. This three wonderful ladies do a great job and it is a weekly blessing that they share their lives with us, enriching the lives of all the Vets who frequent the Cafe!

The three angels of the American Hero's Cafe, Mary Domes, Sharon Janus and Angie Roscioli holding the 3rd Year Anniversary cake for the Hero's Café



It is indeed a high honor for our VFW Post 7308 to hosts the Hero's Café for the entire month. Veterans fo all walks of life and all recent American wars come together each Friday morning for coffee, donuts and comaraderie.

At a VFW Post 7308 Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the Birchwood Grill on HWY 50 in Kenosha, WI....we did a lot of business for the VFW. Everything from swearing in two new members and welcoming a recently transferred Life Member to holding a Special Election to replace our 3 Year Trustee, who had to step down for personal reasons.



Domes and Sharon Janus brought a special cake to honor Paul, as he and his wonderful wife Arlen prepare to move to the west coast to be by their beautiful grand babies.

We also held a ceremony to welcome a new member to VFW Post 7308, our new member and US Air Force Vietnam Veteran is Dave Vanderwarn. Past Commander Paul Fredericksen had the honor to administer the Oath of Membership to his good friend and we are very proud to welcome Dave to our Post.



We also had the VFW Department of WI Chaplain, Phil Allen, on behalf of State Commander Mike Borg, present the All American Award for 2014 to 2015 to Past VFW Post 7308 Commander Paul Fredericksen. He also presented the award to the Post, our third consecutive All American Award.

VFW Post 7308 makes it our goal to get involved with the causes that support our surrounding communities. Trying to be the "Good Citizen" is a very important role for all those in the VFW.

Donald St. Onge of VFW Post 7308 and his wife were and have been very instrumental in this wonderful cause. It was our pleasure as a Post to assist and help fulfill this wish list of supplies for our communities children.



VFW Post 7308 has been hosting the American Hero's Cafe for the month of August. Today, we held a special ceremony to bid so long to a very special member of the American Hero's Cafe and to VFW Post 7308, Past Commander Paul Fredericksen. Mary

Around the Labor Day weekend, VFW Posts everywhere get out amongst our communities and host Buddy Poppy Drives. This raises monies for our Relief Fund and helps us maintain our key role, to help other Veterans less fortunate than ourselves.



VFW Post 3 Year Trustee Larry Sorensen working the front door at the Buddy Poppy Drive at Culver's of Pleasant Prairie.

On Sunday (09/06/2015), VFW Post 7308 held it's 2nd Annual dedicated Buddy Poppy Drive in support of the Southern WI All Airborne Chapter's efforts to raise funds for the Wounded Warriors. All of the funds raised today will go directly to the SWAAC and to the Wounded Warriors. A membr from the SWAAC goes directly to Walter Reed Hospital and presents ckecks directly to the individual Wounded Warrior. SO far, this fine Service Organization has raised more than \$750,000.00 given directly to the warriors in need. We are extremely proud to be closely associated with these fine and dedicated Veterans.



As we continue in our effort to make VFW Post 7308 a bigger and more active Post, we continue to recruit from the growing ranks of Veterans in the Kenosha County area.



VFW Post 7308 Past Sr. Vice Commander Skip Mann at the Culver's Buddy Poppy Drive.



In the absence of our Commander, VFW Post 7308 Sr. Vice Commander John McCoy administers the oath of Membership to two new members on 18 September 2015.



VFW Post 7308 held it's second Miller Park Buddy Poppy Drive on 10/03 2015. The game was between the Milwaukee Brewers and Chicago Cubs. Cubs won their 96th win by 1 - 0. However, we had a great time and were very successful with our Buddy Poppy Drive.

It is a great outing for the Post and it often is not only productive as a Buddy Poppy Drive, but also serves as an excellent Boots on the Ground recruiting effort!



At the VFW Post 7308 Regular Monthly Meeting on 16 October 2015, held at the Birchwood Grill, Commander George Stoeber had the honor of administering the Oath of Membership to our newest member. Please join us in welcoming WWII United States Marine Corps Veteran Bob Cutter. Comrade Cutter is at the young age of 95 and immediately after his ceremony asked "How do I become a Life Member?"

Milwaukee County 51st Annual Veterans Day Parade on 11/07/2015. VFW Post 7308 Commander George Stoeber and Chief of Staff Randy Strickland were there to represent the post. Not pictured but following behind in another vehicle were VFW Post 7308 Life Member Ted Lucier and his wife Sally Lucier.



The VFW Department of WI Honor Guard was also present, pictured below are a few of the Honor Guard: VFW Dept. of WI Past State Commander John Giese, Honor Guard Colonel Matt Meyer and VFW Dept of WI Junior Vice Commander John Schulz. There were also many other VFW Post represented from around the state.



VFW Post 7308 was recognized once again by the Village of Pleasant Prairie on 09 November 2015, WI for being their All State and All American VFW Post. Our Post has developed a very close relationship with our community and we are extremely proud to represent the people of the Village, the County of Kenosha and the state of WI.



Every year, the Village of Pleasant Prairie hosts a very touching and sincere tribute to Veterans. This year was no exception. John Steinbrink and his staff put on one of the events to remember the sacrifices made by our Veterans and their families.



Bugler playing Taps towards the end of the Pleasant Prairie Village Veterans Day Service on 09 November 2015.



A Veterans Honors event took place on the Kenosha Campus Nov. 10. The ceremony recognized Gateway's veteran students and organizations that support area service members. The event was hosted by Gateway's Veteran Support program.

VFW Post 7308 was very honored to present Colors at this event and to be recognized amongst the many Veterans Service Organizations in the Kenosha County area.



On 19 November 2015, VFW Post 7308 had the honor of recognizing one of our WWII US Army Veterans, Eddy Brandes, during the celebration of his 100th Birthday, shows off his new leather embroidered jacket given to him by his Comrades of VFW Post 7308!



VFW Post 7308's Annual Thanksgiving with our Adopted Unit, the United States Coast Guard Station - Kenosha. We spend time with the duty section and share the day telling stories of our service and ensuring they know how much they are appreciated by all of us. There are so many men and women serving away from home, not able to spend the holidays with their families. These men and women of the Coast Guard are no different, serving, away from their families and standing the watch so that we can be comfortable in our homes. May God Bless them all and not one day passes that they are not appreciated for all they do!



On 12/16/2015, VFW Post 7308 hosted the VFW Department of WI State Commander Mike Borg, the Department Auxiliary President Judy Borg and members of their respective Staffs, as they came to make the official Installation of the new VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Auxiliary. We are very proud that we now have the very first VFW Auxiliary, under the new by-laws established at the VFW National Convention in July 2015.

On Saturday (12/19/2015), Comrades from VFW Pleasant Prairie Post 7308 and Pleasant Prairie Post 7308 Auxiliary delivered Christmas cheer to Veterans at Brookdale Assisted Living Center and Grand Prairie Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Each year, around Christmas, our Post and now its new Auxiliary, pay a visit to facilities such as these to bring a bit of a home grown Christmas to Veterans living there. We bring them small gift bags with a few essentials and other things. To see their faces brighten and the smiles and gratitude for such a small act of kindness, is unbelievable. We as a Post get more out of doing this than the Veterans we are visiting.



VFW Dept. of WI State Chaplain Phil Allen (also Judge Advocate of VFW Post 7308) and members of VFW Post 7308 begin our Christmas Visit at the Brookdale Assisted Living Center.



On 27 February 2016, VFW Post 7308 and American Legion Post 21 joined together in hosting the 3rd Annual Veterans Chili Cook-Off. This was held at the home of Legion Post 21, located at 504 58th Street, Kenosha, WI. The chili entrants were many, the flavors were remarkable, and the overall 1st Place winners were, once again the Somer's Fire Department. Our deepest gratitude to all those who attended, worked together to make this so successful and to all those who contributed or donated to our causes.



VFW Post 7308 Judge Advocate and VFW Dept. of WI State Chaplain Phil Allen and his wife Gloria Allen at the 3rd Annual Veterans Chili Cook-Off!



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During the VFW National Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., our own VFW Post 7308 Judge Advocate, Trustee and State Chaplain Phillip Allen, District 1 Judge Advocate Michael Furgal, Past State Commander John Giese and State Chief of Staff Bruce Sorensen met with Speaker of the House and Congressional District 1 Representative Paul Ryan.





On 03/17/2016, VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie held its Regular Monthly Meeting and gave special tribute to Life Member Mike Rosko for his many years of service to Kenosha County Veterans. Mike recently retired from the Kenosha County Veterans Service Office, where he assisted Veterans for over 30 years!

VFW Post 7308 adopted the U.S. Coast Guard Stant - Kenosha, several years ago. Since that time, we have hosted Thanksgiving and Easter Luncheons for them and have had a cook out at the station. These are fine young men and women who are serving, away from home and families, who are deserving of much more. We spend a little time with them, thank them for their service and tell a few sea stories among mariners. We thank them for their sacrifices and praise them for their devotion to duty.



U.S. Coast Guard Duty Section on Easter 2016 and members of VFW Post 7308 bringing Easter Brunch for the young men and women of the STANT.



Senior Vice Commander John McCoy presents a plaque of recognition and gratitude to our outgoing Junior Vice Commander Cardia Wilson. US Navy LCDR Wilson is being transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas as he next duty station. She is however, remaining a Life Member of VFW Post 7308!



On the steps of the STANT - Kenosha, U.S. Coast Guard and VFW Post 7308.

On 09 April 2016, VFW Post 7308 VFW Riders Group held a Buddy Poppy Drive at Uke's Harley Davidson at 5995 120th Ave # I-94, Kenosha, WI. Working in conjunction with members of the Post, we had a successful Buddy Poppy Drive, gained three new members for the VFW Post 7308 Auxiliary, two new members for the VFW Post 7308 VFW Riders (with potential for two more) and two new members in VFW Post 7308. We also were very successful in selling raffle tickets for our 30 April 2016 drawing.



Julius Matolek, Steve Eichorst, and Chuck Hilleshien of the VFW Riders and members of VFW Post 7308 at the Buddy Poppy Drive at Uke's Harley Davidson at 5995 120th Ave # I-94, Kenosha, WI



VFW Post 7308 will hosted the Loyalty Day Parade on April 30, 2016 at Prairie Spring Park 9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie, WI.

We at VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post have invited all VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, all other Veteran Organizations, local businesses, Scouting units, and Marching Bands to participate in this parade as a demonstration of our's and their loyalty to this country.

We are very Proud of our country and we are Proud to be Americans!



VFW Dept. of WI Honor Guard kicking off the Loyalty Day Parade 2016 at Prairie Springs Park in Pleasant Prairie. WI.





United States Navy Training Service Command Drill Team and Students Marching Unit taking part in the Loyalty Day Parade 2016.



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VFW Dept. of WI State Commander Michael Borg and President of the Dept. Auxiliary Judy Borg, taking part in the Loyalty Day Parade 2016.

VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post World War II Veterans taking part in the Loyalty Day Parade 2016.



VFW Dept. of WI State Chaplain Phil Allen and VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post Commander George Stoeber taking part in the Loyalty Day Parade 2016.

Commander Stoeber is closely followed by our newly formed VFW Post 7308 Riders Group.





VFW Post 7308 newly elected Junior Vice Commander David Suminski representing our Post at the Indian Trails Academy US Army Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony.

We have a very good relationship with the Indian Trails Academy and Col. Moffat, OIC of the US Army JROTC is a Life Member of our Post.

VFW Post 7308 Judge Advocate and VFW Dept. of WI State Chaplain Phil Allen gives the Invocation at the beginning of the Loyalty Day Ceremonies as the event nears its closing.



On the evening of (05/18/2016), VFW Post 7308 held its annual Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners Pizza Party. We honored the top ten of the Patriot Pen competitors and our 1st Place Voice of Democracy winner. Family members of the students and their teachers were all welcomed to the ceremony. Afterwards, all stayed for pizza and fun.

Village of Pleasant Prairie President John Steinbrink, Sr. reads the Decree from the Village during the ceremony at the Loyalty Day Parade.

