

Randy Strickland – Commander  
Tom Fredericksen – Sr. Vice Commander  
Herb “Skip” Mann – Jr. Vice Commander  
John McCoy – Quartermaster/Adjutant  
Paul Fredericksen – Chaplain



Phil Allen – Chief of Staff  
Clifton Whitehead – Judge Advocate  
Ron Abrahamson – Surgeon  
Phil Allen – Trustee 1  
Dale Moyer – Trustee 2  
Bill Eager – Trustee 3

**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post  
7308  
7515 125<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142**

## **Next Staff & Regular Monthly Meeting 18 April 2013**

The next Staff and Regular Monthly Meeting of VFW Post 7308

**Staff Officers** meet @ 1800; immediately followed by the  
**Regular Monthly Meeting @ 1900.**

**Meeting Place:** Birchwood Grill  
7515 125<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha, WI 53142

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Bristol Days (Craft Show)**

20 April 2013 in Bristol, WI  
Post 7308 manning a food booth/fund raiser starting at 0800. Being held at Bristol Elementary School

#### **VFW Loyalty Day Parade**

27 April 2013 in Elkhorn, WI @ 0900

#### **VFW Dept of WI District 1 Mtg**

19 May 2013 @ 0900 - VFW Post 6375  
Elkhorn Memorial Post, 16 South Broad Street, Elkhorn, WI.

## **Easter Dinner with the Coast Guard 31 March 2013**



VFW Post 7308 has once again provided a full Easter Dinner to our **Adopted Unit** at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Kenosha, WI. Pictured above is Commander Randy Strickland and member J.D. Millar with several of the Coast Guard Crew.

Standing to Commander Strickland's right (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) is our new member Paul Andre Delamerens II, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and a U.S. Navy Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Membership Growing in Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Mem Post



VFW Post 7308 is very pleased to welcome another new member (pictured above) Theodore (Ted) Lucier, Jr. Ted is a United States Marine Corps Veteran.

VFW Post 7308 continues to grow and has reached a remarkable percentage of growth at 121.33%! We should all be proud of our efforts in recruiting members.

Other new members who joined the Post since the last News Letter was published:

**Randy Marchant**  
**Robert Hedman III**  
**Paul Andre Delamerens II**  
**Jeremiah Settersten**

Continue to spread the word! Recruit new members for our Post. They are our life's blood!

## Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Awards Ceremony



VFW Post 7308 held its Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on 21 March 2013. Pictured above is our VOD 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, Antonio Montemurro. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Abigail Lewis.

In the Patriot Pen competition, our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner was Elizabeth Christoph; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was Mitchell Jones and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Darin Hawbaker.

Teacher of the Year: 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to our very own member, Paul Schulz of Mahone Middle School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Cindy Cetera, also of Mahone Middle School.

*(Note: Other pictures of this event can be found on the last page of this newsletter.)*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Red Carpet Award 2012-2013



VFW Post 7308 was recognized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a row at the VFW Dept. of WI Mid-Winter Conference. The Post was awarded the Red Carpet Award for our outstanding recruiting efforts.

This was accomplished by completing the requirements of 100%+ Membership and the Commander and Quartermaster both reaching the goal of recruiting 5 new members each.

We did not do this alone, but as a Post as we do all things! We need to keep up the good work and ensure that our membership continues on this positive path! Thanks to all who have worked so hard to continue our growth!

### VFW Post 7308 Nominates a Scout of the Year



Congratulations to our Scout of the Year nominee:

Christopher Kammer, pictured here at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor with VFW Post 7308 Chaplain Paul Fredericksen and Chief of Staff Phil Allen.

Chris Kammer, is a member of Troop 505 and a sophomore at Tremper High School in Kenosha, WI

Chris's Eagle Scout project was to replace the sign for the Kenosha City Fire Station across from Tremper High School. While neighbors know the Fire Station is there, it was not apparent to passersby. So, Chris worked hard to have a very nice and colorful sign made to make the station's presence known.

**VFW Post 7308 Valentines Luncheon on 02 Feb 2013**



**VFW Post 7308 Taking Part in the Annual Loyalty Day Parade**



VFW Post 7308 held its first Annual Valentines Luncheon at the Birchwood Grill at 7515 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha, WI.

Pictured above are some of our members and their wives enjoying a wonderful get together. Many laughs, good times and a great meal was had by all.

Next year we hope to have many more turn out for this event. This year we had approximately 20, next year we hope to fill the room.

Please save the date!

This year, the VFW Loyalty Day Parade is being sponsored by VFW Post 6375 – Elkhorn Memorial Post.

The parade is to be held on 27 April 2013. Registration at 09:00 AM and the parade starts at 10:00 AM. As we did last year, our Post will have a unit representing us in the parade.

There will be many marching and riding units in the parade, judged by Department of WI VFW officers, guest speakers at the festivities afterwards and food and many other fun activities. Come out and support your VFW!

Pictures of the VOD/PP/TOY Awards Ceremony



**VOD 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Abigail Lewis**



**PP 1<sup>st</sup> Place Elizabeth Christoph**



**PP 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Darin Hawbaker**

**Commander's Corner**

As this will be my last Newsletter as Commander of VFW Post 7308, I wish to reiterate what I said in the 2012 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter, all of you should be very proud of this Post and what we have accomplished. We have become known throughout the state of Wisconsin! We are considered among the best of the VFW Posts in WI and have received local, state and National recognition for our efforts!

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support in my two year tenure as Commander and vow to support the incoming Commander in every endeavor. I know all of you will do the same.

Let us continue this journey together, one that causes our Post to continue to grow and do what we do best...assist our fellow Veterans who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let's live up to our mantra, "The Small Post with A Big Heart!"

Thanks!

Randy Strickland, Commander – VFW Post 7308