

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



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

Randy Strickland – Chief of Staff  
Phil Allen – Judge Advocate  
George Stoeber – Surgeon  
Randy Marchant – Trustee 1  
Bill Eager – Trustee 2  
Merle Patterson – Trustee 3

### **Next Staff & Regular Monthly Meeting** **18 July 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> Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142

### **Upcoming Events in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013**

**Buddy Poppy Drive** - We will be gathering at the Pleasant Prairie Culvers at 10484 Corporate Dr, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158, on 30 June 2013. Set up starts at 1030 and we stay until 1700 (or until the customers stop coming).

**Somers Independence Day Parade 04 July 2013** – VFW Post 7308 will have at least one unit in the Somers 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Line up starts at 1000 and the festivities should be over by 1600. If you are interested in riding in the parade, let Commander Fredericksen or Chief of Staff Strickland know.

**Bristol Progress Days** – Starts at 1200 on 12 July to 14 July 2013. This event will be at the Bristol Ball Park. VFW Post 7308 will be manning a booth, recruiting, taking donations for Poppies, and doing a fund raiser selling food.

### **Upcoming Events in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013** **(Continued)**

**114<sup>th</sup> Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention** - 20 to 24 July in Louisville, Kentucky. Post 7308 will be receiving recognition as an “ALL AMERICAN” post at the convention

**August VFW Post 7308 Staff & Regular Monthly Meeting** – 15 August 2013, Staff Meeting @ 1800; immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 1900.

**Shel-Ray Pet Shalet 4th Annual Pet Fair** – Will be on 08 September 2013 in Bristol, WI @ 09:30 AM until 02:00 PM. VFW Post 7308 will be the only food vendor at this event, making us a good fund raiser.

**VFW Dept. of WI District 1 Meeting** - 15 September 2013 @ 0800 - VFW Post 2823 Anderson-Murphy Post, Veterans Memorial Building, 589 Milwaukee Ave. Burlington, WI.

**September VFW Post 7308 Staff & Regular Monthly Meeting** – 19 September 2013, Staff Meeting @ 1800; immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 1900.

## **Loyalty Days Parade** **27 April 2013**



VFW Post 7308 worked in conjunction with our Comrades at VFW Post 6375 Elkhorn Memorial Post, to plan and flawlessly execute this year's Loyalty Day Parade, hosted by and in Elkhorn, WI.

Pictured above is (from left to right) recently installed Post Commander Paul Fredericksen, a WWII Re-enactment Singing Group, and our Comrade Paul Schulz.

The Loyalty Day Parade originated in the 1920's in answer to the Soviets May Day parade. It has since become a Nationwide event and an opportunity to show our colors and patriotism. It is a wonderful experience to see young people along the route, standing as our Flag passes and saluting in respect.

## **Installation of Post Officer** **23 May 2013**

New Post Officers were installed on 23 May 2013. VFW Department of WI Jr. Vice Commander (now Senior Vice) John Giese performed the Installation service.

Our new slate of Officers are:

- Paul Fredericksen – Commander
- Tom Fredericksen – Sr. Vice Cmdr.
- Skip Mann – Jr. Vice Cmdr.
- John McCoy – QM & Adjutant
- James Millar – Chaplain
- Phil Allen – Judge Advocate
- George Stoeber – Surgeon
- Randy Marchant – 1 Yr. Trustee
- Bill Eager – 2 Yr. Trustee
- Merle Patterson – 3 Yr. Trustee



Pictured above is from left to right in the front row: Tom Fredericksen, Paul Fredericksen, and John Giese. In the back row are John McCoy, Phil Allen, and George Stoeber.

**Memorial Day**  
**27 May 2013**

VFW Post 7308 held its annual Memorial Day service at Old St. Mark's Cemetery in Kenosha, WI. Dignitaries in attendance included John Steinbrink (Village of Pleasant Prairie President), State Senator Bob Wirsch, and our Guests of Honor were members of the Taffe Family whose ancestors are buried at the cemetery, one from the War of 1812 and another from the American Civil War.



Pictured above is our very own Life Member and recently retired U.S. Navy musician, Melissa Koff. Seen here playing TAPS near the end of our services.

**Flag Etiquette Instruction**  
**01 June 2013**



VFW Post 7308 Comrade Don Glenn instructs Cub Scout Pack 353 in Flag Etiquette at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta near Burlington, WI.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that Don Glenn has been called on to help with this very important education of these scouts. It is imperative that we keep alive the traditions and honors that all of us have fought to protect and preserve.

There is nothing more important than teaching the generations coming up after us, about Patriotism, Loyalty, and Service to Our country.

**VFW Post 7308 Host the  
Hero's Café  
Month of June 2013**

VFW Post 7308 has been hosting the Hero's Café at the Super Valu in Kenosha, WI. during the month of June 2013.

Recently, we learned of the purchasing of the store by Festival Foods, but were delighted to hear that they intend to keep the Hero's Café opened. Each Friday morning of the month, from 08:00 AM until 12:00 Noon, the Café is open to welcome Veterans from all American wars, where they can meet with friends, Comrades, and others who have shared the same experiences.



Pictured above is VFW Post Commander (Outgoing) Randy Strickland and recently elected Post Chaplain James Millar.

Please come and visit the Hero's Café. It is well worth your time, whether we are hosting it or not. Come join us every Friday morning!



**ALL STATE Recognition for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year**

VFW Post 7308 Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post has once again been honored and selected as an ALL STATE Post, within the VFW Department of WI. This is a high honor and one all of us should be very proud of accomplishing.

We have recently received word that we have also been chosen as an ALL AMERICAN Post! This is a first for our little Post and we are very excited about it. It is because of all the hard work of our members that we have become so active and noticed not only within our own organization, but nationally as well.



Pictured above is Post Commander Randy Strickland receiving his "White Hat" as an All State Post Commander, from VFW National Military Services Representative Mike Penney.

Standing in the foreground is VFW State Commander DeWitt "Woody" Woodworth. Commander Woodworth is ending his run as Commander as our new VFW State Commander Renee Simpson begins hers.

**ALL STATE Recognition for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year  
(Continued)**



VFW Post 7308 Quartermaster John McCoy receives his "White Hat" from VFW National Military Services Representative Mike Penney. We hope that this is a tradition that will continue to be followed as our Post continues to move forward under new leadership.



Pictured above is Cheryl McCoy and Carla Strickland, waiting with their husbands, who soon after this picture was taken, became part of the All State Team 2012-2013.

**Pictures from  
Memorial Day 2013**



Before the Memorial Day Service started, several of our Comrades posed for this picture. From left to right (standing): Merle Patterson, Norm Barnes, Chris Schroeder and Bruce DeGuire. Seated is our Post 7308 Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Fredericksen.



Memorial Stone at Old St. Mark's Cemetery.

**More Pictures from  
Memorial Day 2013**

