

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

John H. Kraus Post 454  
1006 E. Lincoln St.  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 827-9733

Non-Profit Organization  
Heyworth, IL  
US Postage Paid  
PERMIT #19

Robert Sable, Post Commander  
C. J. Wahmann, Auxiliary President  
Jim Waters, Editor - Quartermaster  
E-Mail Address for Post - vfw454@comcast.net  
Post Web Page ó www.vfwpost454.org

All the Newsletter information will be posted on the Post Web Page [www.vfwpost454.org](http://www.vfwpost454.org) . Please go to the Post Web Page and Register to receive your Newsletter by e-mail. Some copies of the Newsletter will be available at the Post Lounge.

**Modified Newsletter and Calendar for June 2020**

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 pm	House Meeting
	7:00 pm	AMVETS Meeting (tentative)
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>		No Post Meeting
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting (check with your officers)
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	MCL Meeting (tentative)
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Council of Admin Meeting (State Auxiliary)
June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Flag Day
June 21 <sup>st</sup>		Happy Fathers Day
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	DAV #60 Meeting (tentative)
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	???????	Cook Out (depends on Government Restrictions)
July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July (Independence Day)
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	House Meeting
	7:00 pm	AMVETS Meeting
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Post Meeting
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	MCL Meeting

**NOTE:** Meetings or Events can change based on Government Restrictions

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Greetings Comrades: Hope this finds you well. As of this moment we are still waiting to see if and when we will be back up and running.

We hope to have fittings for Color Guard uniforms at the July monthly meeting. If you have a desire to help support our post, please come to that meeting and get set-up for a uniform.

I want to thank Jim, Ron, Rick and Tiffany for all the work they have done around the canteen area during our slow down. It is work that was overdue.

We held officer elections at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Here are the officers for 2020 - 2021:

Commander	Bob Sable
Sr. Vice	Dennie Smith
Jr. Vice	Randy Wolcott
Quartermaster	Jim Waters
Adjutant	Travis Wheet
Chaplain	Dave Terrinoni
Judge Advocate	Ralph Pouliot
Trustee 3 yr	Michael Rivera
Trustee 2 yr	Patsy Mayer
Trustee 1 yr	Jay Eagle
House 3 yr	Bill Reed
House 3 yr	Denny Meeks

A new year starts for us as we scramble to make plans without a clear direction. Hoping our government entities can make some headway towards a new normal. Be safe.

**Robert Sable**  
**Post Commander**

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this article we are still on lockdown. I am looking forward to getting back to normal activities. I really miss our Danville lunches.

The Auxiliary held its May meeting on Wednesday, May 20th. We held our officer elections and here are the officers for the 2020 - 2021 year:

President	C.J. Wahmann
Sr. Vice Pres.	Mary Ann Croke
Jr. Vice Pres.	Kevin Lancaster
Treasurer	Diane Hawk
Chaplain	Gwen Royalty
Conductress	Teri Schultz
Guard	Neva Gipson
Patriotic Instructor	Leisa Maurer
Trustee #1	Pat Hill
Trustee #2	Linda Beard
Trustee #3	Gwen Royalty
Secretary	Billie Guthals

Please wish them well as they begin their duties in these positions.

Diane asked that I put out a plea for birthday cards. If anyone has a supply of birthday cards they are willing to donate we could certainly use them. They can be delivered to the mail slot at the Auxiliary office or dropped off at Diane's house.

Don't lose track of the fact that we are Sisters and Brothers. Many of our members are older and these times can get lonesome and depressing. We need to check on each other and care for any needs that arise. Feel free to contact me if you have a need that the Auxiliary can assist with. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Happy Father's Day!

**C.J. Wahmann**  
**Auxiliary President**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Lock Down**

We hope we are allowed to open up on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Time and the government will tell. If we do, it will be outdoor patio service according to the Governor's restrictions. Keep checking our facebook page for updated information.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

We will hopefully get to have this event. We will keep you posted on any new developments.

### **5K After St. Patrick's Day Run**

The rescheduled date is set for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Put the date on your calendars. We will keep you posted once all of the finalized details are made.

### **District Meeting**

Scheduled for Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at VFW Post 454. We must elect officers for the District.

### **Flags Out – Veterans Graves**

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped put the flags out and those who helped bring in the flags. We couldn't have done it without you.

### **John H. Kraus Ceremony**

We discussed the issue with the family and it was decided that we should wait until a later date due to the restrictions with COVID-19. We will keep you posted on this event.

### **Curbside Service**

We are still trying to sell our remaining stock. Stop by and support the Post. We hope to sell more under the outdoor patio restrictions. Please call 309-827-9733, Monday to Saturday from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Our bartender will take your order. Once you arrive in the parking lot, call the number and the bartender will bring out your order and accept the payment.

### **Deceased Members**

Please discuss with your family the location of important papers (DD Form 214). There have been a few deaths over the last months and the family was trying to find Form 214 and no luck. We can place a copy in your membership file at the Post. We will not give this out unless your family needs it when you pass away. Without that form or some other documentation, the funeral home cannot provide a burial flag, assist with obtaining a VA grave marker or request an Honor Guard. Also ensure your family knows to contact the Post so we can take the appropriate actions. Thank you for your assistance.

## IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND SISTERS

Charles Hoback (Apr)

