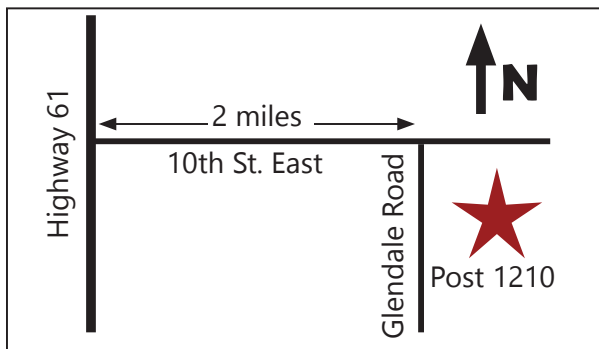




Check Out Our New Digs



If you haven't been to our new space, we recommend you stop by soon. We are located at:
1901 Glendale Road
Hastings, MN 55033

Head east from Highway 61 on 10th Street East for 2 miles. Then take a right onto Glendale Road. Take the first left into the driveway and you are at your destination.



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Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades!

With all of the events happening this time of year we decided to get another newsletter out right away. Information for all the events are in this edition or check the website at vfw1210.org for more information.

Below is a condensed version of an email I received October 6th. Thank You to Dave Angerman and all Post Members that have worked so hard on recruiting this year. Our results have gotten National attention!

Commander,
Congratulations on your Post finishing at the top of your division for the first Commander's Challenge of the membership year. For leading your division in recruiting new Annual and Life members and upgrading existing members to Life membership, your Post will receive a 10' canopy tent from the VFW Store, that you can use for recruiting drives, Post functions, or other events.

Thank you for all that you do, and congratulations on this achievement.

Matt Nute
Associate Director,
Membership Awards & Analysis
VFW National Headquarters

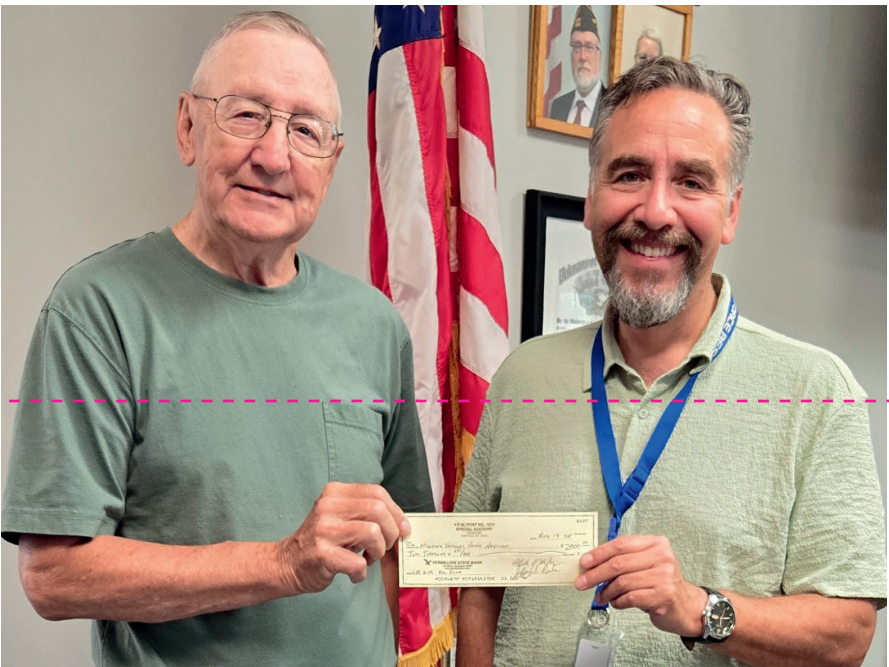
I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. After this we will be set up to start the quarterly newsletter in 2026. I hope to see you at our future events.



Mark Galhar
Commander Post 1210

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Out & About on the Town!



Dave Angerman presents a donation check to Robert Vandenbos, Veterans Resource Coordinator, Hastings Veterans Home.

POPPY DISPLAY IDEAS NEEDED

The Post is looking for ideas in the National Poppy Display Contest. Please Contact Jim Murtaugh for details. There is a December 1st Deadlione!!

We are looking for help on the newsletter.

If you have an article (and photos) of an event happening in your area feel free to contact Mark Gelhar (651) 263-3297.

What’s on the Calendar?

Donations Meetings

1st Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. This meetings give us time to look at who is requesting a donation and how the funds will be used.

Post Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Approximate duration 1 hour.

Mid-Winter Conference

January 16-18, 2026. This is a great opportunity to further educate yourselves on all programs the VFW has available. There is more info at the post.

District Meeting

January 10, 2026. Chaska at 1:00pm

BINGO (4 times/year) Hastings Veterans Home
Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Meet in lobby at 6:00 pm, BINGO starts at 7:00 pm.

Post 1210 Calendars For Sale

\$20.00 each and the drawings range from \$50.00 to \$1,000 365 days a year. Post makes \$5.00 per sale. Find these calendars at the Post & 2nd St. Depot.

Nominate Your Candidates for Special Awards By Dec. 1st

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects Teachers, Emergency Medical Technicians, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Dispatch Personnel and EOD Technicians to receive the VFW Public Servant Awards. All Posts are encouraged to submit a candidate or group for these awards. Step forward and do your part to nominate!

Upcoming Events:

- **October 26** from 2:00-5:00pm
Trunk or Treat Downtown Hastings
VFW participates handing out candy
- **November 11**
Veterans Day Dinner at 2nd Street Depot – Open to public
 - Visit Veterans in local Care Centers (Volunteers needed)
- **November 15**
Veterans Jamboree at United Heroes League (Volunteers Needed)
- **December 7**
Membership Dinner at 2nd Street Depot

Out & About on the Town! (cont.)



Watch for Members Mark Gelhar and Dave Angerman at the Historic Hastings Car Shows that happen several times during the summer months. Mark is the DJ for the shows and Dave is usually set up with a table looking to sign up new members for Post 1210.

DINNER CELEBRATIONS

November 11, 2025

Veterans Day Dinner 2nd Street Depot.
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner
Guest Speaker: Col. Jennifer Beck-Brown

Due to Veterans Day Dinner Tuesday November 11th, the November Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, November 13th at 7pm.

December 7, 2025

Pearl Harbor Day Dinner & Post Membership Dinner
2nd Street Depot.
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner

Please call in advance so we secure enough food.
Contact Mark Gelhar (651) 263-3297 or
Jim Murtaugh (651) 442-0348 for reservations.

VFW Auxiliary: It’s Not Just for Spouses

For every VFW-eligible veteran there may be seven or more family members eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary. A spouse, widow or widower, siblings, parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren age 16 or older are eligible to join. Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are also eligible. How many of your family members are eligible?

The Auxiliary hosts Bingo at the Hastings Veterans Home monthly during the afternoon, Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 at 2 pm, and in the months of December through March we also host a monthly evening Bingo.

Auxiliary members that passed away in the last few months: *Dorothy Becker* and *Mildred Vujovich*.



For more information and a membership application email vfwauxmn.org, or scan the QR code, or call Robin at 651-437-6171 and we can mail you an application.

Photo to the right.

The VFW is always in need of volunteers and the Honor Guard is no exception. Please consider volunteering in some capacity. Contact Honor Guard Captain George Jones for more information

In Honor Of Our Deceased Members.

James Awada	Duane Sanderson
Edward Heinz	Arnold Hinrchs
Randall Hostetier	John Jaworski
Joel Oberpriller	LeRoy Smith
Richard Tresselt	Lloyd Wilmes

Join The Honor Guard



Membership Drive

The first quarter of the 2025-2026 membership year has been a great success! We are ahead of where we were at this point last year, and we want to keep that momentum going into the second quarter. The following posts lead their divisions in the Q1 Commander’s Challenge.

Division 1: Post 2224 (WA)	Division 7: Post 4713 (OH)
Division 2: Post 3219 (VA)	Division 8: Post 6908 (TN)
Division 3: Post 1210 (MN)	Division: Post 2602 (IL)
Division 4: Post 11038 (WI)	Division 10: Post 12231 (Pacific)
Division 5: Post 11202 (VA)	Division 11: Post 12235 (TX)
Division 6: Post 3174 (MO)	

Every quarter, we will award points to our post as follows:
Recruit a New Annual Member into the post: **1 point**
An Annual or Lapse Member converts to life: **5 points**
Recruit a New Life Member into the Post: **10 points**

Welcome New Members

Harold Robinson	Transfer
Neal Clark	New
Andrew Chesser	New
Gary Hanagan	Transfer
Ronald Mamer	New
Allen Rockwell	New

Membership Team

Dave Angerman	Mark Gelhar
Dennis Clark	Terry Sieben
Roger Kulseth	Mike Mansolf

and all members of the Post.