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### Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades!

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

See you at our future events.

### VFW in the Community!



The Hastings A Bantam Hockey Team Participated in the VFW State Tournament. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 12 teams invited and stopped by the Post to show their appreciation to Post 1210.



I'd like to Thank Jim Murtaugh for presenting me with a Legacy Life Gold Membership on behalf of Post 1210!

I was caught totally off guard with the gesture but deeply appreciate it. I'm humbled you all thought of doing this for me.

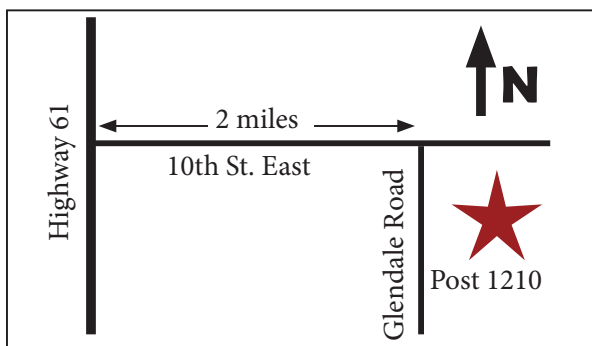


Mark Galhar  
Commander Post 1210



This framed Jersey is on display at the Post with a team picture and their 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Plaque. A First-Class group of kids and Coaches!

### 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.

## 2026 Poppy Distribution

Dates for Cards to businesses is  
April 18-26, 2026  
Poppy Distribution to public will be  
May 15-16, 2026

We are always 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.

## Meetings

### Donations Meetings

1st Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. These 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.

### BINGO (4 times/year)-Hastings Veterans Home

Tuesday April 21  
Tuesday June 2  
Tuesday September 15th  
Tuesday December 1

Meet in lobby at 6:00 pm, BINGO starts at 7:00 pm.

## Upcoming Events:

### Memorial Day – Planning is happening now.

If you'd like to join the Committee email [vfw1210@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1210@gmail.com) or call Jim Murtaugh @ 651-442-0348. The Levee event will have Civil War Historian Spencer Johnson speaking, and a Cannon being shot off.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July-Planning is happening now.

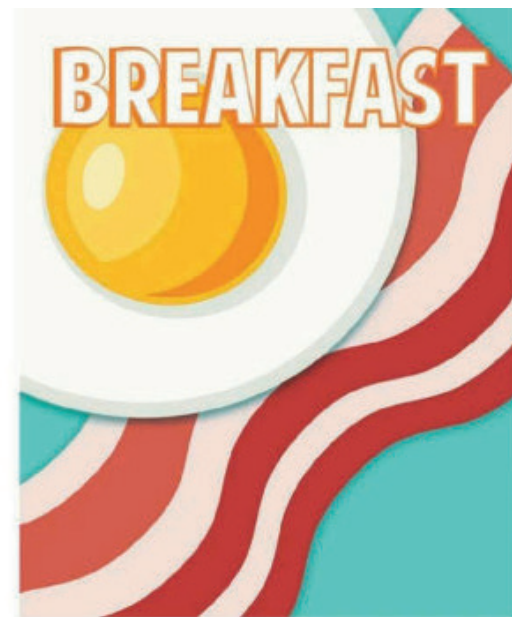
The VFW, American Legion, United Heroes League, Hastings Public House and City of Hastings all working together to put on a spectacular weekend. Kicking off Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a concert at UHL. Saturday Parade, Community Gathering at Public House and Fireworks.

If you'd like to join the Committee email [vfw1210@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1210@gmail.com) or call Jim Murtaugh @ 651-442-0348.

## Looking for some Poppy Talent!



Design and Build a Poppy Display for the VFW District, State and National competition. This is your chance to represent Post 1210! The photo is a sample, we can provide more samples to assist you in your design. If you'd like to participate or get more information, email [vfw1210@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1210@gmail.com) or call Jim Murtaugh @ 651-442-0348.



## MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

at the Legion for Past Commanders, Honor Guard and our Memorial Day Staff.

Please RSVP to Jim Murtaugh  
651-442-0348.

## VFW Auxiliary:

**New payment options.** As of Jan.1st , auxiliary members can pay dues by credit card, either online in MALTA or over the phone! Previously credit card payment wasn't accepted for annual membership. To pay by phone, dial 866-299-1286 (National Headquarters) and follow the prompts. You can still pay the Auxiliary Treasurer by cash or check. If you haven't paid your annual dues yet please pay ASAP. If you don't pay by June 30 you will lose your membership and have to rejoin, which means re-applying, being voted in again and restarting your years of continuing membership.

**2025-26 District 2 President & Commander's project:** Every Third Saturday. ETS exists to assist Veterans in finding new purpose after military service. Based in Minneapolis, they have a supply store, fitness center, classes and support groups. To donate or for info <https://www.everythirdsaturday.org/>

**Monthly meetings:** April 7, May 5 & June 2 at 6:30 PM. We distribute poppies in May.

**District 2 Loyalty Day Convention** is April 25 in Prior Lake. Elections for District officers and a live auction fundraiser are part of the event.

### Auxiliary members that have died since October:

Diana Langenfeld, Lois Arends, Lorraine Leonard, and Virginia Kahlhamer.



Irene Dalbotten received her 40-year pin! She earned it during Covid, but it's hard to catch up with a woman in her 90's! To date she has 43 years of service.



For more Auxiliary information go to the website [vfwauxmn.org](http://vfwauxmn.org), scan the QR code or call Robin at 651-437-6171. We can mail you an application.

## \$50.00 Lifetime Memberships.



Life Memberships for 50 bucks! Yes, it's true so why not be a recruiter like Dave Angerman and Terry Sieben and start signing people up!

Above they receive special recruitment pins from State Commander Ed Keogh. Email or call the Post for more information and recruitment tools at [vfw1210@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1210@gmail.com) or call Jim Murtaugh @ 651-442-0348.

## VFW in the Community! (cont.)

### Teacher of the Year

Senior Vice Commander Denny Clark presents the VFW Teacher of the Year Award to Derek Fairbanks.

