

JAN 2023 EDITION

Commander's corner Happy New year to al!!!!

I want to welcome the new members to the post and hope they take advantage of all our post has to offer.

We had such a busy December; I want to Thank each volunteer that helped with all the events that we covered. To include our chicken dinners, Christmas parade, the Holiday Buddy check, nursing home visit and many more.

Vision for 2023:

My hopes for the upcoming year are to see the camaraderie continue to grow at our post and to provide any help that is needed to our members.

Let's continue down the path to make Big River VFW post a home away from home, a place we can count on for friendship and support.

The upcoming year we have many new and exciting events to look forward to.
Keep an eye on our Facebook page/website and bulletin board.

BIG RIVER VFW
POST 5331

WORDS FROM OUR QUARTERMASTER

As we look forward to the new year, I would be remiss to not reflect on a few things from the past year/years. I am saddened some that Tom Herek is not continuing as Quartermaster but want to thank him for his years of dedication and service to the VFW, his mentorship and friendship. He wore very big shoes at the Post, and they will be hard to fill. I am looking forward to the challenges that come with the job, there are a great deal of tasks, and many of them I have not done but I will work diligently to make it as smooth of a transition as possible.

I want to thank everyone, Post and Auxiliary for all their hard work and help with events over the past year and ask for your continued support in the new Year. Dan

From the Adjutant:

We're having a great year so far! Since changing Command in June, Big River VFW has donated almost \$8500 to the Veteran Service Officers, National, State and Local Veterans programs, community projects, and Scouting programs. We awarded \$875 to Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy entries as well as our Teacher of the Year nominee. And finally, since June, Post 5331 has added 8 new members! Please help me welcome Will Sattley, Lon Ritz, Ryan Kanatzar, Scott Stark, John Zeiss, Gaylon Littleton, James Brown and Michele Mehrhoff. WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU! Mark

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 2 2023

HOUSE COMMITTEE

MEETING 6PM

JAN 9 2023

POST/AUX MEETING

7PM

JAN 14 2023

CHICKEN DINNER

2P-6P

JAN 15 2023

CHILI AND WING COOK OFF

1PM

JAN 22 2023

CHICKEN DINNER

2P-6P

JAN 27 2023

CLUBROOM OLYMPICS

7PM

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SERVICE OFFICER:

Recently, Congress passed the PACT Act (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act) that greatly expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that the VA assumes ("presume") are caused by exposure to toxic substances. The law helps provide generations of Veterans, and their survivors, with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

Many breathing related cancers and illnesses are presumed to be caused by being exposed to toxic substances while serving.

To learn more, or if you have any questions, please reach out to our Service Officer. Larry Janssen (636) 274-5001

https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=ar_pact_fy22_vetera_ns&gclid=CjwKCAiAv9ucBhBXEiwA6N8nYCk9-bBfYDdVDQ5HOfbTIOFELtpjB3QtuEB1mAMKf0vJTsXjVieMnRoCfxQQAvD_BwE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- For veterans in crisis, the Veterans Crisis Line's number "988" then press "1" or 1-800-273-8255 and press "1"
- To order military service documents such as a DD 214/Separation Document or Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), contact the National Archives, National Personnel Records Center at https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records, or call (866) 272-6272.

IMPORTANT INFO

Starting Jan 2023

Clubroom safety

As we grow and change, please be patient with our new bartenders as they learn our members.

A roster or VFW card is needed for verification for clubroom entry

- **Post members a Roster (names Only) has been furnished for verification
- **Aux members: No roster has been furnished

Aux will need to show their membership cards for verification

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BIG RIVER VFW POST 5331 Look back at 2022!







More pics on our Facebook page

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