



# Horne-Mudlitz VFW Post 6377 Monthly Newsletter

Rich Beatty, Commander, Jason Ciriacks, Sr. Vice Commander, Gabe Schauf, Jr. Vice Commander



Post Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m @ Horne Mudlitz Post 6377, Sussex WI

Next Post Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Bar Opens at 6:00 p.m.

## Commander's Goal Mission:

To Recruit, retain, & mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge & actively involved all levels of the organization and in local community. To establish Posts with an established vision of service, leadership, and community outreach.

## January Post Minute Summary Highlights

- Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.
- We had a special visitor joined us from Scouts – Bennett Rebarchik, to talk about his Eagle Scout project that he wanted to do for the Post, which includes repainting the flag deposit, building a shed and firepit for the flag burning. He will be responsible for fundraising and being the foreman of the project. He is going to give us his plans for us to vote during April Meeting. Welcome Bennett!
- Auxiliary President Diane Leibiger discussed the upcoming Annual Chili Cookoff being held on April 25, 2026 from Noon to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per person with kids and Veterans eating free. The cookoff will have a Meat Raffle and Case of Wine to raffle off. Thanks Diane!

**Old Business:**

- District 2 Meeting will be held on April 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Post 5716 (17980 W Beloit Rd New Berlin, WI). This will be a join meeting with VFW & Auxiliary. All members are invited and highly encouraged.
- Per State Senator Kapenga, (SB644), which talked about lowering the 100% return of Property Tax to veterans who are disabled from 100% down to 70% was brought to the session back on November 2025, but there wasn't a Public Hearing performed and the session expired before they could do one.
  - This bill could be reintroduced in another session if brought back up to the table.
- The Red, White, & Blue Program has officially started, this encourages local businesses to donate to the VFW with every dollar donation going towards helping veterans. Each level (Red, White, Blue) will have a special appreciation acknowledgment being submitted to the business. Details follow.
- Judge Advocate Dave Houghton reviewed the updated VFW Guide and Bylaws to ensure that Post 6377 were following State and National standards. He concluded that we are complying & doesn't see that we should have to adjust any of our bylaws at this time.

**Committee News:**

- Lion's Daze Committee - Cam Wilson, Conrade
  - Working with Conrade Gabe Kolesari in planning upcoming food stand.
  - Currently getting logistics of the layout of the fairgrounds to figure out the placement of the food stand and equipment needed for the event.
  - American Legion has agreed to assist us with manpower throughout the 3 days event.
  - We will be needing at least 9 volunteers per shift (Shift est. 4 hours) to cover the food stand which tasks include front line servers, food runners, backend food preppers, backend servers, etc.
  - Next meeting will be in May and then monthly until Lion's Daze
- Tiddlywinks Tournament Committee - Jerry Strait, Quartermaster
  - Gave the final numbers received after taking out the cost for Silent Auction Baskets, Team Prize Money, and Trophies for the Winner.
- Memorial Day Parade Committee - Rich Beatty, Commander
  - New application for Parade Participation has been created and are currently being sent out to those who we have email addresses for, still need contact information for all participants that likely would attend to send out requests by April. We still need more help in completing this task.

**New Business:**

- A motion was brought up to increase the Quartermaster Stipend from \$70.00/mo. to \$100.00/mo. - Motion Passed
- Conrade Chuck Vojtas brought up a motion for the Post to give a donation to the Village of Sussex Park and Recreation Committee to help in the cost of getting new flag poles for Main Street along with a new American Flag or the pole at the Civic Center. - Motion Passed
- A motion was brought up to have the window dormers taken off which would cost around \$5,000 to \$6,000 to complete. - Motion Denied

- A motion was brought up to give a donation to the Auxiliary for their help with the Tiddlywinks Tournament – Motion Passed
- Next month's Officers elections are coming up; Jerry Strait has stated that he will be stepping down as Quartermaster. If anyone is interested in any of the Post Officers' Position, please come to the meeting in April and cast your nominations. If more than one name is given for a position a vote will be made on May's Meeting, otherwise all unopposed candidates will be voted/approved during April's meeting.

### Good of the Order:

- Commander Rich Beatty made an announcement that the Post will be getting an official VFW Website in the upcoming weeks to take place over the Facebook page that was created a few years ago. The website would include:
  - Sync Your Calendar & News With VFW District, Department & National Websites.
  - Edit All Of The Content on the Site Including Managing Officers / Staff Via Our Dedicated Control Panel.
  - Social Media Integration.
  - Editable Photo Gallery, Newsletter Email Engine etc ...
  - Mobile Friendly Responsive Design.
  - Create Pages on the Fly and Control Where Those Pages Appear in the Dropdown Navigation.
  - Turn On/Off Modules on Every Page & Rearrange Modules to Appear in a Specific Order.
  - Full Screen Calendar - Recurring Events.
  - Sliders - You Control!
  - Search Engine Optimization Built In.
  - New Pages - Taps, Honor Guard, M.O.C & More
- The website will be announced and released once the site is fully operational.

### Post Social Event(s):

Bingo is being held at the GOAT on Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 50/50 raffle goes towards VFW Post.

The GOAT in Sussex Community Texas Holdem Tournament is currently on hold. Details will be shared upon as we get closer to the event and will be sent out to all.

Sheephead Tournament are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> week in the month. Tournament is being held at Horne-Mudlitz Post starting at 10 a.m.

Calling all Comrades, we are looking at bolstering our Post morale and increasing interest with the Post, we are looking for ideas of things to do/places to join us for Social Hours for all Veterans and their mates. Any suggestions for future events are highly recommended, please send your RSVP or suggestions to [hornemudlitzvfw@gmail.com](mailto:hornemudlitzvfw@gmail.com) or call the Post at (262) 820-9704

**Current Post Activites:**

- American Legion Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month at 7 p.m.
- Cards/Sheepshead Club meets on Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Saturday mornings.
- Toes/Nail Salon open on Mondays during normal business hours
- Slugbugs of Sussex meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of every month
- SAS meetings 1<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month
- Scouts Troop 50 meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays every month
- Scrapbooking Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Friday and Saturdays

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In honor of our fallen comrades, the following members are remembered this month:

No Comrades for the month of March.

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