



VFW POST 10066

All-State Post

JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Commander's Corner:

As I looking forward to serving as your commander during the next year, I am proud to have served as Sr. Vice Commander this past year as we all worked exceptionally hard to make All-State. I'm proud to be working with such a terrific slate of officers, including Past-Commander Harry Keat who took over as quartermaster, our new Sr. Vice Commander Leo Ferguson, Jr. Vice Ron Ansara and all officers and trustees.

As this is my first newsletter, I'll share a little of my military background with you. In 1968, served as a buck sergeant in the Army 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. I joined the VFW in Connecticut and served as a trustee there before transferring to this VFW Post 10066 four years ago. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and look forward to meeting more veterans and friends during the next year at this very busy VFW.

I invite all of you to join us on July 4 to celebrate Independence Day with a BBQ hosted by the Auxiliary from noon - 3 pm and music by Jerry & The Hurricanes from 1 - 4 pm.



Commander John Gardenier



Past Commander Harry Keat, left, and Jr. Vice Commander Ron Ansara, right, accepted VFW Post 10066 All-State awards and Auxiliary President Bev Brier received the Auxiliary's Medal of Champions Award and the Circle of Champions Award at the VFW State Convention in June.

The VFW kitchen is temporarily closed and will be reopening under new management in a couple weeks. Please introduce yourselves to Janine and Jen who will be serving from a new menu soon. In the meantime, pizzas and cheeseburger sliders are always available at the canteen. A big thanks to Mike Fatabine who volunteered to serve dinners on Friday nights until Janine and Jen take over.

I also want to thank the VFW Auxiliary for recent financial contributions and continued support of VFW Post 10066. We will be planning some improvements to our Post in the months to come.

I urge all VFW members to attend our next meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, July 10, in the Al Pond Hall.

We have been working very hard on trying to make this VFW an All-American Post and will update everyone as soon as we hear from National. Keep your fingers crossed.

I am proud to serve as commander at this great Post where we serve veterans, active armed forces and our community.

In comradery,
Commander John Gardenier

VFW Auxiliary News:



Beverly Brier
Auxiliary President

June was a rather quiet month for the Auxiliary. The annual VFW/Auxiliary convention was held in Orlando from the 22nd to the 25th. I was my first convention and I came away with a better understanding of how the Auxiliary works with the VFW to support our veteran's. I realize the importance of these conventions and will encourage our members to try to attend next year. This year's motto is:

ONE VFW ONE DEPARTMENT ONE FIGHT!

Our Post made us proud with them winning All-State. Our Auxiliary came away with the Medallion award for going over 100 percent in membership. I won the star Circle of Champions award for meeting certain criteria throughout the year. We also came away with two certificates - a silver award for donations to the Homeless and the Rose award for Dept. Special Project. A very busy 3 days but we also had fun with the Patriotic rally and networking with other Auxiliaries.

Looking forward to the 4th of July picnic at our Post. Don't forget our side dish donations. See you there!

Beverly Brier
Auxiliary President 2017/18



2017-2018 VFW Post 10066 Officers

Commander: John Gardenier
Sr. Vice: Leo Ferguson
Jr. Vice: Ron Ansara
Quartermaster: Harry Keat
Chaplain: Paul Little
Trustee 1st Year: Keith Mackin
Trustee 2nd Year: Richard Bucci
Trustee 3rd Year: Bernie Gowen
Judge Advocate: Jim Serafica
Surgeon: Charlie Koreivo
Adjutant: Ron Ansara

2017-2018 VFW Auxiliary Officers

President: Beverly Brier
Sr. Vice: Dan Trainor
Jr. Vice: Barney Barnett
Treasurer: Jackie Pascarello
Chaplain: Linda Camire
Conductor: Brian Toth
Trustee 1st Year: Josie Hodge
Trustee 2nd Year: Terry Cerniglia
Trustee 3rd Year: Joanne Royer
Secretary: Barney Barnett
Historian: Johnette Beaudry
Guard: Barbara Celli