

# INFORMER

**KOHL-JECK VFW POST 2866, Saint Charles, MO. 63303**  
**January-March 2022**



Commander VFW Post 2866  
Jim Malson

Happy New Year from Kohl-Jeck Post 2866. I hope that the year brings you health and happiness. As Post Commander, I hope to see all of you at the Post sometime in the future.

I want to bring attention to membership. We have some that have unpaid dues, and I would like to see all members paid up, please make sure to contact us if you are on active duty or if you are in the VA home. If there are any members who have had a change of any information such as phone number, address, or email address, please let us know so we can update our records. We want to improve our communication and we fail to do that if our records are not up to date.

If there are any families receiving this newsletter and have lost their loved one, please notify us so we can respectfully notify VFW National Headquarters of their passing. Contact our chaplain for funeral detail or color guard requests.

There are exciting times ahead! Membership voted to update our bingo game. We will be receiving new machines sometime soon! Come and check those out! You can play or you can volunteer. Either way, seeing a comrade at the Post is great and we want more of that.

Sadly, we have a lack of volunteers at the Post, so we had to opt out of having fish fry during lent this year. We need a fish fry chairman.

Please help our post by bringing in new members, renewing soon to expire members, and asking members to become LIFE members. REMBER, if you are NOT a life member, you can volunteer for 12 POST events and have your name drawn at the next meeting to gain Life Membership.

I hope you all have a great year!!!!



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## A Letter From the Editor:

Welcome to a new year with Kohl-Jeck VFW Post 2866. In the past few years, we have endured so many things as Veterans. Between all the different COVID-19 strains, loss of family, loss of jobs and a loss of pretty much everything we knew in this world. Above all of that we seemed to have lost our way of communication. It was decided to bring it back by bringing back this Informer in all its glory. Unfortunately, we had to tighten the budget on it a bit, but IT's Back!!!! You will notice that we have changed the paper and we have removed the color, and some things have been rearranged. The mission was to bring it back and improve our communication for the new year. It takes more than just one member to get the Informer published.



I want to thank all of our members for submitting their articles in a timely fashion, I want to thank Commander Jim Malson for his help in gathering the articles and last, but not least our Post Quartermaster for getting me an updated copy of our membership list. All these things help us get the right info to the proper people.

I feel like 2022 is going to be a GREAT year. Not only will I be working hard to keep you all informed, but I will also be working to help Veterans like all of us to get their VA disability benefits. You read that correctly! I have just accepted the position for the St Louis Regional office to be Assistant Veteran Service Officer. It is a blessing and an honor which I accepted with tears and pride in my heart to be able to do more for Veterans.

Thank all of you for your support while I bring in this new year with a new Informer and new privilege.

## Legeslative Affairs VFW Post 2866



We are currently in need of someone to keep our members abreast with whats going on with veteran legeslation. Let us know if you would be interested in helping inform veterans of new laws, new elligibilities and other information happening on capitol hill or on the state level. This is an important role for our veterans for Past, Present and Future veterans. Please let our Post Commander know if this is something you can help with! We Need you!!!!

# FISH FRY IS CANCELED FOR 2022.

# WHY??????

# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!



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## BUY A BRICK

If you would like to purchase  
an engraved brick for a  
veteran you know, contact  
**Paul Schmidt**  
**314-249-5368**



If you were thinking of purchasing a brick for yourself or a loved one, please get your order in as soon as possible. We apologize to those who have already placed their orders. The engravers need a minimum amount of orders to finish the job. Please contact Paul Schmidt if you have any questions. His contact phone number is 314-249-5368 or email [paul351245@gmail.com](mailto:paul351245@gmail.com)





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## ***Friendly Reminder!***

### **Membership Eligibility**

There are two qualifiers for membership in the VFW, as set out in our National Bylaws. An individual must meet both in order to become a member. They are as follows:

- 1: Honorable Service – must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.
- 2: Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters\*. This can be proven by any of the following:
  - An authorized campaign medal (see a full list of qualifying medals and badges)
  - Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
  - Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

\*This information is usually available through a veteran's DD-214. If other information is needed or if a veteran's DD-214 is not complete, they can contact the National Personnel Records Center online or at 314.801.0800 to request more information.

***If you are not eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars but you have a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse who would be eligible then you may apply for membership in the VFW Auxiliary. You can learn more at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org).***

### **Comrades Lost**

***If you feel that any of these are in error, Contact the Commander or Quartermaster ASAP to correct our records***

John F. Attaway  
Bernard B. Baker  
Hank Bandini  
William F. Bartkus  
Russell G. Beahan  
Robert J. Bodley Jr  
Edward L. Boni  
Jeffrey R. Bromberg  
Richard P. Buschard  
Greig T. Carr  
George H. Chakides  
Dennis L. Dees  
Jim S. Driscoll Sr  
Kathleen Ditch (Auxiliary)  
Brad Farber  
Gilbert F. Froeschner  
Michael J. Giebe  
Alf R. Harris  
Wilbur D. Heiliger  
Phillip D. Hodge  
George B. Honerkamp  
Willard V. Johnson  
John W. Jorden  
Jackie Jones (Auxiliary)

Grover L. Jose  
James A. Kenefick  
William F. Keough  
Forrest (Bud) Lane  
Kenneth W. Lange  
David M. Lansdown  
Don E. Lauer (Volunteer)  
Leonard Maierhoffer  
Larry W. Mayes  
Ira W. Monroe  
Norman W. Plume Jr  
Jerome L. Podorski  
Richard R. Potter  
Charles L. Prather  
Robert C. Reed Jr  
Wesley M. Ridgway  
Arthur E. Schneider  
Vincent P. Scaglione  
Robert W. Schferding  
Frank W. Schuler  
Homer Scott  
Phillip B. Sheppard  
Ron Smith  
David Roy Spier

Wayne W. Wease Sr  
Floyd J. Weaver  
Florenz X. Wernet  
William W. Williams  
Frederick Zak





**Post Veteran Service Officer  
Robert Murphy  
VFW Post 2866**

It has been a while since we have had a newsletter.

Important information for Vietnam Veterans!!!!

There are 3 new presumptive conditions added to the list for herbicide exposure. They are Bladder Cancer, Parkinsonism, and Hypothyroidism. If you are a boots on the ground or a blue water navy vet and have been diagnosed with any of these conditions, it is presumed under law, that it is due to herbicide exposure from military service. You may file a claim if you have a medical diagnosis. You may contact me @ 636-928-4969 or you can contact our VFW department service officers @ 314-253-4470. Their office is in the old records center @ 9700 Page Ave. You must call for an appointment.

Also pending in congress is house bill HR 1972. If this bill gets signed into law they will recognize Hypertension and Monoclonal Gammopathy also known as MGUS and be added to the herbicide list. If you are a Vietnam Veteran you eligible to sign up for VA healthcare. Call J.C. hospital @3 14-652-4100 and ask for the operator to give you eligibility. They will sign you up and get you assigned a primary care provider.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans have 3-new presumptive conditions. The conditions are Sinusitis, Rhinitis, and Asthma. You must be diagnosed within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service. For more details contact me or our VFW dept service officers. Iraq and Afghanistan Vets are eligible for 5 years VA health care from date of separation from military service. The other way to qualify for healthcare is by low income, or if you have a service connected disability. We are working on getting a date set for a service officer event. We will let you know when it is scheduled.

Best Regards,

Bob Murphy Service Officer Post 2866

## CONGRADULATIONS

*Goes out to Post member Don Newman as he was recently awarded as Veteran Volunteer of the Year by the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).*





## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	5 Post/Aux Meeting 7:00pm	6 Bingo Starts 6:30pm Epiphany	7	8
9	10	11 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	12	13 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	14	15
16	17 Persian Gulf War Began 1991 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	18 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	19	20 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	21	22
23	24 MOC/MOCA Scratch 7:00pm	25 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	26	27 Bingo Starts 6:30pm Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord 1973	28	29
30	31 Panama Campaign Ended 1990	Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian festival, which starts on 6 January. It is a special date in the Christmas story as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.				

## Have a Laugh

**I don't know why people flock to Times Square on New Year's Eve. They always drop the ball.**



## February 2022

March 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 National Freedom Day	1 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm Groundhog Day	2 Four Chaplains Day	3 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	4	5
6	7	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910	9 Post/Aux Meeting 7:00pm	10 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13 Super Bowl Sunday	14 Valentine's Day	15 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	16	17 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	18	19
20	21 MOC/MOCA Scratch 7:00pm Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)	22 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	23	24 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	25	26
27	28	<p>Each year on February 3rd, this day of remembrance is celebrated across the country. It honors four military chaplains who sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of their fellow service members during WWII. Four Chaplains Day will be observed on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022.</p> 				

**Kohl Jeck VFW POST 2866 is in need of volunteers for all events**

-We have our Queen of Hearts on Tuesdays Please arrive at **4:30 PM**

-We have BINGO on Thursdays. Please arrive at **5:00PM** the first ball is played at **6:00PM**

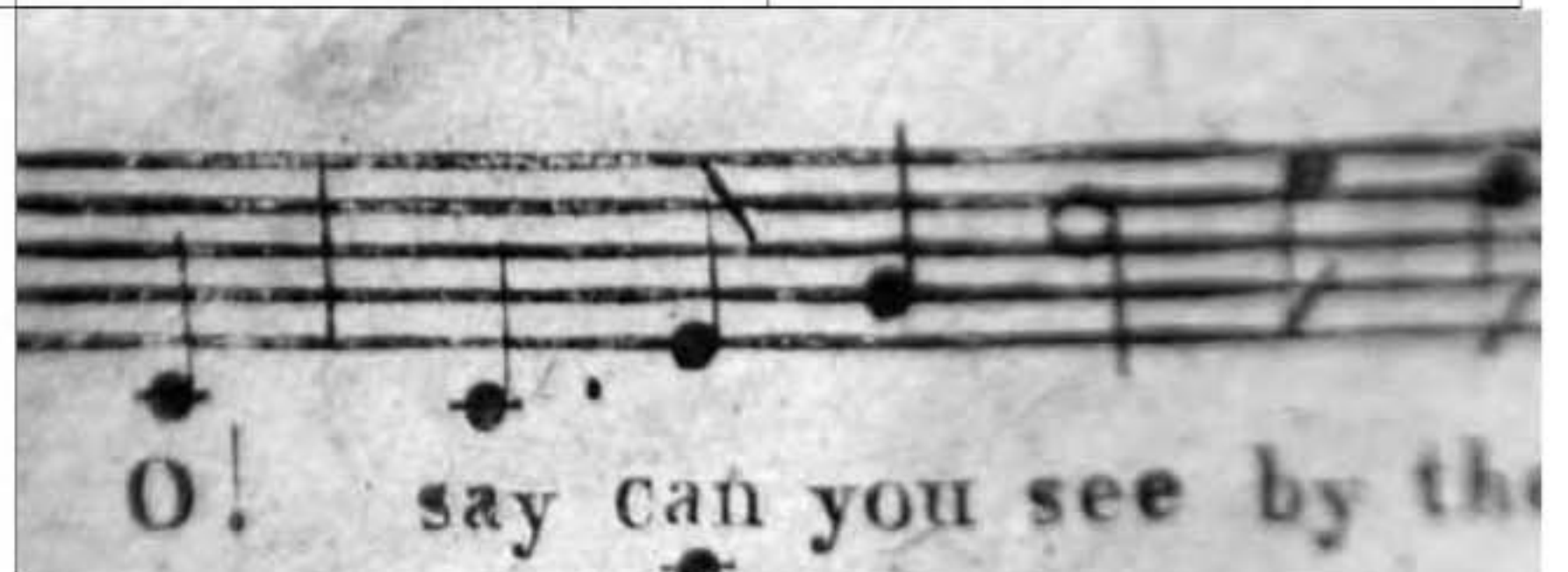
**Please contact Commander Jim Malson for more information.  
636-219-7012**



## March 2022

April 2022

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day Shrove Tuesday	2 Ash Wednesday	3 Bingo Starts 6:30pm "Star Spangled Banner" Made the U.S. National Anthem 1931	4	5
6	7	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	9 Post/Aux Meeting 7:00pm	10 Bingo Starts 6:30pm	11	12 Girl Scouts of the USA Founded 1912
13 Daylight Saving Starts	14	15 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	16 Purim Begins	17 Bingo Starts 6:30pm Saint Patrick's Day	18	19 Iraq War Began 2003
20	21 MOC/MOCA Scratch 7:00pm	22 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm	23	24 Bingo Starts 6:30pm Kosovo Campaign Began 1999	25	26
27	28	29 Queen of Hearts Drawing at 8:00pm National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017)	30	31 Bingo Starts 6:30pm Somalia Campaign Ended 1995		

Veteran Suicide rate is currently at 20 per day on average( Based on an article from the US Department of Veterans Affairs Sep 2021). Compared to previous years at 22 as an average, we must be doing something right. Please keep those in your prayers and do your part to help prevent Veteran Suicide.





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**We sell DAUBERS TOO!**  
Prices starting at \$1.00

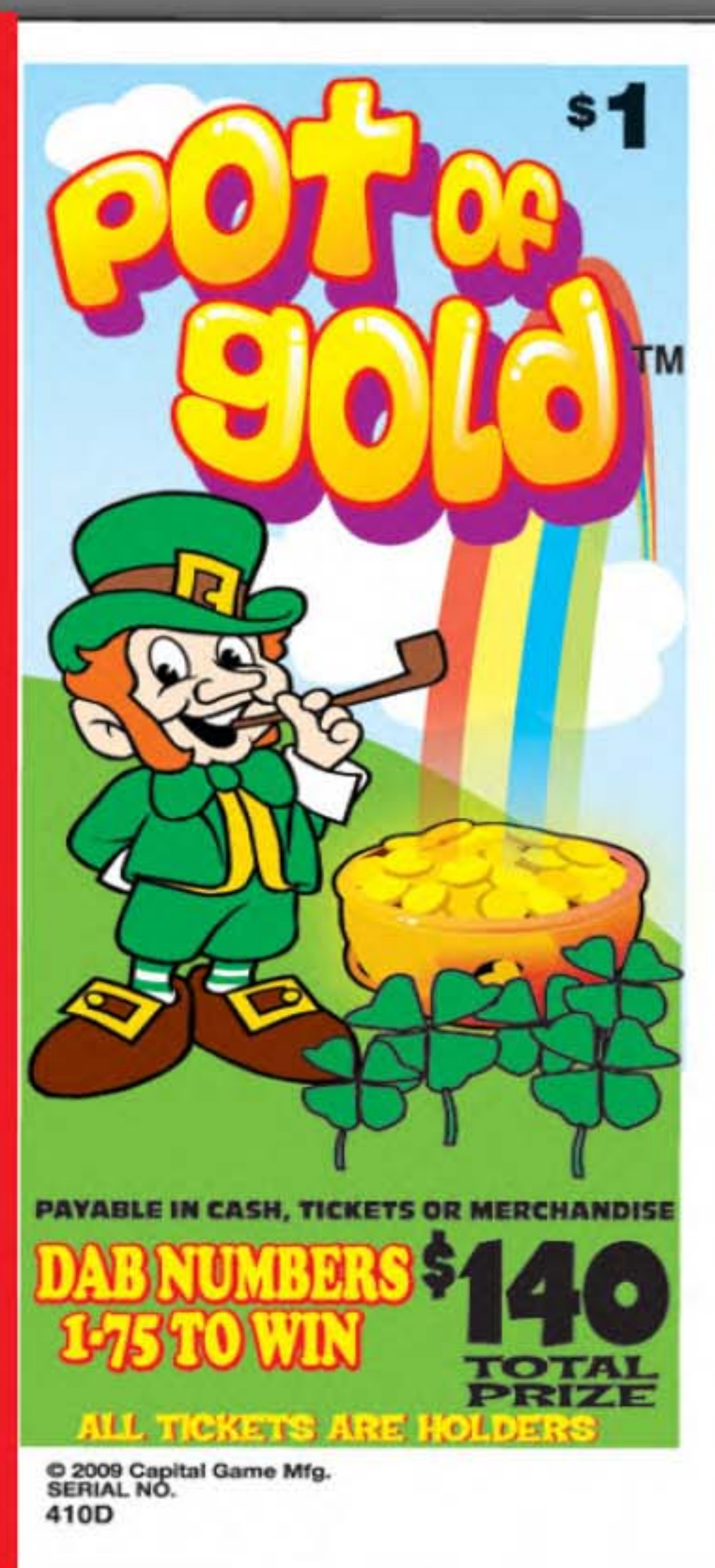


**Regular Bingo Paper Prices**  
9 on 18 Paper

- 1 Book \$15
- 2 Books \$21
- 3 Books \$27
- 4 Books \$33
- 5 Books \$39
- Each 9 on 18 Add On \$6.00

**Electronic Machine Prices**

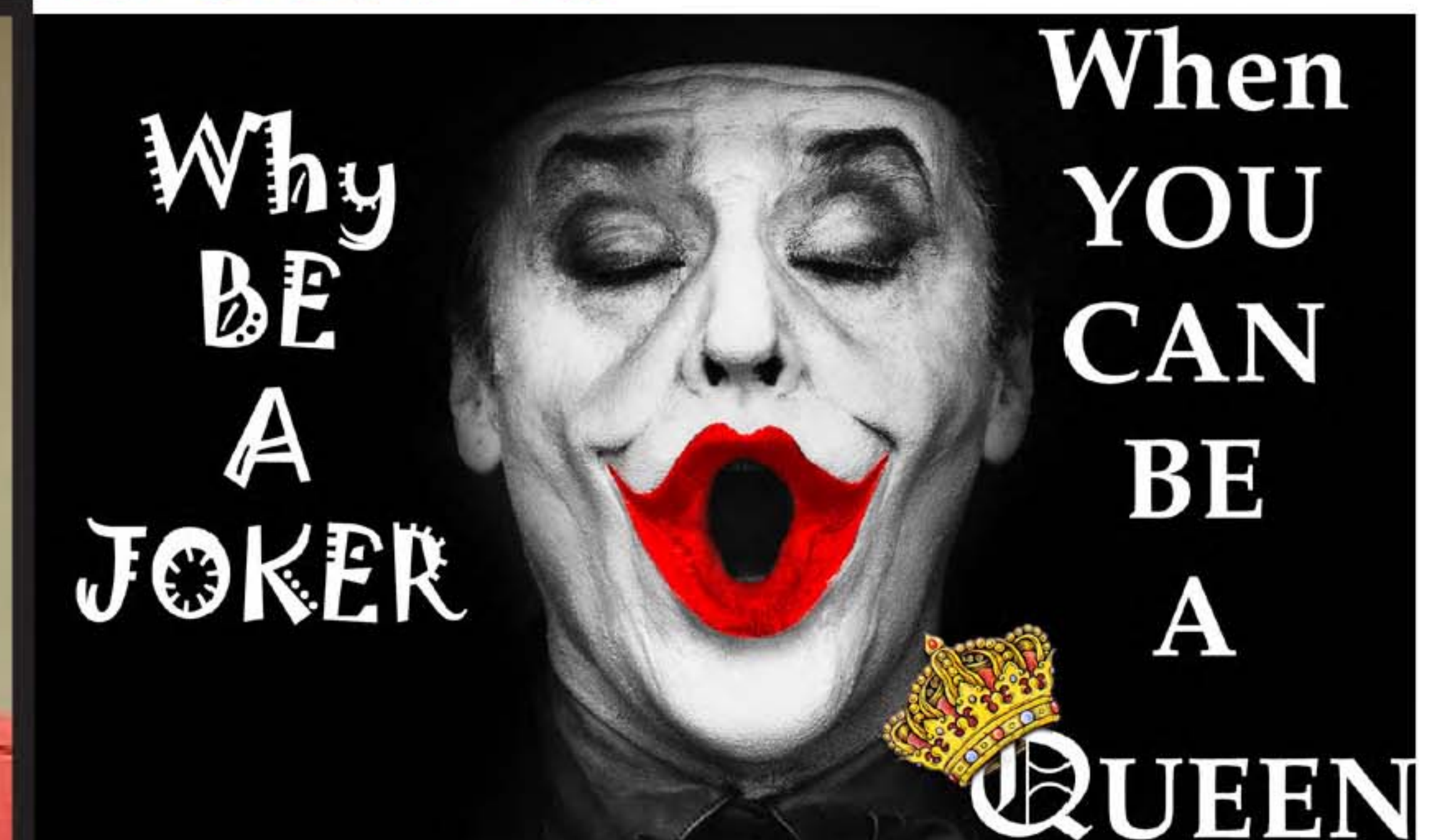
- 36 Cards \$33
- 36 Cards w/ 2 Progressives \$48
- 54 Cards \$45
- 54 Cards w/ 2 Progressives \$60



*Thursday Night BINGO Doors Open*  
3:30 PM  
*Card Sales Open*  
4:30 PM

\*All players are required to purchase a 9 on 18 basic game pack to be eligible to play. \*

## Queen Of Hearts



*50/50*

*\$1*  
*Tickets*





## THE AUXILIARY PAGE

**Jan Buehrle**  
**VFWA Sr. Vice President**  
**VFW Post 2866**

Wow, this year has really flown by! It seems as though it just started yesterday.

Veteran's Day Breakfast was a huge success - we fed 143 veterans.

Our membership as of December 31, 2021 is at 92.86%. That is fantastic, let's see if we can reach 100% by the end of January, 2022.

### Events Coming Up

There are two craft shows coming up. One is April 2nd and the other is May 7th.

Jan Schmidt is doing better and is now back cooking. I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers that have helped this year for the monthly HOGs, bingo and our catering events. We couldn't do what we do without you.

In closing, I hope you have a safe and happy Holiday season.

**Earline Baker**  
**Auxiliary Chaplain**  
**VFW Post 2866**



### Isaiah 65:17

17 "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

Stay warm and well. My condolences to those who have lost loved ones and prayers for those who are not well.



**Marci Murphy**  
**Auxiliary**  
**Events / Activities**  
**VFW Post 2866**

### SAVE THE DATE!!

For the annual VFW Easter Egg Hunt from 1-3 on

April 3, 2022. Kids up to age 10 will visit with the Easter Bunny, play games for prizes and hunt for Easter eggs.

There will be a signup sheet in the club room from March 13 till March 27th for members to sign up youth. Snacks and desserts will be served. If you have any questions, please call Marci @ 636-699-3555.

Candice, if you have a picture of an Easter Bunny can you add it to get their attention. Also, if you find any grammatical errors, feel free to correct them.

Thanks, Marci







## **A Message from our Post Chaplain**

Larry Brown  
Post Chaplain and Color  
Guard Detail Leader

We are experiencing more instability in our society than anytime in recent history. One of the most obvious causes is this pandemic. But these changes can be from things which we can prevent with proper response.

We all remember the changes that took place in the '60s, triggered by drastic shifts in our society. Then there were the demonstrations and riots in the '70s triggered by the war in Viet Nam. Now we have crime statistics which are downright scary. The obvious question is, what can be a solution? We have seen these societal changes several times in our lives.

The most effective way to get attention, and possible response, from the greatest number of people is social media. We need to convince news and information organizations to be responsible, and accurate in what information they publish to massive numbers of people.

Frequently events are reported by several informational sources and the details of that information varies so much that I often wonder if they are all talking about the same event or situation.

News organizations in this country bear the obligation to be accurate when reporting situations or circumstances. The facts should not be distorted or misreported, with the motive to influence public opinion in a way to effect public response in a specific desired direction.

I am not unaware enough to not realize that information has always been slanted one way or another to effect opinion and response. But it has become so obvious that when the story about an event is so different by comparison with other information sources that someone is publishing false information as fact.

That in my opinion is a hazardous process which can lead to very disastrous events. And the disturbing results will go down in history as a change no one anticipated or desired.

Oh no I didn't see that one coming!!!!!!

## **Pete Keppel Post Surgeon VFW Post 2866**

Hello fellow post members,

It has been a while since we have sent out The Informer, but we are back. This is a word from your VFW post 2866 surgeon general. Winter is trying to get its foot in the door, as things start to go back to a pre-covid normal, businesses etc. dropping mask mandates and going back to group gatherings it is important to not forget that Flu, Pneumonia, and just the common cold are still out here as well. So, make sure you are still getting your flu shot, taking vitamins to boost those immune systems, washing your hands and using hand sanitizer to help keep you healthy this winter.

I also wanted to inform of a new responsive treatment for Covid. It is available to people who are high risk. This is an I.V. antibody treatment; you can receive with a positive covid test. The treatment stops covid from progressing in your body, hoping to prevent you from getting to the point where you could possibly end up in the hospital. It is important that if you qualify for this treatment, you do it as soon as you can. I will provide some locations below on where they provide this treatment. Also, if you have questions about the I.V. treatments your general family doctors should be aware of locations as well that offer this treatment. The treatment is also available to any caretakers that are helping take care of you personally as well.

### **I.V. Treatment Locations**

St. Joseph Hospital, St. Charles, MO

St. Lukes, Chesterfield, MO

\*Safe Transitions MD (this facility will come to your house) (314) 384-3584 / (636)222-8699

You and your families have a Merry Christmas, stay safe and healthy, and have a happy new year,

Peter Kappel  
Surgeon General Post 2866



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## Important Contacts

**Alcohol and Drug Information**  
1-800-SAY-NO-TO (1-800-729-6686)

**Veteran Crisis Hotline (Suicide)**  
1-800-273-8255 , Press 1  
**TO TEXT** send to 838255

**State Service Officer**  
Dennis Flynn  
314-253-4470  
email: vfwflyn@vba.va.gov  
9700 Page Avenue  
ROOM 1-027  
ST. Louis, MO 63132

**St. Louis VA Regional Office**  
1-800-827-1000  
www.va.gov  
**VA Insurance Information**  
1-800-422-8079

**St. Louis VA Medical Centers**  
314-652-4100

**St. Charles VA Clinic (CBOC)**  
1-800-228-5459 ext. 5-5390

**Veterans Service Assistant**  
636-949-7330  
201 North 2nd Street, Suite 323  
St. Charles, MO 63301

**Social Security Information**  
1-800-772-1213  
www.ssa.gov

**St Louis Help, Health Equip. Lending Prog.**  
(Wheel Chairs, hospital beds, etc.)  
1-314-567-4700  
9709 Deilman Rock Island Drive  
Olivette, MO 63136

**POW/MIA Information**  
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