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Commander – Bernadette Bland Auxiliary President – William Zangs  
Club Manager - Sheila Gonzales

## Post 1461 Jan/Feb 2024 Newsletter

**Post and Auxiliary Meetings**  
**Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**Scholarship Meat & Money Raffles  
& Meals**

**January & February**

**Friday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> & Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Meat tickets 20 for \$10 over 100 items  
Money tickets 1 or \$10 - \$5 paid back out,  
\$2 toward a drink, \$3 to the scholarship

*See calendar for meal details*

Meals served from 4:30-6:30

**VETERANS  
STRONGER  
TOGETHER**



IN WOUNDED TIMES NO VETERAN FIGHTS ALONE

**Peer to Peer** sessions. Open to all Veterans.  
Informal group to share, learn and  
help our fellow Veterans  
7-8pm 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> (if there is one) Thursday

### **Club Membership Renewal Options**

**Existing Members:**

(With more than two years of membership)

**Annually \$35.00, 5 Year \$140.00,  
or 10 Year \$280.00**

### ***Congratulations***

Post Commander Berni Bland for  
Veteran of the Month for August 2023  
and Veteran of the Quarter!

We wish her good luck on her competing  
for Veteran of the Year for the Illinois VFW.  
Thank you for all you do!!

### **Jan 18<sup>th</sup> VFW Post & Aux Blood Drive**

**1-6 pm**

Sign up in the lounge or go to  
the Rock River Valley Blood  
Center Website to sign up for a  
time slot.

### **Bear Packer Potluck & Game**

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Time TBD (depends on the game time)**

**Bring a dish to pass**





## Manager Message

I would like to thank everyone who donated candy to the Trick or Treat on State event. We saw so many cute costumes and this will be an event we plan to continue in the future.

I would also like to thank two of our members Andy M. (post) and Mike S. (Aux) for fixing the pool table. It is now up and running for free pool everyday.

I appreciate all of the great members and the volunteers of the VFW/BCVC without you a lot of things around the club could not happen. We had a clean up day at the end of October to all who showed up and scrubbed chairs, tables and even walls, your help is so appreciated.

Levell (post) thank you for helping place the wreaths on the graves at the cemetery with me. We had it done in no time.

Every once in a while we will have pop up events at the club and would love to see everyone there, so please make sure you stop into the club, check the VFW website [www.vfw1461.com](http://www.vfw1461.com) or our Facebook page for updates on events.

We also want to start recognizing members who have done great things outside of the club that can be recognized.

Roby B.(aux) Congrats on your position at the Boone County Dist 2 fire station as an official Firefighter

Brandon A (post) Congrats on starting up your new business, Blue Cord Garage Doors

Jesse G (club/employee) Retired after 33½ years with the City of Belvidere

Beth C.(aux) honored as  
Rotarian of the Year for the Loves Park Rotary Club.

If you would like to see a member recognized for their accomplishments whether in or outside the club please let me know and we can make sure they are recognized.

Sheila



## Board Painting

Monday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm in the lounge  
your choice of patriotic or funny.

Register and pay on the Facebook event or  
register and pay at the club.

Spaces are limited so don't wait.

Prices vary depending on item you choose to make.

<---- Eagle with flag is one of the choices.

## Message from Post 1461 Auxiliary

Just a reminder the Auxiliary meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. We welcome all members to attend. If you received an annual dues invoice, please remit payment before the end of the month. We would love to see increased participation so that we can work together to more fully work towards the mission of the Auxiliary.

We are in the process of starting a new Facebook page due to some technical difficulties with the old page. Please watch your email for updates on when it goes live and follow the new page when it is published to keep up to date on what we are doing.

Our President, Bill Zangs has had some serious medical issues recently and we thank you for keeping him and his wife in your thoughts and prayers for recovery.

We are currently beginning to plan the 3rd Annual Family Freedom Festival and looking for interested volunteers to assist in planning and working the day of the event. If interested, please contact

Beth Costa, [elizabeth.ann4544@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.ann4544@gmail.com) or Rob Bland, [robert.b.bland@outlook.com](mailto:robert.b.bland@outlook.com).

Our next committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd at 7pm at the VFW.



# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Bingo \$3.50 big beers & Seltzer Sundays	Every Monday Lunch served 11-2pm	Every Tuesday \$1.50 domestic beers & \$2.50 well drinks	Soup and Chili served 11am until gone	Every Thursday \$1.50 domestic beers & \$2.50 well drinks		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Chicken Gnocchi	Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm		
7	Meetings 7pm 8	9	10	11	Meat Raffle 12	13
Bear Packer game & Potluck Time:TBD	Meatloaf Sandwiches		Broccoli Cheese		Scalloped Potatoes & Ham 4:30- 6:30pm \$8	Chili Cook Game Night 6:30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Turkey wrap or chicken wrap Board Painting		Wild rice w/chicken Trivia 6:30pm lounge	Blood Drive 1-6 PM Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm		
21	22	23	24	25	Meat Raffle 26	27
	Philly Cheese Steak		Cheesy Potato		Goulash Dinner 4:30- 6:30pm \$8	
28	29	30	31			
Breakfast 8-11am	Italian Beef sandwiches		Clam Chowder			

# February 2024

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	Meatball Sandwich		French Onion		Baked Chicken 4:30-6:30pm \$8	Game Night 6:30pm
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Super Bowl Raffle and Pot Luck Time:TBD	Chili dogs		Veggie Beef	Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm		
18	19	20	21	22	Meat Raffle 23	24
	Sub Sandwich		Broccoli Cheese Trivia 6:30pm Lounge		Baked Ziti 4:30-6:30pm \$8	
25	26	27	28	29		
Breakfast 8-11am	Italian Beef		Chicken Noodle	Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm		

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turning 65?  
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## Post Chili Cook Off

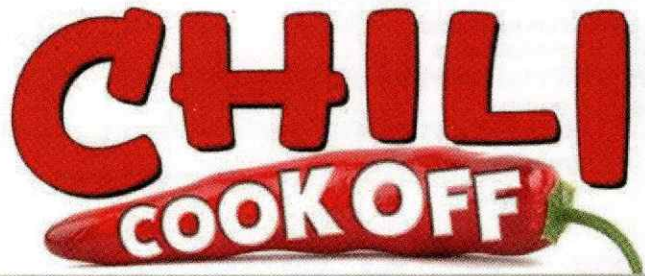
**Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bring in your best chili to be judged. The winner will move on to the Chamber Chili Cook Off to represent our Club.

Chili can be made at home, but please bring in at least a crock pot full so that people can taste and judge on all the different chili's. Anyone is welcome to come and be our tasters and judges.

Let's see if you can beat our current champ.

Bring in your chili by 11:30am and judging and sampling will begin at Noon.



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