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Fall Forecast

Thu Snow showers. High 34. Light W wind becoming WSW9 to 14 in the morning. Gusts 23. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Snow accumulation less than one inch.

Thu Night Snow showers. Low 20. Chance of precipitation 80%. Snow accumulation less than a half inch.

Fri Snow showers. Mostly cloudy, high 27. Chance of precipitation 70%.

Fri Night Snow showers. Mostly cloudy, low 14.

Sat Snow showers. Mostly cloudy, high 25.

Sat Night Chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, low 13.

Sun Chance of snow showers. Partly sunny, high 26.

Sun Night Mostly cloudy, low 14.

Mon Partly sunny, high 30.



Veterans Day 2022 in Lakeview



Local veterans and a few family members enjoying a Veterans Day breakfast at McKenna's Restaurant compliments of VFW Post 3701

By Linda Huckins

The Hough/Pontius VFW 3701 in Lakeview honored local veterans on November 11 with a 9 a.m. breakfast at McKenna's Restaurant. November 11 was Veterans Day, a day set aside each year to honor all men and women who have served in our military.

Following the breakfast at 11:00 a.m., VFW 3701 held a Veterans Day ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Dead in Lakeview Cemetery. The day and time are significant. On November 11, 1918 at 11:00 a.m., the Armistice was signed ending World War I. The following year, President Woodrow Wilson designated November 11 as Armistice Day. It was later changed to Veterans Day. The first Veterans Day ceremony was held on November 11, 1921 at Arlington National Cemetery and was marked by the burial of the Unknown Soldier.

VFW 3701 Commander, Stacy Roberts, welcomed everyone to this year's ceremony, reminding them that they were

there to honor our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made to defend and honor our nation.

Post Chaplain, John Wichman opened the ceremony with a prayer.

Roberts said Veterans Day has deep significance. "It is a day that we recognize and honor the millions of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guard, Guardsmen and service men and women who answered when their nation called."

She added that service members come from all walks of life but share several fundamental qualities, such as courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity. We have been gathering for over 100 years each Veterans Day to remember, to honor and pay gratitude to those who have served our country and continue to serve.

"It is important that we take time to thank those who have worn, or continue to wear, the uniform of our great country and to the family members who stand just as strong at

home.

She explained that there is a common bond that exists between the men and women who have shared the military experience. They assumed all the risks associated with maintaining our freedoms and deserve our respect.

"Today, and every day, we must take the opportunity to keep alive the memories, sacrifices, and accomplishments of our nation's veterans," Roberts said.

VFW 3701 Auxiliary President Linda Huckins briefly spoke about how every generation of Americans owes a debt of gratitude to our more than 41 million veterans and service members who have served or are currently serving our country and safeguarding America's interest.

She added that our country is like no other in history. It was founded not on tribalism or classism but with a rare and unique opportunity to disagree, to worship and to express oneself without fear.

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VFW 3701 Chaplain John Wichman and Commander Stacy Roberts

Veterans Memorial Dedicated



John Grawburg addressing the approximately 75 people who attended the dedication.

Photo by Cora Grawburg

By Linda Huckins

It was seven long years in the planning, but on Friday, November 11, 2022, the Veterans Memorial in Lakeview was dedicated. What a beautiful way to end Veterans Day!

The memorial was the brainchild of Bill Helmer, John Grawburg, Kathy Grawburg, and the late Dave Remus.

"We noticed that other communities had a Veterans Memorial," John Grawburg said, "and we wondered why Lakeview didn't have one." Instead of just wondering, the friends decided to do something about it.

It took a lot of planning, including securing a location, getting permission from the village and fundraising. But it was all worth it.

The memorial is beautiful and the American flag that flies above it welcomes residents and visitors to the village.

John Grawburg, who is a Vietnam Veteran, said that their goal was to create a place that reminded people of veterans and their sacrifices; a place where they could come to remember and say, "thank you."

At the dedication, Lakeview Village Manager Darin Dood said that the village was happy to make a location to re-

member those who served and their loved ones. He thanked the community for their support as well as the Village Council.

"We are blessed to have this memorial," he said. "I am proud. It just goes to show what people coming together can do."

Grawburg reminded us that not all veterans come home whole. Some return broken in body, mind, or spirit and when they come home, they don't get support and respect.

"This memorial is a place for people to say, 'Thank You. You are appreciated.' It is a healing place; a place to tell stories," he said. "It is where the community can show support for servicemen."

Kathy Barnes from the Blue Star Mothers (BSM) thanked John on behalf of the organization saying, "I am happy to have come along side John and watched this happen. We need to take care of our troops," she said.

She and other BSM members had set the POW/MIA table to the side of the memorial representing Americans held as prisoners of war or who are missing in action. It is also called the Missing Man Table. They are never to be forgotten.

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