

Veterans Memorial Project Stage Two: HONORING AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Brick Information & Instructions:

1. All bricks are concrete 4"x 8"
2. Each brick will allow up to 13 characters per line. Be sure to count a space as a character. You may also have up to three lines. For consistency, the Committee requests that you use the following format:
 - Line One – First Name and Last Name if room allows
 - Line Two – Last Name (if space did not allow on first line) or years of auxiliary service
(Example: AUX 1992-2018 or AUX 1952-92)
 - Line Three – **CHARTER MBR** (if that is the case), years of auxiliary service, or life dates: B 1926-D 2021
3. Print carefully the information in the blocks below with black pen.
4. Fill out the order form, including the number of bricks and your contact information. If you are ordering more than one brick, make as many copies of this form as needed.
5. Make checks payable to: "Brownsville Veterans Memorial" and put "Brownsville Memorial" on the memo line.
6. Return this form with your Check, or Money Order enclosed to: (Be sure to make a copy for your records.)

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address and/or Phone Number: _____

BRICK ORDER DEADLINE: December 15 of each year for winter engraving. Bricks will be installed the following spring.

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_____ # of Bricks Ordered x \$150.00 per Brick = \$_____

_____ # of Veterans Memorial Biography Books Ordered x \$35.00 = \$_____

Shipping is only required if you're not able to pick up in Brownsville.

_____ # of Books Shipped x \$8.00 = \$_____

\$_____ Total Enclosed

If you order more than one brick, be sure to include a grid for each brick.

You may “Adopt an Auxiliary Member.” Perhaps you want to honor an Auxiliary member but you don’t have a family member or friend who was in the Auxiliary. You may purchase a brick or bricks for a specific person or you can have the committee choose a Member. If you want the committee to choose, leave the grid/brick blank.

To submit electronically go to: [Auxiliary Brick Order Form](#)

To Print Order Form from the Website: <https://www.brownsvillemn.org/portfolio-items/vfw/>

Additional Information Requested

The Veteran’s Memorial Committee has a goal of compiling a short history of each Auxiliary member who has a brick on the Memorial, along with a photo. The Auxiliary section of the Veterans Memorial Biography book will be updated annually. We are requesting that you:

1. Provide a photo of your choice (No smaller than a wallet and no larger than 8 x 10)
2. A short overview of the Auxiliary member (example below but use your own creativity!)

Please submit via email or USPS mail:

EMAIL to: brownsvillevetismemorial@gmail.com or USPS to Joan Mitchell, 912 Wildwood Court, La Crescent, MN 55947

Any hard copy photos will be returned to you if you provide a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope when submitting.

If you are unable to locate a photo, we will put the VFW Auxiliary Emblem in place of a photo.

Here are some ideas for you about giving a brief overview of the Auxiliary member:

- Note the Veteran the Auxiliary member joined under. For example, Eillen Holzwarth qualified to join the Auxiliary based on her husband, Aaron Holzwarth’s service. Maybe the person joined based on her father, son, or other family member.
- Did the Auxiliary member hold an office(s) in the Auxiliary?
- How long did the member belong to the Auxiliary?
- Was she a Charter Member of the Auxiliary?
- Auxiliary members date of birth (and death, if applicable)
- Did he/she carry out or participate in any special projects with the Auxiliary? Special memories of Auxiliary?
- About his/her life and descendants.
- There may be some history on your Auxiliary Member. If you need information, email: brownsvillevetismemorial@gmail.com or call: 507-551-2049

See a bio example on the next page.



EILLEN ROHRER
HOLZWARTH
B 1926 D 2021

Eillen was born on December 18, 1926 to John and Dorothy (Witt) Rohrer and was a lifelong resident of Brownsville. Many knew Eillen as "Toot". Her Dad nicknamed her "Tootsie" when she was small and later family and friends called her "Toot". She married Aaron Holzwarth on May 23, 1950. He passed away on December 30, 1968.

Eillen joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1965 under Aaron's service and continued as an active member until her passing. She served as Auxiliary secretary for 20 years. For many years, the VFW Auxiliary provided the lunch for Friday night bingo in Hokah. The VFW members operated the bingo. It was a good fundraiser for both groups. Auxiliary members made and sold sandwiches, cake, and coffee. Members took their turn "working bingo".

Eillen attended Cosmetology School in La Crosse and after graduation worked for several years at the Marinello Salon in downtown La Crosse. She also managed her parent's tavern in Brownsville, for a time, before she married. She was the ultimate homemaker all through her life. She liked to keep her house and yard nice and tidy. She also enjoyed baking sharing many delicious cookies, cakes, and muffins with family and friends all through her years. Eillen worked at the A&W Root Beer Stand, as well as at her sister and brother in law's store, Corcoran's Grocery, both in Brownsville. In 1973 Eillen began working at Ed Phillips & Sons in La Crosse and worked there for more than a dozen years. Eillen was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church in Brownsville.

Eillen and Aaron were parents to Janet Holzwarth Chamberlain, John A. Holzwarth, and Joan Holzwarth Mitchell.

Grandparents to: Christopher Michael Chamberlain, Aaron Chamberlain, Jenny Chamberlain Bellows, Jon E. Holzwarth, Krista Holzwarth Ahlschlager, Meeah Holzwarth Butler, Casey Holzwarth, Laura Mitchell Connors, Nathan Mitchell, and Gabriel Mitchell.

Great Grandparents to: Joshua Chamberlain, Christopher Matthew Chamberlain, Kyle Holzwarth, Benjamin Jon Holzwarth, Camron Manske, Brycen Ahlschlager, Nadya Ahlschlager, Maliha Ahlschlager, Hannah Butler, Aaron Butler, Zayne Holzwarth, John J. Holzwarth, Devin Connors, Bianca Mitchell, Evelyn Mitchell, Lillian Mitchell, and Hazel Mitchell.

Great ~~Great~~ Grandparents to: Chase Isaac Holzwarth

Eillen passed away March 5, 2021.

Auxiliary Emblem if no
photo available

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