

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Mar/Apr 2013

Commander's Comments

Well we find ourselves at the time once again to write a letter to the members. I would like to start out by thanking everyone that has and still does help with the fish fry and other post functions. It is coming to the time where we find ourselves in need of new volunteers to replace the older members so they can enjoy some of the functions without having to always work them. So I am asking anyone that would have time to help out at the fish fry's it would be greatly appreciated. I also would like to let everyone know we are trying to get our name out into the community.



There are a couple ways to do this and it will take some time and effort on our part as a post to make it happen. That being said I am not talking about brat fry's or things like that. What I would like to see is a scholarship program set up in the post's name. I am working on getting the information on how to set it up and maintain it. Right now there is \$15,000.00 in our scholarship program. What I would like to see is a similar program to the VOD and Patriotic Pen contest. The students in order to qualify would write an essay and we at the post level would judge them and pick the one or two top winners and either give one \$1,000.00 prize or two \$500.00 prizes. They would be set up as a scholarship prize so the student would only be able to use it for school tuition. When I get the rest of the information from the state I will bring it up on the floor at a business meeting to be voted on. I would also like to let you know we will be adopting a unit to give moral support to the younger veterans and their family when their parent is deployed. Now I know I will get the same handful of people that fight the changes we try that will object to most of what you are reading right now. But if we do not start to help out in the community and with the veteran's family while their deployed we will not get those veteran's to ever join the post as members because they will think of the time they needed something or some kind of help and we turned them away. That my comrade is poor PR work for our post. Then what will happen is 10-15 years down the road we will not exist as a post because the people that fight the change now will no longer be around and then us younger veterans will have to try and pick up the pieces that are left. It will be too little too late to make anything work. If you go to any of the VFW conventions and listen to what the younger veterans are saying you would realize that they want to be involved. These veterans are the future of the VFW and we have to start to cater to their needs. Remember just because something did not work in the past does not mean it will not work in the future. Thank God that our forefathers had the courage to look at the future when they made decisions or you would still be looking at the flag of England flying overhead instead of the American flag. So changes need to be made and the future of our post depends upon it in order for us to carry on the tradition of the VFW. If you have any ideas please send them to the post in care of myself so they will be considered in the changes for the future of the post. Thanks for your time and service.

Yours in comradeship,
Jeffery Cummings
Post commander

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Calendar of Events for March

Mar 1	RAMBILN' ON Input Due
Mar 2	BRAT FRY
Mar 13	Assemble RAMBLIN'ON
Mar 18	VFW House Committee
Mar 25	VFW Business Meeting
Mar 30	Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 SADIE is here 7:00 pm
Mar 31	Easter Sunday

Calendar of Events for April

Apr 15	VFW House Committee
Apr 22	VFW Business Meeting
Apr 26	RAMBILN' ON Input Due
Apr 27	Taco Days

Calendar of Events for May

May 8	Assemble RAMBILN' ON
May 13	VFW House Committee
May 17&18	Buddy Poppy
May 18	Assemble RAMBILN' ON
May 20	VFW Business MEETING
May 21	Flags on Graves Greenlawn
May 22	Flags on Graves Calvary
May 25	Highway Cleanup
May 27	Memorial Day
7:00	GI Breakfast
9:00	Parade (Color Guard)
11:30	Greenlawn (Color Guard)

VFW Post 9156 Duty Schedule

Monday 9:00 am	(4th Monday) Set up for meeting
Tuesdays 9:00 am	(morning crew) Clean, maintenance, burn flags, etc.
Fridays 9:00 am	Peel potatoes and butter bread
Fridays 4:00 pm	(Fish Fry), wash dishes, bus tables, etc.
Fridays 8:30 pm	Fish Fry tear down
Fridays	(summer) mow, trim and yard work
Snow days	Blow and shovel snow

Hot Dates

Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th 10:30

Taco Days on April 27th

Buddy Poppy on May 17&18th

Chaplain's Corner



Sick Call: (all R&R at home unless indicated)

John Gunderson - 458-1656
1019 Custer Ave.

Warren Rhines— Pine Heaven
531 Giddings Ave, Sheb Falls

Robert Wilson – Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave.

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave.

Al Beinimann-Libby's House
2653 Valley Road, Plym

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave.

Back in the 50's there was a well-known radio host/comedian/song writer in Hollywood named Stuart Hamblen who was noted for his drinking, womanizing, partying, etc. One of his bigger hits at the time was "I won't go hunting with you Jake, but I'll go chasing women."

One day, along came a young preacher holding a tent revival. Hamblen had him on his radio show, presumably to poke fun at him. In order to gather more material for his show, Hamblen showed up at one of the revival meetings. Early in the service the preacher announced, "There is one man in this audience who is a big fake." There were probably others who thought the same thing, but Hamblen was convinced that he was the one the preacher was talking about (some would call that conviction), but he was having none of that. Still the words continued to haunt him until a couple of nights later he showed up drunk at the preacher's hotel door around 2AM demanding that the preacher pray for him! But the preacher refused, saying, "This is between you and God and I'm not going to get in the middle of it." But he did invite Stuart in and they talked until about 5 AM at which point Stuart dropped to his knees and with tears, cried out to God.

But that is not the end of the story. Stuart quit drinking, quit chasing women, quit everything that was 'fun.' Soon he began to lose favor with the Hollywood crowd. He was ultimately fired by the radio station when he refused to accept a beer company as a sponsor.

Hard times were upon him. He tried writing a couple of "Christian" songs but the only one that had much success was "This Old House", written for his friend Rosemary Clooney. As he continued to struggle, a longtime friend named John took him aside and told him, "All your troubles started when you 'got religion,' was it worth it all?" Stuart answered simply, "Yes." Then his friend asked, "You liked your booze so much, don't you ever miss it?" And his answer was, "No." John then said, "I don't understand how you could give it up so easily." And Stuart's response was, "It's no big secret. All things are possible with God." To this John said, "That's a catchy phrase. You should write a song about it." And as they say, "The rest is history." The song Carl Stuart Hamblen wrote is "It Is No Secret."

"It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll welcome you.
It is no secret, what God can do."

By the way, the friend was John Wayne.
And, the young preacher who refused to
pray for Stuart Hamblen?



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That was Billy Graham.



Auxiliary News

A big thank you to all who made our "Chili Soup Supper for Cancer" a big success. Workers Auxiliary 14, Post 3. Bakers 7, Hrs. 69. Profit \$851.19. It will be voted on at our March meeting, who we will be allocating the money too.

6th District, 7 Auxiliary Sisters attended a very interesting meeting. We donated two baskets to raffle off, collected was \$44 for cancer. Our cost was \$42.87 for cancer.

MEMBERSHIP: our Auxiliary is not 100%. If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining, please contact our Treasurer Shirley at 458-6037 or me at 457-3715.

March 30th at 7:00 PM, world renowned professional Belly Dancer Show with Sadie and other performers. All welcome.

March 30th at 10:30 AM. Easter egg hunt. Please no early arrivals as Easter Bunny needs more time to hide the eggs.

TACO DAYS: Join us at VFW on April 27th at 2:30 PM to ?? For delicious Tacos and baked goods. Taco's \$1.25 and 50 cents for sweets. If you can help with working or baking that would be wonderful.

Needed UPC codes from Campbell Soup, Glad food storage products, gravies, etc. If you have some please drop them off at the VFW. These are sent to National Home for Children.

Thank you is needed for all our volunteers, working Friday mornings setting up the hall, busing, doing the dishes, and our dessert pans. Also to those who keep the walks clean from the snow. And all who are involved behind the scenes.

Our thoughts and prayers to all who are ill, lost love ones and in Nursing Homes.

Meadow View
Sophia Oostdyke

Beach Health Care
Lorraine Schultz

Morningside
Mildred Braeger

Progressive
Elaine Morrell

Pine Haven
Assisted Living
Eileen Redensek
Vi Gutoski

May your life be like Arithmetic—
friends added, enemies subtracted, joy multiplied and errors divided.



Happy Easter to all and remember the true meaning of this.

Joann Seymour
President

Honoring Our Students

After the men's meeting on February 25th, 2 Voice of Democracy students and 5 Patriot's Pen students were honored.

The 1st place VOD student received \$275 from the Post, Auxiliary \$75, Certificate, and VOD pen and pin.

The 2nd place student received Post \$175, Auxiliary \$50, Certificate, VOD pin and Pen.

Patriot's Pen:

1st place, VFW \$150, Ladies Auxiliary \$75, Certificate, pin and pen.

2nd place, VFW \$125, Auxiliary \$50, Certificate, pin and pen.

3rd place, VFW \$75, Auxiliary \$40, Certificate, pin and pen.

4th place, VFW \$50, Auxiliary \$25, Certificate, pin and pen.

5th place VFW \$25, Auxiliary \$25, Certificate and pen.

VOD 1st place winner Lillian Stenz gave an excellent speech.

A delicious lunch was served by the Auxiliary. Both Post and Auxiliary paid for the lunch. Post members 34, Aux Sisters 7, Students, parents, and teachers 31, total 72 present. What a good turnout. Thanks to all who made this possible. This is working together.



VOD 1st Place Lillian Stenz



Patriot's Pen 1st Place Lauren Andrews

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**A Veteran is someone who in his life wrote a blank check
made payable to The USA for an amount "*up to and including my life*".**

Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

Anthony Joseph "Tony" Udovich, 1/10/13 USCG, WWII

John Hermann, 2/5/13, USMC, WWII

Donald J. Cvetan, Sr., 2/11/13 USA, WWII

Frank M. Kotnick, 2/15/13, USA, WWII

Don R. Mathes, 2/18/13, USA, Vietnam

Donald J. Woveras, 2/28/13, USA, Korea



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