

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Jan/Feb 2014

Commander's Comments



Well another year has come and gone. A lot of ups and downs throughout the year. We are steadily losing the members that have started a lot of the things that we do at the post and in the VFW to date. We need some of the new members to step up and take over some of the jobs that are currently going on at the post. If not, we will not be able to continue. The Fish Fry has roughly 10 volunteers at night and roughly 10 volunteers in the morning not counting the little jobs during the week that get done by people. All this saves the Fish Fry money on the expense side of the house. To give an example; 10 people at minimum wage would cost the post \$362.50 just in wages. Then you add the social security and Medicare insurance and unemployment insurance all the other little taxes that we pay for each employee and you're talking another \$200.00 or so. So to put it lightly we save about \$500.00 to \$600.00 dollars per fish fry by the volunteers doing the work they do. This is just the night crew, the day crew would be another \$400.00 to \$500.00 per fish fry. Now I don't know when the last time you came to a fish fry is but we serve maybe 150 to 200 on a good night and as low as 100 on a bad night. Now you do the math. Just an average of \$15.00 a person for food and drinks that gives you about \$1500.00. Now pull out the supplies and you're down to \$900.00 or close to it. Then, with the wages of the paid help, you are down to a couple hundred dollars. If we had to pay all the spots for the replacement of the volunteers we would be in the hole every week. The fish fry gives people a chance to visit old friends and eat a good meal at a decent price. But if we don't get some new people to help out we will have to take a look at whether it is financially feasible to remain doing what we do. It is like this all around the state. A lot of the VFW post are not only having to stop their fish fry, but 7 this year alone lost their post home because they had no financials coming in due to lack of business. We do not joke when we say come support your post! We tell you this because it is needed to survive. Sorry I have to start the New Year out with bad news, but we need help. We have lost a lot of members this year and more are passing each day. So I put this out to you. If you want to see your post closed due to lack of business; keep doing what you are now doing. If you want to see your post thrive once again then come on down and lend a helping hand or just come for a beer or soda and food. Without the membership starting to patronize the post I am afraid we will lose what so many have given their blood and sweat all these years to have, so they can call a place home. We have 324 members give or take. If every member would give one day a month to the post we would never have to worry about shutting the doors. So please think about it and call me at 920-254-8623 or the post at 920-458-0801 and leave your name and a number we can call. I will leave you with this saying:

Do what **you** can, With what **you** have, Where **you** are.

Theodore Roosevelt.

Thanks to the people that volunteer; without **you** our efforts are in vein.
Yours in comradeship: Commander Jeffery Cummings

Calendar of Events for January

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 8	Assemble RAMBILN' ON
Jan 25	Chili Supper for Cancer
Jan 20	VFW House Committee
Jan 27	VFW Business MEETING

Calendar of Events for February

Feb 1	Brat Fry
Feb 2	Super Bowl Sunday
Feb 17	VFW House Committee
Feb 24	VFW Business Meeting
Feb 28	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due

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

Calendar of Events for March

Mar 12	Assemble RAMBLIN' ON
Mar 17	VFW House Committee
Mar 24	VFW Business Meeting

Chaplain's Corner



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

Robert Wilson – Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #205

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #243

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #215

December 1941

An eighteen-year-old boy quit his job at the engine house of the New Haven Railroad and left a note for his pals.

“To my buddies at the roundhouse. I was born in America. I enjoyed more privileges than any boy anywhere in the world. I had free speech; the right to choose my religion. I worked where I pleased and spent my money where I pleased. Yes, I did enjoy myself. I had liberty, fought and paid for with the blood of my forefathers. We all realize that this God-given liberty which we enjoy is in serious danger of being destroyed forever. But we know it will never be destroyed while boys like you and I can prevent it. That is why I left my job and enlisted in the United States Marines today. As our beloved President said last night, if I had to pay the supreme sacrifice to defend our liberty, I will consider it a privilege. So, until I see you again, have hope in us; we will not let you down.”

The letter was signed Tom Mahoney. Young Tom's father had served in the Navy in the last war. The son would have only a short period of time to become a man. “One day at war in Manila had made tough, determined soldiers out of a good many American youngsters who only yesterday were just kids in soldiers' uniforms.”



Roger Gering, Post Chaplain
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Auxiliary News

Thanks to all who helped at the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. A special Thanks to Santa and his elves. We had 11 auxiliary workers and 5 Post workers. We had 6 bakers and 1 worker with Veg-ies and Dip. 28 children and about 38 adults attended. Cost was \$216.16. A good time was had by all.

All you can eat **Chili soup supper** January 25, 2014 from 4 to 7 pm at the Post. The cost is \$6.00 for adults , \$3.00 for children 5 to 10 and FREE for those under 5. Advance tickets can be purchased from Auxiliary members at the Post. As always, proceeds go to Cancer Aide and research. Bakers are needed for this event also.

Men's Brat Fry February 1st. The auxiliary will need bakers. If you're baking, bring bake goods to the VFW Friday evening or Saturday morning.

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

Meadow View
Sophia Oostdyke

Beach Health Care
Lorraine Schultz

Morningside
Mildred Braeger

Progressive
Elaine Morrell

Pine Haven
Assisted Living
Vi Gutoski

An elderly man in the hospital refused to eat a bowl of quivering gelatin. Pressed for an explanation by the nurse, he replied, "I'm not going to eat anything more nervous than I am."



Joann Seymour
President

Sept. 29, 1899
American Veterans
Of Foreign
Service

Dec 1, 1899
Colorado Society
Army of the
Philippines

July 7, 1901
Philippine War
Veterans

Oct 13, 1901
Philippine War
Veterans

July 24, 1902
American Veterans
of Philippine
and China Wars
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug 13, 1900
Name change to
National Association
of the Army of
the Philippines

1902
Name change to
Foreign Service
Veterans

Oct 5, 1905
Name change to
Army of the
Philippines

1903
Amalgamation of
three Penn
groups

Sept 1903
Name Change
American Veterans
of Foreign
Service

VFW Family Tree

Sept 13-15, 1905
Amalgamation of
Ohio and Penn
AVFS

Aug 20, 1913
Denver and AVFS
merge to Army of
the Philippines,
Cuba and Puerto
Rico

Aug 1, 1914
New Name
Veterans of Foreign
Wars of the
United States

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

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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:

Wesley A. Olsen, 11/5/13, U. S. Marine Corps, WWII

Victor R. Schill, 11/15/13, U. S. Army, Berlin Crisis

Edward F. Mervar, 11/28/13, U. S. Army, WWII

James J. Hoerz, 11/29/13, U. S. Army, Korean Conflict

Frederick G. Quasius, 12/11/13, U.S. Army, WWII

Ronald Weber, 12/27/13, U. S. Army, Korean Conflict

Richard Henning, 12/26/13, U. S. Army, Korean Conflict

Vincent J. Kotnik, 12/26/13, U. S. Army, WWII



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