

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

April 2016

Publisher's Comments

THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. It was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by —decorating their graves. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. During this first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration inspired local observances in several towns throughout America. By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Decoration Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars.

In 1966, the Federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

They chose Waterloo because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event since their first celebration on May 5, 1866, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. (Other towns have claimed to be the birthplace of this celebration including Boalsburg, Pennsylvania.)

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a National Holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Calendar of Events for April

Apr 1	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due
Apr 2	Brat Fry
Apr 13	Assemble RAMBLIN'ON
Apr 18	VFW House Committee
Apr 20	Membership Committee
Apr 23	Taco Day 3-6pm
Apr 25	VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for May

May 9	Membership Committee <u>6:30</u>
May 16	VFW House Committee
May 23	VFW Business Meeting
May 24	Flags on graves
May 25	Flags on Graves
May 30	Memorial Day 6:45am Flag Lowering Parade (8:00 at Post) Fountain Park (rifles and Taps) after parade Green Lawn 11:30

Calendar of Events for June

Jun 8	Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:00pm</u>
Jun 13	Membership Committee <u>6:30</u>
Jun 20	VFW House Committee
Jun 27	VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for July

Jul 1	Ramblin' On Input DUE
Jul 4	Independence Day Parade
Jul 11	Membership Committee <u>6:30</u>
Jul 13	Assemble Ramblin' On
Jul 18	House Committee
Jul 25	VFW Business Meeting

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

Chaplain's Corner



THE UNITED STATES MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

THE ARMY: Chaplains had no role in the United States Army until 1791. However, colonial clergymen frequently raised military units from their own congregations and communities, and often led them in battle. A number of New England clerics served at Concord. Some even shouldered their muskets and fought alongside their fellow soldiers. The first appointed Army Chaplain was Rev. John Hurt in 1791. He had already served seven years during the Revolutionary War. —The history of the Chaplaincy from this time on (*until the Civil War*) is full of uncertainties.

During the War of 1812, Chaplain James J. Wilmer was the only chaplain known to have died during this war. During the Civil War the Army Chaplaincy developed many procedures still in place. Most chaplains became less a —fighting parson, and more —spiritual in their emphasis.

The Civil War witnessed for the first time, a large number of Roman Catholic chaplains in the field. It was also during the Civil War that we read of the first Jewish chaplains and the first Black and Indian chaplains. During the Civil War Four Army Chaplains were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The act of 1883 mandated that the chaplain should also —perform the duties of schoolmaster at the Post. Additionally, chaplains generally held services in civilian settlements; established Indian congregations; officiated at functions; visited the sick, prisoners and soldiers in barracks; served as post gardeners; and, occasionally as legal counsel.

World War I and II had thousands of chaplains from various faith groups serving the spiritual needs of the fighting men. Today, the Army Chaplains continue to serve the men and women of the United States Army, National Guard, and Reserves with spiritual and moral support.

<p>Sick Call: (<i>all R&R at home unless indicated</i>)</p>	<p>Bernie Dederling - Sunny Ridge 3014 Erie Ave. #109</p>	
<p>Raymond Clark—Sunny Ridge 3014 Erie Ave. #324</p>	<p>Arthur Kleine— Pine Haven 531 Giddings Ave, Falls</p>	<p>Leander Selk— Pine Haven 701 Pine Dr. Oostburg</p>
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Auxiliary News

Our Annual Chili Soup Supper: Thanks to all who worked and baked. Bakers 10, Workers 13, Hrs. 55. Profit after expenses \$492.39. It was voted on at our March meeting to give \$100 for books to go to the Ronald McDonald House. Balance of \$300 decided on at our April 13th meeting.

Awards night after the men's meeting, 49 students and their families present. Attendance with Auxiliary and VFW members was 70. Each student received certificates, pencils, and money. Top 3 from each program received medals. Lunch after meeting: Hot Tamales, Macaroni Salad, Veggie Pizza, Veggies and Dip, Chips, Jell-O, Brownies, Soda, water and coffee. What a special night this was. To all who helped in any way, a big Thank You.

We are having our Taco Day April 23rd from 3 to 6pm at the VFW. Cost of Tacos \$1.50 and Egg Rolls \$1.50. Cake and bars 50 cents, coffee 50 cents. If you can help, meet over at the VFW 1pm. Also need bakers. Contact Shirley Hemming at 458-6037 or me at 457-3715.

I hope members will notice the ceiling at the VFW since it has been redone. Our Auxiliary is paying half the cost. \$3400 from memorial money from Betty Meyer in memory of her husband Bob, a member of the VFW.

May will be a busy month. Please help when ever you can, either Buddy Poppy Dive, placing flags on Veteran's graves and GI Breakfast. These are important things to do to honor our Veterans. Check with the post when these events are happening.

June 8th meeting night will start at 6:00pm, as we will be honoring the Patriotic Art Students after the meeting. Lunch to follow. All members invited to this special occasion

We are in desperate need for volunteers to help out at the VFW Auxiliary and Post events. Please, Sisters and Comrades, consider on helping out our beautiful VFW.

Our thoughts and prayers to all Sisters who are ill, have lost loved ones or are in Nursing homes.

Progressive
Elaine Morrell

Golden living
Sue Morris

Pine Haven
Vivian Veldboom
Mary Wilterdink



Joann Seymour
President

To all, A Safe Summer

Foxhole Menu

Available daily Sunday through Thursday at 2pm (Sorry, not available Fridays)



Luigi's Pizza

Peperoni	\$7.25
Sausage	\$7.25
Deluxe	\$7.50



Chicken

Spicy Boneless Wing Zingers	
1lb.	\$7.50
½ lb.	\$4.00
Bone-In Wing Dings	
6 pcs.	\$4.00
12 pcs.	\$7.50
Chicken Tenders	\$3.50
Chicken Tenders with Fries	\$5.00
Chicken Chunks	\$3.50
Chicken Chunks with Fries	\$5.00



Sandwiches

Pub Burger	\$4.00
Pub Burger with Fries	5.50
Brat Patty	\$4.00
Brat Patty with Fries	\$5.50
Steak Sandwich	\$5.50
Steak Sandwich with Fries	\$7.00
Herb Chicken Breast Sandwich	\$4.50
Herb Chicken Breast Sandwich with Fries	\$6.00



Appetizers

Wisconsin Veggie Mix	\$6.00
Brew House Mix	\$6.00
Cheese Nuggets	\$3.50
Onion Rings	\$3.00
French Fries	\$2.00

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made payable to The USA for an amount "up to and including my life".**

Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

Alton N. Erickson, 2/21/16, U.S. Air Force, Korea

Melvin H. Reineking, 2/26/16, U.S. Navy, WWII



Mission:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is an organization of war veterans committed to ensuring rights, remembering sacrifices, promoting patriotism, performing community services and advocating for a strong national defense.

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