

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

July 2016

Commander's Comments

To give you a little bio, my name is Dave Freitag and I served for 30 years in the United States Navy Reserve attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Five. I was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006. I retired in 2007 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8). I am married to a lovely lady, my best friend, Sue, who has been with me for 36 years, married for 23 years. She is truly the love of my life! I work as an Information Technology Service Manager at Kohler Company and am currently in my 42nd year.

By the time you all receive this newsletter I will have been handed the fire hose from our Past Commander and will have already started drinking from it as your Post Commander.

I am honored, humbled, excited and somewhat apprehensive with the many challenges that lie ahead of me.

Being one that does not back down from challenges, I will tap into my Navy core values to help guide me during my tour as your Commander.

My commitment to my Post and membership starts with Honor –

I will be honest and truthful in all my dealings with our Post, our member

ship and those outside our membership.

The next one is Courage – I will make decisions that are in the best interest of

our Post and membership, and I will be loyal by ensuring the resources entrusted to me are used in an honest, careful and efficient way.

And lastly is Commitment – I will care for the safety and well-being of our Post and membership and am willing to make positive, constant improvements for their betterment.

My goals are very simple: “Do the right thing for the right reason”, “Turn any and all negative situations into positive solutions,” and “Open a solid line of communication between my staff, membership and other organizations”.

It will be an exciting year for sure!

Take care, be safe, and stay healthy!



Respectfully Yours,

Dave Freitag

Commander - VFW Post 9156

Calendar of Events for July

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

Calendar of Events for August

Aug 8	Membership Committee <u>6:30</u>
Aug 10	Auxiliary Meet
Aug 15	VFW House Committee
Aug 22	VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for September

Sept 5	Labor Day
Sept 14	Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:00pm</u>
Sept 12	Membership Committee <u>6:30</u>
Sept 19	VFW House Committee
Sept 26	VFW Business Meeting
Sept 30	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due

Calendar of Events for October

Oct 10	Membership Committee
Oct 12	Assemble RAMBLIN'ON
Oct 17	VFW House Committee
Oct 24	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 NAVY: The Navy Chaplaincy dates back to the Continental Navy. What was critical was that the Continental Congress adopted regulations which provided a place for religion and the chaplain in the Navy. Using the guidelines of the —Mother Country, Divine Services were written into the Navy Regulations. However, few ships were authorized to be built and thus there were few Navy Chaplains. Rev. Benjamin Balch was the first Chaplain known to have served in the Continental Navy. From 1785 to 1798, there was no American Navy and, therefore, no Navy Chaplains.

The first Navy Chaplain to die as the result of enemy action was Chaplain John L. Lenhart, who was on board the *Cumberland* when she was rammed and sunk by the CSS Virginia (formerly called the *Merrimack*).

With a new edition of the Navy Regulations in 1802, additional duties of chaplains stated that

they should —”perform the duty of schoolmaster, instructing midshipmen...” The Navy Chaplain had to be a teacher of writing, mathematics, navigation, and whatever else they might need to make them proficient, besides his religious duties. That did not change much until 1906 when the Navy established certain guidelines that eliminated the teaching function and established procedures and qualifications for Navy Chaplains and the establishment of the Chaplain Corps. Navy Chaplains have served with distinction during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom. Navy Chaplains provide ministry to all the sea services, including, the *Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Sea Bees, and Merchant Marine*.

To recount the history of the Chaplain Corps and omit two of its most revered Navy chaplains would be a grave mistake. Chaplains Joseph T. O’Callahan and Vincent Capodanno were both awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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

Raymond Clark — Sunny Ridge 3014 Erie Ave. #324	Arthur Kleine — Pine Haven 531 Giddings Ave, Falls	Leander Selk — Pine Haven 701 Pine Dr. Oostburg
Donald Harder — Pine Haven 701 Pine Dr, Oostburg	Frank Zallar 1812 South 19th Sheboygan	James Tershner — Sunny Ridge 3014 Erie Ave. #215



Roger Gering, Post Chaplain
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Auxiliary News

.Patriotic Art Program: After our June meeting was an enjoyable time. A delicious lunch was served, and so many thanks from students and parents.

MEMBERSHIP: Starts in July. Annual dues are \$15.50. Why not think about getting a Life Membership. Need info on cost, contact Treasures Kathy at 459-8611. It would be wonderful to reach 100% again.

It was voted on at our meeting to start at 6:00 PM, not 7:00 PM, for all future meetings, so mark this down starting at our August 10th meeting.

This being my last Ramblin' On, there are thanks for all my Sisters who served with me the last 25 years, from taking Elected or Appointed positions in our Auxiliary. Workers and bakers for all our fund raiders. Special thanks to the Friday Night bakers. From January to June our profit was \$3,108.75. TERRIFIC.

Thanks to the Post comrades who helped the Auxiliary out when needed. All the bakers, special thanks to Chet; he baked 257 times for Friday Night Dessert Table. To Art and Stan the dishwashers. Special thanks for the beautiful picture tribute to all who served on the honor Guard by Vince Korbal. Memorial money from Earl Sargent and Larry Seymour was given in their honor.

Volunteers are always needed for the Auxiliary and Post.

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

Thank You, Joann

NEW Auxiliary News



Congratulations, Joann on your many years as the VFW Ladies Auxiliary President. Joann served almost 25 years as President and now she's ready to step down and relax.



And the new President will start at the July 13th meeting at 7:00 PM. I, Shirley Hemenway will be the new President and the new name of the VFW 9156 Post Auxiliary will be used. That is because now if men that never served in the service they can join under their grandfather. We do have one man that does belong to it already. For more info there are materials in East entrance on top of the glass case. The starting time will change in August to 6:00 PM, so we may get done earlier for those who don't like to drive in the dark.

I know it will be hard to fill her shoes, but with all our members' help, with working together, it will happen. Hopefully this will mean that we will also work together, with the VFW members also with more communication.

God bless you and
God bless America

Shirley Hemenway

Thank You, Joann

Service Officer Report

Since the last Ramblin' On, our VFW Post has assisted one Veteran who fell upon hard financial times. The Veteran, who had lived in the same apartment for over a decade, had his rent increased with little notice. This sent his budget off kilter. He had contact with our Assistant County Veteran Service Officer, VFW Post 9156 member Todd Richter, who passed the information along to Commander Dave Freitag, who passed it along to me. I verified the details with Todd, and determined we could assist the Veteran. Quartermaster Anita Kohlhagen was not available, so I coordinated with Assistant Quartermaster Wayne Kiley, and arranged for the check to be written. I telephoned the Veteran and told him we could help and that the check would be ready for him to get at the Post. He appreciated the assistance.

There are two requirements to receive assistance: 1. The person must be a Veteran, and 2. Direct ties to Sheboygan County. If you know a Veteran who has fallen on hard times, we may be able to help. If you, or another veteran, need assistance, contact me and I'll get the machine running to assist as we can.

John Samuels, Service Officer
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Poppy Drive:

We held our Poppy Drive June 10, 11 and 12. We raised over \$3,000. Thanks to those who helped!

I had some terrific conversations with the people in Oostburg. When I explained that the donations we receive fund our Veterans Assistance Program to one man, he went to the trouble of borrowing a pen from a sales clerk so he could write a check!



I had made arrangements for us to distribute poppies at six locations; Mentink's Piggly Wiggly in Oostburg, Woodlake Market in Kohler, Blattner's Piggly Wiggly in Sheboygan Falls, Pick N Save north in Sheboygan, Tietz's Piggly Wiggly in Sheboygan, and Festival Foods in Sheboygan. A lack of planning and coordination on my part prevented full coverage. Lessons learned.

Our Poppy Drive is the sole source of funding for our veteran assistance program. To improve our ability to provide assistance, I plan to conduct two Poppy Drives each year. The planned times are the weekend before Memorial Day and the weekend before Veteran's Day. Look for sign-up sheets in August.

Deceased Member Memorial Project

Members from the post are organizing a golf fund raiser event at the Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls on Sept. 11th. The money raised from this event will be used to build a memorial inside the post to honor our deceased members.

If you would like to play please go to vfw9156.org and click events
If you would like to help with the event or make a donation to the project contact event director:

Mike Beringer

Phone: 920-207-9008

email : mberinger9156@outlook.com



Membership Committee

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to recruit and process new members. We also promote good fellowship among the Post members and increase the awareness of the Post within the community. One of the things that the Membership Committee has done is to develop an on-boarding process that covers what needs to be done by the applicant, by the person at the VFW receiving the application and what the Membership Committee needs to do to process the application. This was done to create a more effective way to qualify and acclimate new members. To-date the on-boarding process has been documented and has been implemented.

The Membership Committee has also produced a couple of VFW Post 9156 pamphlets. One for membership recruiting and one for new members that have been accepted into the Post.

The Membership Committee has a few projects they are working on that require funding. The committee has developed a fund raiser approach with the proceeds from that fund raiser to be dedicated to those projects.

The fund raiser will be a golf tournament called the "Battle Buddy Open", scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2016. This will be a 2 person scramble. The link for the application is listed below:

Go to www.vfw9156.org and click on "Events".

Respectfully Yours,

Bob Latowski

VFW 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

Patriotic Art 2015-2016
VFW Auxiliary #9156

We held our annual Art Awards Program & Meal after on 6-1-16. We awarded our 18 students who participated. Their parents, teachers, family VFW Auxiliary were also there. After the program we had a nice meal put on by the Auxiliary. It was a great night and the students enjoyed it also!

Below is what our students were awarded and how they placed:

1st Place: Hope Landgraf—Sheboygan County Christian High \$200, Art pin & Certificate

2nd Place: Hoe Zimmmann—Lutheran High \$150 Art pin & Certificate

3rd Place: Dee Crause—Lutheran High \$100 Art pin & Certificate

4th Place: Hanna Tibbs—Elkhart Lake High \$50 Art pin & Certificate

5th Place Justan landgrave—Lutheran High \$50 Art pin & Certificate

6th Place: Cassandra Griepentrop—Elkhart Lake High \$50 Art pin & Certificate

Students who placed 7th thru 18 are as follows:

From Lutheran High: Alex Timm, John Navis, Gabrielle Krueger, Justin Michelson.

From Sheboygan South: Yia Lee.

From Sheboygan North: Paul Lee.

From Elkhart Lake: Alyssa Bartlett, Emily Sanders.

From Cedar Grove: Emmalynn Larson.

From Kohler High: Catherine Lee, Kyoko Jkeda, Vanessa Sager.

Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year! 1st Place Hope Landgraf also took 7th place at District #6. They had 18 entries there also!

Great work done by all!

Joni Bowen
VFW Auxiliary #9156 Youth Activities Chairperson

House Committee

The purpose of the House Committee is to oversee the maintenance and up-keep of the Post buildings & grounds as well as overseeing all operations and events of the Post.

Over the past year the committee had a lot of projects that were started and completed. We had the parking lot resurfacing project, the hall electrical project and the hall painting of the acoustic ceiling and walls project. We also had to purchase of a new riding lawnmower for the Post.

In addition to those projects we had to resolve a few issues within the Post. We had a hot water problem that was resolved and most recently the hall air conditioner had to have a belt replaced.

The committee continues do what needs to be done to maintain the Post building and grounds. This committee has been and continues to be focused on doing the right thing for the right reason. For now all seems to be in order and the Post is looking in pretty good shape!

We have seen more activity in recent months with hall rentals, which is a good thing for our Post.

This year the spring Brat Fry was a success and a big "Thank You" to all those that help make this event a successful one.

Next event will be our Post Chicken Fry, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016. Please mark this date on your calendars. We will need volunteers to help with our Chicken Fry!

Respectfully Yours,

Todd Richter

VFW Post 9156 House Committee President

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

Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

Vernon H. Feldt, 5/15/16, U.S. Army, Korea

Arno O. Albrecht, 2/23/16, U.S. Army, Korea



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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