

# RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Ju1/Aug 2013

## Commander's Comments



Well, here we go again. Another two months come and gone. A lot has happened in the last two months. State convention has come and gone. Just to let everyone know what happened at the convention. There was a discussion on the dues increase for annual membership. National this year will pass at convention a dues increase of \$10.00 a year for annual membership. 70% of the dues increase will go straight to the state service offices to help fund there budget needs. The posts will have to eventually raise there dues to the membership to match national due to the fact that the post will get charged the increase and it is up to the post to increase as well or they will be paying the increase and a lot of the posts cannot afford the increase without raising their fees as well. Think of it this way, national does a \$10.00 increase and the state has 70,000 members of which 40,000 are annual members. This comes out to a \$400,000.00 increase that the state now pays to national so in turn the state increases the district dues \$10.00 per annual member. Just one of the districts, using our as an example, has 6,000 members of which 3,000 are annual members. That is a increase of \$30,000.00 to the district. Now the district raises their dues to the post \$10.00 per annual member and the post, using ours for the example has 324 members and out of that there are 150 annual members. The post then has to pay district \$1500.00 for their dues. So then the post has to raise their dues to cover the increase from national. So once again it is a trickle affect to the membership. But it is a change that with an increase in the need for our veterans to get medical help for PTSD and other ailments that come from war. So the increase will go to national and they will pass it at convention and it will go in affect for the 2014 financial year. Now for some post news. A lot has been going on at the post some good and some bad. Once again we have things going on that involve people and their personal lives. All I ask is that when you have an opinion of something that someone does in their personal life and you don't agree with it; please take them to the side and discuss the issue with them. I hear people yell and swear at members for something that has happened and it is in front of the customers in the canteen. If you have to say anything to the person (not that it is any of your business) say it in private behind closed doors. If your reading this you know who you are. Remember the lord tells you do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I believe what is meant by this is don't air your dirty laundry in public. What people do in life is their choice to make not yours, whether you agree with it or not. Some people believe I should say something but I am here to tell you it is not my place as your commander to get involved with peoples personal lives. That is what councilors are for not your commander. I have always and will remain neutral and not involved in the personal affairs of the members of the post. That being said if I hear you yelling at another member about something and I feel it is affecting the cliental at the Fox-hole (your canteen) I will take you to the side and tell you to have a private conversation with the individual and stop disrupting the business of the post canteen. Remember as the bible tells you let he that lives without sin cast the first stone. Enough on that.

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## Calendar of Events for July

<b>Jul 4</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Jul 6</b>	<b>VFW Brat Fry</b>
<b>Jul 10</b>	<b>Assemble RAMBLIN'ON</b>
<b>Jul 15</b>	<b>VFW House Committee</b>
<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>VFW Business Meeting</b>

## Calendar of Events for August

<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Highway Cleanup 9:00-11:00</b>
<b>Aug 19</b>	<b>VFW House Committee</b>
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>VFW Business Meeting</b>
<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>RAMBLIN' ON Input Due</b>

### VFW Post 9156 Duty Schedule

<b>Monday 9:00 am</b>	(4th Monday) Set up for meeting
<b>Tuesdays 9:00 am</b>	(morning crew) Clean, maintenance, burn flags, etc.
<b>Fridays 9:00 am</b>	Peel potatoes and butter bread
<b>Fridays 4:00 pm</b>	(Fish Fry), wash dishes, bus tables, etc.
<b>Fridays 8:30 pm</b>	Fish Fry tear down

## Calendar of Events for September

<b>Sep 11</b>	<b>Assemble RAMBLIN' ON</b>
<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>VFW House Committee</b>
<b>Sep 23</b>	<b>VFW Business MEETING</b>

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Remember we still need help at the post. We have 324 members and I still see the same 15 or 20 doing all the work. Keep in mind that the people doing the work now can no longer do it. The people are in their 70's and 80's for the most part and cannot move around as they once could. It is time for the younger members to step up and take the reins. We need people in the following areas to keep the post running. Color guard and honor guard, the fish fry both set up in the morning during the fry and for tear down. If you have a couple hours a night that you can help out on Fridays times are 9 am to 11 am, 4 pm to 8:30 pm and 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm please contact me at 920-254-8623 and I will get you set up. If you are interested in helping with the color guard or the honor guard for funerals and parades also contact me at 920-254-8623 and I will again lead you in the right direction. Thank you for your time and the appointment as commander and may we have a great year.

Thanks, Yours in Comradeship

Jeffery Cummings Post commander

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## Chaplain's Corner



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

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

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge  
3014 Erie Ave.

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge  
3014 Erie Ave.

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### Can we live with peace?

*Chaplain Patrick McLaughlin, CDR, USN*

Each day we pray for peace in Iraq. I just hope it arrives in Iraq soon. And soon, I mean in the next three to five years. Otherwise there will be an entire generation here in Iraq that does not know peace.

Then what will they teach their children? There will be a generation of distrust. There will be a generation of fear. An entire generation will have been lost to a war of random violence. A war of IEDs... Improvised Explosive Devices . . . Indiscriminate, Excessive Death.

So I am left to wonder if the people of Iraq will know how to live with peace. Will they be able to love without a sense of fear or numbness? Will they, after a dictator and a war, know what to tell their grandchildren about how to live life?

Or will their stories be about how to survive life? Even my children. Will I be able to explain to them that one of the ribbons I wear on my military uniform is called the "Global War on Terrorism"? Does it mean that there is no peace worldwide? Does it mean that people and politicians cannot, with all their reasoning and learning, coexist in our world?

I hope and pray that we can live with peace. I hope that I can have hope for the future. In my forth-five years on this earth, there has been the Global War on Terror, Desert Storm, the Balkans, Rwanda, Vietnam, apartheid, the PLO, the IRA, troops still in Korea – the list is too long to continue. And all of this in less than half a century . . .

I wonder . . . can we live in peace?  
I pray that one day we will have the chance.



Roger Gering, Post Chaplain

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## Auxiliary News

Some History:

Donations to the Post: From September 10, 2004 to present time \$12,004.04. The February Brat Fry, first time in our new building, we made \$335 on bake goods; raffles \$550, total \$886.

The Post made \$9,000, expenses maybe around \$7,000.

We had a brat fry and rummage sale in 2004. Profit \$1,110.63. We gave Post \$400 toward Building Fund. What happened after 9 years?

Fish Fry's (442) 2004 to June 28<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Flags on Veteran's graves about 1,600. Greenlawn, 17 Post and Auxiliary members. Calvary, 17 Post and Auxiliary members and 2 Volunteers. Hours 75, a big Thank You to all.

State Convention notice: an increase in Dues of \$3 after October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, which will be \$15.50 instead of \$12.50. So get your dues paid sooner to avoid the increase.

State Joint Memorial services: Deceased Veterans 1550, Auxiliary Sisters 382, for 1 year.

Honoring our Art students at our June meeting, what a rewarding night, so many thanks from students and parents, for gifts of money to the tasteful meal of Chicken, dinner rolls, potato's, veggie's, cucumber salad, cake and ice cream. Sorry to say we did not have many Auxiliary Sisters or post Vets in attendance. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a great night.

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

Pine Haven  
Assisted Living  
Eileen Redensek  
Vi Gutoski

Every story has three sides, yours, mine, and the facts.



Joann Seymour  
President

## Auxiliary Roster 2012-2013

<b>ELECTED</b>		
President	Joann Seymour	457-3715
Sr. Vice President	Shirley Hemenway	458-6037
Jr. Vice President	Betty Schuldt	452-5444
Treasurer	Kathy Mallmann	459-8611
Conductress	Joni Bowen	458-8662
Chaplain	Agnes Kunstmann	458-2502
Guard	Diane Frane	254-6258
3 Yr. Trustee	Penny Brakefield	627-8034
2 Year Trustee	Lois VanEss	668-6648
1 Year Trustee	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
<b>APPOINTED</b>		
Secretary	Janet Johnston	912-4578
Asst. Conductress	Lisa Ubbelohde	207-6099
Asst. Guard	Judi Sommer	458-8662
Historian	Pat Gabrish	451-9007
Patriotic Instructor	Emma Starck	457-7025
Color Bearer #1	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
Color Bearer #2	Kathy Mallmann	459-8611
Color Bearer #3	Betty Schuldt	452-5444
Color Bearer #4	Diane Frane	254-6258
Banner Bearer	Shirley Hemenway	458-6037
Flag Bearer	Janet Johnston	912-4578
Musician	Judi Sommer	458-8662

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<b>COMMITTEES</b>		
Vet. & Family Support	Lynn Fields	946-5322
V.O.D. & Youth Activities	Joni Bowen	458-8662
Americanism	Emma Starck	457-7025
Buddy Poppy	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
Cancer Aid & Research	Joann Seymour	457-3715
Community Services	Janet Johnston	912-4578
Hospital & Ways & Means	Agnes Kunstmann	458-2502
Legislative & P.A.C.	Janet Johnston	912-4578
Membership Chairman	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
	Agnes Kunstmann	458-2502
	Diane Frane	254-6258
Publicity	Janet Johnston	912-4578
Nursing Scholarship	Lois VanEss	668-6648
Pro-Term Treasurer	Pat Gabrish	451-9007
Pro-Term Secretary	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
Investigating Committee	Betty Schuldt	452-5444
	Agnes Kunstmann	458-2502
	Shirley Hemenway	458-6037
Scholarship Committee	Betty Schuldt	452-5444
	Shirley Hemenway	458-6037
	Agnes Kunstmann	458-2502
	Joann Seymour	457-3715
Lunch Committee	Gladys Sargent	452-6792
	Shirley Hemenway	458-6037
	Betty Schuldt	452-5444
	Joni Bowen	458-8662
	Kathy Mallmann	459-8611
	Joann Seymour	457-3715

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## **VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9156**

### **Patriotic Art Contest**

### **June 19, 2013**

Our 2012-2013 Patriotic Art contest was very successful this year again! We had 9 entries from our Post and they were all very good. We're happy they found time, with effort and enthusiasm for us to take part in this program. They are busy enough during the year, so glad they took time for us! we displayed the entries for the VFW & Auxiliary members and visitors to enjoy and help us judge!

Our 1st place entry—Matthew Brauer—went on to State to be judged with the others. Congratulations to him and lots of success at college. There's a lot of talented artists in Wisconsin and we have many here in Sheboygan. We held our awards program for the students, parents, teachers, VFW and Auxiliary members after the ladies monthly meeting. After the awards were given out, we had an excellent meal given by the Auxiliary for all to enjoy. It was so nice meeting the teachers, students and parents.

Below is a list of our students from this year with their placement for our contest and their award they received along with a certificate of appreciation.

1st place: Matthew Brauer—Sheboygan Lutheran High, \$150

2nd place: Benjamin Leibham—Sheboygan Lutheran High, \$100

3rd place: Andrea Popp—Cedar Grove High, \$100

4th place: Fong Thao—Sheboygan North High, \$100

5th place: Zoe Fintelmann— Sheboygan Lutheran High, \$100

6th place: Blake Gerrits—Cedar Grove High, \$100

7th Christen Kretschmann—Sheboygan Lutheran High, \$100

8th place: Kristi Williams— Sheboygan North High, \$100

9th place: Megan Mata—Sheboygan North High, \$100

We hope the students stay interested for years to come! "THANKS" to all who helped make this event be successful and fun!

Joni Bowen—Post 9156 Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairperson  
&

Joann Seymour—Ladies Auxiliary Post 9156 President

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

Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

William "Boots" Kregel 5/1/13, U.S. Army Air Corps, WWII

Lynn L. Carpenter 5/2/13, U.S. Army, Vietnam

Jerome P. Crabb 5/16/13, U.S. Army, Cold War Era

Warren C. "Rocky" Rhines 5/30/13, U.S. Army, Korea

La Mont J. Meerdink 5/30/13, U.S. Army, WWII

William E. Oostdyk 5/31/13, U.S. Army, Korea

Phillip Clyde Reynolds 6/5/13, U.S. Army, Korea



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